

Water Works Contract Awarded.

Muscatine is going to have water works, and no mistake. The company held a meeting on Wednesday evening to open and consider the bids for the construction of the works. The *Journal* says six or seven proposals were opened, four for the whole of the work—including engine and material—and three for a part of the apparatus. The bids for the whole job were from W. C. Wier, for \$32,138; Worthington Pump Co., by E. C. Morgan, for \$33,705.64; from the Holly Co., by J. Hildreth, for \$39,838, and one from the Blake Manufacturing Co., the amount of which is withheld as a mistake was made in the bid. Mr. Wier's bid being not only the lowest, but in the judgment of the company the best in its features and provisions, it was accepted by a unanimous vote. Work will be inaugurated at the earliest practicable moment. The construction of the reservoir, which is independent of the contract given Mr. Wier, will hardly be commenced till next summer.—*Davenport Gazette*.

Mr. Wier was chief engineer of the water-works company in Anamosa, and his friends here will be glad to hear of his good fortune in securing the contract at Muscatine.