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THE WATER RATES.

The Supreme Court's Decision Opens the Way for Discussion.

The decision of the United States Supreme court on Monday in the case of an appeal from the Supreme court of the state of Illinois, implying, among other things, that municipal bodies have the right to fix water rates, was a fruitful theme of discussion in this city yesterday, in view of the fact that a bill is now before the councils for the establishment of a municipal water plant to cost $145,000, in conformity with the vote cast last November.

The agitation for a municipal water plant was due principally to the fact that a great and growing discontent existed because of the alleged exorbitant charges of the Consolidated Water Supply company, of which J. J. Jermyn is the president. The agitation begun early in the summer and fair, extended until on election day it appeared to be the greatest issue, shadowing even the presidential vote, and, although the total number of electors who recorded a vote on the subject was relatively small, the majority in favor of municipal ownership of the water supply was overwhelming.

The matter was then allowed to rest until about two weeks ago, when a bill passed first and second readings in select and common councils providing for issuing 4 per cent. bonds to the amount of $145,000. The bill came up the following week, but was referred back to committee, on the claim that it could not pass the present bodies for lack of time.

Now, the question is asked if municipal bodies have the right to fix water rates and can alter the terms of any contract entered into by the preceding municipal body for a longer term than that of its organized existence, where does the necessity arise for the city going to the limit of debt-carrying capacity in order to have a water plant? According to the comments heard yesterday among the politicians and citizens, the municipal authorities of this city can regulate and fix upon a fair basis the water rates and thus accomplish the same ends as would be achieved by building a city water plant. The decision of the United States Supreme court comes at a most opportune time, for it will give pause to hurried action in this question of local interest.

The ordinance pending before councils has this provision, which will make a noticeable increase in taxation:

"Section 7.—For the purpose of paying the principal and interest of said bonds there is hereby levied for the year 1901, on all property taxable for city purposes, a tax of four mills on the dollar of valuation, and every year thereafter there shall be levied for such purpose a tax sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds and the principal thereof as the same becomes due and payable, as enumerated above in this ordinance."

Handsome Mementos.

James J. Gorman and Miss Marjorie Powderly yesterday received by mail from Washington some handsome mementoes of the recent inaugural ceremonies. They include a bronze medallion, showing on one side the head of McKinley, and on the reverse a representation of the capitol; a volume entitled "Inaugural Souvenir," printed on fine quality paper, the text in large Gothic and portraits in fine steel engravings, giving the picture and biography of all the presidents. Besides these are the official programmes in full, tickets to the inaugural ball, and other interesting data of the great event. The packages were sent by the secretary of the inaugural committee, Mr. E. M. Weller.

Complain of Bad Roads.

City Engineer Kupp received a complaint yesterday afternoon that Eighth avenue in the vicinity of the Congregational church was in bad shape as a result of the recent excavating by the gas company. The curb at the corner of Church street and Eighth avenue had sunk nearly half a foot, making a dangerous crossing on account of the unevenness of the flagstone. The engineer acted upon the complaint at once and sent Foreman Killeen around to see what work was necessary to remedy it. The gas company, after laying its mains, had filled in with frozen earth and the consequent settling had made their job a rather poor one.

An Improvement.

The planks in front of the Elbrecht Store, on North Main street, were taken away yesterday, disclosing a very handsome addition to the store in the way of two large show windows of plate glass, decorated on top with stained glass of a variety of colors, making a fine addition to the business places on the block.

The Open Door.

The contractors who have been at work on the Anthracite building remodeling it for the McCann Brothers' clothing store, yesterday put in the doorway at the curved front on the corner of Sixth avenue and Main street. The glass has not yet arrived for the large show windows, but from the work so far done it is easily seen that the McCann boys will have the finest-appearing store in the city. They have been forced to postpone their opening for a few days because of the delay in shipments of glass.

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AT TRINITY CHURCH.

Services Each Day During Holy Week—Bishop Talbot to Preach.

