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### ELECTRIC LIGHTS.

The question of municipal ownership of an electric light system is a matter which is being discussed pro and con by the residence of the city, and in order to learn something of the cost of putting in a plant, our townsman, S. J. Lonergan has corresponded with Frank B. Rae engineering company of Chicago, to ascertain what the city could put in a plant for. In order that the public may have the benefit of the information obtained we submit below the letters which enter into the cost in detail of a plant which would furnish twelve arc lights and 500 incandescent lamps of sixteen candle power, all of which would cost not to exceed \$3,500. This amount of money would not cost the city to exceed seven per cent interest, or \$235 annually. If bonds were floated to secure the ready money necessary to put in the plant it is argued by some that four per cent bonds could be negotiated at par. This would reduce the cost to \$140 per year. The revenue derived from the incandescent lights to the merchants, private residences and offices would not only pay the interest but the running expenses of the plant. The proposition recently submitted to the city council by the Aurora gentleman in which he proposed to furnish seven arc lights for \$600 a year would, in seven years, have cost the city \$3,560; and the city would have been but half lighted and the money paid by individuals for incandescent lights would have gone into the coffers of some foreign corporation and been lost to the city. By owning the plant all the money, except the original cost, will be kept in circulation in the city.

The following letters, one of which was to William Smith and the other to Mr. Lonergan, are self explanatory and should be read by every citizen interested in electric lights in the city.

Chicago, March 9th, '96.  
S. J. Lonergan, Esq., Broken Bow.  
Dear Sir:—The subject of municipal ownership and operation of electric light plants is engaging the attention of municipal governments very generally, and has perhaps been considered by your council as a possible means of effecting economy in the administration of municipal affairs. This company, in their capacity as engineers, has been connected with the municipalization of lighting plants for about eight years, during which time they have been retained by the following cities: Detroit, Lansing, Hillsdale, West Bay City, Negaunee, Kalamazoo, Evart, Nason, Oxford, Sturgis and Quincy, Michigan; London, Bryan and Columbians, Ohio; Des Moines and Iowa City, Iowa; Logansport; East Chicago, Columbia

City and Evansville, Indiana; Rockford, Kankakee, Springfield, Woodstock and Sycamore, Illinois; Madison and Boscobel, Wisconsin; Cumberland, Maryland; Williamsport, Pa., etc.

We undertake the preparation of careful estimates of cost of plant based upon necessary surveys and the local conditions that obtain, together with an estimate of the cost of operation in detail, to make plans and specifications for building, steam and electrical plant, pole lines, circuit and lamp distribution, to assist your council in making contracts, supervise the construction and installation of the work, and to make final tests and report upon the complete plant. Where the situation is such that additional bonds may not be issued for the cost of the improvement, we can obtain the financial assistance that the city may require, upon our favorable reports of the situation etc., upon terms and conditions that will be favorable and acceptable to the city. There is no question whatever as to the economy of municipal ownership of lighting plants, as it has been demonstrated wherever tried, and can be predetermined with exactness for any city where the local conditions are carefully examined. We have permission to refer to the Mayors of any of the cities mentioned above, and particularly to Hon. H. S. Pingree, Gov. of Michigan, Hon. John MacVicar, Mayor of Des Moines, Iowa; and Hon. E. W. Brown, Mayor of Rockford, Ill. Hoping to hear from you, we are very truly yours.

FRANK B. RAE ENGINEERING CO.  
By FRANK B. RAE

Chicago, March 9th, 1899.  
William Smith, Esq., Chicago.

Dear Sir:—This late reply to your request for some electric lighting information with which to answer Mr. Lonergan of Broken Bow, Neb., has been delayed because of my absence from the city. I take it from the letter you refer to me that the city is not lighted and that there is no plant for furnishing lights located at Broken Bow, and that if a plant is installed by the city it could furnish arc lights for the streets and could also sell incandescent lights to stores and residences. For a plant of this character requiring only a small number of arc lights, I would suggest the installation of a single alternating current dynamo having a capacity for, say about 500 incandescent lamps of sixteen candle power each. Each arc light operated from this machine would reduce its capacity about ten incandescent lights, or in other words, to supply the twelve arc lights necessary would leave a capacity in incandescent lamps of 350 to 300. To operate the five hundred light incandescent plant to its full capacity would require about fifty horse power. Exclusive of the building necessary, a rough estimate of the cost of the plant would be as follows: Boiler and stack erected complete \$650; engine, feed water heater, boiler, feed pump, piping, belts etc., \$750; dynamo, switch board, twelve arc lamps and station wiring \$1,750. The pole line construction with the arc circuit suspensions, feed wires for the incandescent system, including converters and erection complete \$1,000; engineering and other expenses \$250; total for the plant exclusive of the building \$3,250. The city should vote an appropriation of at least this amount and it would be better perhaps to ask for \$3,500. The revenue from the incandescent lighting based on 300 lamps burning three hours per day and 300

