

WATER ELECTION

BRIEF FACTS ABOUT AN EXCELLENT ENTERPRISE.

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The purchase of the water works by the boro is to be voted on at the coming local election, and will be vigorously fought for on one side without any contest so far as we can learn, on the other.

The company has founded such an admirable system of water works as to excite admiration abroad, pride at home, as well as jealousy. The company's system has furnished absolutely pure water, at prices below the average, and cheaper than in our sister towns, Bellefonte, Philipsburg, Lewisburg, Milton, Lewistown, York, or nine-tenths of the towns in the state.

The York water works has earned 18 to 25 per cent in dividends; the Philipsburg water works has earned 25 per cent, and some other places ranging from 15 to 30 per cent; our home company has earned from 6 to 9 per cent on its actual investment, which some who have risked no money in the works, think is too high.

The earnings of any well conducted business are far above this—merchants have 30 to 40, manufacturers as much as 500 per cent, your money in bank on time they allow you 3 per cent, and get for it 9 to 12 which is 200 to 300 per cent more than they give you—and so on. How is that compared with only 6 to 9?

The home company in the few cases of complaints brought before its board, has always reached a satisfactory understanding in every instance, the party aggrieved admitting that the company had been misrepresented. In a few instances in the past twenty years, where parties were influenced by evil disposed ones to go to law, they found themselves duped and in costs as a reward for listening to bad advice.

The company put fire plugs on every square, free, while in all other towns from \$15 to \$30 per plug must be paid annually by the borough to the water companies, for such plugs. Also planted free hydrants on the streets, but under the unfriendly teachings of the jealous, plugs and hydrants were nearly all maliciously destroyed, notwithstanding these conveniences for water prevented a number of fires that would have proven disastrous.

The present move is to have the property of the borough bonded, at 5 per cent interest, collect only tax enough to pay the interest and for the time being get a reduced water rent—but when the principal is due, we suppose then will come the rub. If the boro becomes the owner of water works, we trust they will be as economically managed as heretofore. Some seem to fear a job will be sought like in the pike matter and unnecessary expenditures, if so, the people would have to blame themselves for it in choosing boro authorities.

The editor of this paper was the principal founder of the present system and points to our water works with pride; the managers have dealt fairly with all and can at any time look back upon their doings conscious that they did their duty, and this will be the same as long as the works remain under their control.

The number of stockholders is about thirty-five. Under the first, or old log system, the works broke down, and stock was about worthless, and the town was in a straight for water. No one offered to invest a dollar. Repeated appeals to the editor of the REPORTER, by citizens of the town, induced him to yield to their requests to take the works in hand and re-construct them. Not a dollar could any one be induced to risk. Finally the REPORTER took the risk, in the face of warnings from parties who had experience in water, that we would lose. We invested—and a fine system was the result, water always abundant, absolutely pure, a natural pressure that will throw it upon a three story house, and, without issuing or claiming any preferred stock, all the old, dead stock of our citizens was taken in on an equal footing with Mr. Kurtz's, and in a few years the works proved a wise and admirable improvement, and then came the jealousy of those who wouldn't risk a cent. But thus it is.

We give this little history for the benefit of those not conversant with the facts, and whether the works go to the borough or remain as now, we shall always point to them with pride, and thank the managers for their fairness and the unselfish interest they lent to give our town something that is the envy of all other towns.

It was our fixed purpose to make the town a donation of 1 interest in the works, ultimately, — but a damaging conflagration a few years ago votes that pleasure.

This cold weather makes heavy clothing a necessity for comfort, and the question arises where can it be procured at a low figure and at the same time receive goods that are not shoddy. Lewins, at the Philad. Branch, Bellefonte, keeps just such a line, and when a purchase is made of him satisfactory returns can be relied upon.

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DIED IN ILLINOIS.

William Franklin Swartz a former Centre County Boy Dies of Bright's Disease.

William Franklin Swartz, one of the most prominent young farmers of Stephenson county, Ill., died last Tuesday, at 5.15 p. m., from the effects of chronic Bright's disease, and the resulting complications. The funeral took place on Thursday last, under the direction of the J. R. Scroggs Lodge, No. 372, I. O. O. F., of Orangeville, Ill.

Mr. Swartz was born in Millheim, Centre county, Pa., on November 20, 1858, and was therefore 34 years, 2 months and 26 days old at the time of his death. He came to Illinois in the spring of 1879; was united in marriage to Miss Annie Belle Phibby on the 18th of August, 1881, and this union was blessed with two daughters, who, with his loving wife are left to mourn their loss.

