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MUNICIPAL WATER HAS NARROW ESCAPE

The Ordinance Came Dangerously Close to Being Laid on the Table. Referred to Committee Until Friday Night—Turbulent Scenes in Select Council—The Incidents of a Lively Meeting.

The municipal water plant ordinance, which was brought before the select council, came dangerously close to being laid on the table in select council, so close that the advocates of municipal water, and this meant a big percentage of those present as spectators, fairly shivered at the fate which threatened the measure. The ordinance was finally referred to committee, but not without a warm and noisy debate, and numerous incidents that marked the most dramatic session of the council in months.

Just before the ordinance came up, City Engineer Kopp, in accordance with the resolution of the last meeting of select council, presented a statement of the cost of the water plant. This figure was \$172,843.96. It was received and placed on file. Mr. Manning then called up the ordinance for third and final reading. The motion was seconded by Mr. Robertson and pointing out that the bond ordinance provided for an issue of \$150,000 in bonds to meet the expense of the plant, while the city engineer's estimate was \$172,843.96. He asked if this discrepancy would in any way affect the issuance of the bonds. City Solicitor Stuart was sought for an opinion, and in his expression he declared that the only question was one of adequacy, and he did not believe that the mere fact of there being a difference between the proposed bond issue and the estimate of the city engineer would affect the validity of the bond issue.

Mr. Thompson seemed satisfied with the city solicitor's opinion, and he made no comment. Mr. Manning then followed with a motion that the ordinance pass final and third reading. At this juncture, L. A. Roberts, of the citizens' committee of one hundred, who had been the courtesy of the floor, Mr. Roberts pointed out that the bonds from the sale of bonds would fully make up the difference shown by the city engineer's estimate. Furthermore, it was the opportunity of the citizens to obtain a water plant which would supply the people with water and not with mud, as in the case of the West Side. Mr. Roberts also cited figures to show what profit was being derived from the plant of the Consolidated Water company, which is paying six per cent. on a million dollars.

When the warm and noisy debate among the councilmen, which lasted the interest of the spectators to a high pitch. After the debate commenced, it was plainly indicated that the ordinance would certainly meet a sudden death if Mr. Manning's motion was persisted in. Mr. Battle, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Davis were determined in their opposition to allowing the ordinance being disposed of without reference to committee for the purpose of getting into the hands of the city engineer's estimate, and as they felt, each of them, to see if everything was "all right" and to be satisfied on this point. Mr. Battle and Mr. Davis wanted to see that the ordinance was not passed until they had seen the estimate, and they were not acting for the purpose of delaying the ordinance, but they did want to know, plainly speaking, "What they were at" before passing the ordinance. The spectators did not want to see the ordinance passed, and there was a chorus of deprecating remarks, with a few groans. Finally the roll call was proceeded with, but after the affirmative vote of Mr. Battle and Mr. Davis was recorded, the name of Mr. Battle was voted "No," meaning that he was opposed to passing the ordinance without learning where the estimate "was at" in the matter, as he would not do so before. When Chairman Fletcher called the meeting to order, Mr. Battle headed the meeting of the motion, as he declared that he believed he was voting on a motion of Mr. Battle to refer it for a week or more. Mr. Davis did suggest this, but it fell in the form of a motion.

The doctor sometimes passes a harder sentence than the judge. The assistance of the doctor was often seen as to overrule that is that of the judge. In the case of Mrs. Reynolds given below, the doctor sentenced her to about eighteen years of physical punishment and misery. But she rebelled against the sentence, and commenced the use of Doctor Pierce's Favorite Prescription. In a few weeks she was a well woman. It's a peculiarity of the cures effected by the use of Doctor Pierce's Favorite Prescription that they are generally cures of chronic diseases. A woman suffers with diseases peculiar to her sex, she takes medical treatment, gets no better, and has no hope held out to her of improvement. Then in her discouragement she turns to Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and finds a young man's cure. "Favorite Prescription" establishes regularity, dries unhealthy drains, heals inflammation and ulceration and cures female weakness.

