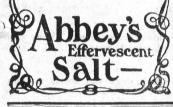


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# LETTER BOX

THE WATERWORKS SURPLUS.

To the Editor of The Planet:

Dear Sir,—I noticed a letter signed Ratepayer in a late issue of your paper, in which he asserts that the waterworks are not self-sustaining, as the city pays out \$4,506 more than she receives in water for hydrants and other purposes, and then asks, "How can any line of business be self-supporting that has to draw every year from outside sources?"

Now, sir, if his statements of the case were true, I would agree with him. But for the information of Ratepayer and Citizen (as I believe they are one and the same) I will endeavor to give facts and figures to prove he is wrong.

He says the city pays annually \$10,-120 on debentures. This included last year's principal, amounting to \$3,922 To the Editor of The Planet:

year's principal, amounting to \$3,922 and interest, \$6,198. These figures and interest, \$6,198. These figures are correct; at the same time he only credits the waterworks with \$5,518 water supplied to the city. This does not include free water to the Dowsley and Chaplin Works, which would amount to perhaps \$200 more; nor does he mention the fact that the city only pays \$30 per hydrant now, as against \$35 formerly paid to the waterworks company, which is from \$5 to \$10 per hydrant less than is charged in most cities. But admitting, for in most cities. But admitting, for argument's sake, that the water furrargiment's sake, that the water furrished to the city is only worth \$5.518 annually, what about the \$3,487 paid out for extensions last year, the \$3,000 given to the city, the \$1,000 worth of coal on hand, and \$1,000 in the bank, making in all \$13,005, after paying all expenses, as against \$10,120 paid by the city on debentures, leaving a balance to the credit of the waterworks of \$2,885 for this year, 1902?

But he may say \$3,487 of that was But he may say \$3,487 of that was used for making necessary extensions. I grant that; but there was very little or no revenue derived from that outlay last year, but there will be hereafter. At the same time the plant was enriched to that amount, which is certainly a good asset. In other words, had the commissioners not used that money, but have handed it over to the city, the same result would have been obtained, but with this difference, that the city would have spent the cash, while the extensions remain, and will return from 15 to 25 per cent, interest yearly for all o 25 per cent, interest yearly for all

time.

Had I the time I might lengthen this letter, but I trust I have shown that Ratepayer was mistaken, and, in justice to all, he should be manly enough to come out over his own signature and acknowledge that he was

I am yours.
JNO. L. BRAY.

## FROM THE COUNTY

Election Returns from the Various Municipalities - Some Changes in the County Council.

The Complete returns are not yet in from the county, but the personnel of the County Council for 1903 is known. Several of the old councillors met defeat. George Johns and Frank Rankin will not be seen at the County Council this year. They were the only two from the Council of 1902 who met defeat at the hands of the electors, Messrs. Sifton, Sturgis, French, Somers, McCoy, Reyeraft, Vester, Ross and Robinson, all members of the old Council, were returned. Messrs. Hornall, Handy, Haggart, Grant and Hornall, Handy, Haggart, Grant and Chinnick are the new members. The following is the result in the various Districts:

Districts:—
District No. 1—Joseph Hornall and
William Sifton, Orford.
Defeated candidates, Geo. Johns and
James McRitchie.
Division No. 2—S. P. Sturgis and

Defeated candidate, J. E. McGlogh-

District No. 3-Shep. Somers and J. N. McCoy.

Defeated candidates, Arthur Stewart and Thos. Hayes.

District No. 4 — John Reycraft, Ridgetown, and George Handy, How-

Defeated candidates, Joseph Booth-

royd, Jas. Serson and Wm. Regan
District No. 5—John Vester a
Peter Haggart. Defeated candidate, Richard Young. District No. 6.—John Grant and Jas.

and

Defeated candidates, Francis Rankin and Samuel Wellwood.

District No. 7—James Ross and Thos.

Defeated candidates, Percy Gahn and Henry Wilson.

**County Commissioners** CHATHAM TOWNSHIP.

No. 1-Hays 16, McCoy 62, Somers 83, No. 2-Hayes 6, McCoy 45, Somers

31. Stewart 127

No. 2—Hayes 6, McCoy 45, Somers 31, Stewart 127.

No. 3—Hayes 8, McCoy 15, Somers 26, No. 4—Hayes 8, McCoy 37, Somers 56, Stewart 145.

No. 4—Hayes 8, McCoy 37, Somers 56, Stewart 79.

No. 5—Hayes 29, McCoy 30, Somers 40, Stewart 56.

No. 6—Hayes 58, McCoy 37, Somers 29, Stewart 17.

