

The Daily Planet

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LAWN WATER SERVICE.

Whither is the management of the Waterworks drifting? When by a public vote the water supply was put under the control of two Commissioners and the Mayor for the time being it was thought that these gentlemen would manage the new undertaking in the interest of the city at large, and no doubt in the past good service has been rendered and the wants of the citizens considered. The Commissioners acted as the servants of the people to operate the Works for the public good and without undue burdens, but they nevertheless looked forward to the reduction of water rates as the users increased and the service extended; and in fairness to the Commissioners of the past it must be said that the supply through meters reduced the cost of house service; and a reduction in the cost of lawn service with a flat rate according to the size of the lawn greatly encouraged the general public in beautifying the city and making it comfortable, because—subject to the limit upon the hours of service—the citizen paid the same whether he watered his lawn and street well or did not water them at all.

Are we now at the threshold of a new era of management? Are the Waterworks in future to be run for the citizens and the good of our city or are they to be run as if a private money-making concern, the property of the Mayor and the two elected Commissioners?

The Commissioners have been criticised for the recent proposal to put all water-takers to the cost of changing their service pipes so as to take and pay for the lawn supply at meter rates the same as the house supply. The meter for the house supply works well. Each family uses what they please for their selfish purpose in the kitchen or bath, or elsewhere, and they pay for what they use. This payment by meter rates instead of fixture rates was commended by the Waterworks Association recently in Toronto. The Planet has always favored it; but the Toronto discussion was based upon the installing of the meters at the cost of the individual. Whether the individual or the Waterworks bear the cost the meter rate instead of the fixture rate has been for years encouraged and enforced without objection here. That is not in issue. The criticism upon the Chatham Commissioners is not affected by what was said by the American Waterworks Association; and the Water Commissioners were in no sense sustained. Meters for lawns and streets were not under discussion, and no one attempted to justify the discouragement in beautifying our lawns or in laying the dust or in cooling the streets.

No one suggested that a householder should be charged meter rates for watering the boulevard or sprinkling the street which are both the property of the public; and the public desire to thank rather than to assess the householder for his service for the public comfort and benefit.

The change in policy seems even more serious than at first suspected. The Commissioners were criticised, and the criticism is answered by Mr. Weir, the secretary and paid official! Imagine a Minister of Public Works being criticised, and his secretary answering! Think of an attack upon the policy of the City Clerk! The Commissioners need no reminder that they are the elected representatives of the people, and it is for them to answer to their constituents. But have the Commissioners become imbued with the idea that they own the Waterworks and are the masters and not the servants of the people? Have they inspired Mr. Weir's answer, and will they accept responsibility for it? Mr. Weir says, "No merchant would for a stipulated sum allow a customer to take from his box of tea what he wished." The merchant owns the tea and makes the most he can out of his customer; and do the Commissioners think that they own the water and are justified in squeezing all they can out of the water-taker? Heretofore in our innocence we thought the citizens owned the water and that the Commissioners were elected to manage it for the citizens and in the public interest to improve and protect the city.

Again, Mr. Weir tells us that with few exceptions the parties were advised to put their whole water service on the meter, as the time would surely come when it would have to be made compulsory. Do the Commissioners take responsibility for this? Give us the names. Did Mr. Quinn or Dr. Holmes or Dr. Bray so advise them? If so, the records of their proceedings are directly contrary to their advice. Those Commissioners have shown in every act, in resolution, in by-laws, and through their licensed plumbers, their desire to encourage the liberal use of water for lawns on a flat rate without meter. Let Mr. Weir or the present Commissioners name a single man in authority in the past who gave the advice he mentions, or who supported or notified the public of the new policy now proposed by the Commission! How could the Commissioners of ten years ago foretell that their policy would be reversed by those of today?

We repeat that this change should not be made without a mandate from the people. The masters have never directed or sanctioned and the servants should not introduce so expensive and radical reversal in policy as is involved in forcing every water-taker, at his own cost, to alter his service pipes and instal meters and pay extra for watering the lawns and boulevards

and street, or leave the lawns and boulevards parched with the sun and the streets in a cloud of dust. By all means, stop the waste, but the lawn meter by-law is not required to accomplish that. The waste has admittedly been going on to the knowledge of at least the engineer and secretary without any action being taken to stop it.

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W. C. T. U. MEETING

(Contributed.)

The W. C. T. U. met on Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. J. Wilson, with the president in the chair. Several departments of the work were discussed and plans made for the annual flower mission tea to be held at the home of Mrs. Hendershott, Emma street, the able superintendent of that department. The proceeds to be applied to the salaries of the two missionaries engaged by the Provincial Union for work in the lumber camps and mining camps of Northwestern Ontario. The Labrador mission work was also discussed. Much regret was expressed that temperance and hygiene is no longer an examination subject on the Public School curriculum. Instead, our children's minds are crammed with a lot of knowledge which will be practically useless in their future, while that which might be of great importance to their moral welfare is neglected. It has been well said that the star of hope in the temperance reform is over the school house, for to the school house door come all the future citizens of our country.

On Friday evening of last week the members of the Union gathered at the home of the president, Mrs. Graham, to bid farewell to one of their number, Mrs. Margaret Cartier, who was leaving the city. After refreshments had been served Mrs. Cartier read an address referring to the faithful work done in the society by Mrs. Cartier in years gone by, and expressing the hope that wherever she might go she would still work to advance the white ribbon principles of total abstinence and purity, and in memory of their pleasant intercourse the Union wished her to accept a little token—a gold brooch with amethyst setting.

Though taken by surprise, Mrs. Cartier responded very feelingly, and after singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," the company dispersed.

