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climb no more steeples.

I'm alive."

for two months.

John Roberts, is laid up at his home,

stood on the top of a 399-foot chimney

and looked down from tall steeples

to get hurt in this way. But I'm not

kicking. I suppose I ought to be glad

Schwab Will Go to Europe.

New York, Dec. 25.-Charles M. Schwab

will sail for Europe temorrow on La Savoie o

the French line. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Schwab and has planned to remain abroa-

NEVER WORE HOPE DIAMONDS.

Duke of Newcstle Says May Yohn

Was Not Allowed to Use Them.

San Francisco, Dec. 25 .- The Duke of

Newcastle passed through San Fran-

cisco yesterday on his way to Los Angeles, where he will spend several

a brother-in-law of Lady Francis Hope

or May Yohe, whose recent escapades

with Major Putnam Bradlee Strong,

with whom she is now somewhere in

that I have come West to gather evi-

'As a high churchatan I am opposed to

divorces, and I am not taking the

slightest interest in my brother's do-

The duke said that the jewels with

herself during her recent visit to Amer-

ica could not have been the Hope jew-

els, for the reason that she was never

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ance, the following is hereby

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inally interfering in any way

ton-Five hundred dollars.

There is no truth in the statement

said the duke.

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weeks for health and recreation.

the Orient, caused a scandal.

Hope's divorce caze."

mestic affairs."

courts," he said.

substituted:

thousand dollars.

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City Notes.

CONDITION OF COOK-The condition Anthony Cook, who was shot last Satunday 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 he conducted tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. The exercises at the Grace Reformed Episcopal church will be conducted tomorrow night be-ginning at 7.30 o'clock.

CLERK FRENCH'S GENEROSITY-Percival French, night clerk at the Hotel Jermyn, took he writes, "I desire to say that I deem all the hell-hoys employed at that hostely over it a proper subject of municipal ownerto Louis Lobman'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, Hinghamton, by the pastor, Rev. J. J.

The ceremony will be witnessed by only a few friends of the bride and groom. The bridesmaid will be Miss M. Alden, and the groomsman Daniel Bar-rett, 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 1005 West Linden street.

Mr. McCann is one of the most popular men on the Lackawanna railroad, and his bride is a charming and estimable young woman, who enjoys a favors municipal ownership and who wide circle of acquaintances in Binghamton.

Carpenter Kills His Wife.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 25 .- John Bell, curpenter, 16 day shot and killed his wife in the kitchen of their home in Brooklyn. He then hunted up a policeman and confessed his crime, claiming that is wife, who had recently returned from a visit to her parents in Scotland, had been untrue to

Mr. Chas. Russell, Concert 'Cellist and Teacher, of New York.

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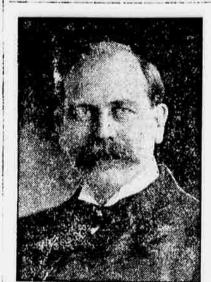
VIEWS ON THE WATER PLANT

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 opinior 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 thought of the community. Earnestness and deep and firm conviction is



RECORDER W. L. CONNELL.

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 hoped to feel it.

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. These certain conditions are in nearly every instance the assurance that the manage ment of such a plant would be kept out of polities,

FAVOR PRESENT PLANT. All but two or three of those favor ing municipal ownership of the water system favor also the purchase of the present plant of the Scranton Gas and er source. Only a very few have kind words for the present water company. A well known lawyer perhaps bes crystalizes the sentiment of those who

believe in municipal ownership but

who feel that politics should be eliminated. "As to the general proposition that a city shall own its own water system." ship. I am not in favor of the city of Scranton entering upon ownership of any water works, either by construction or purchase, until the legislation is such as will provide for its management so as to eliminate it absolutely from polities, by providing for a nonpartisan water board, or such other method as will secure the best busi

ness talent in its administration. The present legislation is very meagre." A well known member of the board of trade and a sound business man has purposes as it is largely impregnated

the following comment to make: "Owing to the average ability (to say nothing of the honesty) of the class of administrators our mixed population and unstable political equilibrium would place in control a major part of the time," writes a leading member of the board of trade. "I do not think it within the range of probability that the adoption of the system would resuit in economic value to the taxpayers of this city. I am therefore op-

ownership as applied to this city." DIFFERENCE IN RATES.