The Rev. W. B. Johnson, of Calvary church, Wilkes-Barre, delivered the mid-week sermon last evening in Trinity Protestant Episcopal church. On Friday afternoon Rev. F. B. Harrington, of West Pittston, will deliver an address.

Throughout Holy Week the sacrament of Holy Communion will be administered at 9 o'clock in the morning and there will be evening prayer each day at 4:30 o'clock. On Easter Wednesday evening Right Rev. Bishop Ethelbert Talbot, bishop of the diocese, will preach. On Good Friday Rev. F. S. Ballentine will conduct the three hours' devotions, from 12 m to 3 p. m.

At S'mother Carbondale?

The iron work for the new bridge over Racket Brook, due to reach this city a week or so ago, has not yet come into view, despite the city engineers' anxiety to start the work of getting it in place. It was shipped from the Rochester Bridge company's plant about ten day's ago. The company has been appealed to and a tracer has been sent out.

This is the second time that goodment fo. the city have gone astray, as the fire bell got stalled at one of the western Carbondales for some time.

Tobacco Men to Dance.

Cigarmakers' union, No. 439, will hold its annual social in Watts' hall on the evening of Easter Monday, April 8. Excellent music will be provided and a number of new dances introduced, among them the "Olivette" waltz, the "J. P. C." two-step and the "Klondike" quadrille. The following general committee are hustling to make the arrangements: A. C. Houck, Charles Myers, Charles Bowman, Nicholas Knorr, Joseph Traynor, Albert Collins and George Lipp.

New Officers.

The members of Lackawanna tribe of Red Men elected the following officers on Tuesday night, to serve for six months: Prophet, Joseph Jenkins; sachem, H. B. Lewis; senior sagamore, George Schroeder; junior sagamore, J. W. Steele; chief of records, H. J. Baer; keeper of wampum, T. H. Elmer; trustee, Irving Snyder; representative to grand council of Pennsylvania, J. C. Swinglehurst; alternate, Frank Elmer.

A Surprise Party.

Miss Ruth Dailey was pleasantly surprised by a number of her friends on Tuesday evening and a number of hours were passed with cards, games and music, refreshments being served in ample quantity and good quality. Those present were: Misses Clara Watt, Hazel Wheeler, Gertrude Dennis, Helen Hathaway, Mina Frank and Dean Bassett, Mallory Spencer, John Morgan, Will Morgan and John Aitken.

New Locomotives.

Four of the six monster engines just finished by the Cook Locomotive works at Paterson, N. J., for the Ontario and Western railroad, will be used as pushers between Mayfield yard and the junction at Cadosia. They weigh 122,000 pounds each and are but a few hundred pounds lighter than the big engines of the P., B. and E. road, they being the largest in the world.

Another Social by F. N. S. C.

The Friday Night Social club will give the second of its enjoyable socials on Monday evening, April 12. Music will be discoursed by an orchestra and the committee having the event in charge promise to make it the best social from every viewpoint given in this city this season. The hall will be beautifully decorated. The event will take place in the Burke building.

Another Euchre Party.

Encouraged by the success of their recent euchre party the Young Ladies' Communion Table association is making arrangements to have a repetition in the near future. A meeting to talk it over was called for Tuesday night, but the heavy rain kept the young ladies at home and the meeting will be held next week.

To Help Install Pastor.

The Rev. Charles Lee, of the First Presbyterian church, will assist in the installation ceremonies at Susquehanna today, when the Rev. Edwin E. Riley will be formally invested with the pastorate of the First Presbyterian church there. Mr. Lee will deliver the charge to the pastor.

To Live in Providence.

Edwin Moon, of Terrace street, ex-poor director, will remove with his family to Providence before long. He has accepted a position there as foreman in a large iron fence manufactory. Mr. Moon has been in business in this city for several years.

May Be Postponed.

The fair and reception of Cottage Hose company, which is scheduled to open in the Burke building on April 15, will in all probability be postponed until later, on account of the mission which will open in St. Rose church on April 14.

