

# TO THE CITIZENS OF OMAHA:

The following letter was delivered to the Chairman of the Water Board on the 15th inst., and is published in order that you may have early knowledge of its contents and be reminded that the failure to provide additional water supply is not chargeable to the water company.

## THE OMAHA WATER COMPANY,

By Theodore C. Woodbury, President.

E. M. Fairfield, General Manager.

March 13, 1911.

The Water Board of the City of Omaha, Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Sirs:—

On July 27, 1906, I wrote you a letter containing the offer of the Omaha Water Company to put in an additional supply main between Florence and the City of Omaha, for the purpose of meeting the increased demands upon the distribution system, provided that the Water Board would enter into an agreement binding upon the city to repay to the company, upon the completion of any purchase of the water works, the actual cost of the improvements. To that letter no response has ever been received.

On October 23, 1906, I wrote you a letter reiterating the offer of the water company, and further stating that it would be understood that such an agreement would be without prejudice to the city of the company with respect to any pending litigation. To that letter no response has ever been received.

On May 4, 1910, I wrote to you, on behalf of the company, that if the city would pay the company the past due hydrant rentals, I would recommend to the board of directors to renew the proposition made in my former letters. To this letter answer was made that "a new main from Florence will not meet the situation."

Time has demonstrated the need of such additional supply main, thus repeatedly emphasized by the company. The importance of an additional main from the Florence pumping station to the city of Omaha, providing capacity sufficient to fully supply the cities of Omaha, South Omaha and Florence, and the village of Dundee has, I am informed, been at last recognized by the water board.

I now write again to say that I have been authorized by the board of directors of the Omaha Water Company to renew the offer to put in so much of a new main between Florence and Omaha as may be found necessary, upon the payment to the company of all the unpaid hydrant rentals claimed by the company and provision for repaying the cost of the main when the city completes the purchase of the water works.

In order that such new main may be satisfactory to the water board, the company will put in whatever character of main the water board may designate as to size and material, and will welcome the co-operation of the engineer of the water board in laying the main.

Or, if the water board shall prefer that this main be put in by the city at its own cost, under the direction of the water board, without waiting for the completion of the purchase of the water works, the company is entirely willing that that course be pursued.

Yours very truly,

THEODORE C. WOODBURY,

President.

### ANOTHER MIKER SENTENCED

John C. Smith is Given Five Months in Red Oak Jail.

### JUDGE INVESTIGATES THE CASE

Case of Hindman for a Continuance Falls When Judge Finds He Has No Wife—Three Sentenced Next Tuesday.

Service as a steerer for the Mabray gang will cost John C. Smith of St. Joseph, Mo., five months in jail. Smith was sentenced to a term in the Red Oak jail by Judge Smith B. McPherson in federal court in Council Bluffs Thursday morning. The defendant pleaded guilty. His attorney made a plea for mitigation of penalty. Judge McPherson made a personal investigation of the case. It was found that Smith did not willingly enter the service of the gang, but acted as steerer when he had to do so "to save his bacon."

Smith was a member of the gang staying a wrestling cure at Council Bluffs, which separated an Illinois man from him.

L. B. Hindman, "the Honey Grove Kid," from Oklahoma, arrested in New York, will go to trial if he does not enter a plea of guilty. Hindman tried a ruse, which failed to gain him a continuance.

### Pursues Milk Wagon for His Breakfast and Gets Arrested

John Pittman Lands Himself in City Jail for Lifting Bottles of Cream.

Portion of a breakfast in the wake of a milk wagon has put John Pittman of South Omaha in jail. The prisoner was captured by Officer Joe Vandenberg back of the Millard hotel. Pittman was engaged in siphoning a bottle of cream taken from a dairyman's wagon. Three bottles he had been able to nearly complete his breakfast with an equal number of bottles of cream.

### PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

J. M. Mottley, division manager agent of the Illinois Central at Delmar, Ia., was in Omaha Thursday.

### THEY CALL US PROVINCIAL

Still the Western People Know Some Things Better Than Atlantic Coasters.

We provincials are immensely curious. Art, music, literature, politics—nothing that is of contemporary human interest is to be left in the hands of those who come to us to do it. We are more truly representative of the American ideal than our metropolitan cousins, because we know more about, oh, so many things! We know vastly more about the United States for one thing. We know what New York is thinking before New York looks knows it, because we visit the metropolis to find out. Sleeping cars have no terrors for us, and a man who has never been west of Philadelphia seems to us a singularly benighted being. Those of our western school teachers who don't see Europe as a new discovery, get at least as far east as Concord, to be photographed by the rule bridge that arches the flood.

That fine austerity, which the voluble westerner finds so smothering on the Boston and New York express, is just utterly at Pittsburgh. From gentlemen cruising in my coach—rule night, who advertise board in the sanctified and heavy by the tooth brush and fountain pen planted sturdily in their upper left hand waistcoat pockets—one may learn the most prodigious facts and the philosophy thereof. "Sit over, brother, there's hell to pay in the Balkans," remarks the gentleman who boards the excursion at Peru or Corcoville, and who would just as lief discuss the papacy or child labor, if revolutions are not to your liking.

