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**An Evening Echo.**

The best government is where the people obey the magistrates and the magistrates the laws.—Solon.

**Mr. Dimon Leaves.**

It is with regret that the Clarksburg Telegram Company loses the services of William B. Dimon, who for the last year and a half has been the efficient manager of the company's business and publishing plant. He resigned the position in order to take a better one as circulation manager of the Philadelphia Evening Times. Frank A. Munsey's new paper in that city. He left Clarksburg Friday night for Philadelphia to take up the duties of his new position.

Mr. Dimon's connection with the Daily and Weekly Telegram has been highly satisfactory in every respect. He is a capable man possessing marked executive ability and splendid business acumen. He is also affable and obliging and during his career in Clarksburg made many friends who join with the Telegram company in expressing regret over his departure, as well as the departure of his estimable wife and pretty children. All hope that he will meet with abundant success in his new position. Mr. Dimon will be right at home in Philadelphia, as he was born and reared there and was engaged in business in that city until he came to Clarksburg. He came to the Telegram from the Philadelphia North American, in whose business department he held a responsible position. For the present, James J. Devine, who has been associated with Mr. Dimon in the business management of the Telegram, will have charge of the business department.

**Puerile Attacks.**

Mischievous insinuations as to what will become of the money of the bond issue, if carried, constitute about as little a business as a newspaper can be engaged in.

Those who make such should not forget some nice things they have said about members of the proposed water works commission. For instance, Charles M. Hart formerly served in the council and he was regarded as the watch-dog of the city treasury by those politically opposed to him. Again, Mr. Hart has been honored by the people of the county by being elected and re-elected a member of the state legislature. The people certainly have confidence in his integrity. The mere fact that the Board of Trade and the city council selected him as one proper to serve on the water commission ought not to be the cause of an attack on his character.

There has been no charge before that William B. Osborne is not an honest man. He has a clean business record and is one of the city's leading business men. The nature of his business experience has been so large that it is certainly unjust to him to intimate that an opportunity to serve the city as a member of the water commission would tempt him to cast aside a long and honorable business career and become a grafter—a thief.

Edward J. Wood was elected mayor of the city by the majority of the people, and some of those who are now casting aspersions upon his honesty in business or public service heartily supported him. There may properly be differences on policy but there has not been until the last few days any question as to his honesty. Those who raise the question are not only inconsistent but they make a charge that even Mr. Wood's political enemies bitterly resent.

The two members of the city council selected to serve on the commission, if the bond issue carries, are men who have not been found squandering the city money's nor have they been appropriating them to their own use. While they have been members of the council the city floating debt has been largely reduced until now it is practically wiped out of existence. Their public course has not entitled them to be held up to

the public eye as accountants. The insinuations are made solely to prejudice the people against a great and urgent public improvement. But such attacks on the person of the proposed commission are so puerile that the citizens of Clarksburg are certainly far too intelligent to permit them to make fools of them.

**Waste by Fires.**

According to one of the reports submitted to the National Conservation Conference at Washington, the greatest source of waste of structural materials and of money values in this country is that due to fires and is one which can be most readily reduced by the substitution of fire-resistant building materials for the inflammable construction now so prevalent.

The cost of fire to the country, including not only property destroyed, but maintenance of fire departments, payment of insurance premiums, protective agencies, additional cost of water supplies, etc., amounted to over \$456,485,900 in 1907, or about fifty per cent. of the total value of the new building construction in that year. Four-fifths of this loss or \$365,000,000, is preventable waste compared with the present European standard of building construction and fire losses.

A notable feature of this fire loss is that 27 per cent. was due to fires extending beyond the buildings where they originated. Such losses are the result of inflammable construction, for with brick and less inflammable buildings fires are more readily confined to the buildings in which they start. It is even more noticeable that only \$68,000,000 of this loss was on brick, concrete, stone and other slow burning construction, while double that amount, or about \$148,000,000 was on frame buildings. In the last 33 years the total fire waste amounted to about four and a half billion dollars.

