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Mr. Bullard's Reasons.

Editor Tribune. I am going to cast my vote against the proposed issue of Water Bonds next Tuesday, for the following reasons:

I will get no more water, no better water, and no cheaper water, than I am getting at present. Why then, should I vote an additional mortgage upon my property for something that I do not need, and do not want.

A new plant could not come anywhere near paying the fixed charges for interest and maintenance, unless the people were forced to connect with it, and this would mean an additional tax of at least fifteen dollars to each consumer, or fifteen thousand dollars entirely unnecessary expense.

While I believe in the theory of municipal ownership, in order to look for its practical success we must have a whole lot of heavenly conditions which do not seem to me to exist in this community.

The Water Company is my servant, and so far has rendered me service that has been entirely satisfactory. The office holder, and civic employe is supposed to be the servant of the people, but he usually wastes a whole lot of time trying to be boss.

I believe in an honest day's work for an honest day's pay, and in an honest day's pay for an honest day's work. The private corporation usually gets what it pays for, and pays the market price. The municipality usually pays the highest price, and gets the least for it.

I am not an apologist for the Water Company. I owe it nothing; it owes me nothing. If it were not willing to give me fair service at a reasonable cost, it should, and can be forced to do so, but it is entitled to a fair profit, on a fair valuation of its real property.

If it is trying to earn or get both dividends on its stock, and interest on its bonds, the aggregate representing more than the real value of the property, there is a remedy, and it can be applied.

I believe that a limited franchise can be drawn that will be acceptable both to the people and the Water Company; that under its provisions the much needed extensions would be speedily constructed, and no one would be obliged to pay for what he did not get and did not want.

F. E. BULLARD.

Some Waterworks Facts.

EDITOR TRIBUNE: I desire to call your attention to a few facts in reference to the water works problem which each and every property owner in the city should know and have a chance to consider before going to the polls to cast his vote for or against the proposed water bonds.

The question has now simmered down to a purely business proposition. The city has offered \$60,000 for the water plant; the company refused this, but offers the plant to the city at the appraised value, namely \$85,000. Now the difference, which is \$25,000, would cost each property owner during the next twenty years the small sum of one dollar per year. That is about the average amount, but a large number of workmen who own their homes would not have to pay over fifty cents each year, while the larger property owner would pay probably two or three dollars each.

Now in order to save this ridiculously insignificant amount the voters are asked to enter into a costly fight with the water company. They are asked to vote for the water bonds which means a vote to confiscate at least \$25,000 worth of their own property, in the shape of their house connections with the old mains, all of which they will have to replace immediately, if the bonds carry, in connection with the new mains which it is proposed to lay in the alleys, thus prohibiting the use of a single foot of the old connections.

But this is not all. The promoters of this proposition to build a new plant do not intend by a long shot to lay a water main in each alley with the proposed \$100,000. Certainly not more than one in every third alley.

The unfortunates, therefore, who have not a sufficient pull to have their particular alley selected as the one in which to lay the main will be obliged to pay from fifty to one hundred dollars each to replace their house connections which they foolishly confiscated by voting for the bonds.

If the city undertakes to correct this injustice it can do so only by voting additional bonds later, all of which the taxpayers will have to pay anyhow. Can any rational man figure out how and where he is going to save money by supporting this wild-eyed proposition.

In view of these facts as well as the probability of a protracted and costly law suit and the possibility of a decision adverse to the city in the end, every taxpayer who has not become hysterical in regard to this matter ought to readily see that the step proposed would be suicidal to the city's interests at that time. N. MCCABE.

An Article from Mayor Patterson.

To the Voters and Taxpayers: Since submitting the water bond proposition I have taken pains to ascertain how municipal ownership of water plants was affecting the water consumer and the tax payers in towns similar to North Platte. In every instance brought to my attention I have found that it resulted in lower taxes and in furnishing water to the consumer at from one-third to one-half of the rates prevailing in North Platte.

It would make this article too lengthy to attempt to publish all the correspondence. But the letter from Hon. C. J. Miles of the city of Hastings is a fair sample as to the workings of municipal ownership of water plants. We quote from it as follows:

"About 22 years ago our city voted \$35,000 bonds for a water plant and a few years later voted \$10,000, and

again \$15,000.00 in bonds making a total of \$110,000.00. We make no levy for our water plant and we have from time to time improved, out of its earnings, so that it stands on our books at \$135,000.00, so that our (net) earnings on this plant is represented by the difference between the bond issue and the present value. As I say, we make no levy but appropriate the entire revenue for the operation and the improvement of the plant. The city gets the benefits of free hydrants for fire protection and free water at parks and drinking fountains and we very often give free water to public and charitable entertainments. It would be difficult to advise you of the cost of for six and eight room cottages for the reason that the consumption of water is not uniform; then, again it depends upon the season. During some quarters, a great deal of water is used. I would risk a guess that the average eight room house with conveniences would cost from \$8.00 to \$10.00 per annum and a six room approximately \$5.00 to \$6.00 per year.

When Hastings put in this plant about 22 years ago it was then a city about the size North Platte is now. Hastings is surely a good example for us to follow. North Platte having given a franchise to the water company 22 years ago, its consumers have had to pay two and three as much for water consumed and on top of that have had to levy a seven mill tax for hydrant rentals.

Our sister town of Grand Island has a municipal plant and in a letter from their water commissioner we find 45 per cent of the water consumers pay not to exceed four dollars per annum and 80 per cent are paying six dollars and less per annum and more than \$40,000 of extensions to the plant have been made during the past four years out of the earnings of the plant.

