# WATER SQUEEZED

Public Service Commission Takes Drastic Action in Beaver Valley Case



In the first decision in which it has enunciated the

physical valuation principle the Public Service Commission to-day decided that the property of the Beaver Valley Water company, a Western Pennsylvania corporation, was valued at \$985,000 for rate making purposes. The company claimed a value of \$2,-598,361. The complainants asserted that the value was \$669,885.

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The company operates in Beaver county and vicinity and is a consolidation of a number of companies. Extended hearings were held on the complaints of Solon C. Thayer and others and over 2.000 pages of testimony were taken together with several hundred pages of exhibits. In the decision of the commission, which was written by Chairman W. D. B. Alney, it is held that the company was overcapitalized and that it was entitled to an annual return on its investments of only \$135,950. At the time of the inquiry the company had an outstanding capital stock of \$1,000,000 and bonds of \$1,063,000 with notes of \$184,000 no evidence being presented of sales. In the commission's decision a seven per centrate of return is allowed \$85,000 etc. or operation, maintenance, taxes, and \$12,000 for depreciation.

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In refusing to allow some items the decision says: "Unfortunately some utilities have sought to take advantage of the reproduction-cost method of valuation to capitalize for themselves municipal improvements remote from their own development and in which they have not participated. The penalty they pay is the loss of public confidence and the unfortunate result thereof is the inevitable reflection upon utilities as a whole."

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The commission found that the company claimed pipes paid for by customers as its property and declares that the company failed to sustain its claim for "going value." It also orders that water used by some boroughs for sewer flushing be paid for because in others served by the company a charge is made and declares the system of charging for fire service on the basis of number of fire hydrants for each community is inequitable. It is also suggested that the company install meters to prevent waste and that it prepare new chargement waste and the first and the propare that the first and the propare that the ment of the fact waste waste and that it prepare new chargement

and the production about 45,675,000 pounds.

Compensation Rules—The Workmen's Compensation Board has ruled that claimants who file petitions and who fail to follow up such cases shall have the right to file a second petition, but it will not be considered unless the costs in the first proceeding have been paid. When a defendant fails to appear after timely notice the hearing is to proceed.

Co-operation Plan—Plahs for co-operation between the State Departments of State Police and Fire Marshal have been completed and hereafter the State Police will be called upon to assist the deputy marshals in

ments of State Police and Fire Marshal have been completed and hereafter the State Police will be called upon to assist the deputy marshals in their investigations of fires. The arrangement was worked out this week by Fire Marshal G. Chal Port and Deputy Superintendent G. F. Lumb of the State Police and it is expected because of the small force of the Fire Marshal's office will be overcome.

The troopers will immediately undertake some investigations in conjunction with the marshal's force. The State Insurance Department is also working with the marshal's force. The State Insurance Department is also working with the state Police and it is expected because of the small force of the Fire Marshal's office will be overcome.

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In the fire Marshal's office works Meet. — The regular monthly meeting of the local the home of Wr. T. U. was held at the home of Wrs. William H. Cover, Second street, Tuesday evening. The leaders were were guests of Mrs. Frank Stehman, 363 South Second street, have returned to their home in Lykens. Wr. and Mrs. C. Walter Yost, who were guests of relatives here have returned to their home in Holmesburg. Mrs. Charles P. Feldt, Spruce and Wrs. Charles P. Feldt, Spruce and Street, is spending the week in Milliant the part of the state police and the home of the local with some here, will be avecation at his home here, will his vacation at his home here,

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State Police will also work with the State forest wardens in the coming autumn in running down persons responsible for fires in the woods.

Cost Apportioned. — The Pennsylvania Public Service Commission in a general order issued in the application of the East Eric Commercial railroad has directed the construction of an undergrade crossings by the railroad which will abolish two dangerous grade crossings known as "Six Mile Creek" and "Parke's" crossings and has apportioned the cost of the operation among railroads affected. The East Eric company is to do the work which is to cost \$67,000 and will bear \$11,500 of the cost. The New York Central Railroad will pay \$32,500; New York Chicago and \$1,500; State of Pennsylvania fected; Eric county \$5,000 and Har-\$5,000 because of a State highway afborcreek township, Eric county, \$1.500. An order relative to the relocation of the tracks of the Buffalo and when the work is completed.

