

# DAILY NEW ERA.

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TELETYPE

**THE WATER-WORKS QUESTION.**—The Constitution (a paper printed in this city) had in its afternoon edition of yesterday a communication signed by T. W. Yardley, who is here in the interest of the Holly system, one of its advocates, and a bidder for the works. The communication opens thus:

The Era, in its issue of this morning, has an article on the Water Works projected for Atlanta, which, to the uninitiated, might appear impartial, but which is really in the interest of, and was dictated by the advocates of the Cornish Pumping System.

Mr. Yardley has certainly allowed his zeal to overcome his discretion, or he would never have permitted himself to make such an imputation in such unmistakable language. The assertion that the article in question was dictated by the advocates of the Cornish Pumping system is untrue, and we call upon Mr. Yardley as a gentleman to qualify or retract his statement or show proof of its truth.

ion was a question was penned by the pipe w his paper, and he is respon- time was read by him to Mr. Yard- read in order that no misstatement of his system should be made public.

Several alterations which he suggested were made. The article was also read to Mr. Woodruff, who represents the Cornish pumping system, after it had been read to Mr. Yardley, and at his suggestion one single alteration was made. Until it was so read no other person had seen it. This being the true history of the case, we were much surprised at this attempt on the part of Mr. Yardley to endeavor to make the public believe we were the advocates of the Cornish system; still more, that he should go so far as to say the article was dictated by them.

Our columns are open to Mr. Yardley for any explanation he may choose to make, but we shall take no public notice of anything he may choose to write to other sheets. Courtesy would have dictated to him, that if he had a public complaint against us, his communication should have been addressed in the first instance to the New Era.

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL.**  
**LAST NIGHT—THE WATER-WORKS QUESTION.**—Pursuant to adjournment the City Council met last night, to consider the Water-works question and the bids in connection with the same.

His Honor Mayor Hazard in the Chair.

Present—Aldermen Dunning, Howell, Kelley, Murphy, O'Keefe, Castleberry, Mahoney, Anderson and Fowler.

Absent—Alderman Calloway.

His Honor stated the object of the meeting.

#### BIDS FOR SUPPLYING WATER.

Alderman Murphy, the Chairman of the Committee having charge of the Water-works matter, reported the following bids:

Woodruff, Stidham & Co., of Philadelphia, \$456,500, or \$397,000, or \$373,000, according to the engines used.

The company proposes to take city bonds at 70 cents on the dollar. The above bid applies to bringing the water from South River. The same company proposes to bring water from the Chattahoochee for \$843,850.

Holly Manufacturing Company, represented by Yardley & Co., of Cincinnati, Ohio, \$424,694, from South River; or \$270,527 additional, from the Chattahoochee. The work to be completed within six months.

Boston Machine Company \$57,000, or \$50,000 according to machinery, for bringing water from South River; or \$104,000 for bringing from the Chattahoochee.

The above bid includes only engines and pumps.

Dennis Long & Co., of Louisville, Ky., deliver pipes for \$74 80; \$97 00 per ton laid in the ground.

D. Gwinn, of Pittsburg, Pa., pipe to South River, \$260,000, or another pipe laid down complete, \$105,000.

Innumerable bids were made for hydrants, valves, etc.

John O. Hagen, of Nashville, Tenn., \$20,000 for fire plugs.

#### A RESOLUTION.

Alderman O'Keefe offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the various propositions submitted to the Council to-night for the construction of Water-works for the city of Atlanta, be referred to the Committee on Wells, Pumps and Cisterns, in connection with a Committee of citizens, consisting of L. P. Grant, E. E. Rawson, J. H. Flynn, J. A. Hoyden, Wm. Rushton, and Jas. L. Dunning—this Joint Committee of Council and citizens to report to the Council, at its next regular meeting the most favorable proposition, which if adopted by the Council shall be submitted to a vote of the people for ratification or rejection at the municipal election to be held in this city on the first Wednesday in December next.

Resolution unanimously adopted.

Council adjourned.