"Four years ago my health began to fail," writes Mrs. Nellie Reynolds of Gladwell, Washington Co., Oregon. "I had a very heavy dragging and weight in the region of the uterus, pain in back and legs, could not lift anything heavy, rest at night very poor, stomach deranged. One physician said I had cancer, another said I had congestion and filling of uterus. I was treated on nine months and said I would not be well until I had passed the change of life. I was only twenty-seven years old then. I became discouraged, and began using Doctor Pierce's Favorite Prescription. Took a few spoonfuls three times a day, began feeling better and my appetite improved. My stomach felt all right and I was in good health. I believe Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription has restored me to health. If suffering women would give it a fair trial they would give it praise."

Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser, paper covers, is sent free on receipt of 31 one-cent stamps to pay expense of mailing. Address: Dr. J. C. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

AGED WM. GRIFFITHS ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

Estranged from His Family He Broods Over His Troubles and Seeks to End Them by Cutting His Throat—He Was Found Immediately After the Deed and Was Taken to Emergency Hospital.

Dependent and morose, because of trials that separated him from his family, William Griffiths, a man who is in the full evening of his years, sought to destroy himself yesterday morning by cutting his throat by means of a razor. The aged man's attempt to end his troubles, over which he brooded until the silver lining of his cloud of adversity seemed lost, was made in Maplewood cemetery, close to the grave of his grandaunt, which he was wont to visit almost daily to relieve his troubled mind and spirit. He used a razor to carry out his purpose, and though he nerved himself to inflict an awful wound, gashing his windpipe, the chances of recovery are in his favor. He was taken to Emergency hospital, his removal there being advised by Dr. C. E. Malum, who was called to attend him.

As was his custom, Griffiths visited Maplewood cemetery yesterday morning about 8:30 o'clock, and greeted Sexton Collins with a pleasant "good morning," and also stopped to chat briefly with the keeper of the cemetery. He then went in the direction of his grandaunt's grave and remained there about half an hour. When he returned, he observed his grandaunt's grave, and he observed Griffiths walking towards the southwestern end of the cemetery. This was about 9 o'clock. Sexton Collins went in an opposite direction, and about an hour later he had occasion to visit the cemetery, at which he supposed Griffiths was. Griffiths was supporting himself on a tree and was peering beckoning to Collins. The sexton supposed that Griffiths had detected some mischievous lads, who have been committing misdeeds about the cemetery for several days, and he hastened to where the old man was standing. When a few feet from Griffiths, Collins observed blood upon the old man's clothing. It covered his breast, and Collins was horrified at the sight. When he was able to speak, he questioned Griffiths, but the man did not reply. His only answer was a motion towards his throat. Collins interpreted this to mean that Griffiths' neck was injured, slightly pushed down a handkerchief which covered the wound, and he proceeded to disclose a wound, from which the blood was gushing. Collins summoned Reese Hughes, who was at work in another part of the cemetery, and together they assisted Griffiths to his home on the corner of Third and Maple and Robinson streets, between Maple and Robinson streets. The old man was unable to speak, but he had unusual strength after having lost such a quantity of blood.

When Griffiths was settled in his home Dr. Malum was called and after examining the wound he took Griffiths to the emergency hospital. At the hospital the wound was washed and the opening made by Griffiths in his desperate attempt to end his troubles by cutting his throat. The wound was about two inches long, just across the windpipe, which was almost severed. No large blood vessels, however, were cut, and it was this circumstance that preserved Griffiths from a fatal result. At the hospital it was given out last night that Griffiths had rallied wonderfully and the chances were indicated remarkably vital for one of his years.

After the happening, Sexton Collins made a search for the spot where Griffiths sought to end his life and he found the place under a small spreading tree. It was a spot just suited to observe the man in his attempt at self-destruction. He crawled in under the small but numerous branches of the tree, and in a corner of the shelter there was a large pool of blood, which was partly covered with leaves and twigs. After juggling the razor into his hand, and the blood began to crimson the ground as it gushed forth, Griffiths, by using the razor scraped together the leaves and twigs with which he sought to hide the blood. He then closed the razor and threw it aside, where it was found by Sexton Collins. The old man waited for the death that he sought, and when his purpose seemed to fail, he crawled to the open spot where he was found by the sexton.

