

WATER WORKS, YES!

HOW AKRON'S GREATEST NEED
CAN BE SUPPLIED WITH-
OUT DELAY.

A PROPOSITION TO BUILD WA-
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ING THE CITY A CENT
OF PERMANENT
INVESTMENT.

MEETING OF PROMINENT CITI-
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From Friday's Daily Beacon.

Pursuant to brief notice, a large number of business men, and representative citizens, met last evening at the parlors of the 2d National Bank, to consider the proposition of Messrs. Frost and Kendrick, to construct water works, and supply the citizens of Akron with water for all purposes. On motion, D. L. King, Esq.; was appointed Chairman and J. A. Kohler Secretary. Messrs. Frost and Kendrick submitted their proposition, which was to construct the works, supply pipe, furnish pure water for culinary and all purposes, and everything, and to charge consumers a rate not exceeding the prices charged at Cleveland.

The matter was very fully discussed and the view taken by the meeting was that the proposition furnished a very favorable opportunity to the city to obtain water works. On motion of E. P. Green, Esq., it was resolved un-animously that steps be at once taken to carry out the plan proposed and that the Council of the City be asked to furnish the necessary facilities and proceed to effect the proper arrange-ments at once.

On motion of A. L. Conger, a com- mittee of five citizens was appointed by the Chair to co-operate with the Council on behalf of the citizens in completing the arrangements. The chair appointing A. L. Conger, J. P. Alexander, Lewis Miller, Frank Adams and Jacob Brait such committee.

D. L. KING, Pres.

J. A. KOHLER, Sec'y.

The above is the official report of a meeting of the first importance to Ak-ron's present and future welfare. The meeting would have been much larger, had not the notice been so very brief and the size of the room, so limited. How- ever, it was a representative gathering, and the general public will have full opportunity to express practically the general feeling that it is high time that Akron's good name for enterprise shall have removed the stigma due to our protracted neglect to have a full water supply for the city, while towns far inferior in size and wealth, have in the meantime fully pro- vided themselves in this important particular.

The present proposition comes from Mr. M. S. Frost and Dr. O. C. Kendrick, of Cleveland, the parties who last year built both gas and water-works in Elyria, to the entire satisfaction of the people there. They offer to build water works for Akron as a business enterprise on the part of themselves and parties in Detroit and Philadelphia, with ample capital to back them. They take the entire pecuniary risk, and engage to be sub- ject to regulation by the City Council that the water furnished shall be fit for culinary and all purposes and always ample in supply, at prices never to exceed what Cleveland pays for the same service. The city does not incur a dollar of expense, except in connection with its fire hydrants. Of these there will be 150 double hydrants, each equal to two fire-streams at \$50 a year per hydrant, or \$7,500 for fire pro- tection that will cover every part of the city, Sixth Ward included.

The formal proposition will be pre- sented to the City Council on Monday night and if action is prompt and decisive upon it, the projectors are ready to begin work at once. They can begin by the 1st of July and by New Year's next, Akron will have complete Water Works without a dollar of debt.