Discharged.

Mrs. Benjamin Sparks, who had been in the hospital at Carbondale for the past five weeks, returned to her home here on Sunday. A critical operation was performed while she was in the hospital.—Wayne Independent.

A New Locomotive.

"Alaska, No. 16," is the name and number of a small locomotive just put in service at Coalbrook colliery for use between the breaker and the Wilson Creek mines. It is a product of the Dickson works.

At the Opera House.

Tomorrow night—Tim Murphy in "A Bachelor's Romance."

DAVID HOLMES' SURPRISE.

Quaint Story Told by Tim Murphy Blending Tears and Smiles.

Mr. Tim Murphy, supported by the Sol Smith Russell company, in Sol Smith Russell's great play by Martha Morton, "A Bachelor's Romance," will be at the Grand Opera house on Friday of this week. Mr. Murphy has by honest art and opportunity come to be one of the small but lovable band of comedians who make us laugh and in an instant, with a tender touch, brings tears to unwilling eyes. This is a great gift, and those who have made us familiar with it in the last decade are going down the hill of time, so that Mr. Murphy's rise is all the more welcome. The role of David Holmes in "A Bachelor's Romance" is a strong character study, absolutely free from grotesquerie; wide in its range of sweet sentiment, quaint humor and suppressed emotion; really impressive in the natural nobility and artistic delicacy of portrayal. It indicates better than any previous role in Mr. Murphy's career, his growth and broadening powers.

A brand new production has been furnished by Mr. Berger, one that is said to be even more elaborate than Mr. Russell's.

Unclaimed Letters.

List of letters remaining in the Carbondale postoffice, March 28, 1900, for persons unknown:

William Alexander, Walter W. Cole, M. J. Connor, John P. Culbertson, Edward McGuinness, Michael Murray, Joseph Moore, Michael Rogan, Harry Williams, secretary Wood's Business college; Francis Ferridge, George Fisheul, Ella Doud, Miss M. E. Cornelia Galpin, Miss Anna L. Hickey, Miss Anna McDonald, Miss Kitty Ruddy, Miss Mary Sherdan, Miss B. Ward, Mrs. Emma Babcock Patterson, Mrs. Charles Spencer, Mrs. James Smith, Mrs. Sara Tillsley. Foreign: Lavor Adler.

Teachers' Institute.

There will be a teachers' institute at the Mayfield public school on the afternoon and evening of April 12, to which some of the local teachers will contribute papers.

To Attend Funeral.

The Pioneer Father Mathew society will meet in their hall this morning at 8:15 o'clock, to attend the funeral of their brother, Patrick Carden.

Meetings Tonight.

George E. Randolph camp, No. 138, Sons of Veterans.

Branch 39, C. M. B. A.

Carbondale canton, No. 40, Patriarch's Militant.

A Coming Social.

Arrangements are well under way for the seventh annual dance of Division No. 11, A. O. H., which will be held in Burke's hall on Wednesday evening, April 10.

THE PASSING THRONG.

Mrs. John Brennan, of River street, is critically ill.

William Pate is around again after a severe illness.

M. J. Connor, of North Main street, is visiting in New York city.

Mrs. Frank Dever, of River street, who has been seriously ill, is recovering.

Miss Mamie Drennan, of Belmont street, has recovered from her recent illness.

Miss Kittie O'Neill, of Scranton, is the guest of Miss Annie Burke, on Pike street.

Andrew Langdon, of Buffalo, N. Y., formerly a resident here, is in town on business.

H. W. Powderly and J. C. Davis have gone to Albany, N. Y., to work on the Albany trestle.

Mrs. Stephen Holgate, of Belmont street, is afflicted with a severe attack of rheumatism.

Mrs. and Mrs. Charles Ohlmacht, of Oak avenue, spent Tuesday with relatives in Jermyn.

Miss Minnie Roesiger is confined to her home on Wyoming street by an attack of the grip.

