

SHORT STOPS.

What the People are Saying.

The people have made note of Col. Breckenridge's "last word to the LIGITT," "I only ask fair play, and that all the facts be known." As Colonel B is in possession of all the facts he should make them known, otherwise the people must depend upon the next best evidence at hand.

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To begin at the beginning, that Col. B and his associates were not the original builders and owners of the waterworks is a fact that seems to be suppressed or not recollected, and in the discussions it is assumed that they originally invested their capital in the hazardous venture of furnishing our city with a system of waterworks.

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W. R. Freeman was the original promoter, but J. B. Lacoste, an old and influential citizen, was enlisted to head the enterprise. The original contract was between the city and J. B. Lacoste and associates, and dated Oct. 3rd, 1877,—to run for 25 years from date of completion of works, April 3rd, 1879. The works were completed and the city received them under the contract.

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Another fact seems to be forgotten, the cost of the original plant was all defrayed by Z. King & Co., an Ohio bridge company, who took \$100,000 in water company bonds.

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It was after the Waterworks was an accomplished fact, that Col B. appeared on the scene of action.

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