At a reasonable estimate, probably more than one-half the insurance, one-fourth of the city water supply and distribution charges, three-fourths of the fire department charges, and three-fourths of the fire losses, or a total of \$234,192,956 a year may be reasonably looked forward to as a saving at such time as building construction in the United States shall become as good or better than that now found in European countries.

**Why Procrastinate?**

The sooner the residents of the city settle the water question the better. The fact that a drought may be broken does not necessarily mean that there will never be another or that there is no need of better water works.

The men who served on the special committee, which examined into the matter, all urged early action on the bond issue. The mayor very properly insisted on an early election so that the work might begin at the earliest moment and be finished as soon as possible.

The people can settle this public question now just as well as next summer, or the next, or the summer after that. The need of action is certainly more deeply impressed now than it would be later, when there might be plenty of water for the time being.

What good reason is there for procrastination? Another of the regular semi-monthly testimonials of Clarksburg's industrial activity was given today in the distribution of \$20,000 to the employees of the big sheet and tin plate industry in eastern Clarksburg. It is a testimonial of a most substantial character as it is felt in all channels of business and trade in the city. All Clarksburgers are glad and thankful that the city has this big plant.

As the Charleston Mail says it is making preparations to congratulate the next internal revenue collector in this State; it is to be inferred that that official is to be given a great send off. But just how the prepared article would suit another than the one the Mail may think will be appointed is not explained. A complimentary paragraph for one man sometimes does not suit another.

There should be no politics in connection with the proposed bond issue, but when the people's interests are at stake, only cool and calm judgment should be exercised.—Daily News.

Then why not practice what you preach?

**WHAT OTHER EDITORS SAY**

**Chilton's Withdrawing.**  
The Charleston Gazette should issue a special edition and devote it solely to the withdrawal of W. B. Chilton from politics to devote his time to the practice of law. The serial has been running daily for the past three weeks.—Fayette Journal.

**That's Not All.**  
We fear Senators Tillman and Jeff Davis are not in good health. Congress has been in session for three days and they have not been heard from.—Uniontown News-Standard.

**But the Record is Over.**  
The West Virginian will be more or less at the mercy of its adversaries for the next two weeks as the merchants are making very heavy demands on its space for advertising their Christmas goods. However, we won't be imposed on, remember that, if we have to issue a supplement.—Fairmont West Virginian.

**Tragedy Street.**  
Ninth street is the tragedy street of this city. There have been two murders and three attempted suicides on this street besides a number of cutting grapes during the past five years.—Moundsville Herald.

**Rules as to Dunning.**  
This paper observes a rule it made itself about dunning its subscribers through the paper. The columns of The Herald are filled each week with as high class of reading matter as may be found in the ordinary one-horse weekly paper. The people appreciate this service by ordering the paper and paying for it.—Salem Herald.

**Glasscock's Utterances.**  
Governor-elect Glasscock has said many good things before and since his election, of which number none is more pertinent or timely than the remarks attributed to him in the direction of friendliness to old and new business enterprises. What we need now more than new tax laws in West Virginia, is new railroads and the extension of old ones; new coal mines, mills, factories and such little enterprises which bring wealth and employment to the people within our gates.—Parkersburg.

**Annual Horror.**  
The meeting of the national lawmakers brings around one horror. The annual jokes about the Congressional Record reappear in all their ghostly array.—Parkersburg State Journal.

**Oh, Forget It.**  
Our esteemed contemporary, the Congressional Record, will now resume publication.—Charleston Gazette.

**Ha! Ha!**  
Gratton is to get a fine new passenger station. Parkersburg gets the laugh.—Parkersburg Sentinel.

**The Hazing of the Statesmen.**  
Hazing is defended in the Senate on the ground that it is a custom of the Senate.

It is not meant by this that the dignified Senators indulge in boyish pranks and bodily violence, but that the new members are compelled to take back seats and let the statesmen old in service run the machinery of legislation and do all the talking. There is a measure of justice in the criticism, and the protest is timely, but the protestants are not without some measure of blame. They will always have the back seats unless they bestir themselves and fight their own battles.