An interesting paragraph taken from the letter of a well known citizen who has something to say about water rates reads as follows: "Aside from the extra charge made

upon individuals resulting from the ownership of water privileges by a private corporation, it is largely detrimental to the industrial interests of the city. I am a taxpayer in Greater New York. The same service for which I am charged \$5 there is \$8 here. Of course, this is but a single instance, but It shows the possibilities of municipal ownership and that, too, in a city where the authorities are charged with grossly extravagant management."

A distinguished member of the bar. who expresses himself as being "heart

teresting observation to make: "I do not think it practicable for the city to purchase the plant of the Scranton Gas and Water company at anything like a proper figure. There is also the objection to this purchase, that the city might, if there were no competing companies, be as arbitrary about water rates as a private corporation. In the borough of Shenandoah there is both a private plant and one owned by the nunlcipality. The result is that the water rates there are practically onehalf of the rates now charged in this

A leading lawyer makes the following comment, after expressing himself as favoring the general proposition of nunicipal ownership:

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. About the only feasible plan I can see would be a law allowing us to take the water company's plant and have the price fixed by a jury of view and the court. I have not much faith in this, though. The temptation would

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

A well-known elergyman favors municipal ownership, but objects to the nurchase of the Scranton Gas and Water company's plant on moral

"I think the best interests of the city public and private, would be best served and promoted by municipal ownership for obvious reasons," he writes, "Purchasing the plant of the Scranton Gas and Water company would be unfair and a violation of implied faith, which neither municipality or individual could afford to be guilty of."

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

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 owner-

ship 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."

An ex-councilman writes as follows after expressing his opposition to municipal ownership:

"Exonerations from water rates place hunting, politics, etc., would render a business administration next to impossible and remunerative returns doubtful. ****** think we should vo slow and not allow indignation over tyrannous methods, or what may be thought to be exhorbitant rates, lead us to enterprise which may result calam-

LET WELL ENOUGH ALONE. One of the city's soundest business

nen writes as follows: "In view of the really splendid water supply enjoyed by our city and the fact that for many years no one has ever called a halt on the free and unlimited use of water under the worst conditions of drought and the further fact that prices have been as reasonable as for other cities, I am inclined to favor let-

ting well enough alone." The letter of one of the men who have largely contributed to make Scrunton 😽 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 reason-

ale cost in my judgment 'Admitting for a moment that it is desirable for it to go in the water business, the only possible way for it to get a sufficient supply of water would be to purchase the Scranton Gas and Water company which I do not think could be purchased at a price that would pay the city to undertake it. It is not possible in my judgment to get an adequate supply of pure water outside of that controlled by the Scranton Gas and Water company at anything cise than a prohibitive cost. The water of the Susquehanna river would not be suitable for domestic supply nor as good as the present supply for steam

with lime. 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 own its own water system. On a 312 or 4 per cent basis on its earning capacity, after the expenses of operation and maintenence are covered, it might be possible to get a fair idea of the value of the company posed to the proposition of municipal but it must be borne in mind that large expenditures are necessary in any system for new resourvois, 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. "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 undobtedly result in inefficient service and greatly increased cost to

the consumer or taxpayer.' The letters keep coming in with every mail and the recorder cannot help but secure many valuable suggestions from

CAR SHORTAGE GROWS WORSE.

Mills and Furnaces Around Pitts-

burg Continue to Shut Down. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press,

Pittsburg, Dec. 25 .- The car shortage in the Pittsburg district is worse than ever before and as a result many mills are shut down or only partly operated All of the mills along the Alleghany Valley railroad, including the Carnegie City mills, have suspended, and it is probable that the big Carnegie company plants attt Homestead and Dumesne will be unable to resume for a week or more after the shutdown of the holidays.