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DISTRICT

DRESDEN

Dresden, June 21.—Mrs. John H. McVean entertained a few young people at cards on Friday night.

Robert Brandon has accepted the position of choir leader for the Presbyterian church and will assume his new duties on Sunday.

The Masons will attend divine service in the Presbyterian church on Sunday morning.

Mrs. Hodgins and daughter, of British Columbia, are the guests of Mrs. Lawson Cronk.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Craif, of Detroit, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. Rudd.

The entrance examinations begin on Wednesday, and a large class are going up from Dresden.

Mr. J. McE. Murray is on his holidays and Mr. McPherson is relieving him.

A number of Dresden young people are to take part in a social given by the Rutherford young people on Tuesday evening next.

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BLENHEIM

Blenheim, June 24.—Mr. Thomas Higley visited at Blenheim on Sunday.

Mr. Ira Burk spent Sunday at Blenheim with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Firth sang most acceptably at the Presbyterian church last night, June 23.

Mrs. W. C. White, Miss White, and Miss Victoria, were Chatham visitors on Saturday.

Mr. S. H. Bacon left on Saturday morning for Stratford, where he will visit for a few days.

Mr. J. K. Morris returned from London on Friday morning, where he had been attending Synod.

Those who attended the union picnic at Rond Eau Park report a good time and a big crowd.

Mr. Alf. White, of the Bank of Commerce staff, New York City, has arrived in Blenheim for his holidays and to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. White.

Miss Belle Bounsell, formerly of Blenheim, arrived in town from her home in Hamilton last Friday to visit her grandmother, Mrs. E. Peters.

There was a large congregation at Trinity church yesterday at the Masonic service. Misses Lela Crook-shank and Eva Green sang the duet, "Thy Will be Done," and the solo, "Hold Thou My Hand," was sung by Miss Jessie O'Brien.

Mary McPherson, the little granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Thompson, who was very ill with measles, is quite well again.

Mrs. C. Le VonGuenten gave a reception on Friday afternoon and evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Firth, who are her guests at present.

The Rev. W. J. Holmes, pastor of

Blenheim Methodist church, has been given two months holidays, and left this morning for a trip to the west, and to visit his son.

Mr. Peter Haggart left for the west this morning. He will be accompanied as far as Winnipeg by Miss Dottie Russell, who is going to visit her sister, Mrs. S. H. C. Foster, at that place.

Drs. Storey, Hanks and Langford have each purchased an automobile for use in connection with their practice. They are all handsome machines and the doctors will doubtless soon appreciate the advantages of using them.

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SPORT

BASEBALL

CHATHAM WON.

The Spartan baseball team, of Detroit, came up to this city on Saturday and were defeated by a picketed team from the local league. The game was a very good one, although several errors were made. For the first four or five innings Chatham played all around and over the visitors and in the fifth inning they made six runs. Several of the Tammany Heglers were in the field and did nice work. The Detroiters were all very good players. Their combination work was excellent and they are to be complimented upon their neat and aggressive playing. Their pitcher, however, was rather weak. For the last half of the game, when the players became used to the ground they played good, fast ball.

Chauncey Dopew, for Chatham, was there with the goods and did fine work. The Detroiters fooled him on second base, however, with their neat combination. Robert pitched a good game all through, and Taylor behind the bat was also in good form. The game resulted in a score of 6-12 in favor of the local team, although the neatest and best combination work was performed by the visitors.

Antiquity of an Old Tune. When Napoleon's army was in Egypt in 1799 and the band struck up the tune which in England is set to the song "We Won't Go Home Till Morning" its effect on the Bedouins was electrical. They leaped and shouted and embraced one another deliriously. They averred that they were listening to the oldest and most popular tune of their people. It is thought that the tune was brought to Europe from the dark continent in the eleventh century by the Crusaders.—St. James' Gazette.

The longer a man aims the more likely he is to miss the target.

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PERSIAN REVOLT CRUSHED

Shah's Rebellious Brother Seeks Asylum in British Consulate.

Teheran, Persia, June 22.—About Fath Mirza Salaned Dowlah, the rebel brother of the Shah, and third son of the predecessor, Muzaffer-Din, has taken refuge at the British Consulate at Kermanshah and asked security for himself and his family.

About Fath Mirza raised the standard of revolt immediately on his father's death. His claim is that Mohammed Ali Mirza, the present Shah, though his father's eldest son, is not the son of a princess of the Kadjars race and therefore is not qualified to become Shah. About asserts that he is the eldest son by a Kadjar mother. He was Governor of Luristan, a mountainous province in Western Persia, previous to his revolt, and he had a force of 10,000 local troops at the outset, with which he started to march to Teheran.

FIVE AUTOISTS KILLED.

Car Ran Into Rock and Was Demolished.

Naples, June 22.—A most appalling automobile accident occurred at Casinelle, about 100 miles distant from Naples, Thursday. Five men being killed. The motor car, which was going at high speed, ran into a rock and was demolished.

Among the killed was Prince Pescara, a member of the Italian nobility and related to the Spanish royal house, on account of whose death the aristocracy of the whole of lower Italy will be in mourning.

Word has been received in Rome that the automobile containing Marquis Ferraris, the Duke de la Regina, two guests, one of whom is believed to have been an American woman, and chauffeur, plunged into a ravine on the Naples road. All were killed.

Insolvent Grocer Arrested.

Milwaukee, June 20.—Ira B. Smith, member of the wholesale grocery firm of Smith, Thorndike & Brown, which recently went into involuntary bankruptcy, was arrested yesterday, charged with obtaining money under false representations of his firm's finances. He gave \$6,000 bail. Smith is said to owe the firm about \$100,000.

Bad habits breed bad luck.

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