The deceased was a member of three different lodges and in the highest standing in each of them. In politics he was a true Democrat; being a member of the Farmers' Alliance, but he was no fusionist. In business he was very honorable and strictly honest. The home life of the deceased was a happy and pleasant one and his death has clouded a household in deep sorrow. Mr. Samuel Swartz, of Tusseyville, Dr. George Swartz, of Bellefonte, and Henry Swartz, of Millheim, were uncles of the deceased.

A CENTRE COUNTRY.

Printers' Peculiarities.

A printer may have a bank and buoins and never be worth a cent; have eaps and small caps and have neither wife nor children; others may run, but he gets along faster by setting. He may make impressions without eloquence and still tell the truth. Though others cannot stand and set, he can set standing, and do both at the same time; may use furniture and have no dwelling, may make and put away pi, yet never see nor eat a pie. A human being, he may be a rat at the same time; may handle a shooting iron, yet know aught of a gun, cannon or pistol. He may lay his form on the bed, yet be compelled to sleep on the floor; may use a dagger without shedding blood; from earth may handle stars; and he may have a sheep's foot and never be deformed.

A Good Example.

Woodsmen chopped down a tree near Picture Rocks, Lycoming county, and found in it a dozen squirrels and about two bushels of chestnuts and acorns stowed up for winter use by the lively little animals. Now surely these little animals must have some reasoning faculty to thus provide for their families, and know that winter cometh when no food is to be found outdoors and that it must be stored for the winter. They provide better than some men do, and never fail to lay in a store in the hollow of a tree, and they seem to know too how much to lay by.

Not Too Soon.

The stone crusher purchased some time ago by the supervisors of Potter township did much good service in the repairing of the public roads of the southern precinct, and this week the crusher was removed to this side and supervisor Bruss will at once begin to give this section a specimen of what roads should be. It is not a bit too soon, and he will have many blessings heaped upon him by those who have much hauling to do.

Debt of Other Counties.

The bonded indebtedness of Mifflin county is \$95,500, while that of Snyder county is \$122,300, and that of Huntingdon is up to the tune of \$131,400. Centre county rears her head way above those of her sisters in that she is free of debt with a thousand or two in her pocket for spending money. In spite of all our wants we have much to be thankful for.

Snowed Chaff.

The McVeytown Journal says a curious phenomena, in connection with the late storm of snow and sleet, was the chaff that fell with the same. Where it came from, is a query. But that it fell can be vouched by several of our citizens who noticed it. It was an interesting topic for discussion, and several theories were advanced, but it is one of those mysteries of nature, which cannot be satisfactorily explained.

Had His Foot Burned.

Henry Miller, formerly a moulder in the foundry in this place, came to his home in Millheim from Williamsport, the other day to nurse a foot burned by molten metal.

Suffering from Rheumatism.

We are sorry to learn that Mrs. Alfred Hosterman, of Centre Hill, is laid up with a painful attack of inflammatory rheumatism.

Seriously Ill.

Mrs. Jonas Condo, of Penn Hall, is quite ill, having been thus for some weeks, from lung trouble we are informed.

—Go to the Philad. Branch, and you will receive clothing that are unequalled in quality and price. Satisfaction always guaranteed.

TAKE NOTICE LADIES.

Who Belong to the World's Fair Committee in Centre County.

The following article was received for publication by Mrs. W. F. Reeder, of Bellefonte, who is a member of the Ladies' World's Fair Committee from Centre county:

Mrs. J. Barry Colahan, Chairman of the Music Committee for Philadelphia county, has just given out for publication the following brief rules of the Board of Lady Managers about music in the Woman's Building during the Exposition:

A committee, called an Advisory Committee on Music, shall be appointed in each State and Territory, which shall consist of the resident musicians in different sections of the State, so that candidates for vocal and instrumental examination may not be obliged to traverse great distances.

It will be the duty of the Advisory Committee on Music to decide whether applicants are artists, amateurs or professionals, and whether their performances are sufficiently good to receive a letter of recommendation to either of the expert juries (vocal and instrumental) which will hereafter be appointed in Chicago by the Bureau of Music.

The artists who are considered worthy of distinction by the expert juries appointed in Chicago will receive the honor of an invitation to perform in the small Concert Hall, or in the Woman's building, during the World's Columbian Exposition.

No money has been appropriated by the World's Columbian Exposition, or by the Government of the United States, to defray the expenses of applicants who may wish to appear in Chicago.

The expert juries (vocal and instrumental) to be appointed in Chicago will not hear applicants until the opening of the World's Columbian Exposition on and after May 1, 1893, and will hear no one without a letter of recommendation from her State Advisory Committee on Music.

Reduced Rates to the Inauguration.