President Schwab, on his recent visit here, said that \$3,000,000 worth of finished product was piled up in the yards of these two concerns, with no present prospect of removal.

Nearly all of the furnaces in the Mahoning Shenango valleys are shut down because of inability to get raw

Lunatic Kills His Mother.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Taylor's Falls, Minn., Dec. 25. Alse Nelson, as old resident, has been taken into custody, charged with killing his mother, 80 years of age, by splitting her head open with an exc, has highly the weak minded but was considered harmless. He is 55 years of age, and was alone with



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companiment and Surrounding Between the Birth and the Ascension. Stands Safely on 400-Foot Chimney, but Tumbles off Wagon Tops. The Week's Services. New York, Dec. 25 .- "Steeple Jack,"

Christmas at St. Luke's was commemorated with three celebrations of No. 162 Eric street, Jersey City, by inthe holy communion. The rector, Rev. juries he received in falling twelve feet Rogers Israel, D. D., celebrated comfrom the top of a wagon which he was munion at 6 o'clock; Rev. E. J. Haughrepairing. His spine was injured, and ton, at 8 o'clock, and at 10.30 o'clock his physician thinks Mr. Roberts will Rev. Dr. Israel, assisted by Rev. Mr. Haughton, celebrated communion, and Mr. Roberts said yesterday: "I have Dr. Israel preached. There was a large congregation at each of the services. The beauty of the church interior was without fear, but I have been hurt by enhanced with a profusion of approprifall from the top of a wagon cover, ate decorations and the altar was a which almost broke my back. It is mass of illuminations. The music was tough after all my years of experience



REV. ROGERS ISRAEL, D. D.

of an especially elaborate character. The sermon by Rev. Dr. Israel was from Matthew, 28:20: "I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." He said: dence to be used in Lord Francis

DR. ISRAEL'S SERMON.

These last words of our Lord before his ascenon, as recorded by St. Matthew, may seem a singular text for this Christman season. But extremes meet. In that which is only human in life, the beginning in infancy and which the former actress decorated human in life, the beginning in infancy and the ending in scribity are peculiarly alike. And while our Saviour's death, resurrection and as-cension all took place in the prime and glory allowed to wear those gems. "None of of a perfected young manhood, there yet remains, as becomes his regal and divine estate, a simithe Hope jewels ever left England until the famous blue diamond was sold re-tently by permission of the British courts," he said. Angelic songs heralded his advent-warm odors of kine and seent of sweet grosses were nature's gifts to the reception of the divine babe-while friendly hands and tender hearts, and eyes all aglow with welcome surrounded its humble crib, A grassy knoll-gathering friends, angelic at-tendants, the sweet pure country, these also were In order to make more effective the rewards heretofore the accompaniments of his last earthly moments. But more than this, the Advent of the diving child introduced a new element into the worship offered by the Citizens' Allias well as the conduct of individuals and to

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found to correctly give the time of death of the adividual-the only definite statement respecting that is its certainty. COME AS AN OFFSET. Now the words of the text come to us today

to offset any feeling of the instability and un-certainty of all things, which may have arisen in our hearts, as we have contemplated, from time to time, the mutable and insufficient characer of things which are of the earth. "I am with you alway, even unto the end of w world" were the last words of Christ as be

cended up on high.

And today, as we mentally gaze into the face
the infant desus-that face which by master hand, and brush of genius, we have been taught to consider so full of thoughtfelness and youthful beauty—shall we not realize a firmer foundation beneath our feet—a stability of nature and of life—begetten of that definite knowledge that is divine child shall be ours alway. So unlike all to which we have been accustomed is the

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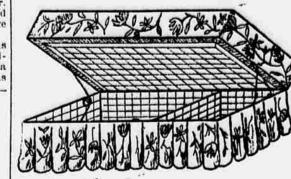
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subtracted. Another handicap bowling contest for turkeys will be conducted on New

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