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#### IMPROVE THE WATER WORKS.

It is but natural that insurance companies should protect themselves to a certain extent. It would be folly for them to continue in business, if the hazard was such that they would soon be broken up. They must from necessity regulate their business according to demand and supply. To carry on a safe business they must see that the conditions are suitable and not so dangerous as to incur a risk that would bankrupt them. Where conditions are such that the risk becomes greater it is a matter of protection to the business and those associated with and dependent upon them to require improved conditions to raise the rate to justify the greater risk, or they may find it necessary to withdraw from that field altogether.

This is a matter that is agitating Clarksburg at this time. The underwriters have been here. They have examined conditions and found them very unsatisfactory. They have asked council to act in the matter and they have raised the rate slightly.

The city council has decided that it is powerless to meet the requirements, but it has expressed a determination to do all it can do to improve conditions. But that is not enough. It is the duty of that body to take the matter up in an earnest manner at once. The city has so much revenue every year. It changes the amount but little from year to year. The council knows the value of that revenue and it knows the amount of improvement that can be made with it.

The situation is one that demands a greater expenditure on the water works and the fire department, not only from the insurance standpoint, but as a matter of security to property, as well as a better and more ample service. There is not sufficient economy in the operation of the system, but entirely too much waste. All water used should be paid for and it is the duty of the officials to have a complete record of the amount used and to see that it is paid for. Again, better system should be employed in the matter of distribution, the laying of the proper sized pipes and so forth. Pipes should not be just the size the present demands but should be adequate for future demands and their size should be uniform, so far as it is possible. The work of to-day should not be alone for to-day, but should meet the demand of to-morrow.

So long as the greater part of the revenues are used on the streets and so little on the water works and fire department, there will be but little improvement on the latter and the conditions will remain about the same, or may grow worse. It appears that the revenues from the water works are not ample to meet the needs of the system and to do that money must be taken from the general fund. This plan must be adopted if there is to be proper protection against fire, and there is a general belief that the city can get along a year or so with less street paving, in order that the water works may be improved.

It is a subject that interests every citizen of Clarksburg and is becoming very vital. The council must give it serious consideration and something must be done the coming year to change conditions. The earlier the matter is taken up the more will the work be that is accomplished.

The official call for a meeting of the

West Virginia State League of Republican Clubs is published in this issue. This body is next in importance to the State organization and much depends upon its work. Therefore it has concentrated much to the success of the party and there is every reason that it should do so again. The Telegram urges representation from every county in the State. The Goff and other Republican clubs in this county should take steps at once to be largely represented at the meeting, where inspirations will be received for an effective campaign. As many other clubs as are possible should be organized and then represented at this meeting. Let the Republicans of every district in the county see that this is done at once. As the meeting is only one month off there is no time to lose and the sooner action is taken along the line here suggested the better.

Everyone seems to have dropped out of the Democratic gubernatorial race so far as the public is concerned except Stuart W. Walker. It is growing plainer every day that that party is looking to him as its Moses. He is so far the most worthy aspirant. No one ever questioned his Democracy and he has never been charged by his own party with party perfidy, nor has he been in the habit of betraying his party, when he saw an opportunity to promote his business interests. So much can not be said of some others, who while ago were boosting themselves for the nomination.

Peter Suman's action in withdrawing from the contest for State Treasurer, may have had effect on Dawson's candidacy. Peter says he is for Teter. If he had stayed in the race, he would likely have had to be for Dawson. Now he is free to do as he pleases. He has much influence in Kanawha county and it is likely he will use it for Teter, since he has declared himself in favor of that gentleman's nomination. The situation has either been simplified or made more complex since he withdrew. His action will cut a figure.

"Men of Grafton" is a new publication issued by the Young Men's Christian Association of that city with Charles H. Burton, the general secretary of the association as editor. It is a four-page paper of handsome size and is sprightly in thought. It ought to be a great service in the work. The Clarksburg association needs something of the sort and such a paper will doubtless prove quite popular not only with the membership but outsiders also. Try it.

So many charges of corruption have been made against the Marion county Democracy that it has actually become allowed to the extent of trying to defend itself without making even an effort to establish the falsities of the charges, which goes to show that they are all true. No more convincing argument of their guilt is wanted than the course they now pursue.

Congressman Dovenor has done well thus far in providing the counties in his district with rural free delivery of mail and yet the system is in its infancy. By the time he gets through with this work the district will be a net-work of such routes. It is a matter to be much appreciated.

The blank order system adopted by the city council in the purchase of supplies has commendable features of business. It is a complete record of all the contracts made by the various departments of the city government and prevents any possible attempt at graft.

Prominent Democrats in this Congressional district repudiated the party candidate at the last election in no uncertain way and those same Democrats have not changed their minds, but they expect to do it again, should the opportunity offer.

The first round in a contest does not tell the tale. The second round may change things considerably. But, if it does not there will be still other rounds in the gubernatorial contest in this State, and it will be the finish that will count.

After reading the results of the first round, Dawson and his side are probably saying, "watch the finish!"

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