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The Why of It.

EDITOR WATCHMAN, Dear Sir,—In your issue of last week I noticed almost a column of criticism on the action of council in raising the water rate, and basing that rate on meter measurement of the amount used.

Respectfully, COUNCILMAN.

The above we give just as it came to us. While it is not our custom to pay any attention to anonymous communications we make an exception of the above because it refers in a fair and gentlemanly manner to a subject we had expected to refer to, and one in which the people of the town are deeply interested.

We take it that the writer, if a member of council as he assumes to be, tells the plain truth when he says, "that when the question of water rates was considered nothing was said about the total income the new rate would insure or the increased cost these figures would place upon the water users of the town."

We would be loath to believe that any member of council would be unfair enough to attempt such an end, and yet if the proposed plan and rates are to be enforced that must and can be the only object that will be attained. It will make the poorer classes of people, who must have water, pay more than that water costs in order that the other taxes assessed against the business blocks, the rentable houses and other realty of the town may be less.

We take it that when council comes to think seriously over this question—about which "nothing was said" at the time that a \$35,000 water rate was adopted, it will either re-consider its action or revise its rates.

As to the suggestion of another plan to meet the deficiency and not increase the water rate, the WATCHMAN has this to propose.

Assess your water taxes against the owner of the property and not against the renter, collect them as you do the other taxes, apply them to the water department and you will have plenty of money to meet every contingency.

In fact you will have an excess of almost \$2,000 each year over and above your ordinary expenses for water purposes. And this too at the rate now charged.

As we stated last week the amount of water tax now levied is \$5,489.59 upon the duplicates and \$1,500 by contract, making a total of \$6,989.59. The entire expenses of the water department, excluding extensions, which are made only as the town extends and which for the past 20 years have averaged less than \$1,000 per year, is \$4,700.05, leaving a surplus of \$2,279.54.

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And just here is where we imagine this whole matter hinges. Our present system is such that it is impossible to collect the water taxes as closely as other taxes are collected. They are charged to the tenant.

For instance, William Smith moves into the town on the first of April. He uses freely of the water the town supplies up until the 30th of July.

That official goes immediately after Mr. Smith's water tax. He finds that gentleman has moved to some other locality—possibly clear out of the State or at least far enough away to prevent the collection of the tax.

Our suggestion is to change the system, charge the water tax to the owner of the property and collect from him and we will have an abundance of funds to meet all necessary expenditures.

Possibly after having the facts and studying the figures above given, "Councilman" may be able to give us some further information that will show us why \$35,000 should be collected annually from the water users of Belleville to meet a yearly expense of less than \$5,000, as well as why the present system, that exonerates a large portion of the rentable properties in town from the payment of any water taxes and imposes these taxes upon others, should be continued.

Famous Corner in July Corn Abruptly Terminated.

CHICAGO, July 15.—The famous John W. Gates corner in July corn came to an abrupt termination today when it became known that shorts to the extent of a good many million bushels had effected private settlement with Harris, Gates & Co., and that the deal was at an end so far as the steel magnate was concerned.

Just how many bushels were subject to private settlement will probably never be known, nor is there much chance that the identity of the big fellows in the trade, who doubtless contributed liberally to the fortunes of Mr. Gates and the friends associated with him in the deal, will never be positively known.

To form an estimate of the apparent profit by the deal would necessitate a knowledge of the average price at which the property was bought. This can never be known unless, sometime later, Mr. Gates chooses to divulge it.

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The corner at one time promised many millions of profit and the farmer whose well filled crib line the tracks of nearly every railroad entering Chicago is held responsible for the disappointing ending of the corner.

Permanent doors are being put in again and they will require some time to finish, and it may be three or four days before ventilation gets started in the area covered by the explosion as it was before that fatal occurrence.

Chief Roderick, of the state bureau of mines, left Johnstown this morning for his home in Hazelton. He will doubtless return for the coroner's inquest, which will be held Wednesday, July 25.

Work resumed to-day in earnest at the mine this morning, 160 men returning to their places. Yesterday's output was 34271 tons, which is about 14 per cent. of the usual amount of coal delivered daily to the works. Today's output was about 400 tons.

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Bell Tower Fell.

It Was of Historic St. Mark's Cathedral, Three Hundred Feet from the Ground.

VENICE, July 14.—The bell tower of historic St. Mark's cathedral, 300 feet high, suddenly collapsed this morning and fell into the plaza.

The accident occurred at 10:30 o'clock. The tower is a heap of ruins. The cathedral proper and the doge's palace escaped injury, but the falling tower struck the roof of the palace, damaging a corner.

A little before the collapse a noise of falling stones within the bell tower warned the shopkeepers, workmen and tourists of the impending disaster and all fled for their lives, crying: "The Campanile is falling."

When the disaster was comprehended, Venetians were seen in the streets bemoaning the destruction of one of the oldest and treasures in the kingdom. Four of Sansovino's statues of Venetian nobles were demolished in the Sansovino loggetta, while a beautiful example of a Paul Veronese painting was destroyed in the palace.

