

THE WATER WORKS.—The contract for the Springfield Water Works has been let to Messrs. Ennis & Eastman—their bid being \$139,000.—There were four bids for the work, the highest reaching \$160,000. The work of excavation has already been commenced, and the enterprise will be pushed forward with all possible energy.

The contractors, Messrs. Ennis & Eastman, are perfectly responsible and reliable men. Mr. Ennis was the largest contractor on the Illinois Central Railroad, and his well-known industry and ability are a sure guarantee of the speedy and successful completion of the work in which he is now engaged. Mr. Eastman, who resides here, holds so high a place in the esteem and confidence of his fellow-citizens, that any commendation from us would be entirely supererogatory. Both of the contractors are eminently sound and substantial business men; and our worthy and energetic Mayor and Common Council are peculiarly fortunate, in that they have succeeded in confiding the management of a work of such magnitude and importance to our city, to such able and trust-worthy hands.

A large number of laborers will be wanted soon, and to those in need of work, a very favorable opportunity is now offered. The contractors design employing a large force, in order to push the work forward as rapidly as possible. There are hundreds of men now out of employment, with a long and perhaps severe winter before them, who can make a very comfortable living here for the next six or eight months; and we do not think such men will be slow to take advantage of the chance presented to them.