

**CELEBRATION.**—The First Annual Parade of the Fire Department of this city took place yesterday in honor of the introduction of pure and wholesome water into this city, and in connection with the Celebration of that event by the Civil Authorities, Military, Civic Societies and Citizens generally. The threatening aspect of the weather deterred many from uniting in the Celebration. Nevertheless, there were several thousand persons in the streets during the morning. A salute was fired at 10 o'clock, the bells were rung and the shipping displayed flags at the mast head. The Procession commenced soon after 10 o'clock to form, and moved at about 12 o'clock. It formed in the streets in the vicinity of the public square, the right of the Division resting on Washington st. Dr. J. M. Cornelison was Grand Marshal, assisted by several Aids. The Military, under the command of Gen. E. R. V. Wright, were in advance, followed by the Firemen. The eleven Companies belonging in this city turned out six hundred men, and the Companies from New York, Nos. 14, 20, 21, 29, 34 and 38, together with Hose Companies Nos. 44 and 49, numbered at least 500 men. Immediately following the Firemen were one hundred carriages containing the invited guests. Civic societies and the Butchers, Carmen and Citizens on horseback composed the remainder of the procession. They marched through several streets to the distributing reservoir on Bergen Hill. An oration was there delivered by I. W. Scudder, Esq., after which the procession returned to the city. The guests repaired to the Hudson House and dined; and the various Companies dined in different places as provided by their hosts. The principal dinner was at the Hudson House. At this house over 400 persons dined. His honor Mayor Manners presided. At his right were Gov. Price, Judge Haines and the clergy; at his left were the President of the Board of Water Commissioners and and clergy. Mr. Allison, Secretary of State, Judge Naar, the mayor and common council of Newark, representatives of the common council of Paterson, the authorities of Jersey City and of Hudson County were present. Various toasts were given and responses were made by Gov. Price, Judge Haines, Mayor Manners, D. S. Gregory and other gentlemen present. At the dinners of the Firemen toasts and speeches appropriate to the day were also made.

The water is taken from the Passaic River at Belleville, four miles above Newark. At that point is the engine, by means of which the water is thrown up into the receiving reservoir at the rate of 160,000 gallons per hour when worked at its full power. The water is forced up through a main pipe, 36 inches in diameter and 2,273 feet in length, to the height of 157 feet above the Passaic River, and discharged into the receiving reservoir, the capacity of which is twelve million gallons. Thence it is conducted across the salt meadows and across the Hackensack River by means of an inverted siphon, so as not to interfere with navigation, and thence to the distributing reservoir on Bergen Hill. This reservoir is fifty millions of gallons in capacity, and 127 feet above the high water mark of the Hudson River. From this reservoir the water is conducted through a twenty-inch pipe to Jersey City and discharged into the distributing pipes. It is furnished to consumers upon the same terms as the Croton water is furnished in New York—the water-works being constructed, as in New York, by the city. The quality of the Passaic water is, however, purer than Croton.

The actual cost of the water-works	
has been	\$615,000
Add interest paid	45,000
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Entire cost of the work	\$660,000
There have been issued 615 Jersey	
City Water Bonds	\$615,000
Received for interest, premiums, &c.	45,000
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Total	\$660,000

Altogether, the celebration passed off in an imposing and creditable manner.