

# WOULD PROBE COST OF WATER PLANTS

Municipal Research Bureau Calls for Hearings on Proposed Total of \$850,000

## ARBITRATORS FIXED FIGURE

The public should have complete information concerning the suggested purchase price of \$850,000 for the plants and equipment of three private water companies in the northeast, the Bureau of Municipal Research declared today. The Holmesburg, Disston and Philadelphia and Bristol Water Companies supply water to about 80 per cent of the population in the Forty-first ward. Councils by ordinance of March 17, 1919, declared the city's intention to purchase or lease the facilities of the private water companies. After an investigation by three arbitrators a purchase price of \$850,000 was recommended to Councils last December. Continuing, the bureau asked, in a public bulletin: "What sums make up this total price of \$850,000? How were they arrived at? What price was initially asked by the companies, and what was the city's proposal? What were the resulting compromises and concessions? What precedents were used in setting property values? These and other questions arise when the proposed purchase is considered, and they are not answered in the arbitrators' report. "It is accordingly urgent that the

City Council should hold public hearings at which the arbitrators will present the details of their report. It is also essential that the city solicitor should examine the findings in the interest of the public, since certain constituent portions of the recommended purchase price may be based on principles of valuation and compensation concerning which there is a variance of opinion. If these hearings show that the city should not approve the price agreed upon by the arbitrators, then it is suggested that the city and the companies should appeal to the Public Service Commission to investigate the facts and ascertain the fair compensation."

### Silver Wedding

Mr. S. Burman, 1941 South Gallop street, entertained at a silver wedding anniversary in honor of Mr. and Mrs. M. Burman, on Sunday. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Cramer and their daughter, Miss Sady Cramer, Mr. and Mrs. Blum, Mr. and Mrs. H. Miller, Mrs. Sobelman, of Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. Selser and Mr. A. Gordon.

**Saw Smoke, Thought Home Afire**  
Smoke, filling the house, caused Fritz Schmilzer, of 1618 Bodine street, to think that his home was on fire early today. He turned in an alarm. Firemen found that the smoke was caused by a defective flue. No serious damage was done.

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### The Cop on the Corner

"SUCH a thing couldn't happen in Philly," remarks Maggie as she gives the evening paper to the cop on the corner. "Which couldn't?" asks the cop, removing his jacket from a mурphy. "This crazy idea of payin' for apples," says she. "It says in the paper a I-talian 'n' Frinch tenor is pos'd a shakedown in which opy singers is made to pay \$50 a week for a crowd of 'strain'd hand-clapp'rs. Believe me, Mike, folks who go to shows in this burg is very stingy wit their applaus 'n' no amount o' money kin force them

to come across if th' show is on th' bum." "Tis alliged be managers," says I. "that this town is very frosty to player-folks. Audiences here, 'tis said, are all fr'm Missouri." "An' why not?" says Maggie. "Wit tickets as expensive as eggs people here wants their amusemint gilt edg'd. Th' slogan is 'No warm'd over attractions need apply.' If me ole gran'father were alive he'd a been easy pickin' 't' this bunch o' hand clappin' experts. His favorite diver-shun were th' minstrels 'n' his equip'mint a buzz saw luff 'n' a package o' fine cut 'bacey. No matt'r how anel't th' wheeze 't'would set th' ole scout into convulsions, Shure it took

th' combin'd efforts o' two ush'rs to hold 'im in his seat. 'Twas th' same when th' black fac'd min sang anti-mont'l bal-lads he'd weep as though his ole heart would break. Shure, he were a real ole timer. "Tis frisk in me minoory th' time he bust'd up th' show in th' ole Eleventh Street Opry House. Th' first part were drawin' t' a close, Mike, 'n' th' ole man had his luff 'n' fine cut workin' o'v' time. Me ole fren', Frank Dumont, was th' middle man, made one o' his famous annoucement's sayin': "We will now have a change o' end min.' "Change nothin'," shouts me gran'father, 'Hughey Dougherty 'n' Vic

Richards suits me all right 'n' if ye change 'em 'twill be over me dead body." "In th' frist mint that followed th' lights went out 'n' th' next thing I knows a ush'r grabb'd gran'father 'n' me 'n' says: "This way out."

**Benefit Dance**  
The 3-A benefit dance will be given at the Roosevelt, 2027 Chestnut street, on Saturday evening, January 31. Many students at the University of Pennsylvania who are interested in the

affair form the committee and also Miss Elizabeth Farrell, Miss Ly Nore McNulty, Miss Dorothy Power, Miss Frances Sweeney, Miss Dorothy Mackintee, Miss Genevieve Power, Miss Helen Sheerun and Miss Mae Sheeran.

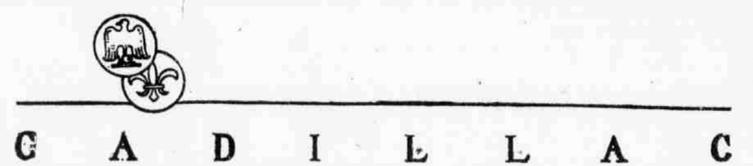


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