

YOU CAN HAVE IT, TAKE IT.

That's All the Citizens of Plattsmouth Have to do For a Pontoon Bridge.

Col. S. N. Stewart's Liberal Proposition.

Mayor Richey yesterday received a proposition from Col. S. N. Stewart which we submit to our readers as a most generous one, and one that affords a golden opportunity to put on a full head of steam in the progress and improvement which has so liberally started out in our midst this spring. The letter is complete without comments:

NEBRASKA CITY, April 24, 1889.

Hon. Mayor of Plattsmouth:

If your city, or a company will put in \$8,000 for a bridge I will take \$8,000 of secondary stock—total amount stock \$16,000. Secondary stock never to receive any dividend till the preferred stock has had 16 per cent. per annum.

I make this offer (so much better than last year) because I have found the bridges cost less and take in more than I expected. If a bridge did not take in more than your ferry now takes you would still be sure of your 16 per cent.

My idea is for a company to be formed to build this bridge and charge the same toll your ferry now charges until the city or the merchants and property owners are willing to pay a small annual bonus in order to get its tolls reduced to one-half present rates.

Many Iowa farmers and citizens of Glenwood and Pacific Junction would be willing to pay the one dollar toll for the round trip could they cross safely and without delay, but they fear ferries, for every month we read of them burning, sinking or exploding.

None but one very slight accident has ever happened to this bridge. Not a splinter in a single boat has ever been broken. It is only necessary to see it to be convinced that nothing serious can happen to it. It has been carefully examined by engineers sent by Sioux City and Leavenworth and those cities are, on the recommendations of said engineers, building bridges like it. Why stand ye all the day idle?

I am not asking you \$40,000 for a pontoon bridge (the price before I came) but \$16,000, and give you practically the entire ownership for \$8,000. A bridge that will be worth \$8,000 a year to your city.

Many cities put money into steam ferries which are subject to many more dangers than pontoon bridges.

The bridge projected for Plattsmouth would not be as wide as the Nebraska City bridge. It would be a single track bridge with turn outs every 400 feet. This would accommodate a travel of \$30,000 a year.

You should get up an excursion to let your people come here and see how different the real pontoon bridge is from ferrymen's fabrications.

But this bridge hasn't been tied about any more than was to be expected. Nine tenths of the residents of the river towns near by predicted that this river could not be pontooned; hence, the majority of them will always eagerly hail any news that goes to confirm their judgment.

I will not enter into details of con-

struction till see whether you want a bridge.

Cities pay \$50,000 bonus to a railroad that don't do them as much good as a wagon bridge.

Any man of sense knows you can't control the trade across the river with a ferry. Ferries are too uncertain, too dear and too dangerous.

The travel here barely supported a small steam ferry. We have increased it so that the *Belle of Brownville*, a large steam ferry has come here to run for a share of the trade, though they will not of course get enough to live on, as three-fourths of it comes to the bridge.

The way to get the Mo. Pacific R. R. to come to you is to increase the size of your city. A pontoon bridge bringing Iowa trade means more blacksmith shops, shoe shops, wagon makers, &c., &c. And as fast as these men come houses must be built for them.

A pontoon bridge can be run for less than a dollar a day. A shoemaker, gardener, or skiff-builder will attend to it for \$15 to \$25 a month, as it don't require one-fourth of his time.

If you want a bridge for this summer, material should be ordered soon.

No doubt the more I urge you the more you will hold back, but you can probably make a better arrangement with me than with the company which will soon be formed to work my pontoon inventions on the Missouri river.

This is the best offer I will ever make you and I will leave it open until May 10. You ought to take action as soon as possible for your charter has not long to run.

The bridge company would of course run hacks to Glenwood and Pacific Junction.

Our bridge here draws trade so far that we have built cabins and stables for farmers who remain over night.

