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LET US HAVE PEACE.

The injunction suit between the Shenandoah Water and Gas Company and the Electric Railway Company has been amicably adjusted and all interested seem perfectly satisfied.

Suppose the Water Company and the Joint Committee on public water works, or the Borough Council, or all, now try a hand at amicable settlements. The factors of both parties are citizens of the borough and, as such, they should aim to dwell in harmony and strive to make the leading town in the county a prosperous one.

Let the cool heads of the contending factions come together and look over matters.

It is true that the people were incensed by the action of the Water Company in suing for the money claimed to be due on back fire plug supply and that, at the time, there was a strong public sentiment in favor of the establishment of public water works.

It is none the less true that carelessness in the transaction of business of the Borough Council enabled the Water Company to recover judgment in that suit. The minutes of the Borough Council in connection with the matter were defective and, through shortsightedness of the councilmen of the time, a verbal agreement was accepted, instead of requiring one in writing.

The action of the Water Company, in going back on the verbal agreement, was unreasonable and unjust—morally, but in law the claim was held a good one. The company claimed what it was entitled to under the law by reason of the neglect and ignorance of the men elected by the people to protect their interests.

These are undeniable facts. Now, then, let the new water works movement be pushed forward cautiously. Let us be sure we are right and that we have the people with us.

'Tis true that at the public meeting held some time ago there was a cry for public water works. But let us ask ourselves if the four or five hundred people at that meeting formed the ma-

majority of the taxpayers of the town. No sane man can make such a claim. The only way in which the majority of the taxpayers of a town or city can voice its sentiment is by an election. By ballot, and not by word of mouth.

Considering this, what should be the first step toward establishing the public water works? The accumulation of facts and figures leading to a reliable estimate of the cost of such works and a special election, to give the majority of the taxpayers an opportunity to say whether or not they want public water works and are willing to expend the amount that may be decided upon for them.

This is reasonable, just, and the only lawful procedure. But what is the plan proposed? To go ahead under the \$45,000 increase of debt and an additional \$10,000 the borough is at liberty to extract in accordance with the right to a bonded indebtedness equal to 2 per cent. With this \$55,000 the plant is to be started and after it is started the people will be asked to hold a special election to provide for the completion of the plant.

Why not have the special election now? Why sink \$55,000 in the works under the color of authority (it is nothing more) by reason of the ten-year old grant, and subject the people to a thousand possibilities of bankruptcy? A special election would dispose of all questions as to authority to proceed under the election of ten years ago and make the authority clear.

The members of the Joint Committee say they are acting under legal advice and are advised they have the authority to act under the old special election. The old water company officials are equally positive in their declarations that, authority under that election has lapsed. The court may decide in the case being argued one way or the other, but the Supreme Court holds out hope to which side may be defeated and then the pyramid of legal fees will take shape, and where is the \$10,000, or \$45,000 fund?

It is not necessary to have the Court pass upon the question at all. A special election would settle the whole matter.

But, better still, let the new water company enthusiasts consent to a conference for an amicable settlement in writing.

That word *writing* was the rotten apple in the barrel, we all must admit.

BOROUGH ITEMS

GLEANINGS BY THE LOCAL CORPS OF REPORTERS.

WHAT THE SCRIBES SEE AND HEAR

Rev. Powick Preached a Revival Sermon in the Methodist Episcopal Church Sunday Evening.—"The Lake of Fire."

The sermon in the Methodist Episcopal church on Sunday evening was on the old fashioned subject of everlasting fire. Rev. 20-15: "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." Holy Writ speaks concerning our future with considerable reserve. Its salient features are exhibited with clearness but there is much scope left for human imagination and speculation. The facts of a judgment to come and everlasting bliss for the good and everlasting punishment for the bad are plainly revealed. The book of Revelation is an attempt by St. John to describe what he saw through the open door of heaven. (Rev. 4:1.) Among the many things he saw which have exercised the minds of men and furnished material for not a little idle speculation was a great white throne of judgment before which the dead both small and great stood to be judged according to their works. The closing scenes of the judgment witnessed the casting into the lake of fire of all whose names were not found written in the Book of Life. The question has been raised, "Is this fire literal or figurative?" The Bible does not explain, consequently he could not answer the question without reflecting upon the questioner. It ought to be understood that a fool can ask a thousand questions that all the philosophers in the world cannot answer. If figurative, the reality must exceed the figure by which it is set forth. We shall know more about this hereafter. Another question is "can you reconcile it with God's goodness?" We are under no obligations to do so. Its truth does not depend upon our ability to do so. We are not called to defend or apologize for the truth but to preach it in all its native ruggedness. But where do you get your notions of God's goodness? Not from nature. "The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament showeth his handiwork"—but not his character. I can see the skill of the artist in the frescoes around us, and of the architect in the proportions of the building, but I must get a knowledge of their character elsewhere. So the universe reveals God's skill but not his character. Law, inexorable law, reigns in nature and nothing in it speaks to us of goodness. Only the book of God reveals God's character. And the sort of goodness it attributes to God is such as is consistent with the everlasting punishment of the wicked. If human reason is to sit in judgment upon revelation and accept what pleases it and reject what displeases it, it may turn out, if part is true and part false, that what we accept is false and what we reject is true. Heaven and hell rest upon the same authority and if faith is undermined in hell faith in heaven goes along with it. Another question men ask is, "Is there any way out of it?" We know of none. Some men think there ought to be and the wish that there may be becomes a father to the thought that there will be. But the word of God affords no hope. Nobody pretends that "post mortem probation" has any other foundation than human reason. But suppose there should prove to be a way out why should anybody prefer such a round about underground route to heaven when a direct one is available to all. Finally it is significant that the reason men are assigned to the lake of fire is not because of what they do but because of what they neglect to do. "Inasmuch as ye did it not"—so the Word runs—"depart ye cursed." How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation? "Whosoever was not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire."

