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Editor Sheridan Road News Letter:

I was much interested in reading the recent articles in your paper concerning a filter-bed. Did not intend, however, at that time to try my hand at newspaper writing. When the question of water filter was first raised I happened to be present in the council and listened to the report of Mr. Phillips. I admit it struck me quite favorably and I was beginning to make myself believe that it would be "a great thing." While not accustomed to express myself through the public press, I think I may say without intent to boast that I am somewhat given to do my own thinking. But, not having the training of some men I am quite slow to reach my conclusions. A little later there came out the report of the board of health signed by the mayor, Dr. Bergen and Mr. McDonald. There seemed to be such an entire difference of opinion in the matter, I concluded to seek an opportunity to re-examine the report of Mr. Phillips, and I was not a little prompted to this by the evident zeal of our water superintendent. It was not quite clear to me why he should be so anxious for the city to invest so much money in the extension of the water plant. I have had the pleasure of listening to some at least of the discussions both by our own citizens and by the agents of different methods as to the relative value of sand filters, mechanical filters, etc. Then when I learned of the fact that the matter was brought up at a special meeting and a very determined purpose manifested to push the ordinance through without the public knowing anything about it, I became still more suspicious that some how it was not altogether straight; and when I saw certain men in whose political methods the public have learned to place very little confidence, it was clear to my mind that at least every citizen should carefully consider the matter for himself.

Now, Mr. Editor, I am a taxpayer, true a small one, but none the less it is as difficult for me to pay my mite as it is for some of our wealthy citizens to pay their larger sums. When I was assessed to put down a water main and es-

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