Where a river is not over 1,000 feet wide and there is already enough crossing to maintain a small steam ferry, a cheap single track pontoon bridge will pay from 20 to 40 per cent. per annum on its cost.

Let any banker or other person in Plattsmouth write to any banker or other person here and inquire what the pontoon bridge has done for this city. All will tell you it is the best investment they ever made in the way of a contribution.

But you will never get a bridge till some two or three citizens take the time to work it up. I have no time for it myself.

Respectfully,
S. N. STEWART.

A case of Paxton & Gallagher, of Omaha, vs. James M. Woodson, was heard by a jury in the county court this afternoon. On April 18, Deputy Sheriff Miller levied upon a horse, buggy and harness as the property of James M. Woodson, for Paxton & Gallagher on account of a judgment rendered in 1883. Fred Woodson claims ownership to the attached property and that it was exempt. The trial is to decide the ownership.

The charitably disposed ladies of the city are preparing a box to send to the Home of the Friendless, at Lincoln, any one having donations of food, clothing—new or second-hand—books, picture books, or anything for the children of the Home, can leave same at the residence of Mrs. J. N. Wise, corner Eighth and Walnut streets.

ELECTRIC ENCOURAGEMENT.

Plattsmouth's Prosperous Move Does not Stop With Light and Motor Power.

The Plans Growing.

Originally, when Mr. Ballou and the influential men of the city thought to extend the street car line to do respectable service to the city, and possibly to propel the cars by electricity—and, if have a motor line why not have electric light?—the idea was not suggested to their minds what a magnitude their plans would assume before the matter should be undertaken. But the possibilities are so great to be developed and the city's general inducements so inviting that Plattsmouth's electrical enterprises will not stop short of \$100,000 when completed. Although the subject has been under contemplation several months, it has only in the past two weeks, during the time of its investigating committee's work, loomed up in the brightness of all its possibilities.

The committee appointed to investigate the electric question reported a plan to support 500 incandescent lights and 25 arc lights could be established, not including building, for \$15,000. In the report on the motor power and electric street railway the committee recommended the adoption of the Sprague system, and estimated the cost of two miles of equipment, including all necessary machinery to furnish the power, at \$12,300. The committee also reported on the possibility to have established an industry to manufacture incandescent electric lamps. To secure this it would require a capital of \$50,000, only \$10,000 of which, however, would need to be subscribed at home, and the power here could be utilized to run the motors of the electric light and motor lines.

The establishment of this amount of electric works in Plattsmouth is well worth the effort to get it, and it now seems to be as certain as can be that all will come about in the near future, to the great benefit of the city and employment of a hundred people. The field of the products of the incandescent lights to find market in, is from here to San Francisco, and the demand is surely great. The nearest eastern factory is Cleveland, Ohio, while a great number of plants are supplied from Poughkeepsie, New York. The incandescent lamp to be manufactured consists of a glass bulb, with brass foundation, being a vacuum and sealed air tight with a cement. Through this passes a fine carbon filament, which, when the current is "on" turns to white heat and furnishes that most beautiful light of artificial production.

Mr. Emil S. Opperman, who represents the Western Engineering Co., western agents for the Edison and Sprague Motor Co., was in the city yesterday, and, in company with Mr. Ballou, called on the moneyed men of the city to subscribe toward the \$10,000 of home capital, and found purses more than ready to respond to the \$500 interest solicited from each party, while \$10,000 were subscribed in Mr. Opperman's name by an uncle—Mr. A. Opperman, a physician of Omaha. Mr. Ballou considers the whole enterprise a "sure thing" which illumines the path of this city into the far future.

Those who subscribed for the institution yesterday were Messrs. O. H. Ballou, J. M. Patterson, J. E. Riley, F. McCourt, W. H. Shaffer, and Wm. H. Cushing for the Citizens Bank. The capacity for manufacturing on the start is to be 2,500 or 3,000 lamps per week which will doubtless grow to 5,000 per week inside of a year.



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