AT REST.
The Late Mrs. Evans Buried on Saturday.
 The funeral of the late Eliza Behl Evans, wife of Rev. D. I. Evans, pastor of the Welsh Baptist church, took place on Saturday, from the late residence on Poplar street. The funeral took place at 2 p. m. Before the departure from the house Rev. Owen Enoch, of the Welsh Congregational church, offered prayer, which was followed by singing by the Welsh Baptist church choir. Rev. Edwards, of Minersville, also offered prayer, and a brief funeral sermon was delivered by Rev. D. S. Thomas, of Kingston.

The funeral proceeded to the Welsh Baptist church. In accordance with the last wish of the deceased the coffin was not opened there. The services were of a very impressive character. Eloquent and impressive addresses touching upon the christian life and work of the deceased were made by Rev. D. S. Thomas, of Kingston; Williams, of Ashland; Rev. Edwards, of Minersville; Rev. Grubler, of the German Lutheran church, of town, and Rev. H. J. Glick, of the Ebenezer Evangelical church, of town. Several hymns translated from the Welsh to English language by the deceased were rendered by the choir.

The remains were followed to the Odd Fellows' cemetery by a large number of people, among them many of our most prominent citizens. At the grave Revs. Powick, of the Methodist Episcopal church, Russell, of the Primitive Methodist church, and D. S. Thomas spoke briefly. Rev. H. G. James, of the English Baptist church, was also in attendance. Among the out of town people who were present at the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Evans and Mrs. Annie Evans, of Nanticoke, Mrs. Martha Bowen, of Grand Tunnel, and T. D. Griffiths, of St. Clair.

The pall bearers were Messrs. J. E. Davis, Edward Capper, John L. Williams, Luke Bowen, John R. Jones and Robert Edwards.

The father of Mrs. D. I. Evans, the deceased, is a gentleman farmer and one of the most respected residents of The Vale of Glanorgan, South Wales.

Staley To-night.
 Long before the curtain rose at the Farnam street theatre last night the "standing room only" sign had to be hung out. Such was the welcome Omaha gave to George C. Staley and his thrilling play, "A Royal Pass." All the interest of courses centered around Mr. Staley, who is one of the cleverest of the German dialect comedians now on the stage. His work showed the result of hard study and a close attention to details. The support was good and the audience lavished their applause upon Louise, the little child of the star. In his scenes and songs with his baby Mr. Staley is very reminiscent of Fritz Emmet.

While the whole play was interesting the great attraction was the locomotive race in the third act. The two engines looked for all the world like veritable "steeds of steam" and whirled across the stage at a surprisingly high rate of speed. When the curtain went down on the scene it seemed as if the applause would never cease. "A Royal Pass" tells a story of German love for home and tyranny of petty Russian officials.—*Omaha Daily Bee.* "A Royal Pass" will be produced at Ferguson's theatre to-night.

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At the Churches.
 The Presbyterian church was crowded last evening and a large number of the attendants were Jewish residents of the town. Rev. McNally preached a very interesting sermon on the Millennium—the thousand years mentioned in the twentieth chapter of Revelation, during which period Satan will be bound, and holiness become triumphant throughout the world. Rev. McNally held the undivided attention of his listeners to the close of the service.

Rev. Owen Enoch preached his first sermon yesterday as the regular ordained pastor of the Welsh Congregational church. Rev. D. S. Thomas, of Kingston, occupied the pulpit of the Welsh Baptist church yesterday, in the absence of Rev. D. I. Evans, who is bereaved by the death of his beloved wife.