Miss Rose Cornell, of Laurel street, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. T. Thomas, of Windsor.

Mrs. J. F. Millard, of Belmont street, is spending a week with friends at Farno, Wayne county.

Miss Mary Connaughton, of South Main street, has returned to Bloomsburg State Normal school.

Miss Mary Brennan, of Brooklyn, N. Y., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. P. O. Connor, of Powderly street.

Miss Bessie Millard, of Belmont street, has returned from Elmira, N. Y., where she spent the winter with relatives.

Mrs. J. M. Stewart and Miss Hoysradt, of Salem avenue, left yesterday for New York city to select their Easter goods.

Miss Lizzie O'Grady, who has been in New York the past three weeks, selecting millinery for her Easter trade, has returned home.

Andrew Meehan, ex-sexton of St. Rose church, who has been very ill with the grip, and was forced to resign his position because of it, is recovering and was in town yesterday.

JERMYN AND MAYFIELD.

The funeral of the late Edward Stubbs was held this afternoon from the home of C. L. Bell, of Bacon street. Brief services were conducted at the house and Methodist church by Rev. M. D. Fuller, assisted by the Rev. Francis Gendall, of Peckville. The local Independent Order of Odd Fellows, United Federation of Labor and Crystal Fire company, No. 1, attended in a body. The flower bearers were Edwin Mellow, John Roche and William Traves; pall bearers, William Nicholson, Alfred Griffiths, Judson Wall, H. Swick, Theodore Spettigue and S. B. Hills. Interment was made in Shadyside cemetery, where Mr. Fuller paid a high tribute to the deceased.

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A number of people from out of town were present.

Miss Annie McChrone, of South Main street, was a Carbondale visitor yesterday.

The Delaware and Hudson colliery will pay their employes here tomorrow (Friday).

Mrs. Thomas Bray and daughter, Edith, spent yesterday with Carbondale friends.

Mrs. Samuel Warner and Mrs. Edward Banfield, of Scranton spent yesterday with friends in town.

About 1 o'clock yesterday morning fire was discovered in Fred Young's laundry establishment. An alarm of fire was turned in, but the gong failed to respond. There was considerable excitement for a few moments, before it was quenched. The damage done was slight. The fire was caused by an over-heated stove.

Edith, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Seymour, of Third street, is ill of pneumonia.

Benjamin Mendelson, of Mayfield, left yesterday for New York city.

Mrs. James Carey, of South Main street, is dangerously ill and her death is hourly expected.

Miss Margaret Quinn left yesterday for New York city to select the spring goods for J. D. Stocker & Co.

Misses Alice Henwood, Annie Kilker, Sarah Quinn and Susie Cure left Tuesday to resume their studies at the Stroudsburg State Normal school.

John Stanton, of the East Side, was a Carbondale visitor yesterday.

Michael Reynolds and Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Coogan attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Roger McGowan, of Scranton, Monday.

CLARK'S GREEN.

Mrs. Sarah Boardman, of Dalton, was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. E. J. Chapman, for several days this week.

Miss Bessie Mullinex visited relatives in Scranton and Carbondale over Sunday.

Miss Elsie Carey, of Taylor, is visiting her aunt and cousins, Mrs. Elizabeth Wells and daughters, Carrie and Mary Wells.

Miss Grace A. Davis has been confined to her home by sickness.

Mrs. O. B. Jones is reported seriously ill.

Judson Cope is spending a short time with his family here.

Miss Imogene Akerley was recently elected a delegate to the grand council of the Rebecca lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, which convenes at Gettysburg in May next.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Potter and family attended the funeral obsequies of Mrs. Potter's father, Mr. T. E. Carr, held on Tuesday afternoon in Scranton.

The fourth quarterly conference of the Methodist Episcopal church of this charge was largely attended on Sunday evening last. A special item of note was that so many of the conference officials responded at roll call. All were present except two. Rev. M. S. Godshall, who has done very efficient work among his people here, was asked to be retained.