Must Pay Lower Prices. — The State Economy and Efficiency commission is taking steps to secure provision at lower prices for the State institutions and as a result of its recent inquiries it has secured promises to furnish supplies at favorable rates to the State. Institutions will be required to buy at such prices or managers may be surcharged.

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# NEWS OF STEELTON

# FROM A WATER CO. HOME GUARD TO GO INTO CAMP

Eighty-five Would Answer "Nation's Call"

At an enthusiastic rally in Black-well's Hall, Adams street, last evening eighty-five stalwart admirers of "the Emancipator," vociferously responded to "Captain" Peter S. Blackwell's roll call and thus became members of "Company A. First Regiment of the Pennsylvania Home Guard" "It was the most enthusiastic meeting since Wilson permitted the Mexican muddle," declared "Captain" Blackwell this morning. Just as soon as the country calls, added Blackwell the company will arm and respond. "Already, the captain explained, fifty uniforms have been obtained and as many more have been promised. Plans are being made to put the men through regular military drills and a committee was appointed at last evening's meeting to obtain a camp site and make other arrangements. September 1 has officially been selected as the date for opening the camp and some wild woodland site back of Enola will likely to be picked for putting the guardsmen through the rigors of camp life.

The committee includes B. J. Burrell, George Moten, and Ottoway Johnson,

STEELTON CHURCHES

Centenary United Brethren — The Rev. A. K. Wier, pastor. The Rev. William Seibert Houck will preach at 10.45 on "Christ Anointed or Neg-lected, Which?" and at 7.30 on "Life for a Look;" Christian Endeavor, 6.30; Sunday school, 9.

First Reformed — The Rev. C. A. Huyette, pastor, will preach at 10.45 on "The Highest Form of Sacrifice" and a t7.30 on "A Notable Miracle." First Presbyterian—The Rev. C. B Segelken, pastor, will preach at 11 and 7.30; Sunday school, 9.45; Christian Endeavor, 6.30.

Trinity German Lutheran—The Rev. C. F. Tiemann, pastor, will preach at 10.15; Sunday school, 9.

summer months with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Cyrus Musser spent last Saturday and Sunday at his home in Elizabethtown.

Mrs. Mary Mountz, of Vine and Penn streets, left last Saturday for Altoona, where she will spend several months with her sister, Mrs. Ella Swartz.

Miss Edith Smith, of Chambersburg, is in town visiting her aunt, Mrs. Edward Sprow, Mumma street.

Mrs. Emmett Maugins and daughter Eulie, of Harrisburg, spent Thursday of last week in town the guests of the former's sister, Mrs. Edward Sprow.

Sprow.
Chester Hoffman, of Dillerville, spent Thursday in town with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Hoffman, of Market street.
Miss Bessle Wolff, of West Second street, left Wednesday for -Mifflin, where she will spend some time with friends.

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Mrs. Philip Devinnie and daughter Evelyn, of Elizabeth. N. J., are in town visiting relatives and friends.

Misses Alma and Erma Houser, of Annyille, are in town and will spend some time with their cousin, Mrs. H. F. Rhoad, of Market street.

## TO PLAY QUOITS ON PLAYGROUND

"Captain" Blackwell's Patriotic Supervisor Irwin Arranges New Games; Supervisors to Meet on Wednesday

Quoit tournaments will be inauguplaygrounds next week and Supervis-

playgrounds next week and Supervisor James Irwin has completed plans for some lively matches.

Instructors of the various playgrounds will meet with Supervisor Irwin next Wednesday evening to discuss the progress made so far and a report will be presented to the Parks and Playgrounds Commission. During the present week there has been increased interest in the various leagues and many changes are announced in the standings follow:

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town, the guests of Miss Josephine
Mathias, of Second street.

John H. Nitrauer, son Ambrose and
daughter Emma, of Middletown, spent
Sunday in town, the guests of the former's son, William Nitrauer, of Penn
street.

Master Samuel Wetzel, of Jury
street, accompanied his aunt, Mrs.
Carrie Rynard, to Shippensburg last
Saturday, where he will spend the
summer months with relatives and
friends.