days per year, which is a very low

basis, would yield a revenue of \$2,000 per year, which would more than pay the cost of operation including interest on bonds, if bonds were necessary. If the city vote to put in plant, we will be glad to secure the engineering work, make the plans, specifications and generally assist them in our capacity as general engineers.

FRANK B. RAE.

### CONGRESSMAN GREEN DEAD.

Congressman W. L. Green died last Saturday night in Omaha in the B. & M. depot, while on his way to Lincoln. The following from the Omaha Bee tells of the event as follows:

At 7 o'clock last night William L. Green, of Kearney, of the Sixth congressional district of Nebraska, was apparent hale, hearty and in full enjoyment of life with all its pleasures, domestic, social and political. At 8 o'clock he had joined the great majority, and the awful majesty of death was stamped upon his face as he lay in his last sleep on the cold mosaic floor of the Burlington station in this city.

Mr. Green came to Omaha from Lincoln on Friday evening and put up at the Arcade hotel. He had been at the state capital for some days, having come up from Washington to witness the election of a Nebraska senator. After spending Saturday greeting his friends and attending to business in town, he took a hack about 7:45 in the evening to catch the Burlington train to Lincoln.

Congressman Green was accompanied by three friends, bound for the same train, J. C. Reeves, of Madison county, a farmer; F. B. Prince, a hotel keeper of Madison, and T. B. Donovan of the Madison Star.

On reaching the station Congressman Green was observed lying back in the seat of the hack as if asleep and every effort was made by his companions and the passenger director to arouse him. He was borne in an unconscious state to the waiting room of the depot and in answer to a telephone message Dr. S. H. Smith was soon in attendance. On looking at the body the doctor pronounced him dead and advised the railway authorities to summon a coroner. His advice was immediately followed and in a few minutes Coroner Swanson had gathered the facts and the body was removed to the morgue. Death was attributed to heart failure.

At the post-mortem inquest held at Coroner Swanson's office an autopsy was performed by Dr. Milroy and the jury returned a verdict of death from the excessive use of alcohol.

Already the populists are discussing the probable man to fill the vacancy in congress occasioned by the death of W. L. Green. Ex. Gov. Holcomb and Judge H. M. Sullivan are considered formidable candidates in this vicinity. It is thought that Ex. Senator Stewart, of Chadron, and Wm. Neville, of North Platte, will be candidates, but if there is no extra session of congress, a special election can not be called and the vacancy will not be filled until the fall election, which will give time for candidates to develop in every county in the district. But while the pops are wrangling over a choice the republicans will select the winner. The Omaha Bee and the Fremont Tribune have each suggested, Senator F. M. Currie, as the man that can take the cake, in which they are eminently correct. The Tribune says:

"Perhaps the strongest candidate who could be named would be Senator Currie of Broken Bow. He would be an ideal candidate for the party. He carried a strong first district last fall in his candidacy for the state senate. He has demonstrated himself one of the strongest men, if not the real leader of the senate. His winter's work at Lincoln has been highly creditable. He is a strong debater. He is a college bred man. He is steadfast in his honorable purposes. Moreover, he is a farmer and cattle grower. It would be a praiseworthy innovation for Nebraska to break its delegation of lawyers sent to Washington by electing a producer to congress. Senator Currie is a representative of the two su-

preme industries of the sixth district—the only ones worth mentioning. One of the issues upon which he was chosen to the senate was his opposition to free railroad passes. He opposed a populist in this and defeated him in a populist stronghold. He would have an advantage in this. Governor Holcomb for instance has worn a pocketful of passes to a frazzle, which is also probably true of any other populist likely to be nominated. The republicans of the sixth district can practically insure victory by nominating Senator Currie."

The death of Congressman Green removes one of the most notable characters of the sixth congressional district. He was an able orator, forcible debater and a strong criminal lawyer. His great fault was his uncontrollable appetite for strong drink, which he tried hard but was unable to control. He was a strong advocate of the principles of the populist party, and in his death the party has lost one of its ablest defenders in the state. The Republican extends its sympathy to his wife and children, to whom he was greatly devoted.

