

The Mountain Water Company.

For the Palladium.

Messrs. Editors:

Returning to the city after a weeks absence, my attention is called to the report in your issue of Friday last, of a meeting of the stockholders of the "Water Company"—at which meeting, it appeared that "the company had expended a considerable sum of money to put down the Mountain Water projects, and prevent their running opposition pipes," etc. I deem it just to myself "and others" to say a few words by way of correction.

The Mountain Water project parties, after learning that \$250,000 of stock and \$125,000 in bonds had been pledged to contractors to build the works of the Water Co., and that their plans did not extend westerly beyond York street, stated a project for supplying that part of the city lying west of the line above named, and in their application to the legislature, submitted a charter defining their territory to the line west of York street, not intending to interfere with the old company and not expecting their opposition.

We knew that the water scheme and contract of the old company exhausted all their means, east of York street, if they treated the public fairly in their supply and distribution, and carried their pipes according to the original plan; we therefore could not be considered as rivals.

We were however, bitterly opposed and defeated. If there was any merit in this, it is due mainly to parties now about to be turned out of office.

But to the point we started to correct, viz: that the Mountain Water project was put down. The works are rapidly developing the streams by actual construction under a charter and the original plans of General Palmer and John Osborn, Esq.

We have constructed one dam, 30 feet high, which flows 12 acres of land, and now holds forty millions of gallons, 130 feet above tide water.

We have constructed another dam 35 feet high, which flows 30 acres of land, and holds one hundred millions of gallons, 180 feet above tide water, the waste water of which will flow into the first reservoir; and we had nearly half completed the dam on West Rock, (when the frost shut down the work,) and was the pipe now stopped, would flood 40 acres, and when finished will flood 75 acres of land, and hold several hundred millions of gallons, 240 feet above tide water.

The works will be resumed early in the Spring, and will be pushed forward to completion, with one or two more reservoirs on the Dughill streams:

We shall then have water in quantities sufficient to supply New Haven and Fair Haven with the best of quality and quantity sufficient for fountains, for domestic purposes, and also for all light manufacturing machinery, including every printing press in the city, (at half the cost of steam) to say nothing of the ability of the company to turn water into hydrants, which for force would then equal a steam fire engine, and all without the aid of (unreliable) pumping machinery.

Thirty acres of land have been purchased for a rural park by Mr. Caleb S. Maltby, skirting reservoirs 1 and 2, and connecting them. Nearly one and a half miles of the roads were laid out by him and completed last season. Reservoir dam No. 1 is supplied with three outlet pipes, viz: a 12, a 16, and a 20 inch pipe, and No. 2 with a 12 and a 16-inch pipe. The dam on West Rock is supplied with an ample outlet pipe, and we could connect or disconnect the reservoirs at pleasure, by a patented contrivance, which will operate in any part of the city where the connection is brought. Should the water in one reservoir become impure, it can be shut off and drawn off, and the supply kept up; or in case of a great conflagration, the whole power of the West Rock reservoir—240 feet above tide water—would be available, as it can be at all times for the purpose of power to be applied to machinery.

As to how so much has been accomplished in such a quiet way, we have only to say that the stockholders of the Fair Haven Water Company have put their own money into the work, and they will develop a project which, for importance to the city, will be second only to the introduction of steam railroads. The company has expended a large amount of money and is not in debt, and it has no power to issue bonds; and water can, and in time will be, offered for domestic purposes and for fountains at the beautiful rural mansions of our friends, Messrs. Ives and Babcock, upon the mountain range east of Fair Haven.

We feel called upon to make these statements in advance of the publication of a report by the Fair Haven Company, to correct an impression which many would otherwise be confirmed in, viz: that the original mountain project had been obliterated, and that its streams were not to be developed. We withdraw nothing we have ever said concerning the value and capacity of these streams, and we have the means and intend to prove the truth of all the representations we have made to the Legislature and to the Common Council.

By inserting the above in your valuable journal, you will much oblige

B. NOYES and others.