

—The Morrison Water Works are gone, —busted, collapsed, evaporated. They had to succumb to the extra pressure of an over-load, and, like many other things, gave up.

The many misgivings of the citizens were realized Thursday morning. About two o'clock a sound was heard resembling a heavy discharge of artillery. People awoke from their slumbers to find that the water tank had busted. Of course there are numerous conjectures and opinions as to the cause, we do not think that the contractor, C. W. Sholes, is to blame. His part of the contract was carried out. The contract called for iron one-eighth of an inch thick ; upon investigation Mr. Sholes found that it would not be strong enough, and put in iron three-sixteenths of an inch thick which is fifty per cent. stronger than the original contract called for.

The accident can be accounted for in this manner : the tank on Wednesday night had 80,000 gallons of water in it, and the staves had swelled to their utmost, which caused a stronger pressure upon the iron hoops than they could bear, which caused them to burst ; of course, with the bursting of the hoops, down came the whole structure. The Loss to the city is about \$4,000.—*Morrison Times.*