It is reported that only fifty four of the fifty eight pop members of the state legislature agreed to accept D. E. Thompson's proposition, and as fourteen republicans would not go into it, the deal was declared off and thus our populist brethren lost their opportunity to elect one to the United States senate, whom they have been pleased to dub as the Mark Hanna, of Nebraska.

In its issue of last week the Broken Bow Chief attempted to explain what was meant by the term, "supporting the administration." As near as we can figure it out, the Chief is "supporting the administration" by patting the sheriff on the back and working him for a legal or two and then laughing about it when he is out of sight.—Arcadia Champion.

Governor Poynter has vetoed the supreme court commission bill, and unless there are enough votes to carry the bill over his veto, the three judges will have to do the work the next two years. As the court is now said to be two years behind with six members, it will, without the assistance of the commissioners, be four years behind in another two years.

## Hidden Beauty

In Egypt the custom is for Princesses to hide their beauty by covering the lower part of the face with a veil. In America the beauty of many of our women is hidden because of the weakness and sickness peculiar to the sex. If the Egyptian custom prevailed in this country, many sufferers would be glad to cover their premature wrinkles, their sunken cheeks, their unhealthy complexion, from the eyes of the world with the veil of the Orient.

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**Harness** Bought thirty sets of the same that I sold so many of last year; gave the best of satisfaction. See this harness. Con- cord bolt home, wool faced, open throat collars, can't be beat for the money; bought before the advance. See me for harness, collars, pads and strap work.

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**Ranges** Do not pay \$69 for a range from peddlers when you can get a better one from your home dealer for \$40. The P. & N. all steel wrought iron Range, the very best made, with upper reservoir and high shelf, there is no better Range made; fully warranted; Other stoves from \$10, \$12, \$16 and up. The Wonder line, they are fully warranted. The Genuine Glidden Wire, the best made. The lightest and cheapest in the end; and Red Rubber Paint, no tar like imitation; buy the best; it is always the cheapest.

**Sewing Machines** The new Goodrich and Elridge from \$20 and up; they are warranted for ten years; have sold them for ten years. Window Curtains, 25c and up. Home made Tinware will give you the best satisfaction, and tinshop in connection with the store, all kinds of repairing done. Rice's Garden seeds of all kinds. Buy good fresh seeds and you will have success. Miller, Barley, and all kinds of field seeds; prices lower than any catalogue prices. Hardware, bargains and prices the low- est. Chinese, Double and single trees. My leader, 15c flow file; Foks, Western Washer, Kibwood Field Fencing, the best made; Cloth S. Wingers. Table and Pocket cutnery, and a complete line of Revolvers and Guns; ammunition of all kinds; Copper Rivets, in fact everything, and prices as low as the lowest; when in need of Implements, Plows, Furniture, Hardware, Wire, Tinware, it will pay you to see me. With low prices honorable and fair dealing, I have held the title of the oldest hardware store in Broken Bow. When in need of a housekeeping outfit at an advance money. Have a full line of Collins, Caskets and Undergarment Goods at a save money. Have a full line of Collins, Caskets and Undergarment Goods at a save money. Have a full line of Collins, Caskets and Undergarment Goods at a save money. Yours Respectfully, GEORGE WILLING

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- Shoes worth \$1.25 to \$2.25 go on to our 98c bargain counter.
- Closing out Felt Boots at cost, Arcadia Champion.
- Now is the time to get Shoes; call and see them.
- Men's Underwear, .50c per suit
- Sheetings, .35c per yard
- Dress Goods away below all competition.
- Window Shades, .15c to .25c
- Coffee Mills, .15c
- Pint Cups, 2 for .15c
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- Dr. Pierce's Favorite Preser'n, 90c
- Dr. Pierce's P. P. Pellets, .20c
- Piso's Consumption Cure, .20c
- Castoria, .25c
- Dr. Ward's Liniment, sm. size, 20c
- Kickapoo Indian Worm Killer, the best in the world.
- Ayer's Pills, .90c
- Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, .45c
- A 10c Tablet for, .4c
- Rockford Socks, .5c pair
- Men's Wool Pants, \$1.25 to \$2.50
- Outing Fannel worth 12 1/2c for, .8c
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- Bib Overalls, .40c

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W. S. SWAN, - - - Proprietor.

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