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An Evening Echo.
Every hill has its valley.—French proverb.

Water No Longer Free.

The administration of President Roosevelt will go down in history as the period of a great awakening on the water question in all its public phases.

It will mark the revival of water ways not only as means of transportation, but likewise of protection against destructive floods, which latter it is estimated cost the country over \$100,000,000 annually, states the Connellsville Courier.

In it are involved the questions of power development and the providing of midsummer and fall water supplies for domestic purposes. The latter problem has become a grave one in this neighborhood, as well as in others, during this fall of almost universal drouth. It is evident that the money spent for the improvement of our rivers has brought to the nation manifold returns but that there are other and even more material benefits undeveloped.

Through irrigation vast areas of arid land have been recovered to settlement and cultivation. The desert has been made to blossom as the rose. There are 80,000,000 acres of swamp land. Properly drained this will make the finest farming land in the country. It is the government's duty to drain swamps as well as to irrigate deserts. This administration is alive to that duty and the incoming one is committed to the same policy. We may look for the active development of our land resources. That development will come none too soon. The nation is growing rapidly and its prosperity comes primarily from the soil. Without good crops flourishing industries do not abide, and the bigger our crops the bigger and richer the nation will be.

An abundance of good water is necessary to these conditions. Water is the basis of our prosperity, our comfort, our very lives. We can no longer afford to ignore its importance. We must set a new price upon it. It is no longer free.

Sutherland's Candidacy.

Senator Howard Sutherland's candidacy for the presidency of the state senate is being received in many sections of the State with favor. Senator Sutherland is able and he is widely known in the State. All who know him personally or by reputation agree with what the Wheeling Intelligencer says of him as follows:

"Mr. Sutherland is one of the new senators, but he is not a new man in the business and political life of the state. Few men, in fact, have wider acquaintance among the public men, or are more familiar with business and political conditions. It would not be fair to say that any public interest would suffer from the selection of such a man as Mr. Sutherland to this important office. On the contrary, he would undoubtedly make a very efficient and satisfactory presiding officer."

The B. & N.

The Buckhannon & Northern railroad is again in course of construction, after a temporary suspension of operations. The suspension was due to the activities of the recent campaign, in the midst of which it was impossible for the Fairmont and Grafton newspapers to carry on the work. To the rescue comes the Morgantown newspapers, and the Fairmont West Virginian records the information as follows:

"The Morgantown newspapers are again at work on the B. and N. rail road. The Fairmont and Grafton papers after seeing the line about two-thirds graded abandoned the job and we are glad to see the Morgantown papers resume operations. They will likely have trains running shortly after the rails are laid."

There may be an honest difference of opinion as to the bond ordinance.

especially the wisdom of further bonding the city, but there can be none on the question of the need of an ample water supply. The outline of the work, as made by the special committee, and adopted by the council, is fair to all, as it contemplates equal and ample service. No hardships are to be imposed upon one over another, but the benefits are to be equal. Thus at this time it seems that the proposition to improve the water works and the sewerage system meets with approval.

The Bennett family furnished the larger portion of the Democratic campaign fund in West Virginia, the statement of the treasurer of the Democratic state committee showing the Bennetts contributed over seven thousand dollars. It was a costly experience, but as Mr. Bennett after the election expressed the opinion that his party was in better shape than ever his family doubtless regards the money well spent.

The many advertising columns of the Telegram today show that the merchants of Clarksburg know how, where and when to advertise. Every reader's attention is called to this big line of "shop talk" by the merchants today. Their advertisements contain valuable information, which will be quite helpful in the purchase of Christmas goods.

Residents of the East side, in going to and from the business section of the city, have to walk in the middle of the street car track in order to keep out of the mud; and at the bottom of the hill they have to wade through a pool of water to reach the bridge. Some day, let it be hoped, we will have sidewalks.

The new regent and facto ruler of China has a hare-brain, which causes him to speak with a pronounced lisp. His lisp and the boy emperor's squalling ought to make things lively in the imperial court.

After all Hon. A. B. White was not in the tax commissioner's office for the fat salary, as charged by the Democrats. Mr. White it appears gave up a business paying him much more to serve his State.

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Primitive Coking Methods.
The primitive coking methods of the Connellsville region came in for criticism in the American Mining Congress yesterday and not without reason. Coke is still made in the same old beehive oven in which its manufacture began. Inventive genius has been busy in the mines and on the yards and in the hoisting and transportation departments of coking, but the beehive oven has stood alone and practically undisturbed without giving forth any reason why it should remain as a living landmark of ancient history.—Connellsville Courier.

What's the Use?
What's the use of being a Congressman if you can't appoint your own postmasters?—Baltimore Sun.

