

SALE OF THE WATER WORKS.

A Liberal Bid.

The city-authorities have at last received a bid for the lease of the Water Works. It comes from the National Water Works Company of New York, and is perfectly startling in its nature. It is one of those bids which only the National Water Works Company of New York can afford to make. It is one of those reckless propositions which the capital of the National Water Works Company of New York warrants it in submitting, and one that no other company would have the hardihood to submit.

The National Water Works Company of New York propose to lease the Water Works of this little one-horse town of ours for the term and space of fifty years, and pay for the lease the munificent sum of fifty thousand dollars—one thousand dollars a year. If the National Water Works Company will come down this way, we will rent them one of our small houses, one-story establishments, at that price, and they can start a little water works of their own.

The National Water Works Company of New York propose to extend the pipes, erect reservoirs and do sundry other things, and sell the whole to the city, the present water works and all, when the fifty years have expired, but during these fifty years they propose to charge the city one hundred dollars a year for each fire plug.

Could not the National Water Works Company of New York be induced to make an offer for the whole city at the same extravagant rate? We warrant that a bid would receive the same sober consideration as the present one does.
