

**Common Council.**  
**ADJOURNED MEETING.**

Ald. Groot stated that in the report of the Poor Committee made at the last meeting there was a misstatement in the figures given. It was said that the figures showed an expenditure of \$51,000, when the actual expenditure was \$36,140.00.

A communication from the Mayor in regard to the Water Works was read. The Mayor suggested that the conduit pipes be 24 inches in diameter instead of 20 inches, and that the capacity of the reservoir be enlarged. He also stated that he deemed it of vital interest to the city that it should hold a large share of the stock.

Ald. Kelly said that at the proper time he should fight the matter. He did not propose to have the citizens swindled again in the construction of Water Works.

Ald. Groot offered a resolution that the city subscribe for \$3,000 shares of the Water Works stock—\$150,000, and that the Mayor be authorized to subscribe for the number of shares mentioned.

Ald. Powers moved to indefinitely postpone the resolution.

Ald. Warren would like to know when the Common Council derived power to subscribe for stock for any enterprise.

Ald. Groot moved to postpone until the first regular meeting in April.

Ald. Kelly wanted the thing killed now.

Ald. Groot would be glad to record his vote in favor of the resolution. He thought that there was a great deal of old foginess in the city of Rochester. Good improvements were always opposed.

Ald. Taylor said that Ald. Groot thought because we opposed saddling a debt of \$150,000 on the city we were opposed to water works. There is an act giving the city power to subscribe for \$150,000 of stock. He supposed that the existing contract was to be carried out in good faith. The city had taken enough stock in such enterprises.

Ald. Brown said that Ald. Kelly was opposed to water works because he was afraid the pipes would burst and put out his lamps.

Ald. Warren said if this stock was as good as Ald. Groot represented, why did not the citizens subscribe for it. The city of Hamilton, C. W., was bankrupt from subscribing to water works.

Ald. Powers did not know what kind of stock the city would get if it was subscribed for. How many times had it, the stock, been watered. The city should be in the first "ring," not in a second or third one.

Ald. Kelly said in case the Council should subscribe for the stock, an injunction would be served inside of twenty-four hours. The Water Works Company would never take water directly from Hemlock Lake. The people who have valuable manufactories there would not allow it.

Ald. Bier was opposed to the contract when it was made, and he was opposed to taking stock now. He doubted if we ever got water from the present company.

Ald. Groot said that the people at Hemlock Lake could not put the water in a basket or in their pockets. If the city had taken stock in the Gas Company on the start, it would have made a big amount of money. The stock of the Genesee Valley Railroad if the new law passes, will be worth one hundred cents on a dollars and more. He did not believe in being penny wise and pound foolish.

Ald. Warren knew that Ald. Groot did not know what he was talking about. He (Ald. Warren) could get a hundred citizens within an hour in this Chamber who would be indignant at the proposition which had been made.

Ald. Quin was in favor of going to Hemlock Lake and nothing shorter, for water. He thought the mill owners up there were got up as a scare. He thought the opposition here tonight from some Aldermen was because they had not got stock for nothing. He was a Young American, not an old fogey.

Ald. Groot withdrew his resolution.