Aggressive young statesmanship has broken down some of the barriers of precedent in times past and it can do so again. Mollycoddles never break anything nor do they often make anything.—Connellsville Courier.

**Overlooked.**  
A fifty million dollar spinster has just died in New York in her nineties. There must be some heartaches over this news in noble European families who missed such a prize.—Baltimore American.

**The Poor South.**  
"No more the world South," says President-elect Taft. "No more the liquid South," say the Prohibition papers. Just where does the South get off?—New York Mail.

**SENT TO JAIL**

For Three Days is One Man Convicted of Drunkenness in City Court.

Convicted of drunkenness, David Crawley was sent to jail for three days in default of the payment of a three dollar fine by Mayor Edward J. Wood at the regular session of police court this morning.

Frank James was acquitted of a charge of disorderly conduct last night at the Swager saloon. J. Johnson was fined \$4.60 for drunkenness and released upon payment of the amount.

**HOLIDAY VACATION.**

The close of next week will mark the Christmas vacation at Broadus. Faculty and student body will spend the holidays at home.

**THE DRUMMER'S DREAM**

One night a drummer dreamed a dream, and dreaming dreamed he died.  
And straightway to the pearly gates his un-stained spirit hied.  
And there before the saints he stood with downcast head and low,  
"My records pretty rank," he said; "I guess I'm bound for below; I've smoked a lot, and drank a lot—confess it all I must;  
And flirted, too—and then besides, O sorrow! how I've cussed."  
The good Saint Peter looked at him with kindly, smiling eyes,  
But shook his head, "Don't ask," said he, "a mansion in the skies."  
The drummer bowed, and in this strain the aged saint began:  
"You've gotten up at 4 a. m., and chased the train a mile  
Amid the train crew's jibes and jeers a-sounding all the while;  
And then you've found as usual the time-card's played 'ts tricks,  
You've chased the wrong train once again and your goes out at 6.  
You've taken some gay merchant out and spent a tea or more,  
And then he calmly says he's bought his goods the day before.  
You've spent your life at bad hotels, and eaten still worse meals,  
With 'ole and waiter girls all run down at the heels.  
You've had your letters sent astray, your trunks have wandered, too;  
And with porters, clerks and baggage men you're in a constant stew.  
And once a month, more attener two, you get to see your wife.  
Now tell me—is it true?"  
"It is," replied the drummer, as he took his hat to go.  
"Ah, well," said good Saint Peter, as he opened the portal wide; "I am very glad to meet you, sir. Just kindly step inside.  
We will try to make you happy here—we'll do the best we can;  
You've served your time in hell, for you have been a travelling man."  
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**8 3/4c Outing Cloth 3 3/4c**  
Another case of 8 3/4-3c outing cloth, 3,000 yards, excellent quality, light and dark styles, mostly neat checks and stripes and broken plaids. Regular value 8 1/2-3c. This lot will go quickly Saturday night at 3 7/8c. Tell your neighbors and friends about these wonderful values.

**75c Salem Sheets 49c**  
81x90 extra large size for double beds. No use to waste words trying to tell you what they are, for all know they are one of the best sheets made, and at the Sale Price, 49c, they are a grand value—just save you 26c on each sheet. Don't fail to lay in a supply.

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**50c Underwear, 'Vests and Pants 24c**  
Sixty dozen Ladies' Vests and Pants, regular 50c garments, fine ribbed, silk taped, and a hand finished fronts, beautiful quality; some are slightly soiled and a drop stitch may be found in a few, though it will not impair the wearing qualities of the garment. All sizes, 4, 5 and 6. Choice Saturday night only, 24c a garment.

**12 1/2c and 15c Percales 9 1/2c**  
Very best quality Manchester Percales in light and dark styles, special assortment to select from. Sale price 9 3/4c yard.

**50c Damask Towels 29c**  
These towels are strictly all linen, very fine satin damask, and in three sizes, extra large, large and medium sizes, handsome designs, some have the hand drawn effects, with deep knotted fringe. Some of the handsomest 50c towels you ever saw—don't let this opportunity go by, take advantage of this sale. Only about 45 dozen left. Saturday night only, 29c.

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