No. 7—Hayes 9, McCoy 131, Somers 29, Stewart 19.

No. 8—Hayes 69, McCoy 96, Somers 48, Stewart 19.

No. 9—Hayes 6, McCoy 108, Somers 48, Stewart 11.

No. 10—Hayes 6, McCoy 33, Somers 63, Stewart 11.

No. 10—Hayes 4, McCoy 33, Somers 63, Stewart 18.

Totals—Hayes 73, McCoy 594, Somers 52, Stewart 176.

Wallaceburg—Hayes 214, McCoy 260, Somers 541, Stewart 52.

Total—Hayes 527, McCoy 849, Somers 1,069, Stewart 488.

DOVER TOWNSHIP. No. 1—Chinnick 12, Grant 103, Ran-kin 137, Wellwood 5.

When the wall is out of plumb the building is more or less unsafe, and the higher the wall is carried out of the perpendicular the greater the danger of collapse. It's about so with the health; it is out of plumb when the digestion is impaired, when there is a dull, sluggish feeling, with nervousness, irritability and sleeplessness.

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No. 2-Chinnick 4, Grant 127, Rankir 44, Wellwood 3.
No. 3—Chinnick 13, Grant 190, Ran-kin 61, Wellwood 53. o. 4—Chinnick 6, 16, Wellwood 28. 4-Chinnick Grant 54. Ran-No. 5—Chinnick 2, Grant 82, Ran-kin 74, Wellwood 9.

No. 6-Chinnick 1, Grant 19, Rankin 80, Wellwood 1. No. 7—Chinnick 4, Grant 94, Rankin 127, Wellwood 2.
No. 8—Chinnick 3, Grant 85, Ran-kin 76, Wellwood 4.

HARWICH TOWNSHIP. No. 1-Haggart 52, Vester 65, Young

No. 2-Haggart 26, Vester 48, Young

No. 3-Haggart 30, Vester 59, Young No. 4 - Haggart 20, Vester 105, No. 5 — Haggart 69, Vester 102, No. 6 - Haggart 114, Vester 72,

No. 7—Haggart 12, Vester 72, Young 78. No. 8-Haggart 5, Vester 49, Young

No. 9-Haggart 31, Vester 92, Young No. 10 - Haggart 44, Vester 60,

Young 77.
No. 11 — Haggart 39, Vester 32, Young 107. Blenheim-Haggart 483, Vester 225,

Young 76. Totals-Haggart 925, Vester 981, Young 924.

ORFORD TOWNSHIP.

The elections in Orford Township resulted as follows: Reeve—James Webster. Councillors—George Reycraft, M.

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But the trouble is that while we

But the trouble is that while we eat enough and generally too much, the stomach, from abuse and over-work, does not properly digest and assimilate it, which is the reason so many people remain thin and under weight; the digestive organs do not completely digest the flesh forming beefsteak and eggs and similar wholesome food.

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stomachs.

If such persons would lay their prejudices as de and make a regular If such persons would lay their prejudices aside and make a regular practice of taking, after each meal, one or two of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets the food would be quickly and thoroughly digested, because these tablets contain the natural peptones and diastase which every weak stomach lacks, and by supplying this want the stomach is soon enabled to regain its natural tone and vigor.

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Sub-div. No. 4-O'Neill 28, Purser Sub-div. No. 5-O'Neill 26, Purser Sub-div. No. 6—O'Neill 6, Purser 43. Sub-div. No. 7—O'Neill 56, Purser

Sub-div. No. 8-O'Neill 32, Purser

Councillors-

No. 1—Crawford 85, Boger 49, King 52, Lewis 51, Terry 105.
No. 2—Crawford 51, Boger 64, King 22, Lewis 37, Terry 52.
No. 3—Crawford 53, Boger 141, King 141, Lewis 47, Terry 16.
No. 4—Crawford 8, Boger 19, King 52, Lewis 17, Terry 2.

No. 4—Crawford 8, Boger 19, King 52, Lewis 17, Terry 2.
No. 5—Crawford 21, Boger 93, King 90, Lewis 76, Terry 11.
No. 6—Crawford 36, Boger 6, King 19, Lewis 47, Terry 16.
No. 7—Crawford 81, Boger 28, King 28, Lewis 63, Terry 67.
No. 8—Crawford 78, Roger 23, King 21, Lewis 32, Terry 37.
Reeve — Cornelius Purser 500, Timothy O'Neill 290.

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Reeve — Cornelius Purser 500,
Timothy O'Neill 290.
Councillors—George King 425, William Boyer 423, Peter Orawford 413,
Joseph Lewis 370, John Terry 307.
Commissioners—John Grant 754,
Francis Rankin 615, Sam Wellwood
105, James Chinnick 45.