Mrs. Cyrus Musser spent last Satmrs. Cyrus Musser

rows Point, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis White, Locust street, Wednesday.
Miss Mary Zoll, Oberlin, is spending the week-end with friends in York.

#### Allied Warships Come Close to Capes in Effort to Spy Out Deutschland

Norfolk, Va., July 22.—Allied war-ships off Cape Henry awaiting de-parture of the German submersible Deutschland, after a night of slow cruising, during which their search-lights were played over the entrance to the capes frequently, at daylight to-day quickened their speed and re-sumed their regular north and south patrol.

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It is estimated that the ships are today from eight to ten miles out. At one time last night one of them, presumably a French ship, moved in to within five miles of Virginia Beach, coming closer to shore than she had at any previous time. It was impossible at that distance to determine her identity. She had four funnels. The other ship, which is of a darker color and is supposed to be British, carried three funnels.

Despite reports from Baltimore that Count von Bernstorff plans to visit the Deutschland again next Wednesday, German sources here maintain it will be far out in the Atlantic by that time. Furthermore, they say the Bremen then will be in some American port.

is the first time such action has been taken.

Surface Holds Fort. — State Zoologist Surface was still holding the fort to-day and his friends were bombarding State officials with letters of protest against his dismissal. The sturation is about where it was a week More Cases. — Infantile paralysis has been reported from Bristol, Wilkes-Barre and Pittsburgh.

Costs Cettled. — The State Compensation Board has devised a plan for costs in cases. The charges must be paid promptly or will take the usual course for collection.

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#### COMPLETED LONG TRIP ON MOTORCYCLE



Nat Feldstern of the Excelsior Cycle Company, returned Thursday evening from a motorcycle trip to Philadelphia, Atlantic City, New York and Boston. With him were Mrs. Feldstern and their nine-months-old child and Miss Sarah Brightbill. Four people on an Excelsior motorcycle with sidecar shows the possibilities for pleasure and recreation with one of these machines. The baby seemed to have enjoyed the trip immensely. This picture was taken as soon as they had reached Harrisburg after completing the long journey.

Sunday school, 9.15; junjor Christian Endavor, 6; senior Sunday afternoon, Newcomb, West Side at Hysienic. Christian Endavor, 6; senior Sunday afternoon, Senior Baseball, Schort Street, 19, senior Sunday afternoon, Newcomb, West Side at Hysienic. West Side a

# For Their Services

Demands that there be no further delay in the pay of National Guardsmen for service at the mobilization camp until they entered the federal army and for payment of men rejected because of physical condition. The State has over \$300,000 to its credit in the emergency military appropriation and the names of men rejected were all listed at Mt. Gretnabefore the last regiment left for Texas. The names of others are on company rolls which have been arriving here for some days.

No information has been given why the pay has been delayed and why the selection of a disbursing officer is not made. Adjutant General Stewart is still the disbursing officer for the Federal government but steps for a change have been under way for some time. It is said that one suggestion for a disbursing officer way for some time. It is said that one suggestion for a disbursing officer way for some time. It is said that one suggestion for a disbursing officer way for some time. It is said that one suggestion for a disbursing officer way for some time. It is said that one suggestion for a disbursing officer way for some time. It is said that one suggestion for a disbursing officer way for some time. It is said that one suggestion for a disbursing officer way for some time. It is said that one suggestion for a disbursing officer way for some time. It is said that one suggestion for a disbursing officer way for some time. It is said that one suggestion who were rejected and families of men in the service are writing for money due them, but which is well bound up with red tape.

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#### Apperson "Roadaplane" Now Hold Army Officers Whose on Exhibit in New Quarters

E. L. Cowden, distributor for the Apperson "Roadaplane," the newest model produced by Apperson Bros. Automobile Co., having recently put the property located at 108 Market street, has made some vasting by Market street, has made sowed to the has been added and the huge French has been added the huge French has been added and the huge French has been added and the huge French has been added the huge French has been added the huge French has been added the huge French has b

#### Model 75 Overland Moves Family Over 2,000 Miles

From Seattle, Wash., to Guthrie, Okla., in fifteen days by a family of five, with full camping outfit, including tent, bedding, stove and all necessary cooking utensils, is one more demonstration of the sturdiness and power of the Overland model 75B. C. D. Farrar, late of Seattle, but now

a resident of Oklahoma City, left Seattle May 26 with his family and

a resident of Oklahoma City, left Seattle May 28 with his family and about 500 pounds of baggage. On June 10 he reached Guthrie, Okla.

