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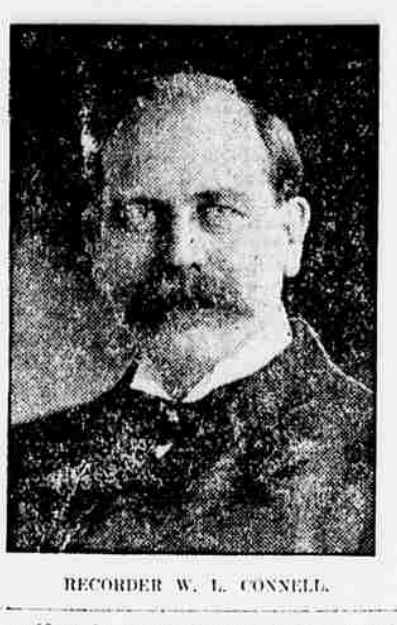
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VIEWS ON THE WATER PLANT

ALL CLASSES OF CITIZENS WRITE TO RECORDER.

Responses to His Circular Letter Are Very Numerous—Majority of Correspondents Favor Municipal Ownership if Assurance Can Be Secured That Politics Will Be Kept Out—Clergyman's Objection to Purchase of Present Plant. Some of the Views Expressed.

"That the great majority of the leading taxpayers of this city have very pronounced views on the water question is proved by a perusal of the letters which Recorder W. L. Connell has received in response to his circular letter asking for expressions of opinion on this theme of the hour.



The letters so far received came from every class of citizens—capitalists, merchants, physicians, clergymen, lawyers, editors and councilmen and represent beyond question the best thought of the community. Earnestness and deep and firm conviction is manifest in every line and the recorder declares that he is beginning to feel the public pulse on the water problem as he had never before.

Of the fifty-two citizens who have so far sent responses to the circular letter fifteen are unalterably opposed to the municipal ownership of a water plant, while thirty-seven favor it under certain conditions.

FAVOR PRESENT PLANT.
All but two or three of those favoring municipal ownership of the water system favor also the purchase of the present plant of the Scranton Gas and Water Company in preference to the city building its own plant and securing its supply of water from some other source.

DIFFERENCE IN RATES.
An interesting paragraph taken from the letter of a well known citizen who favors municipal ownership and who has something to say about water rates reads as follows:

As a taxpayer I should object to the city considering for a moment going into the water business, as the constant changes of administration and employees connected with this service would undoubtedly result in inefficient service and greatly increased cost to the consumer or taxpayer.

CAR SHORTAGE GROWS WORSE.
Mills and Furnaces Around Pittsburgh Continue to Shut Down.
By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

A SPLENDID SYSTEM.
The Scranton Gas and Water company has a splendid system and an abundant supply of very good water, and if the works could be purchased at a reasonable figure, I should be in favor of it. I have no idea, however, that this could be done. I think the company would probably want about six or seven millions, and our debt limit would only allow us to go about half that amount.

be too great. Most people can stand anything but temptation."

A well-known clergyman favors municipal ownership, but objects to the purchase of the Scranton Gas and Water company's plant on moral grounds.

The following brief but terse letter was received from a leading member of council:

"I have your favor regarding the question of the city owning its own water works at hand, and in reply would say that my opinion has always been that the city should own its water works. The only way I can see now is to buy the plant of the Scranton Gas and Water company, and the sooner we start at it the better."

WHY HE OBJECTS.
A prominent lawyer, in advancing reasons against the ownership of a water plant by the municipality, says:

"The city should not own its own water system for the reason that as now constituted and governed the ownership of such a system would be in my opinion a wheel within a wheel, constituting a more powerful political machine than that we now enjoy and the taxation of our citizens would be greatly enhanced thereby and for such taxation there would seem to be no remedy."

A physician of wide repute expresses himself as opposed to municipal ownership in the following strain:

"I am unalterably opposed to the public ownership of the water system in this city. Generally I favor municipal ownership of public utilities but with the experience we have had in the past, which we have at present and which we will in all human probability have in the future with the majority of our councilmen, I am unable to conceive how any taxpayer can take the question of public ownership in this city in earnest."

LET WELL ENOUGH ALONE.
One of the city's soundest business men writes as follows:

"The letter of one of the men who have largely controlled to make Scranton what she is, is printed below in full:

"Replying to your circular letter of Nov. 22, I would say, in answer to your first question, that I consider it very inadvisable that the city should own its own water system, as under the general conditions of municipal government the water could not be freed from politics, and a private enterprise would give better service at a more reasonable cost, in my judgment."

