

# Los Angeles News.

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## City Water Works.

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On Monday last, Dr. J. S. Griffin, P. Beaudry, S. Lazard and others filed with the Clerk of the Common Council, a proposition to lease the city water works for a term of thirty years, at a yearly rent equal to that paid by the present lessee, to assume all liabilities or damages growing out of the present contract of lease, to build substantial and competent reservoirs, and to replace the wooden pipes with iron ones as fast as the same shall become necessary, and to make all repairs of the works that may be required to place the water in the pipes in the shortest possible time, and at their own expense. The proposition with another from other parties was referred to a committee, who will report at the next meeting. Of course we cannot anticipate the action of the committee; we may however indulge in the hope that this question that has so long perplexed the minds of our City Fathers, will be definitely settled in a manner that the interests of the city will be preserved. The water works have

served. The water works have cost the city in bonds and interest, near fifty thousand dollars, and owing to the loss of the dam by which the water was raised to turn the wheel, the lessee is unable to supply the city with water, and a work that cost so many thousand dollars is comparatively worthless and must remain so until the Common Council adopt such means as will put the work in good order, which will evidently cost either the city or the lessee several thousand dollars; and while we express no opinion as to whether the landlord or tenant should pay for the repairs, particularly since a question of responsibility has arisen between the city and the lessee of the water works, we insist that a work that has cost so much money, and that is of such importance to the city, should not be permitted to go to destruction when it can be made productive of so much good.