

## *Official Test of the Water Works.*

The official test of the Holly Water Works put in by Baker Bro. & Co., so long delayed and anxiously waited for by our citizens took place this afternoon (Feb. 6) in the presence of the Board of Trustees. All the fire organizations in the town with the exception of the Hook and Ladder Company, not ordered out, were promptly on hand at the appointed time, City Hose attaching to the hydrant on Fifth street two sections of hose, Eagle Hose attaching two sections of hose to the hydrant on Fourth street, and Deluge Company No. 1 attached to the Third street hydrant one section, so that when the water was turned on at the works there were five powerful streams of water in the air on Main street, presenting a fine sight and filling all beholders with a sense of security, to which we have been a stranger for years. Eagle and City hose then attached to the Third street hydrant and deluged the Presbyterian Church after which a stream from the hydrant was turned into engine No. 1 and the boys of that company endeavored to keep it pumped out, but their efforts were in vain for it was quickly flooded, and the stream that issued from the pipe seemed pitifully small when compared to the ones coming from the new apparatus. One thousand two hundred feet of hose was then laid from the Third street hydrant to the Congregational church, and with the powerful, steady stream that came forth dashing over the steeples, the last fears of the timid were dispelled and the disbelievers were silenced and convinced. 1,200 more feet of hose was then attached, reaching to the Methodist Church, making 2,400 feet in all, but here with a large nozzle the stream was hardly effective, barely reaching the top of the Church, but when the stream was turned into the box of No. 1 engine and power applied to the brakes, as good and strong a stream came from the smaller nozzle as they have ever had when taking suction from a reservoir.

This concluded the exercises of the day and the large crowd that was assembled quietly dispersed, approval of our new fire protection showing in every face. The trustees then repaired to their clerks office, where the following resolutions were adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Trustees have witnessed the official test of the water works, are highly pleased with the same, and accept the works.

Also moved and carried that

A. M. Lowry be a Committee to correspond with the officials of the A. & G. W. Railway as to appointment of a tender to the works, who shall also be flagman on the railroad.

The works will remain in charge of Baker, Bro. & Co., until next Monday evening at which time it is expected the Village will assume control.

The meeting of Trustees adjourned until that date.