

**Water Works.**

**EDITOR OF THE GAZETTE :--**I am pleased to hear from "Economy," in your widely circulated city paper.

The subject of obtaining water for the city of Columbus, and more particularly for the Steam Fire Department, is not a new subject, and the committee were instructed by the late resolution, to present a plan for obtaining water for the Fire Department of the city, and as that department is of much importance to the safety of city property, and the water from the canal can be more easily procured, and quite as reliable as the river at all times, the committee have reported accordingly. But Economy, not as that individual always does, but Micawber like, proposes waiting. For what? Until the city of Columbus shall have a population equal to an expenditure of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, at least, to obtain pure water for all purposes. If this is the plan the citizens wish to adopt at this time, there will be no improvement in the supply of water to the city for twenty years to come; and if the present plan of expending twenty-five thousand dollars will pay the interest on that amount, as I most sincerely believe it will, by the sale of water, and furnish the city Fire Department a full supply of water, we will have, at the end of the twenty years, all the cisterns thus built, all the iron pipes, the lot and reservoir on the summit of the city, which will be worth all they cost, and the reservoir will greatly increase the advantage of supplying the south part of the city. When these improvements are taken from the first cost, it will leave less than ten thousand dollars to be divided into twenty years for the supply of water for the Fire Department, and will be much better entitled to the name of Economy than the article in the GAZETTE.

The committee had not the vanity to believe that every suggestion in their report was perfect, but wished to have this subject discussed, and some plan adopted to perfect the now commenced Steam Fire Department, as well as the Fire Department generally. And, as for drinking water, we as a city, have the best spring and well water in the State, and a good supply if properly sought after.

ONE OF THE COMMITTEE.