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JUST AS WE EXPECTED.—The Democrat resorts to its usual dodge in replying to our strictures on the communication it published in reference to taking water for this city from Hemlock Lake. It insinuates that the Union opposed the scheme of getting water from that source, and, acting upon this false assumption, it goes on to talk of this paper having changed its mind.

The Democrat *knows* that we have always been in favor of water works for this city, and it also *knows* that we have regarded Hemlock Lake as an excellent source of supply. But for the want of ability or fairness to meet what we said on this question, the Democrat attempts to put us in a position we have not occupied.

We were opposed to taking water from Smithtown and are still opposed to it. We did not think the Common Council were justified in the hasty action they took and think so yet. We suspected there was fraud in the contract scheme and warned the public against it. When, though late, the contractor appeared and proposed to go ahead with the work in good faith, we said if you do this, all right; we hope you may succeed. Give us good water and we will overlook the mistakes of the Common Council, or if need be, admit that they were right in their act and we were wrong in our suspicions.

Now what is there inconsistent in this? Can the Democrat tell us without perverting truth?

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