

On Wednesday morning last, the steam engine, put up by col. BLANDING, for the purpose of supplying the town of Columbia with water, was set in operation before a large number of the citizens and members of the Legislature. The pipe to the lower basin was not complete, and of course the water could not be propelled from the machine to the upper basin. But as far as could be judged from the operation of the machine alone, it gave universal approbation. A cleaner working piece of machinery perhaps is not in the United States. It appeared more like the movement of a celestial system than a human invention, to see the complicated machinery in active motion, with a balance-wheel of sixty hundred weight, without the least noise or jar.