

WATER WORKS MATTERS.

A New Company Organized that Means Business—Facts of General Public Interest.

In another column are presented the official reports of two special meetings of the Board of Village Trustees held to take action in regard to the Water Works question. By reference to these reports it will be seen that what was known as the Franklin Company has been superseded by another company, whose objects will naturally in many respects be more in sympathy with local interests than the previously-formed company.

The reason for the reorganization was as follows: The Franklin parties, after looking the ground over carefully came to the conclusion that there was no ground high enough in the vicinity of Jamestown to give the fire pressure on the highest ground that is required by the Trustees, and not being sufficiently well informed as to the merits of the Holly plan to enter into a contract without further investigation that would virtually require that system of works to fulfill its requirements, they asked permission to withdraw their proposition.

The permission was granted as requested and what is virtually a new company was formed, and its organization was completed by the selection of the following officers:

President—Alba M. Kent.

Vice-President—Hon. T. T. Flagler.

Secretary—J. E. Mayhew.

Treasurer—Archibald F. Kent.

The corporate name of the company will be "The Jamestown Water Supply Company."

The proposition made to the Trustees and accepted by them binds the new company to execute the contract as engrossed and prepared for the Franklin company to sign.

One of the members of the company as now organized had an option for 1,800 tons of pipe which expired on Saturday of this week, at a price which makes a saving to the company of nearly \$10,000. This contract has already been closed, and the whole amount of pipe required is already bought.

They also had an option which expired today for two acres of land adjoining the railroad and fronting on the Ashville road on the west side of the Outlet and near the Boatlanding. On this tract are some of the best springs in this vicinity, the water being perfectly soft. This land has been tested in several places and the formation found to be a good quality of gravel to a depth of over twenty feet, and we believe it is the intention of the company to put down large wells and lead the water from the springs into them and furnish the supply—except in case of fires, when, as we understand it, the water will be drawn from the Outlet—from these wells which would give us in addition to pure spring water, water which would be filtered the gravel formation acting as a filter. The company today notified Mr. Harby that they would take the land. So we suppose the long delayed question of location may now be considered settled and that the new water works are to be located at this point.

We understand also that the system of works to be built is as good as settled—the company having this morning approved the plans, specifications and estimates of the Holly company and having directed a contract to be prepared in accordance therewith.

We defer further comment on the question for the present, only adding that we believe all our citizens will be gratified to know that the water-works question is practically settled and that Jamestown is to have at an early day a general system of water-works, entirely adequate to the needs of the place for fire and other public purposes, and also for domestic, industrial and other private uses.