Jay Richards has accepted a position in the employ of Walter L. Matthews, of this place.

M. H. Coon has broken ground for a fine stable on his creek lot, which will be much appreciated for its great convenience.

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OLYPHANT.

Work on the narrow guage railroad from Eddy Creek breaker to the new shaft which is now being sunk near Jordan's dam, will be commenced today. Contractor James Coughlin, of Carbondale, will have charge of the work.

A special meeting of the Excelsior Hose company will be held tonight. All members are requested to be present as important matters are to be considered.

The funeral of John J. Cornoran, who died in Newark, N. J., was held yesterday morning at 10 o'clock and was attended by a large number of friends and relatives of the family, who assembled at the house of his parents on Dunmore street and viewed the remains. The cortege then proceeded to St. Patrick's church, where a requiem mass was celebrated by Rev. John Boddy, who also preached the funeral sermon. During the service several appropriate selections were rendered by Robert McCormack and as the remains were borne from the church Mrs. Anna Brown O'Malley sang Calvary. Burial was made in the Catholic cemetery. The pall-bearers were: M. J. Lavin, James Loftus, Thomas Philbin, P. J. Farrell, James Murphy and M. J. Curran.

The marriage of Miss Maria R. Lewis and David J. Davis took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lewis on Church street, Tuesday evening. The ceremony was performed by Rev. George Hague, pastor of the Susquehanna Street Baptist church. The bride was attended by Miss Lizzie Winston. Both were attired in becoming gowns of grey cloth, with satin trimmings. John Lewis was groomsman. Mr. and Mrs. Davis will reside at this place.

Miss M. A. O'Connor returned from New York yesterday, where she had been purchasing her spring stock of millinery.

Misses Edith and Jeanette Evans and Mrs. I. H. Polhemus attended a meeting of the Rebekah lodge of Odd Fellows at Archbald last evening.

Mrs. David Elkins, of Jermyn, is visiting relatives in town.

F. H. Mahon, of Scranton, was a visitor at this place yesterday.

A frame house, owned and occupied by Mrs. Patrick McMahon, on Dunmore street, was totally destroyed by fire last night. The blaze occurred shortly after 10 o'clock and the Excelsior Hose company, which responded, succeeded in confining the flames to the McMahon house, though a neighboring dwelling owned by Patrick Dempsey was badly scorched. The total loss amounts to about $600. The cause of the fire is unknown.

PECKVILLE.

A sad accident befell 11-year-old John King yesterday morning. The lad was on his way to Archbald and was walking on the Delaware and Hudson tracks in the vicinity of the Sterrick Creek breaker just north of the Peckville station. King stepped from the north bound track to the South bound track to avoid an approaching train. As he did so engine 379 south bound struck him and he was hurled down a steep embankment. The train was stopped and the crew hastened back to the boy's aid. King was found unconscious, his right leg was badly shattered and his head badly cut. The injured lad was removed to the home of his father, Bernard King, of Jessup. He lived until noon, when he died without regaining consciousness.

E. H. Barber still continues to improve from his recent illness.

Don't forget the rummage sale at the Morgan store building this evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Callender returned yesterday to their home at Pittsburg after spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Judson Callender.

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MOOSIC.

Rev. Stephen Jay, of Wyoming, was a caller yesterday at the Methodist Episcopal parsonage.

The Victorian Literary society met at the high school yesterday.

Frank Franey left Tuesday for Philadelphia, where he expects to undergo an operation for appendicitis.

Mrs. Thomas McDowell is visiting friends in Scranton.

The funeral of Thomas Turner will be held this afternoon at 2:30 in the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Tuckley has just moved into the house previously occupied by John Heffer.

Clayton, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stull, of Minooka avenue, is seriously ill with typhoid fever.

Charles Jopling, of Scranton, visited his mother yesterday.

A large number of our townspeople attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Dave Morton, of Avoca, yesterday afternoon.