### CHATHAM TOWNSHIP.

No. 1—Abraham 184, Armstrong 46, George 54, Merritt 36, Moir 24, O Neill 45, Shaw 26, Tompkans 142, Temple-

45, Shaw 26, Tompkins 142, Templeton 87.

No. 2—Abraham 50, Armstrong 46, George 38, Merritt 76, Moir 11, O'Neill 32, Shaw 14, Tompkins 27, Templeton 22.

No. 3-Abraham 41, Amstrong 25, George 55, Merritt 48, Moir 19, O'Neill 12, Shaw 18, Tompkins 47, Temple-

No. 4—Abraham 34, Armstrong 15, leorge 34, Merritt 42, Moi. 48, O'Neill 4, Shaw 39, Tompkins 37, Temple-

No. 5—Abraham 26, Armstrong 13, George 27, Merritt 20, Moir 69, O'Neill 9, Shaw 28, Tompkins 17, Temple-

ton 49. No. 6—Abraham 33, Armstrong 27, George 44, Merritt 8, Moir 1, O'Neill 10, Shaw 3, Tompkins 21, Temple-No. 7—Abraham 58, Armstrong 47, George 79, Merritt 25, Moir 8, O'Neill 10, Shaw 19, Tompkins 35, Temple-

No. 8—Abraham 51, Armstrong 21, George 106, Merritt 69, Moir 2, O'Neill 43, Shaw 20, Tompkins 42, Temple-

ton 126.
No. 9—Abraham 17, Armstrong 7, George 78, Merritt 18, Moir 10, O'Neill 5, Shaw 13, Tompkins 40, Templeton 69.

No. 10—Abraham 48, Armstrong 11, George 38, Merritt 13, Moir 42, O'Neill 13, Shaw 11, Tompkins 46, Temple-Reeve-Cummings, acclamation.

Abraham 542, elected; Armstrong 311, George 516, elected; Merritt 307, Moir 234, O Neill 193, Shaw 191, Tomp-kins 454, elected; Templetom 583, elected.

HARWICH TOWNSHIP. Reeve-P. Morrison, acclamation.

Councillors-No. 1—Buchanan 47, Bentley 37, Campbell 62, McCormick 81, Wilson 83.

No. 2—Buchanan 29, Bentley 25, Campbell 42, McCormick 74, Wilson No. 3—Buchanan 44, Bentley 44, Campbell 33, McCormick 45, Wilson

No. 4—Buchanan 70, Bentley 63, Campbell 47, McCormick 72, Wilson

No. 5—Buchanan 118, Bentley 97, Campbell 64, McCormick 82, Wilson No. 6-Buchanan 106. Bentley 95 Campbell 48, McCormick 77, Wilson

82. No. 7—Buobanan 24, Bentley 12, Campbell 38, McCormick 30, Wilson 53.

No. 8—Buchanan 25, Bentley 22, Campbell 85, McCormick 68, Wilson No. 9—Buchanan 60, Bentley 70, Campbell 64, McCormick 81, Wilson 36.

No. 10—Buchanan 71, Bentley 78, Campbell 29, McCormick 57, Wilson

3. No. 11—Buchanan 64, Bentley 82, No. 11—Buchanan 64, Bentley 82, Campbell 44, McCormick 50, Totals-Buchanan 658, Bentley 625,

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TILBURY VILLAGE.

Councillors—Capt. Edgecombe, I Sharp, Jos. Wilson and W. A. Joh son. Trustees-F. E. Nelles, Dr. Fergu-son and Henry Richardson.

RALEIGH TOWNSHIP.

Reeve—James Clayton.
Councillors—John Stringer, Edward
Dillon, William Irwin and Ed. Randall, acclamation.
James Clayton defeated Alex. Dolsen, Patrick Doyle and Ledson Pardo, for the reeveship.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

# FINANCIAL WORLD SHAKEN BY STANDARD OIL CO.

# SENSATIONAL ADVANCE OF \$1 A BARREL ON FUEL OIL.

## BIG REFINERY DEAL in KERN RIVER

Unanimous Vote of Directors of Eastern Consolidated Oil Co. most Important in its History-Means Fortunes in Dividends to its Stockholders-Rapid Advance of Shares Predicted-The Public, Thoroughly Aroused. Realizes that Oil Investments like Eastern Consolidated are Both Safe and Enormously Profitable.