The fall of the tower produced a thick, red dust, which spread like a hanging cloud over the city. This with the rumbling volcanic noise, startled the inhabitants of the most remote suburbs.

The campanile, or detached bell tower, stood opposite the cathedral of St. Mark. It was founded in 888, restored in 1329, provided with a marble top in 1417, and in 1517 was crowned with the figure of an angel with the feet high.

Dr. Browning's Claim.

He is Awarded Over \$29,000, But Says He Wants Full Amount.

PITTSBURG, July 16.—Dr. W. C. Browning, of Philadelphia, who attended the late State Senator C. L. Magee during his last illness and put in a claim against the estate for \$340,000, was to-day awarded \$29,239.25—about one-twelfth of the claim—by a decision of Judge J. W. Over, of the orphans' court of Allegheny county, before whom the executors were heard.

Dr. Walter C. Browning, of this city, who sued the estate of the late State Senator Christopher L. Magee, of Pittsburg, for \$317,000 for alleged professional services rendered to the Senator, said to-day he would not accept the \$29,239.25 awarded him by Judge J. Over, of the orphans' court of Allegheny county.

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ADDITIONAL LOCALS

DR. JOHN F. HARTER.—Dr. John F. Harter, of whose condition the WATCHMAN recently published a more hopeful report that conditions warranted, died in Hahnemann hospital, in Philadelphia, on Wednesday afternoon.

After being at Renovo he visited several other business centers, but upon returning to his home at Millheim his condition became such as to convince the most hopeful that the real trouble was more deep seated and had not been eradicated with the draining of the abscess.

Dr. John Fletcher Harter was a son of Dr. W. S. and Sara Harter and was born in Millheim January 5th, 1857. His early life was spent in that place, where he also began the study of his profession of dentistry in his father's office.

September 17th, 1878, he was married to Miss Charlotte Meek, of Pine Grove Mills, who survives him with their daughters Sara and Jessie. One brother Dr. Harter, of Chicago, and one sister, Mrs. Emma C. Miller, of Millheim, are also living.

Services will be held in the Methodist church at Millheim to-morrow morning at 9:30 and interment will be made in that place. He had been a leader and doer in Methodism for many years and his passing will be felt in church circles quite as grievously as in the social and business life of his native town to which he was such an ornament.

Miss Margie Knowles, of Richmond, Va., sang in St. John's Episcopal church Sunday morning.

Ladies, misses and childrens oxford ties and slippers, black and russets, now 50c., 75c. and \$1.00 at Lyon & Co.

Wednesday, July 30th, the Legons will entertain at Hunter's park. Remember, it will be a great picnic event and you are invited.

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A desperate character whom he was trying to arrest Tuesday morning shot chief of police Robert M. McFarland, of Ridgway. He was of a gang of robbers and was getting away on a freight train when the officer tried to arrest them and was fired upon.

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Word was received in this office yesterday afternoon of the marriage of Miss Catharine Robb, sister of county recorder Nelson Robb, and John Miller, formerly of Hublersburg, but now an employee of the Bellefonte creamery. The marriage took place at the Reformed parsonage at Centre Hall on Wednesday evening.

A festival will be held at the Fillmore Methodist church Saturday evening, July 26th.

William Heckman, a brother of county commissioner Daniel Heckman, died at his home near Centre Hall on Friday evening at 5 o'clock. Deceased was a native of Gregg township, though his ancestors came to this county from Dauphin county in the early days of the last century and settled that community in which they have since played such a prominent and influential part.

Mrs. Hanna Crook, who was born at Howard 76 years ago, died at the home of her son-in-law, Uriah Housel, near the McCalmont quarries on Thursday evening; her death being caused by the infirmities of age.

Mrs. Mary Ann Griffith, who died at the age of 81 at Greenwood Furnace, Huntingdon county, on Saturday last, had 38 great-grand children living at the time of her death.

James Elder Miller died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Jesse Kremer, on Water street, in Millheim, on Sunday evening. Deceased was just 25 years old and his death was caused by consumption.

William Miller, who had been an invalid for years, died in Milesburg on Thursday evening. He was 65 years old and his remains were interred in the Advent cemetery on Sunday morning. His widow survives him.

James Ray, aged 82, was found dead in the yard at his home in Houserville, yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

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THREE NEW RURAL DELIVERY ROUTES TO BE ESTABLISHED.—The United States Post-office Department has finally issued orders to post-master John W. Stuart, of State College, to prepare for the establishment of three rural mail delivery routes to radiate from that office as a distributing center.

The order is to go into effect on Friday, August 1st, and already the arrangements are about complete for the inauguration of the service. It will cover most of College and Harris townships and will cause the abandonment of the post-offices now located at Shingletown and Houserville.

