

The Water Question.

It is now announced that work for the Water Works Company has been suspended for want of funds. If such is the fact, it is presumed that it will not be resumed this fall. Thus the promise made some time since that water of some kind should be brought into the city this fall is broken, and all hope raised thereby at an end. We confess to no disappointment. The UNION has repeatedly urged upon the authorities to pay no regard to the promises of the Water Co., but to make the best arrangements possible to provide for the emergency that is pending. The water will of necessity be drawn from the canals for the entire winter to effect repairs. This source of protection for the central and more valuable portion of the city will be cut off, and millions of property will be exposed to the devouring element, unless some provision is made immediately for water.

We now take the liberty of repeating what we have so often said before to the authorities. And that is that they shall at once make arrangements to take water from the River through the mill races. There must be no delay, as but few days will elapse between the present and the time for closing the Canals. If the subject is neglected and a fearful conflagration ensues, the responsibility will be upon those whom the people have elected to attend to their business, and those who alone have the legal authority to act.

It is reported that the mill owners are unreasonable in their demands. How that may be we cannot say. The water must be had cost what it may. If anybody takes advantage of the public at such a time, the public may be advised of the facts and let the censure then fall where it belongs. A few hundred dollars should be of no account in saving millions from danger. Perhaps the insurance companies will do something in this emergency.

Is it not the duty of the Mayor to call a special meeting of the Council and demand its attention to a subject that so deeply concerns all?