The financial centres of the world As seen as sufficient funds have been raised vere shaken to their foundation by the announcements made in New York papers on Dec. 29 and 30 that the Standard O'll Co. had sent the price of fuel o'll up 181 a baarel. This means millions of dollars an-nually to the oil business of this

The stock of the Standard Oil Co. has advanced \$36 in less than three

The fact is of tremendous import to every stockholder or prospective inves-tor in the Eastern consolidated Oil Co., which has rich holdings in the heart of the Kern Fiver District in California.

These properties are in the very heart of the richest oil section in the world. Six nich producing wells are already down on this property.

Standard Dil Co's Experience The history and experience of the Standard Oil Co. show that the richest profits of the oil industry are in oil refining.

in o'll refining.

Orade oil sells for a good profit, it is, true, but when once it is refined and separated into illuminating oil, fuel oil, lubriceating oil and the various by-products, such as the gasolene and naptha group and asphalt, it is many times as profitable.

There the greatest

There the greatest, most urgent need of the oil industry is the need of oil refineries. What happened in the early days of the oil industry in Pennsylvania will happen again.

Eastern Consolidated Opportunity. The officers and directors of the Eastern Consolidated O.I. Co. anticipated these conditions, and when the time came they were ready to act.

The Eastern Consolidated Oil Co aiready has over 21.000 acres of rich oil land, 114 produc-ing oil wells and a production of over 600,000 barrels of oil a month.

The fact that the Eastern Consolidated Oill Co. already has this enorm-eus production of oil and large acre-age of oil lands (all practically paid for) and the control of t for) puts it in a position to realize to the full the advantages to be derived from the erection of a

big oil refinery. Will Build Big Oil Refinery

The officers were approached by capitalists who wished to organize a separate company and build a big refinery, but the plan was refused. The officers of the Eastern Consoliany one were to make these enormous profits from the oil of the Eastern Consolidated Ofi Co.'s Kern River
wells, it should be the stockholders
of the company and no one else.

No debt of any kind or any amount, however small, shall be incurred for the building of the Off Refinery in Kern River.

A refinery will not only vastly increase the company's revenues, but render it practically independent. It opens the way to new success greater dividends in the future success and

# Special Allotment of Stock.

At one of the most important meetings ever held in the history of the Eastern Consolidated Oil Co. the directors considered ways and means for building the refinery.

for this purpose the stock will either be taken off sale entirely or advanced to par value-\$1

In order to appreciate the value of a refinery on the Eastern Consolidated Oil Co's Kern River property, it should be remembered that the company already has six big 'producing wells on this tract, pouring forth oil at the rate of over 50,000 barrels monthly!

Now, while 50,000 barrels of crude.

monthly!

Now, while 50,000 barrels of crude oil at only 50c a barrel represents the exceedingly tidy income of \$25,000 a month, yet with a refinery that income can easily be augmented to over \$100,000 a month!

Profits of Oil Refining

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The following table will show roughly and approximately the proportion

ly and approximately the prop of the different distillates of barrels of crude oil:

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aptha, about	10,000
ubricating oils, about	8,500
Asphalt, about	3,4000
Waste and loss	600
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Refinery of Ample Capacity.

The new refinery will be of ample capacity and capable of refining into the different distillates many thousands of barrels of crude oil every day. Should the production from the company's own wells be less than the capacity of the company's own wells be less than the capacity of its new refinery, several of the largest companies in Kern River will be glad to turn their oil over to us for refining at a hand-some profit.

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some profit.

The officers of the Eastern Consolidated Oil Co. ,have already been approached by the officers of one company which was contemplating the construction of an expensive pipe line to carry away its crude oil. They are anxious to have the Eastern Consolidated Oil Co. refine their oil, and will make advantages atoms.

make advantageous terms.

Rapid Rise of Sto.k. For a number of weeks we have been talking about the advance of the stock of this company from 50

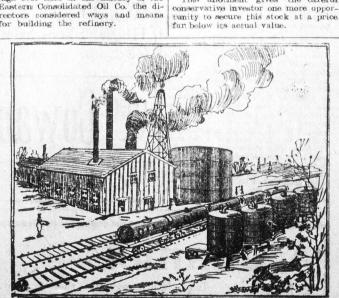
cents a share to par value.

The intelligent and careful investor will understand and appreciate the reason for the present action of the directors. The issue of a new allotment of stock at the old price is made for a greekal and delived which the

for a special and defined object, to build a refinery.

The refinery, once built, will so in-crease the company's revenues that the price of the stock will of necessity advance.

Within a few months the price of Eastern Consolidated will Co's stock will certainly advance, not merely to par, but in all probability to several dollars a share. This allotment gives the careful



OH, RESINERY IN KERN RIVER

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