The routes are practically as recommended by special agent Sawyer, in his report under date of April 11th, 1902, and are as follows:

ROUTE NO. 1. Beginning at the post-office in State College, the carrier will go thence southeast to Whitehall road 1 1/2 miles; thence easterly to Branch school house 1/2 mile; thence southeast to Shingletown 2 1/2 miles; thence southwest on Boalsburg road 1 1/2 miles; thence north to McFarland's farm 1/2 mile; thence southwest to Snyder's farm 1 1/2 miles; thence northwest to Whitehall road 1 mile; thence southwest to Whitehall road 1 mile; to connect with Penn'a Furnace delivery, 2 miles; thence retrace to Weaver's corner 1/2 mile; thence northwest to Custer-borders residence 2 1/2 miles; thence retrace to Gatesburg road 3/4 miles; thence northeast to Whitehall road 1 1/2 miles; thence northeast to Lytle's corner 2 1/2 miles; thence northwest to State College post-office 1 1/2 miles.

Length of route 21 1/2 miles; area covered, 10 square miles; number of houses on route, 93; population served, 418.

ROUTE NO. 2. Beginning at the post-office in State College, the carrier will go thence southwest to Detro's corner 1 1/2 miles; thence southwest to Stormtown road 1 1/2 miles; thence southwest to Knoocks's residence 1/2 mile; thence southwest to Snyder's farm 1 1/2 miles; thence northwest to Hamilton's farm 1/2 mile; thence southwest to Wieland's lane 1/2 mile; thence northeast to Thompson's corner 1 1/2 miles; thence north-easterly to Marshall's corner 3 1/2 miles; thence east Spring Creek 1 mile; thence south and southwest to Hiram Thompson's corner 3 1/2 miles; thence south to State College post-office 2 1/2 miles.

Length of route, 21 1/2 miles; area covered, 17 square miles; number of houses on route, 99; population served, 445.

ROUTE NO. 3. Beginning at the post-office in State College, the carrier will go thence northerly to Centre Furnace mill 1 1/2 miles; thence easterly and north via Puddintown and Houserville to Keller's factory 3 1/2 miles; thence east and northeast to Rock Mills 1 1/2 miles; thence down Spring Creek to Ballett's corner 4 miles; thence east to pike 1/2 mile; thence south to Hublersburg road 2 miles; thence northeast to Zettle's residence 2 miles; thence southerly to Bohm's corner 2 1/2 miles; thence northwest to Houserville school house 1/2 mile; thence south to Dewey's corner 1 mile; thence west to Dewey's corner 1 mile; thence southwest to Centre Furnace mill 1 1/2 miles; thence southeast to Centre Furnace 1 1/2 miles; thence southerly to State College post-office 1 1/2 miles.

Length of route, 21 1/2 miles; area covered, 15 square miles; number of houses on route, 136; population served, 612.

In connection with this service requisition has been made for 3 U. S. iron collection boxes, which will be placed at the following points: route No. 1, one at Shingletown post-office, discontinued; route No. 3, one at Furnace mill, and one at Houserville post-office, discontinued.

AN OLD TURTLE.—The Philadelphia Inquirer yesterday published two very excellent pictures of old Centre county residents. They were in connection with the following interesting incident in the lives of the two men.

At Fillmore Oscar Dunlap, a farmer, while walking over his farm accidentally stumbled over a large land turtle. On examining it he found on its shell, artistically carved the names of Cale H. Kephart, and Ellis J. Williams, with the date 1850. The lettering was almost as plain as the day it was put on, fifty-two years ago, when the now old gentlemen were young men together. All these years the turtle has, presumably, been slowly crawling around in that vicinity.

Mr. Kephart, although almost eighty years of age, is still well and hearty and is able to do a fair day's work on his large farm, which is one of the best in the county. The finding of the turtle has brought to his mind many interesting historical events.

Ellis H. Williams, whose name also appears on the hard shell of the turtle, left Centre county years ago and is now one of the oldest Pullman conductors running between Chicago and Denver, Col.

Several young men of this place have organized a company for the manufacture and sale of remedies for car and sea sickness. They claim that they have something that will give relief to sufferers while traveling and intend pushing its sale as far as possible. Dr. J. M. Locke, Edmund and Fred Blanchard, Edward L. Hoy and Geo. R. Meek are interested in the remedies. They have already secured registered trade marks and patents and will put the "Kario" on the market in a few days.

Miss Mary Bradley, organist at St. John's Episcopal church, is arranging for a series of literary nights that are to be small entertainments given at the homes of different church women. The songs and verse of a particular author will be used for each evening. Next week a Field night will be given at the home of Mrs. Louisa Bush, on Spring street, and Eugene Field will be the author of the songs and stories.

Cruiser Michigan Damaged.

ERIE Pa, July 15.—The United States cruiser Michigan was run into today while lying at her dock by the freight steamer M. B. Grover, while the latter was under full headway. The Michigan was slightly damaged. Commander Winder, of the Michigan, estimates the loss at \$10,000. This includes the ruining of two six pound rapid fire guns of an improved pattern and a whale boat valued at \$400. The ship received no damage below the water line and her engines also escaped damage.