

**THE WATER WORKS.**—We are glad to hear that the Water Works Company are persistently although quietly continuing the construction of their works, and that there is now a strong probability that the water will be introduced into the city before the winter frost sets in.

We learn from several of our citizens whom curiosity or business has led in the direction of Hemlock Lake, that large bodies of laborers are engaged on the water line at Smithtown, Sibleyville and East Henrietta, digging trenches and laying pipe. At the first named place about half a mile of rock has to be excavated for a depth of from six to eight feet, but the digging for the rest of the distance to the large storing reservoir at Henrietta presents no difficulty of any kind that a pick and shovel cannot overcome, and we can see no reason why the force now at work should not accomplish at least half a mile a week in their progress cityward.

However this may be, no doubt can now be entertained that the work is being prosecuted in thorough earnest, and be it one month or three months before its completion, the water will be equally welcome when it does arrive. As a matter of convenience there is not a house in the city that will not take it. As a matter of necessity in this coming winter when the canal is dry, the races frozen and our fire reservoirs empty, there is not a thoughtful nor a generous man in our midst who will not sleep the sounder when assured of its protective presence.

We are reminded that this enterprise is being conducted solely by outside capital. So much the better. Our city is able to absorb and use to profitable advantage all the capital that can be brought to it. We neither have nor care to have any idle money here. Still we can give a hearty endorsement to the value of the Water Works when completed, and an assurance to those who invest their means in its construction that they could not lay out their spare cash in any undertaking more secure and more certainly remunerative.