

Active Operations to be Commenced Shortly.

The public mind has been so much absorbed of late with railroad matters and the bonded indebtedness, that comparatively little attention has been bestowed upon the project of supplying the city of Dubuque with an inexhaustible fountain of clear, cold water from the Dubuque Level, but we are happy to announce that the enterprise is still alive, and what is more, that it soon promises to bear fruit. The gentlemen connected with the scheme belong to that class who never look back when the shoulder is once applied to the wheel, and while the public mind has been absorbed in the contemplation of other matters, they have been quietly and industriously perfecting plans, and making arrangements for a vigorous prosecution of the work with the dawn of spring. Yesterday morning the engineer of the company, Mr. J. L. Pillsbury, of Boston, arrived in the city, and it is announced that he will draw up the necessary plans and specifications at once, so that the contract for building the water works can be awarded immediately. Mr. Pillsbury is an engineer of much experience, and now has charge of the construction of the water works at Columbus, Ohio, which it is estimated will cost \$600,000. After visiting the Level, Mr. Pillsbury expressed his opinion that the supply of water was amply sufficient to meet the demands of the city, and that the quality of the same for culinary, and all domestic purposes could not be surpassed. His opinion will go far toward dispelling the idea, widely entertained heretofore, that the supply of water from the Level would prove insufficient, and we shall look for increased confidence on the part of the citizens in regard to the enterprise sought to be carried out by the company.

PERSONAL.—J. L. Pillsbury, of Boston, engineer, is in town, connected with the proposed water works.