Taft Prosperity.
Charleston is on the eve of the most wonderful expansion that has ever been known in the south. We stake our reputation for truth and veracity upon this statement and "there's a reason." If the people did not crawl into their holes and pull the holes in after them, during the Roosevelt panic, we are right.—Charleston Gazette.

Sheriff Only, or Handle Only?
The Sheriff of Wood county will only handle a quarter of a million dollars or so during the next year.—Parkersburg State Journal.

The Real Gift.
A thought uppermost in the mind of those whose hearts grow big under Christmas influence is the selection of gifts. Remember then that the gift without the giver is little valued. Whether it be great or small be sure the token represents esteem. Do not let making of gifts be numbered among perfunctory duties; let it simply be the means of expressing the warmth and kindness of your regard for those whom you name friends. If you are really kind do not delay the purchase until the merchant and his assistants are exhausted and the best choice is gone.—Huntington Dispatch.

BOND ORDINANCE
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the execution of contracts made by the council for carrying out the purposes of this loan. And the members of said Bonds and Water Works Commission shall continue to hold their trusts, perform their duties and exercise the power aforesaid during the time necessary for the issuance and selling of said bonds, and during the completion of the improvements herein provided for, and further at the will and pleasure of the council of said city. And no part of the assets derived by the sale of said bonds shall be paid out by the Council of the City of Clarksburg, or by any officers of said city, without the previous approval of said Bonds and Water Works Commission.

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Ninth: Upon the adoption of this ordinance by the Council of the City of Clarksburg the Mayor of said City shall, as soon as practicable, issue a proclamation reciting said ordinance and appointing a day on which a special election shall be held by the qualified voters of said city, to decide, first, whether they will ratify or reject said ordinance, and, second, whether they will authorize the said "Water Works Improvement and Sewerage Levy." Such proclamation shall be published in some newspaper published in the City of Clarksburg, once a week for two weeks prior to the day fixed for such election, and said election shall be conducted in all respects according to the law covering elections and the Charter of the City of Clarksburg. All persons qualified to vote at other municipal elections in said City, and no others, shall be entitled to vote at said election herein authorized. And at such election there shall be printed on the ticket, in addition to such other matter as may be lawful and appropriate, the following, to-wit: "To authorize a maximum special 'Water Works Improvement and Sewerage Bond Levy' of nine cents according to the ordinance of the Council of the City of Clarksburg adopted on the 4th day of December, 1908, to pay the interest annually and discharge the principal of the bonds now being voted for." And directly underneath in two separate lines shall be printed the words "For the levy" and "Against the levy."

Tenth: The person voting for the ratification of said ordinance shall have written or printed upon his ballot the words "For ratification," and the person voting against ratification shall have written or printed upon his ballot the words "For rejection," and in addition to such other matter as may be lawful and appropriate, the following, to-wit: "To authorize a maximum special 'Water Works Improvement and Sewerage Bond Levy' of nine cents according to the ordinance of the Council of the City of Clarksburg adopted on the 4th day of December, 1908, to pay the interest annually and discharge the principal of the bonds now being voted for." And directly underneath in two separate lines shall be printed the words "For the levy" and "Against the levy."

Eleventh: Said proclamation for such special election shall contain information as to the voting places at which such election shall be held, together with the names of the Commissioners appointed to hold and conduct the same.

Twelfth: That the council of the City of Clarksburg, being of the opinion that the maximum rate of levy for taxes for municipal purposes within said city prescribed by Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Acts of the Legislature of West Virginia in the year 1908, will not produce sufficient funds to pay the interest on the bonded indebtedness herein created and provide a sinking fund for the discharge of the principal within the period of thirty years, it is ordered that the council of the City of Clarksburg shall on each year for the period of thirty years beginning with the year 1909, lay a direct annual tax upon all of the property within said city not exempt from taxation for that purpose, which tax shall not exceed nine (9) cents on each one hundred (100) dollars value of such taxable property, to produce not more than nine thousand (\$9,000.00) in every year for that period sufficient for the purpose of paying annually the interest on said bonds and the principal of the same within the period of thirty years from March 1, 1909. Said levy shall be in addition to all other levies and assessments made by the council of said city for any and all purposes, in each year, and shall be known as the "Water Works Improvement and Sewerage Levy," and the money arising from said levy shall not be applied to any other purposes than to pay the interest annually upon the bonds aforesaid and to discharge the principal of said bonds as required or permitted by this ordinance; Provided, however, that the funds so derived applicable to the discharge of the principal of said bonds shall be kept invested by the Council of said City in the manner prescribed by law until such time as the same may be used in the redemption and payment of the bonds as aforesaid.

Seventh: That the said bonds when so issued and sold, together with the interest thereon as the same accrues, shall constitute a specific