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## Will the City Authorities build a Dam?

The prosperity of this city depends to a very great extent upon the supply of water for irrigation and domestic purposes, and the supply of that needful element is at present dependent upon the uncertainty of a temporary wing dam in the river, constructed of brush and stone, the insecurity of which has proven itself by being washed away several times this spring, since the beginning of the irrigating season, to the great inconvenience and damage of the farmers and vineyardists. Yet the Common Council have taken no steps to build a dam. For four months last winter the city was deprived of the use of the Water Works, and forced to rely upon water carts for a supply of water for domestic purposes; and the agricultural interests were seriously injured in the early spring months, by the irregularity of the supply of water for irrigation. This the Council and the community know to have been the case, and they must know that as soon as the rains commences the temporary dam that now supplies the city with water for all purposes will be carried away by the flood, and the public be subjected to the same inconveniences during next winter and spring that they were forced to contend with last winter and this spring. The Council made an effort to remedy the evil in part, by making such arrangements as would secure a supply of water for domestic purposes, at all seasons of the year, but they met with such opposition that the matter was abandoned, and no proposition has since been made upon the subject of water. Under the present system, no water can be obtained for any purpose for four months in the year, without a substantial and permanent dam, which will cost the city \$20,000 or \$30,000, and require several months

in the year, without a substantial and permanent dam, which will cost the city \$20,000 or \$30,000, and require several months for its construction, which must necessarily be in the summer and fall, as the winter rains will so swell the river as to make it impossible to build a dam until the water goes down, in the spring. Those interested, and they number upward of ten thousand, can well understand that if a dam is not built by the middle or last of October, the present condition of things must continue until the fall of 1869. Such being the case, it becomes the duty of the citizens of this city to insist that some measures be adopted to remedy the evils we have spoken of, without further delay.