

Asphalt Pipe.

To the Editor of The Evening Star:

St. Joseph has taken hold of this enterprise in a way that means business. It was offered here, and it is probable that if the attention of citizens were not so engrossed with the speculative investments in real estate, or if the matter had been more thoroughly canvassed, this place might have become the location of the factory. As it is, it is probably too late to recover the lost ground, and it really is that. The present requirement of the different water works and other enterprises requiring such pipe west of the Mississippi, approximates 400 miles per year. This factory will furnish a pipe fully equal to cast-iron, for a much less price, and the industry is one that will naturally and quickly become important. Another industry will soon follow this—the building of high class engines, pumps and mining machinery—and they will naturally go together. While Kansas City is getting rich by raising the price of land—a practical way of lifting ones self over a fence by his boot-straps—St. Joe, with spare capital, is putting it where it gives employment to workmen, and earns wealth in the surest way known to American capital—manufacturing. N.