Miss Vertie Dix was a caller in Scranton yesterday.

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MAPLE SUGAR MAKING.

A Tribune Representative Explores the Land of Sweetness.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Factoryville, March 27.—About two and one-half miles east of this place, and about one mile northeast of La Plume lays what is perhaps one of the largest and most modern equipped maple sugar and syrup plantations in Northeastern Pennsylvania. It covers about ten acres of ground, and contains six or seven hundred sugar trees (commonly called in the rural districts hard maple, or sugar maple.)

This beautiful grove is located on a rolling piece of ground, and nature certainly had a great deal to do with the formation of the ground, as it is naturally adapted for the work and industry that is carried on there on so large a scale.

The tract belongs to the late Clark Sisson estate, and is owned and operated by his son, George Sisson, of this place. As the season is now on for the manufacture of the palatable sweetness, it perhaps will not be untimely to say a little something for the benefit of the many readers of The Tribune in regard to the manufacture of maple syrup, one of nature's sweetest and most palatable luxuries.

Partially out of curiosity and partially from an unresistable appetite, or longing for a sup of the warm syrup as it is taken from the evaporators, a Tribune representative recently visited the above plantation, and was shown the different processes that the sap passes through in order to make it into standard maple syrup. There are no doubt a great many people who have not a faint idea as to how the delicious maple syrup that graces their table is obtained or manufactured.

There are six hundred trees in this grove that are now tapped and in operation. The tapping process is very simple and consists of boring a half-inch hole into the tree about two inches and driving in a small hollow metal spile that just fits the hole, and through which the sap oozes out. The pail, which generally holds ten or twelve quarts, is hung on the spile, and a cover put on to keep out the particles of dirt and rain water. The evaporating plant is located about the center of the grove and is built on a slight slope of ground which gives the required elevation for the pipeing of the sap. This building is about 30 feet wide and 75 feet long and built low. In this building is all the necessary apparatus for making maple syrup. First there is a long tank which holds forty barrels of sap. Two men and a team of horses are employed in gathering the sap from the trees, and as it is gathered, it is placed in a stationary tank, on a sled, which holds 125 gallons, and is drawn to the evaporating house, where it is piped from this tank through a filter into the large tank in the building. From the large forty barrel tank it is piped to the large evaporator. The evaporator is of the Williams patent, and is first class in every respect. It is equipped for burning coal or wood, but wood is generally used as it is cheaper fuel, and plenty of it on the ground.

The evaporator is three and one-half feet wide and thirteen feet long, and has three compartments which are all automatic. The first one is equipped with an automatic regulator, which admits a continuous stream of sap to run the evaporator at a certain point at all times. This stream, which is about a half inch, flows into compartment No. 1, where it is heated in passing through, to a certain temperature, when it passes on into compartment No. 2. Here it is brought one step nearer to the desired product, by boiling, tumbling and tossing about in the pan by the extreme heat.

As it gets to a certain degree in compartment No. 2 it is forced automatically into compartment No. 3, where it is finished as far as the large evaporator brings it. Here it is drawn off through a filter and cooled. When cold it is placed into a finishing evaporator and evaporated one-third, or for every three gallons (weighing eight pounds to the gallon) put into the finishing evaporator, only two comes out a finished product, weighing eleven pounds per gallon.

It is then tested with a sacharometer as to density, and placed into a tank, from which it is drawn off into cans and sealed, while boiling hot. After it is cold it is ready for market.

The capacity of this plant is thirty barrels per day of sap, or about twenty gallons of syrup. Maple syrup made in an evaporator is a much clearer and purer product than that which is made by the old-fashioned process, that of boiling in kettles or pans, and is of a much lighter color, being a light amber. A trip to a maple syrup or sugar camp is well worth taking, and one will be amply paid for the trouble it causes.

GARNETS IN PENNSYLVANIA.

In Delaware County Are Two Quarries That Do Well.

Dr. T. C. Hopkins, in Mines and Minerals.

