The Leader.

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It seems to us that there was an organization formed in the early part of last summer, with headquarters in Cumberland, the object of which was to raise a fund to purchase a testimonial for Admiral Schley. We seem to remember also that from time to time announcements were made in the press of contributions to this fund from persons living in various portions of the State, and especially in Allegany and Washington counties. Then there was a long silence—a silence that has continued even unto this day and no man knoweth what has become of his money. Will some one speak?

FROM THE STATE CAPITOL.

Judging from the recent action of your town authorities as well as from other indications, it looks very much as if your people had about decided that a general water supply is a luxury which the town is not financially able to indulge in at this time. It looks likewise very much as if in this case the minority was the ruling power, and that the voice of the majority was not to rule.

Well, if you cannot afford a general water supply you certainly can afford to light up the streets of your town. If you desire strangers to visit you either for business or pleasure, you must do something to make the place attractive, even if it costs a little money. I am not saying too much when I make the statement that Williamsport is not an attractive place to visit at night. On the contrary its streets—especially in the summer—the most delightful season of the year—are dark, inhospitable, gloomy and forbidding, and it is a shame to your authorities that they are in such condition. I don't believe many strangers can be found who will admit they ever remain in Williamsport over night as a matter of choice. Your dark and uninviting streets are the result of a parsimony that in the end is costly to the people of the town. Good lights and good water are always worth the money they cost.

Annapolis was cut off from all communication with the outside world, (except by telegraph and telephone,) for three whole days last week, and it was so much like old times, such a genuine relapse into the misty realms of antiquity, that it compensated to a certain extent for the excessive cold and unprecedented snow. The original Anapolitan looks upon everything that was unknown to his ancestors as an invention of the enemy, and his enjoyment of the isolation of being snow bound was immense because it brought to him a slight realization of some of the experiences of his ancestors.

The Chesapeake Bay was not frozen over to the extent of impeding navigation, but all the bays and tributaries were ice locked, and many of them still remain closed, Annapolis harbor was opened by the iceboat "Latrobe" from Baltimore.

The readers of the "Leader" will remember that it was stated in this correspondence some weeks ago that the party or person who purchased the State's interest in the canal at this time would not obtain possession of the work. They would only be stepping into the State's shoes, and could only obtain possession by an order of court restoring it to the control of the stockholders. This fact may probably explain why there was only one bid.

One of the tendencies of the times is toward combination. Capital is rapidly combining for the purpose of controlling the business of the country, through the instrumentality of immense corporations. What does it mean? It will affect comptition most certainly, and many persons think that in this way it will work an injury to workmen. I do not see it in that light. The workingmen is always injured by sharp competition. A large contract is let to the lowest bidder. The man who figures upon the lowest price for labor is always the lowest bidder, and this is one of the means of keeping down the price of labor. The corporations of Allegany county control the business of the coal region absolutely, and yet as a rule a higher rate of wages prevails there than in any locality in the United States. The great danger from these powerful corporations is the influence they will be able to exert upon our legislative bodies. They are taxed almost to the limit in this State just now, but how long will this last? Very recently a corporation was formed in Baltimore city with a capital of $6,000,000. Before it could commence business it was required to pay into the State Treasury a bonus tax on its capital stock of $7,500. This tax constituted a capital in itself that many men would be glad to have upon starting in business. So long as these immense monied organizations are subject to the control of the legislative power of the State there is no danger to flow from their existence. But when they begin to control the legislatures, and frame the laws to suit their own interests, their power may become a menace to the general good. McC.

Communicated.

MR. EDITOR:—There have been numerous communications in your columns during the past several weeks from prominent citizens, referring to the question of water and lights for this beautiful town, but not one of them have ever made a suggestion as to who shall be the next mayor. It seems to me that this is an all important question just now, the municipal election taking place March 6th. Firstly, I should like to state that I have nothing but the most friendly feelings for our present chief executive as a private citizen and merchant, but as a public officer, I contend that his actions are open to criticism. It is current gossip on our streets that all is not "As one sweet song," in the municipal circles of our town. The mayor and members of the town council are at loggerheads on a number of important questions now pending, the most significant of which is the one pertaining to the proposed improvements of lighting the town by electricity and providing water works. His honor is in favor of bonding the town to the extent of $20,000, the councilmen, almost to a unit, are not. They are more conservative in their views. They are in favor of lights and water, but on a more economical basis, the most economical in fact that can be procured. The mayor in making his first appointments as supervisors, selected some gentlemen who were objectionable to the councilmen, and they failed to confirm them. With this began the trouble, which has been brewing ever since. For a long time, His Honor would not make any other appointments, and now that he has made them and they have been confirmed by the council, he will not inform that body as to whether or not the appointees will accept the fat commission tendered them. This is all sad but true. Another fact that defies contradiction is this: One of our chief executive's duties is to collect the saloon and huckster licenses, and other fees.

It has been the custom in former administrations to pay this money over to the town treasurer, but Mayor Thompson has not conformed with this custom. Instead of the cash, he turns in to the treasurer the vouchers for the money. He hires men to work for the town, and pays them for the work himself, instead of leaving the selecting of the men to work on the streets to the street committee and the paying of them to the town treasurer, which custom has asways heretofore been in vogue. I leave it to you, Mr. Editor and your many interested readers, to judge whether or not, the above is exactly the proper thing for our mayor to be doing. He may be perfectly sincere and honest in his motives, but are his motives correct?

Then will come the query: What good man will take the nomination for mayor even though he could be elected? Where can we get a man to make the run? This question can and should be solved during the next year. Eliminate from the duties of the chief executive the trying of cases of lawbreaking and you could get a dozen active, wide-awake, industrious and energetic citizens, to whom the town could look with pride, to accept the office. By all means, two of our crying needs, are a police magistrate and a lock up, both of which could be easily maintained by the town, the first by the fees that are now received in each case by the mayor, and the second by making the prisoners work on the streets and saving thereby the expense now incurred, and the annual sums paid for team hire, carfare, constables fees and sheriffs bills, by incarcerating a prisoner in the Hagerstown jail for some breach of the towns ordinances

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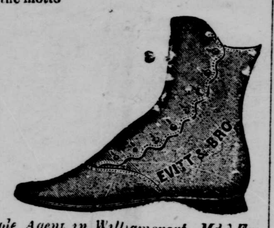

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