For the benefit of those who desire to attend the ceremonies incident to the inauguration of President-elect Cleveland, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets to Washington March 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, valid to return until March 7th, 1893. The excursion rate from New York will be \$8, from Pittsburg \$10, from Buffalo \$15, and from Philadelphia and all other principal stations on the Pennsylvania system, two cents per mile.

The inauguration promises to be a most interesting event, and will undoubtedly attract a large number of people from every section of the country.

The magnificent facilities of the Pennsylvania Railroad make this line the favorite route to the national capital on all occasions.

Disbanded.

The old Haines and Penn horse company, which existed some thirty-five years, to protect its members from losses by horse thieves, disbanded last week, the funds on hands permitted a dividend of \$36 to each member, collected from fines for non-attendance and the one dollar membership fees. According to our recollection only one or two horses were stolen from the membership, which were paid for out of its treasury. It sustained no loss in the past twenty-five years from horses stolen.

Apportionment.

In the Senate on Friday Mr. Meek introduced a bill to organize and define the congressional districts of Pennsylvania. The bill was presented with the approval of the Democratic Senators, all of which are Republican. The bill would give the Republicans eighteen districts and the Democrats twelve, with five districts doubtful. We do not have any hope that the Republicans will agree to any apportionment that is fair to the Democrats.

An Interesting Meeting.

The exercises in the Lutheran church on Sunday evening, rendered by the Ladies of the Home and Foreign Missionary Society were quite interesting being composed of recitations, addresses, selections and music. Their report shows that the ladies have been zealous in the cause and have been doing a good work.

Declared Insolvent.

The Union County Mutual Live Stock Insurance company, of Mifflinburg, has been declared insolvent by the court at Harrisburg and dissolved. John A. Beard was appointed receiver.

Will Be There.

Among the exhibits in the Pennsylvania department at the World's Fair, will be wheat from Howard Durst, oats from S. W. Smith and ear corn from H. Fetterolf, all practical farmers of this vicinity.

—For warm, comfortable and serviceable clothing, and at the same time secure them at a low figure, go to Lewins, at the famous Philad. Branch, Bellefonte, and you will get just the articles wanted. See his stock before purchasing.

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HERE AND THERE

NEWS ABOUT THE TOWN AND COUNTRY.

The Recent Thaw and Rain Put the Creeks on a Bender.—Grand Musical Convention.

Sinking Creek is rampant, on a regular spree, and its banks can't keep it in its track. It quarrels with logs, ice and everything else in its way, and roars right along wildly to the sea. It has a great underground channel but it is "full" in both stories, and goes ripping and tearing into Penns creek, which is also on a bender, and the two are rioting on to Coburn, and then they head for Selinsgrove, to pitch into the great Susquehanna, also on a big carousal, and on and on they all go ripping, roaring and tearing, to enter Chesapeake bay and have a grand waltz with the roaring billows of the great Atlantic.

Grand Musical Convention.

A Grand Musical Convention will be held in the Lutheran church, George's Valley, commencing Monday evening, February 20th, and to continue during the week, closing on Friday evening, February 24th, with a grand concert. Prof. J. A. Weaver, of Pine Grove Mills, will conduct the convention, assisted by an organist and two violin players. The opening session will be free. Class tickets 50 cents, concert tickets 25 cents, single session 10 cents, family tickets \$1. Books furnished, and singers from a distance entertained free. A cordial invitation is extended to the public in general. Proceeds for benefit of the "Cross" Lutheran church.

To Cure "Snorks"

Representative Ritter's bill for the better protection of persons who have fallen into the habit of protracted drunkenness was reported to the house with a negative recommendation. The measure provides that any judge of the courts of common pleas, being convinced that a citizen is a dipsomaniac, habitual drunkard, or is drinking to the neglect of his business and family, may commit such person to any insane asylum or hospital until cured of the unnatural taste for liquor, provided he shall not be kept there more than six months. He may be released at any time when in the opinion of the superintendent or medical attendant of such hospital he is cured.

Women Who Want to Vote.

The women of Pennsylvania will hold a conference in Harrisburg on Tuesday, February 28th, and formulate a plan whereby they can be entitled to suffrage. During the day the actual business will be transacted and the necessary arrangements made for action. In the evening Rev. Anna Shaw and Miss Matilda Hindman will deliver addresses. The call for the meeting is made by the Pennsylvania State Woman's Suffrage association.

Prophet Rick's Predictions.

Second disturbances existing at the opening of February end in cold 1st and 2nd. Warmer about the 5th, with rain and snow to 7th. A cold wave will follow, lasting to about 11th and 12th. After storms about these dates, colder up to about 17th. Storms of rain, thunder, sleet and snow from 16th to 19th. A severe cold wave will come behind these storms. Reactionary temperature and storms will touch 23rd and 24th, followed by returning cold until the last day of the month, at which time rising temperature storms be in order.