The city of Lincoln, Nebraska, is another example of what municipal ownership has accomplished for the people. The city now has a plant worth one and one half million dollars. The total bond issue is about \$250,000.00. The difference between the value of the plant at present and the bond issue represent the net earnings of the plant which have been put into extensions from time to time. Besides this when Lincoln needed \$50,000.00 to pay for a city hall the money was found in the surplus earnings of the water plant.

The franchise that the old water company are now fighting for must be a very valuable thing or they would not be spending their money so freely in their efforts to defeat these bonds. And if it is a good thing why not vote these bonds and take it in for the people.

The paid emissaries of the water company are threatening us with litigation. This company has a record for litigation, but the record shows that in every instance where the people have stood by their guns and voted the bonds for a municipal plant, the water company has come down from their high horse and have sold out their old plants to the city. It was so at Sioux Falls, Norfolk, Kearney, and at the little city of Wahoo, where they tried to sell the plant to the city for \$60,000.00, a plant not worth half of that sum, but when the people voted the bonds for the municipal plant the water company conveyed the plant to the city for \$17,500.00.

History will repeat itself at North Platte. Vote the municipal water bonds, and your mayor and council will be able to buy this old plant, or so much of it as can be incorporated to advantage in the new municipal plant, for what it would be worth to the city. Of course they could refuse to sell, but they won't for the reason that they know the city, in that event, would go ahead with the new plant and when it was ready for operation, the old plant would be put out of operation and would have no value.

"Vigilance is the price of liberty." For twenty-two years you have been paying exorbitant tribute to a boodling corporation, who realizing they are in the last ditch are making a hard fight relying on the power of their money to defeat the will of the people in this election.

If the voters of this community could get a glimpse of the secret pay roll of the water company, they would see that the \$600.00 with which they tried to buy up Editor Kelly is but a small part of the boodle it has planted here. No stone will be left unturned by the paid emissaries of the water company to defeat the bonds and it behooves every honest and patriotic voter in this community to rally to the defense of the rights of the people, and stand up for their rights.

Come out and show your colors by talking and working for the success of the bond issue and on election day, take a day off, and make assurance doubly sure by helping to get out the vote, see to it that the friends of the bonds vote early and that no illegal votes are permitted to be cast. It will be a day well spent. And in the years to come when North Platte will be owning and operating its own works and furnishing purveyor in ample supply to all her people it will be a source of satisfaction to each one of you that you had contributed your assistance to the cause of the people. Respectfully, T. C. PATTERSON, Mayor.

Ends the Doubtful Period.

The revival of business all along predicted "as soon as the tariff is settled" has set in, and the tariff itself for the moment seems of minor importance, as the estimates of interior crops and trade are made on reliable data. Some opinions are that the country will produce 60,000,000 bushels more of wheat than last year, 275,000,000 bushels more of corn and 191,000,000 bushels more of oats. The total yield of grain is placed at 4,881,000,000 bushels, or 42,000,000 bushels more than the immense crop of 1906. The conditions in Europe make it certain that the wheat crop will be sold at remunerative prices. It is not expected that the fancy figures of the Patton speculation will be reached or attempted, and that is all the better. Such prices rarely do the grower any good and must restrict the foreign market. Good prices through the selling period are better and this year we shall have plenty to sell at high and steady prices.

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A. M. Lock. ORDER OF HEARING ON ORIGINAL PROBATE WILL. State of Nebraska, ss. In the county court. In the matter of the estate of Henry Wingard, deceased.

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Notice of Water Bond Election. Notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of August, 1909, a special election will be held in the city of North Platte, Lincoln County, Nebraska, the polling places to be as follows:

A. F. FINK. Serial No. 6252. NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. Department of the Interior. U. S. Land Office at North Platte, Neb. July 14th, 1909.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS. In the matter of the estate of Frederick Diehl, deceased. In the county court of Lincoln County, Nebraska, July 21st, 1909.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. Serial No. 6253. Department of the Interior. U. S. Land Office at North Platte, Neb. July 14th, 1909.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. Serial No. 6254. Department of the Interior. U. S. Land Office at North Platte, Neb. July 14th, 1909.

NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT DEFENDANTS. John Lantz and Frank Lantz, Plaintiffs, vs. Belle Jacobs and Laura Hood Defendants.

LEGAL NOTICE. Notice of petition for decree of court finding who the heirs are, and for assignment to them of the real estate, described in the petition.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. Serial No. 6260. Department of the Interior. U. S. Land Office at North Platte, Neb. July 14th, 1909.

NOTICE. John Baty and Effie J. Baty, his wife, will take notice that on the first day of July, 1909, P. H. Sullivan, a Justice of the Peace in and for Lincoln County, Nebraska, issued an Order of Attachment for the sum of \$20.00, in an action now pending before him, wherein Ames & Ames are plaintiffs and John Baty and Effie Baty, his wife, are defendants, that property consisting of One "White" Sewing machine, household goods, cooking utensils and sundries, also money in the hands of Paul H. Smith, garnishee, has been attached under said order.

Notice. George L. Benson will notice that on the 16th day of July, 1909, P. H. Sullivan, a Justice of the Peace of Lincoln County, Nebraska, issued an order of attachment for the sum of \$50.00, in an action pending before him, wherein Charles Haner is Plaintiff and George L. Benson, Defendant, that property consisting of money in the hands of the Union Pacific Rail Road Company, a corporation, has been attached under said order. Said cause was continued to the 6th day of September, 1909, at 10 o'clock A. M. CHARLES HANER, Plaintiff. Dated July 27th, 1909.