

LAYING PIPE—The upper end of State street presents an unusually lively appearance at present. Seventy-five men are engaged there in laying pipe for the water works. The work is being pushed at the rate of about one thousand feet per day. The trench, which is five feet ten inches in depth, is upon the north side of the street. Last evening Francis street had been reached, and it will be but a short time before the work on State as far as Gorham is entirely completed. Two joints of the pipe are made above ground, and three sections are lowered into the trench by means of derricks at the same time. The trenches are filled again as soon as the pipe is down, and the street which has been passed is left in condition. About two blocks are kept in confusion constantly, as the workmen extend in a line over that space of ground. Each man has his section of twelve feet to work in, and here he remains until that section is complete, when he goes to another. By this means, there is no confusion, and everything goes along smoothly and quietly. The men work by the job, that is they receive 75 cents a section, and are able to excavate from two to three per day, thus earning from \$1.50 to \$2.25 for their day's labor. The contractor says that this part of the water works will be completed without fail by the first of October.