"We would have come through a day sooner," writes Mr. Farrar of this trip, "but we spent a day with friends in Kansas. We never traveled after nightfall. Some of the roads which we came over were very rough, which also prevented very rapid travel. In the Blue Mountains in Oregon and between Bliss and Perry, Okla., we encountered deep mud. But in spite of all handicaps our car was never stalled once. We frequently rendered aid to other and bigger cars, but not once did we have to have the favor returned.

"We averaged 18½ miles to a gallon of gasoline and 300 miles to the quart of oil throughout the 2,445 miles of the journey over all sorts of roads.

"We ran into two storms, which also served to delay us for a few hours. At one time two inches of hail and snow fell, but we drove through it all without faltering."

This is but one of many similar letters of commendation on the model 75B which the Willys-Overland Company's home office in Toledo, as well as their many dealers throughout the United States and Cananda, receive almost daily. In fact, so popular has this light car become that the factory is kept working night and day to make deliveries of this model. More than two-thirds of the Willys-Overland factory's daily output consists of model 75Bs, yet thousands of orders are waiting to be filled.

#### Four More Youngsters Certain of a Week at McCormick's Island

# Car Hits Patrolman

## IN PAJAMAS TO HELP CHICKENS

Startled Hockersville During Wee Sma' Hours



Sometime after midnight Mr. Erb was aroused by the sound of chickens squawking in his coops; thieves had been annoying the neighborhood a lot been annoying the neighborhood a lot latel yand at the first "squawk" the county official was on his reet, trusty shotgun in hand. Then he heard a big truck rattle past. He ran down the street in pursuit, firing his gun in the air as he raced along. At the end of town he stopped the team. Quick investigation showed that the vehicle contained no chickens. The reply of a disgusted driver was, according to Mr. Erb, disconcerting:

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Mr. Erb, disconcerting:

"Whacha runnin' through town like that for anyway, bo? Now don't stop me no more. I'm driving supplies to Gretna." And the dray load of materials for the troop camp rumbled along on its way. on its way.

"Is it true, Mr. Erb," persisted a reporter "that you gave chase in your pajamas?" "That's private matter entirely, and can certainly not interest the public," retorted the deputy coldly.

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Viewers to Meet Tuesday —Further hearing in the Front and Second street subway cases will be held Tuesday. If the viewers cannot arrange to meet in City Council Chamber the session will be field in No. 2 courtroom.

Dauphin County Bonds

The undersigned solicits pro-posals for the sale to it, at not exceeding par and interest, of sufficient

\* Dauphin County 3% Bonds due 1931

to permit the investment of \$22,577.64 for the benefit of the sinking fund established for the issue of January 1, 1901.

Proposals pursuant to this notice should be sealed and plainly marked "Proposals for the Sale of Dauphin County Bonds due 1931," and received by the undersigned not later than four o'clock p. m., August 3, 1916.

The right is reserved to reject any and all bids, in whole or in part.

Commonwealth Trust Company TRUSTEE

## STATE'S POWER TO TAX IS DEFINED

Deputy Prothonotary Erb Important Opinion Given by Deputy Attorney General Kun on Obligations

Courthouse attaches and their clerks in whose offices Deputy Prothonotary Elmer E. Erb is a more or less casual visitor were all wrought up to-day over the story of Mr. Erb sensational chase for chicken thieves over the quiet streets of Hockersville during this morning's wee sma' hours.

The fact that the deputy hadn't hesitated long enough to slip on his bedroom slippers added a touch of real excitement to the tate when the hearers recalled the condition of Hockersville street.

The further fact that Mr. Erb was clad breezily in pajamas only gave the story an actual thrill. Modestly Mr. Erb admitted some of the facts to day:

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LUTHERANS TO PICNIC

The annual Sunday school picnic of the Trinity Lutheran Church of Camp Hill will be held at Bolling Springs Park, Thursday, July 27.

Prospect Hill Cemetery MARKET AND 26TH STREETS
This cemetery is soon to be enlarged and beautifed under plans
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