ESTIMATE IMPOSSIBLE.
"It would be impossible for anyone to make a reasonable estimate of the amount necessary to expend in order for the city to build its own water system. On a 2 1/2 or 3 per cent basis on its earning capacity, after the expenses of operation and maintenance are covered, it might be possible to get a fair idea of the value of the company but it must be borne in mind that large expenditures are necessary in any system for new reservoirs, new mains and branches, to take care of the gradual growth of the system, and this would be practically true of the local system. You would also have to bear in mind in considering the Scranton Gas and Water company, that it has the control and distribution of water not in the power of the city to deal with."

Lunatic Kills His Mother.
By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

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CHRISTMAS DAY AT ST. LUKE'S

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Christmas at St. Luke's was commemorated with three celebrations of the holy communion. The pastor, Rev. Rogers Israel, D. D., celebrated communion at 6 o'clock; Rev. E. J. Haughton, at 8 o'clock, and at 10:30 o'clock Rev. Dr. Israel, assisted by Rev. Mr. Haughton, celebrated communion, and Dr. Israel preached. There was a large congregation at each of the services.

The beauty of the church interior was enhanced with a profusion of appropriate decorations and the altar was a mass of illuminations. The music was of an especially elaborate character.

NEVER WORE HOPE DIAMONDS.
Duke of Newcastle Says May Yoho Was Not Allowed to Use Them.
By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 25.—Charles M. Schwab, president of the United States Steel Corporation, will sail for Europe tomorrow on La Scribe of the French line. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Schwab and has planned to remain abroad for two months.

\$1,000 REWARD.
In order to make more effective the rewards heretofore offered by the Citizens' Alliance, the following is hereby substituted:

- 1. For dynamiting with the intention of injuring persons or destroying property—One thousand dollars.
- 2. For conspiring to boycott any person, firm or corporation whatever in the city of Scranton—Five hundred dollars.
- 3. For obstructing the streets or the tracks thereon, or criminally interfering in any way with the operation of any public means of transportation—Fifty dollars.
- 4. For assaulting any motor-car or conductor employed by the Scranton Railway Company—Twenty-five dollars.
- 5. For assaulting or reviling any passenger on any public conveyance or alighting therefrom—Twenty-five dollars.
- 6. For throwing stones or other missiles at any public conveyance—Twenty-five dollars.

By order of the Citizens' Alliance,
WILLIAM A. MAY,
Leader.
Attest:
D. B. ATHERTON,
Secretary.

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THEY WON TURKEYS.
Those Who Made High Scores on Bicycle Club's Alleys.
The following gentlemen won the three turkeys offered by the Scranton Bicycle Club for the best bowling scores made during the last two days on the club alleys: E. E. Fryer, 234; Frank J. Foley, 255; H. T. Northrup, 174. The above scores are with the handicaps subtracted.
Another handicap bowling contest for turkeys will be conducted on New Year's eve and New Year's day.

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City Notes.

CONDITION OF COOK.—The condition of Anthony Cook, who was shot last Saturday morning by Frank Challen, was last night reported to be the same as on Tuesday night. He is not yet out of danger.

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES.—The Sunday school exercises at the First Presbyterian church will be conducted tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. The exercises at the Grace Reformed Episcopal church will be conducted tomorrow night beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

CLERK FRENCH'S GENEROSITY.—Percival French, night clerk at the Hotel Jersey, took all the bell-hops employed at that hotelery over to Louis Lohman's restaurant last night and gave them what one of them afterwards described as a "bang-up supper."

TO MARRY IN BINGHAMTON.
Trainmaster J. J. McCann to Wed Miss Kathryn Gaynor.
At an early hour this morning, Trainmaster J. J. McCann, of the Lackawanna railroad, Scranton division, and Miss Kathryn Gaynor, of No. 16 Pearne street, Binghamton, will be united in marriage at St. Mary's Catholic church, Binghamton, by the pastor, Rev. J. J. Higgins.

The ceremony will be witnessed by only a few friends of the bride and groom. The bridesmaid will be Miss M. Alden, and the groomsmen Daniel Barrett, both of Binghamton. Mr. and Mrs. McCann will leave immediately after the ceremony for New York, and will visit Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington and the Charleston exposition before returning. They will reside at 1065 West Linden street.

Carpenter Kills His Wife.
By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 25.—John Bell, carpenter, today shot and killed his wife in the kitchen of their home in Brooklyn. He then lamed up a policeman and confessed his crime, claiming that his wife, who had recently returned from a visit to her parents in Scotland, had been untrue to him.

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