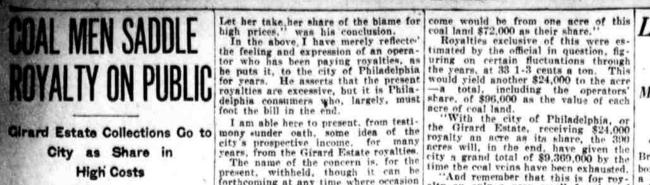
#### EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER- PHILADELPHIA, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 1921



City as Share in High Costs High Costs

### ASSESSMENTS KEPT LOW This tract of coal, operated on a roy-alty basis, comprises 390 acres of land. It is a part of the original 30,000 acres

By GEORGE NOX MCCAIN When an anthracite operator who is working his mine on a royalty basis out the anthracite on the tract that by prepares Ms annual report for submis-sion to the Federal or State Govern-exhausted the city of Philadelphia, as ment, he charges his payments on ac-Estate, managed by the Board of City count of royalties to the City of Phila-delphia.

That is, provided his operation is situated on lands owned by the Stephen Girard estate. "Why do you observe it with the state of the transaction. Schuylkill County, one of the richest mineral regions on earth, has had, until a few years ago, a struggle to raise enough money by taxation to pay her public school teachers.

Sara Sara

"Why do you charge it against the The operators in question estimate City of Philadelphia?" I asked one of that they have sixty-three feet of coal the big operators. "Why not credit in all the veins. To understand this, it must be remem-

the cash payments for royalties to the Girard estate?" "Because." and he laughed as he managing the Girard estate, receives all benefits accruing from these min-ing royalties and the public, which is always so ready and eager to acclaim "To understand this, it must be remem-bered that anthracite lies in veins of varying thickness. Those nearest the surface are usually thickest. Sixty-three feet of coal means that if all the veins were placed together they would measure sixty-three feet in thickness. "To make perfectly sure of being con-servative." said an official. "I'll give as profiteers and pirates, is entitled them forty feet of solid coal and at-know that the goody City of Phila- low twenty-three feet for rock and ing royalties and the public, which is always so ready and eager to acclaim

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the more money or the greater the rake-off for Philadelphia." he said with a wave of the hand, us if dismissing the mbject. "But it's the Girard Estate. Why net put it that way in your books and reports instead of the City of Philadel-phia?" I continued. "Cons of the finished product. "The rest of it is merely a matter of arithmetic. Forty feet of coal at 1800 tons to the foot would be 72,000 tons. The operators in question gave it as from \$1.10 to \$1.15 a ton. "The be safely conservative. let their "To be safely conservative, let their

The Girard Estate is Philadelphia. returns he placed at \$1 a ton. The in



## Let her take her share of the blame for bigh prices." was his conclusion. In the above, I have merely reflected. Royalties exclusive of this were es-

The name of the concern is, for the present, withheld, though it can be forthcoming at any time where occasion demands. This teact of coal operated on a roy. thracite district," concluded the offi-

Land with an apparent actual value millions is assessed at a song. The Schuylkill County, one of the richest nineral regions on earth, has had, until

> why? Schuylkill politicians who have grown

wealthy might be able to answer the question-if they would,

### LAYS BRIDAL GOWN ASIDE TO NURSE STRICKEN FIANCE

Miss Helen Byrnes, Bridgeport, Pa., Sits at Bedside of Intended

Husband, Aiding Him in Fight Against Death

There is a white bridal gown in Bridgeport, Pa., that remained in its box today when it was to have graced a wedding. wedding.

Cool and collected, but showing the The pretty dress should have been decking the petite form of Miss Helen C. Byrnes. Byrnes. today, discussed the case But insteadfrom the

It is a part of the original 30,000 acres of anthracite lands, approximately, pur-chased by Stephen Girard. It is estimated by the persons taking out the anthracite on the tract that by the time all the veins, or seams, are exhausted the eity of Philadelphia, as and with an apparent actual value was so critically ill we were very much worried. He was delirious. But now

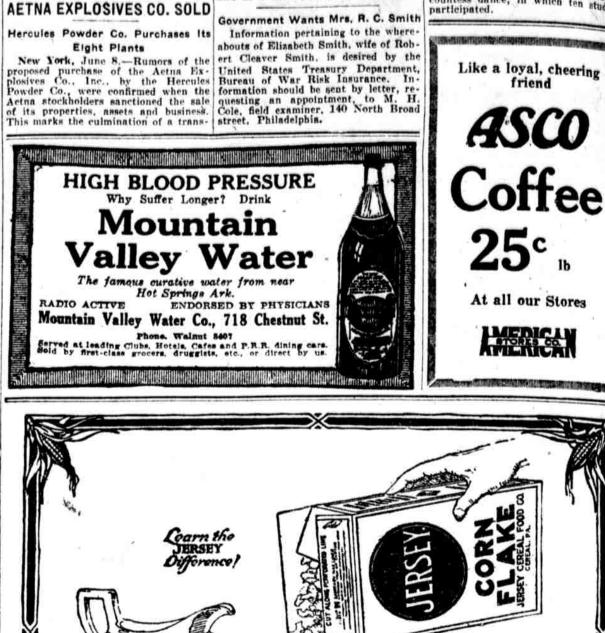
"Scarlet Fever." Sunday morning William Otley. Brookline, Miss Byrne's fiance, was stricken with scarlet fever and today the much hoped and planned-for wed-ding day he is lying critically ill at the home of his fiancee. Otley who are not stricken with the second stricken with scarlet fever and today the known people.

Of course it is an extreme disap-pointment to every one—the postpone-ing the week-end at the Byrnes home. when he was stricken. Without thought of contagion the girl who was shortly to be his bride, volunteered to nurse him. Until Monday she spent called. Just as soon, of course, as Mr.



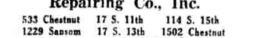
Otley gets better we will go ahead with the wedding." It is just possible that young Otley contracted scarlet fever in the service of his country. For the past two weeks he has been in charge of the recruiting for the National Guard at the recruit. Ing station in City Hall Plaza. He has worked tirelessly. AFTNA FXPI OSIVES CO SOLD AETNA EXPLOSIVES CO. SOLD Government Wants Mrs. R. C. Smith

Plays at St. Mary Academy Students at St. Mary Academy pre-sented two plays on the school campus, York road and Somerville avenue, this afternoon as part of the commenceme exercises. The younger students to part in "A Garden Cinderelle" and older children presented "The Heart of France." Another feature included ,



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