Garnets occur in large numbers in the mica schists in many localities in the southeastern counties of Pennsylvania but in only one locality are they mined in commercial quantities. Near Chelsea in Delaware county are two garnet quarries both owned by a Brooklyn party, but one has been leased to, and is operated by, another party; the product of both quarries is shipped to the factory of the owner in Brooklyn. The garnets are the common iron garnet, and occur impregnating the mica schist making approximately 75 per cent. of the whole mass in the richer portions. The individual garnets vary in size from those an inch or more down to those a sixteenth of an inch or less in diameter. There are no perfect crystals, although the general form or outline of the crystal is generally shown. The corners are rounded and the crystals elongated, flattened or otherwise distorted. In the weathered portions of the mother rock, the crystals can be very easily separated from the inclosing material, but in the fresh rock they are so firmly imbedded that it is impossible to remove them from the rock without fracturing them.

One of the quarries is operated in open cuts, the other in underground drifts. The upper portion of the rock is so much disintegrated that much of the material can be mined with pick and shovel. The fresher portions require blasting. The material is thrown in the washer which resembles the log washer used for cleaning ore, and the heavier garnets are separated from the lighter rock material by the current of water. After washing, the material is screened into 4 sizes and shipped to the factory where it is further crushed and screened into many different sizes. It is used for making sandpaper or garnet paper which is used extensively as an abrasive in the manufacture of boots and shoes and lens extensively in the wood-manufacturing industry. It is found to be sharper and more lasting than quartz sandpaper and is frequently preferred to it, although it costs much more. Its superiority over quartz is probably due to its ready cleavage by means of which it constantly renews its sharp cutting edges, where quartz becomes dulled and rounded by friction. It varies from 6.5 to 7.5 in the scale of hardness in which quartz is 7.

Garnet for abrasive use is also quarried in the Adirondack region in Warren county, N. Y. It occurs in many other localities, but is not used except as an ornamental stone. The average price of garnet is about $35 of $40 per ton but the market is so small that there is no fixed price.

DEMOCRACY'S FUTURE.

Not a Bright One in the Opinion of Colonel Denby.

From the March Forum.

Among those who, for want of a better name, are called Gold Democrats, there is an immense tendency to write either a biography of, or an epitaph for, the Democratic party. The rule in literature is that the first requisite for the biographer is that he should love his subject. It is evident, therefore, that the recalcitrant Democrat should not undertake to write a biography of his former party. The other rule, that nothing but good should be said of the dead, applies as strongly to the writers of epitaphs. It is, therefore, conclusive that the Gold Democrats must be excluded from a literary post-mortem of the party. Mr. Cleveland has been drawn into this six-day tournament, and with his usual good sense has enunciated the apothegm that "the rank and file ought to be consulted." Undoubtedly this is the foundamental principle of a self-governing Democracy. In obedience to my own rules, I shall not undertake to offer any advice to my former comrades, because I voted for Mr. McKinley. I shall simply discourse a little, as all men have the right to do, on the conduct of future political campaigns.

In the first place, it may be remarked that "vinegar catches no flies." The high-handed denunciation of all the Democrats who failed to support Mr. Bryan and their eternal exclusion from the party, are only the effervescence of a temporary irritation. At the worst, these sinners should only suffer the pains of purgatory. Possibly, if they were to wash themselves nine times in the Wabash, they might be taken back into the party. Jesting apart, when the actual war is on, recruits will be sought anywhere, and welcomed, no matter when they come.

Who can tell whether the old men who were always Democrats until 1896 will want to enter the triune portals of free silverism, Populism and anti-injunctionism? Some of them have said already that the Republican party is good enough for them, and that they are tired of wild political theorizing. This difficulty is going to be for any party calling itself Democratic to win away from their new love a class of people who, after a strenuous fight with themselves, have succeeded in breaking party ties. Party principles enunciated at national Democratic conventions must be greatly changed before the confidence of great numbers of former Democrats can be secured.

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