

ALBANY WATER WORKS.

THE Trustees of the Albany Water Works are compelled to address the subscribers to the water on the subject of the present state of that institution, so beneficial to this city, and so necessary to the comfort and convenience of its citizens, as well as to their security from the ravages of fire.

The Stockholders of this institution have advanced a sum exceeding \$30,000 in effecting this establishment; two Reservoirs have been constructed, the one near the fountain head about three miles from this city, the other on the elevation at the head of Steuben-street in this city, and a line of iron conduits of six inches bore extended on the whole distance, on which alone upwards of \$40,000 has been expended; the Reservoir in this city is furnished with a constant supply of water, uncommonly pure in quality, from a never failing source, amply sufficient to supply every house therein, and this supply secured through durable conduits, in all rational probability, for ages to come.

The supply of water from the Reservoir in this city, to its inhabitants is furnished through wooden conduits laid through the several streets, and though these conduits in general, may serve a temporary purpose for several years, they are from year to year suffering a partial decay, and if not from time to time carefully attended to and repaired, must materially affect the supply of water to different parts of the city.

The intense frost experienced during the last winter, when no snow had fallen to protect the ground from its effects, and which penetrated deeper than was perhaps ever known, caused a material disorder in several of the conduits as well as in the lateral conducting pipes, and arrested a supply of water from many houses, while it was abundantly flowing to waste at the City Reservoir, though at the same time, all those who were subscribers to the water, and were from this circumstance debarred from receiving a supply, had the privilege of drawing it from the pentstocks of any of their neighbours by which means the subscribers generally had the benefit of an ample supply from the institution, the want of which would have been sorely felt; particularly at that season, had the institution not been established and perpetuated by the iron conduits.

To enable the trustees (who have no greater interest in the highly beneficial effects of this institution, than their fellow-citizens generally) to make the necessary repairs, and to guard, as far as may be possible, against the future effects of intense frost by necessary precautionary amendments in the line of conduits in several parts of this city, they are compelled to call on each of the subscribers to the water, to pay their established rates annually, in place of quarterly, to commence from the first day of May in the present year; and this mode of supporting the institution, by furnishing the Trustees with means to enable them to render so highly beneficial a service to this city, as well as to each individual subscriber, as the securing to them a regular and abundant supply of pure and wholesome water, the Trustees feel a confidence that no citizen who has enjoyed this benefit and is disposed to continue such enjoyment, will make the least hesitation in promptly complying with.

On the heavy sum already expended by the Stockholders in bringing the institution to its present state, they have at no time drawn a dividend in any degree apportioned to the advance; for more than eight years past, no dividend whatever has been made, nor can any be calculated upon for several years to come, consequently, further advances by them cannot be reasonably expected.

The collector will commence to make the collections for the present year on the first Monday of June, when it is confidently expected that no unnecessary delay will be made in the payments, as until the collections are made, the necessary repairs cannot be commenced, and the consequence of such delay would be seriously felt by those who depend on a continued supply of water.

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