

Our Water System.

Perhaps no improvement that has ever been made in our city for many years has given more general satisfaction or been of more benefit than the bringing into the water mains the water of the cold springs during the early part of last summer. It has been a positive luxury to drink this clear cold water and while the waters of the creek have been so filthy that a person could almost see disease and death lurking in them we have derived double satisfaction by the contrast. The city fathers have in mind the bringing in of some more springs that will so materially increase the water supply that there will not only be plenty for all domestic use, but also a supply for the irrigation of the lawns and flower beds. However, there will still remain a very important improvement to be made and that is the elimination of the old wooden water pipes which are a continual source of vexation to the community, and a perpetual thorn in the flesh of the city watermaster. They seem to have about served their time and are continually causing serious interruption in the domestic harmony of the citizens, and very unpleasant labor for the officer. There seems to be no move, at present, being made to get rid of these old pipes; doubtless owing to the financial condition of the municipality. But our knowledge of the progressive character of our city council assures us that as soon as conditions will permit they will energetically and successfully tackle this important work. We often hear it said that iron pipes would have been better, and no one was better aware of this fact than the men who had the putting in of the watersystem in the first place. But they had to cut their garment according to the cloth, and as better culinary water was badly, indeed imperatively needed, they did the very best that was possible under the circumstances, and if we get no more out of these old wooden pipes than we have already had we are nothing out of pocket, for it is certainly a fact that the convenience we have had during the years that have elapsed since their installment has been worth what it has cost. But let us have new ones as soon as a plan for meeting the expenses can be devised.