

TRIAL OF THE WATER WORKS.—On Tuesday we witnessed a trial of the Water Works recently put up under the direction of the Hawley Manufacturing Company, of Lockport, and we should judge that the trial must have been satisfactory, as to the power of the Engine and the plan by which the water was forced through the pipes and hose. We were present at the Engine House and saw the fire set to the fuel; and in less than fourteen minutes the indicator showed that the engine had seventy pounds of steam on. The engine could have been set to work with twenty five pounds, but Mr. Hawley, the builder, wanted to show the Trustees and spectators what the machine would do. At this time the steam was applied to the engine, and in an instant the ponderous machinery was in motion. Almost immediately, on looking up Main street, we saw the effects. On the corner of State, Jackson, and Center Streets, were three Streams of water rising to the height of the tallest steeple. Indeed, the jets went several feet above the top of the steeple of the new Methodist Church—much the tallest one in town. At the same time another stream was high in air on Jackson street, near the Rail-Road. Water was thrown many feet over the battlements of the building on the corner of Main and State Streets, formerly the Geneva House, and that, too, with sufficient force to have quenched the hottest fire.

We do not know what the Trustees thought of the trial, but for our part, we can hardly imagine a more satisfactory test, unless it were a real conflagration, and that would be hardly worth the while to get up for the purpose.

The only fault we can find with the works is that it requires so many men to get the engine running, in tending the fire and fanning the flames. This looks like a bad feature.