YE SLEIGH BELLS RING.

Good Sleighting in Town but Bad Outside.

The jingle of the sleigh bells could be heard all over town Saturday evening and yesterday. The liverymen were well taxed, in fact the demand was greater than the supply. Many were the cooling couples. Up and down the streets they dashed behind prancing steeds and it was evident to the spectators that the sleighing was "just perfectly lovely."

Straw ride parties were numerous, but cutters outnumbered them by fifty to one. Some of the "turn outs" were natty and the roadsters were, in many instances, of a speedy character.

There were numerous spurts on Main street yesterday and the local trotting horse breeders enjoyed and displayed themselves the width and length of the streets. There were some spirited brushes occasionally and some good old ladies on their way to the houses of worship were prompted to exclaim, "Mercy me!" The echo was, "Let go yer nag and I'll pull der harness off'n him."

The suburban sleighing parties afford fun enough for a comic opera, or an extravaganza. Merrily some parties drove east and towards Mahanoy City, but dejectedly did they return with a ton, or more, of mud clinging to their cutters.

The excitement at Mahanoy City has grown to such a heat the atmosphere intervening between this point and that melts the snow as fast as it falls.

Today, alas! the whole atmosphere changed. Rain came and, lo and behold, the joy of the merry makers is melting. 'Tis rather late to hope for another fall of flakes, but the political season is drawing nigh, and we are all prepared for disappointments, or surprises.

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You have to watch where and how you tread these days.

PERSONAL.

"Bob" Binning is home again.

Mrs. J. Cather is laid up with the grip. B. F. Woomer, of West Centre street, is down with the grip.

Lawyer MacMillan, of Mahanoy City, was in town on Friday.

Miss Mary Kane, of St. Nicholas, is visiting friends in town.

Councilman Scheiffy paid a flying visit to Philadelphia on Friday last.

T. R. Beddall, Esq., is still confined to his home on account of illness.

A. L. Shay, Esq., of Pottsville, spent Saturday and Sunday in town.

President Thomas, of the Kebabey Run colliery, was in town on Saturday.

Miss Marie Boyer spent Saturday and Sunday with Mahanoy City friends.

Miss Virgie Hoollopeter, who has had a long siege of the grip, was out on Saturday.

Rev. John Grubler was among a number of our citizens who visited Orwigsburg last week.

H. Weiderhold and wife leave for Germany on the steamer Waesland February 3d.

William Taggart, an old Schuylkill county coal operator died up country last week.

John Cather, Jr., who had been to Hot Springs for the benefit of his health, has fully recovered.

George W. Werner and L. W. Kern, two of Orwigsburg's citizens, were visitors to town last week.

Mr. Graham, representing Megargos Brothers, paper dealers, Scranton, was in town on Saturday.

The Herald acknowledges reporterial favors at the hands of Mr. Evan Evans, of South West street.

John E. Phillips and wife, who were visiting friends in town, left for their home in Perth Amboy to-day.

Robert Miller, representing the grocery firm of Richard Devine, Philadelphia, was in town on Saturday.

W. J. Morgans, who left here on the 4th inst. for Crested Butte, Colorado, arrived safe at his new home.

C. H. Holderman, jeweler of town, received intelligence of the death of his father, in Germany, last week.

Dr. D. J. Langton has been appointed out door physician for Shenandoah and vicinity by the Poor Directors.

Judge W. F. Sadler, of Carlisle, President of the Electric Railway, was registered at the Ferguson House on Saturday.

William C. Gibson, of Wanamie, spent Saturday evening and yesterday in town, the guest of Superintendent Thomas Baird.

Rev. Charles Spurr, one of the oldest and best known Primitive Methodist clergymen in the state, died at Mahanoy City last week.

Rev. D. S. Thomas spent Saturday and Sunday in town the guest of John R. Jones, and left for his home in Kingston to-day.

Ex-Senator Torbert, of Girard Manor, makes frequent visits to town and was here last week shaking hands with numerous friends.

Mrs. James Smith, who has been seriously ill the past five months, is now convalescent and able to sit up. Her many friends look for her speedy recovery.

Rev. D. M. Jones, of Mahanoy City, came to town yesterday to attend the funeral of the late Mrs. D. I. Evans and was distressed to find that through some mistake he was led to believe the funeral was to take place on Sunday instead of Saturday.

A. P. Blakely, of Delano; P. J. Ferguson, Rev. John Grubler, J. J. France, Shenandoah; J. R. Leisenring, Hazleton; Wm. H. Lewis, Wm. Penn, and Dr. J. C. Biddle, Fountain Springs, were among others elected directors of the First National Bank, of Orwigsburg.

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