Contracted for Danger.

The case of Jennie M. Walt against the Beech Creek railroad, tried in the last court at Bellefonte, resulted in a verdict for the defendant. The husband of the plaintiff was killed under a bridge crossing of the Beech Creek Company's tracks and damages of \$10,000 was claimed. When the deceased accepted the position as watchman he contracted for the danger as well as the emoluments connected with it.

Martha Washington Tea.

Remember the Martha Washington Tea by the Ladies of the Reformed church, on the evening of Washington's birthday, February 22, in the rooms over Harper & Creamers store. The "Marthas" will do all in their power to make the evening a pleasant one to all who attend. Tea will be served from five until eight o'clock.

A Useful Article.

A useful little article that every housewife will want is the Augite stove mat. Food of any kind when cooked on this mat does not require stirring and will not scorch or burn. In baking it prevents bread, cakes, &c., from burning on the bottom. I. A. Sweetwood sells the mat.

Latest Novelties.

Latest novelties in spring clothing for men, boys, and children.

The best suit in the market for men at \$10.00. Tailoring a specialty. MONTGOMERY & Co. Bellefonte.

Public Sales.

B. F. Arney, Potter, March 15.
 Daniel Runkle, dec'd, Gregg, February 16.
 D. Keller, Potter, March 17.
 Wm. Goodhart, Gregg, March 18.
 Wm. Sholl, east of Centre Hall, March 28.
 M. S. Hettinger, Farmers Mills, March 21.

I. A. Sweetwood, 2 1/2 miles west of Spring Mills, March 3.
 E. M. Huyett, Spring Mill, March 13, farm stock, etc.
 Adam Krumrines sale, Tusseyville, March 27, farm stock, etc.
 John Odenkirk, Old Fort, farm stock, etc., March 23.
 Ivy W. Bartges, Gregg township, farm stock, March 13.
 D. F. Welland, of Linden Hall, will make public sale of his farm stock and implements, March 31.

Marriage Licenses Granted.

The following is the list of marriage licenses granted during the past week:
 Edward Nolan, - - - Bellefonte.
 Blanche E. Garbrick, - - Spring twp.
 J. W. Shirk, - - - Union twp.
 Mrs. Mollie Fetzer, - - Boggs twp.
 J. W. Swann, - - - Milesburg.
 Sarah Ertle, - - - "
 Geo. L. Fleck, - - - Union.
 Mary C. Warner, - - - Boggs.
 Albert Eyer, - - - Ferguson.
 Mary Hendershot, - - Penna Fur.
 John A. Long, - - - Clinton Co.
 Susan M. Pennington, Farmers Mills
 John A. Hosterman, - - Coburn.
 Kate A. Orndorf, - - Woodward.
 John Deishick, - - Conneville.
 Annie Popanick, - - Spring twp.
 J. W. Dunwiddie, - - Philipsburg.
 Emma Bolwright, - - Clearfield co.

How Mingle Succeeds.

There are various methods employed to bring about success in business. Mingle has relied on but one method. That one—selling good goods at small profits. If he didn't sell good shoes he would be foolish for selling at small profits, because he could never establish a trade. He could sell a customer one pair of shoes, no more. But by selling nothing but reliable goods he has established himself so firmly that the bitterest competition has failed to draw his trade from him in the least. He is selling today more boots, shoes, slippers and rubber goods than ever before, and he is selling to the best people in the county. Everything is marked as low as it could be. When you want shoes, don't miss Mingle's shoe store, Bellefonte.

For Rent.

A two-story dwelling house and lot with stable, etc., at Centre Hall for rent. Possession given at any time. Apply to F. Kurtz. If

Musical College.

The spring term opens May 1st, in Vocal and Instrumental Music. For catalogue address,
 HENRY B. MOYER,
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 Freeburg, Pa.

Escaped from Sickness.

Centre Hall has escaped entirely from cases of sickness this winter so far. Healthy town—pure air and water save doctor bills.

Dairy-men and stock raisers all buy Bull's-Head Horse and Cattle Powder. For distemper, hidebound, and loss of appetite, it is without a peer in the market. Price 25 cents per package.

GRAIN MARKET.

CORRECTED WEEKLY BY KURTZ & SON.

Wheat	70
Rye	60
Corn	45
Oats new	32
Barley	40
Buckwheat	40

PRODUCE AT STORES.

Butter	22
Eggs	12
Lard	9
Shoulders	12
Ham	9
Tallow	12
Potatoes	60
Sides	6

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