

## The Water Works Question.

MR. EDITOR:—Can you tell me why it is, that while the parties abroad who propose to supply all the Capital needed to build the Water Works, affirm that they don't want the City to take any of the Stock, the Contractor himself is exerting all his ingenuity to get the Common Council to subscribe for \$150,000 of the stock of the Company? What do such tactics mean? If the Contractor would labor as assiduously to push the Works as he does to control the Board of Aldermen, he would be able to report gratifying progress.

Our citizens want the Works. They have made a bargain (through the City Government) with Mr. Easton; they will stand by that bargain; and they want Mr. Easton to stand by it also. But they are alarmed by his secret manoeuvres. They hear that some Aldermen have been favored with a promise of Stock—the terms not transpiring. If the Works are to be built according to the contract, what necessity can there be for any private arrangement with Aldermen?—or for treats to fine suppers and free champagne, and free rides, &c., &c.? If the contractor wants the support of the whole Public, let him abandon his favorite tactics and go ahead in a straight-forward business like manner. If he will stand by the bargain, the terms of which were made to suit him in all respects, he will find nobody opposing him; but if he expects to gouge the City out of \$150,000 or any other sum, more or less, without meeting sturdy and determined opposition, he is destined to be disappointed.

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