Griffiths has been sorely tried by family trials. After his son left him a few months ago, he was obliged to separate from his wife, because of her failing health. He then sought her removal to the Hillside Home of the Scranton poor district. Griffiths was now alone, but he strove to be resigned to his trials. About a week ago, however, he was obliged to abandon work on account of his sufferings from a corn on one of his feet, which grew exceedingly painful and affected his whole foot. This aggravated his condition and his moodiness grew more intense. He then closed Griffiths has lived in Carbondale for many years. He came from Wayne county, Pa. to about a week ago he was employed as hostler about the Delaware and Hudson round house, where his employer, a young man and was industrious and careful in his habits.

SOCIETY'S DOINGS. The Adelphi club met Friday night at the home of Mrs. E. J. Bowers on South Washington street. The evening was most pleasantly spent in social diversions and ended with a dainty luncheon. The club will meet next at Miss Maggie Lewis' home.

LADIES CAN WEAR SHOES. The size smaller and using Allen's Foot-Block, a powder to be blown into the shoe, a ligament or two were freed, giving instant relief from the pain which had been caused by the tightness of the shoe. Comes and returns swelling feet, blisters, corns and sore spots. Allen's Foot-Block is a certain and safe remedy for all ailments of the feet. Write for free trial package FREE by mail. Address: Allen's Foot-Block, Inc., N. Y.

DANCE OF THE GRADUATES. An Event That Is to Come Off in Burke's Hall Tonight.

A society event among the younger people of the town will take place this evening, when the members of this year's class and the class of '29 will hold a dance in Burke's hall.

The affair has been well planned, and an evening of amusement and pleasure is anticipated by the young people. The Mozart orchestra will provide music, and the hall will be becomingly decorated.

Gone to British Isles. W. F. Solomon, Mrs. W. M. Howell and daughter, Louise, of Gilbert street, leave this evening for a couple of months' visit with Mrs. Howell's parents, at South Anton, British Isles, where they leave tomorrow on Wednesday, the 19th, on the steamship St. Paul, which will take them directly to their destination.

The Ladies Aid Festival. The Ladies' Aid of the Berean Baptist church, will serve a strawberry luncheon at the home of Mrs. James Smith, on Gilbert street, on Friday, June 19th.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF. Rev. W. R. Grow left yesterday morning to spend the week at Lewisburg, where he will visit his old friend, President John Howard Harris, and attend the exercises of Bucknell's commencement.

PRICEBURG. Mrs. Espy and Mrs. Newberry, of Priceburg, spent yesterday afternoon with Mrs. J. T. Wright, on Dundaff street.

MOOSIC. Mr. William Johnson, a student at Dickinson college, is the guest of Mr. Charles Robertson.

AVOCA. There will be a special meeting of the school board this evening. The Methodist Episcopal church will take place on Friday morning. The train will leave the Avoca station at 8:35 o'clock.

JERMYN AND MAYFIELD. The water in the Glenwood shaft still continues to rise, and is about thirty feet up the shaft. If the rise continues a couple of days longer it is feared that the shaft will be abandoned.

OLYPHANT.

A meeting will be held by the different societies of St. Patrick's church this evening, to make arrangements for an excursion to Lake Lodore.

CLARK'S GREEN. Orlando Chapman, aged 77 years, died at his home in this place of cancer a few minutes before noon on Sunday last. He came into this vicinity in the spring of 1890 and located on the farm of the late Captain Preserved Hall and with the intervention of only two short periods of absence has been a resident ever since.

MOTHER SHIPTON DIDN'T SAY SO. Information for Correspondent Who Asks About Her Prophecy.

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HEAD FEELS LIKE BURSTING. Many who were out late last night? If you had taken a Krause's Headache Capsule before retiring your head would be cool and clear this morning.

HALLSTEAD. Special in the Scranton Tribune. Hallstead, June 17.—W. J. Hand, of Scranton, president of the American Chain Manufacturing company, was in town on business Monday.

ANCIENT PROPHECY OF AMERICA. A Keen Guess Made a Century and a Half Ago.

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Peruna, write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis. Address: Dr. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, Ohio.

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