

Water Works.

EDITOR OF THE GAZETTE :—I notice a report in the **GAZETTE**, from a Committee of the City Council, in favor of the erection of water-works to supply the fire department. I am decidedly in favor of supplying the city with a plentiful supply of good water at the earliest practicable period, not only for the fire department, but for the use of every family in the city; and for that reason would hesitate before assenting to an expenditure of twenty-five thousand dollars to procure a supply that would avowedly not be fit for cooking or drinking. Would not the plainest rudiments of economy dictate that a larger expenditure should be made, and secure at once the necessary supply for all purposes? If this expenditure is now incurred, will it not ensure an unnecessary cost in the end, to secure that which we must have at no distant day, a plentiful supply of pure water?

One other objection: It is contemplated to take the water from the canal. Can that be depended upon at all times for the necessary supply, even for the fire department?

ECONOMY.