In Boston a woman once expressed her surprise that I should be hastening home for Thanksgiving day. This she thought, "The court has indicated some skepticism about the remarkable illness of Ben Marks, a Mabray defendant, who is by his attorney, George S. Wright, declared too ill to appear in court. Mr. Marks was ill last March when the first Mabray case came up for trial. Judge McPherson will make a further investigation of the application for continuance."

### Balding Peronals

Christina Sims, 58, North, fourteenth avenue, frame dwelling, 10:00. J. M. Williams, 220, Franklin, frame dwelling, 8:00. Mrs. Anna Jackson, 254 Ohio, frame dwelling, 8:00.

Nothing else that has come into the State department at Washington recently has created more interest than the news that European interests have in foot a project to build a railroad through Africa to that of the great Atlantic ocean is so narrow. A steamship can cross the Atlantic at this point in three days, and it is estimated that when the railroad is finished a journey can be made from Europe to South America in five days.

### SHORT LINE TO SOUTH AMERICA

Railroad to Western Hump of the Africa Part of the Project.

### BUSINESS MEN SEEING OMAHA

Make First Trade Excursion in Little Red Wagons.

### PULLED BY AN OMAHA TRUCK

Visit Three of the Largest Houses in the Jobbing District, Inspecting Each of Them in Its Turn.

About 50 business men straggled into the big Omaha truck and six of Stroud & Co.'s little red wagons that were coupled to trail behind, at Sixteenth and Farnam streets Thursday afternoon, and a few minutes later, with banners flying, the start was made for the first "Seeing Omaha" trip of the year. The procession was headed north on Sixteenth street and, after photographers had gotten in their work, the truck's hoarse whistle blew for the start.

The truck was loaded to its capacity, and there were about a dozen men in each wagon. As each wagon weighs 1,500 pounds unloaded, there was some doubt whether the truck would be equal to the occasion. In a moment, however, the couplings strained and, with a jerk, the train started off. It turned east down Farnam street, making a side circle, allowing for the trailers.

Visit the Jobbers. At Ninth street the excursion shotters turned south and stopped in front of Byrne & Hammer's factory. Everything was not in readiness here so the wagons proceeded to the Richardson Drug company where every one detained and followed a competent guide, through every foot of the great building. Leaving here the party walked over to the Byrne & Hammer factory where everything was inspected. Next the sightseers went to the display rooms of the John Deere factory, after which the wagon train loaded up and return to the Commercial club.

At each place visited the crowd sang several verses of "Bye Bye the White." Notable Career of Half-Breed Leader of a Famous Tribe.

### LAST OF COMANCHE CHIEFS

Notable Career of Half-Breed Leader of a Famous Tribe.

Quannah Parker, chief of the Comanche Indians, captured in the southwestern part of Oklahoma, never got his name in "Who's Who," but some one has. It is assumed of a much longer remembrance than a "very large percentage of those who are often mentioned in that highly convenient work. Quannah, the thrifty county seat of Hardean county, just across the Oklahoma line in Texas, was named after him. His broad hat, glistening face, long, black "jim-crow" and conspicuous jewelry were familiar to travelers passing through Lawton and he was frequently to be seen at Fort Hill and other railroad stations in the immediate vicinity of the Wichita mountains. The reference to him were frequent in all that country and were of such a nature as to show the respect in which he was held and the great extent of the influence he exercised.

### IN ASYLUM SINCE THE WAR

Sad Experience of Veteran Now Eighty-Fix Unjustly Held for Insanity.

### BANK CASHIER IS ON TRIAL

Carroll Banker Charged with Falsifying His Records.

### McPHERSON HEARS THE CASE

Carries Some Real Estate on the Books as Assets Which Had Been Sold the Year Before.

Trial of R. E. Coburn, cashier of the defunct First National bank of Carroll, Ia., charged with falsifying the books, began in United States district court in Council Bluffs, before Judge Smith B. McPherson, Thursday morning. Evidence adduced early in the trial indicates that Coburn carried on the books in 1908 real estate in Kansas, City and Chicago as assets, which had in fact been sold in 1905.

The First National of Carroll was closed by order of the bank examiner October 1, 1908. Soon after President Coburn committed suicide. It has been found that the money of depositors had been sunk in western irrigation and mining projects, which did not yield profits.

The affairs of the bank were well within the control of Coburn and the cashier, now on trial. Coburn's daughter was chief bookkeeper and Mrs. Coburn was her assistant. The bank, when closed, had deposits amounting to about \$100,000 and liabilities of \$28,000.

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The concrete in them would fill Broadway from the city hall to Madison square with a great smooth the full width of the street and forty feet high. According to the Engineering News, from which these figures are taken, considerably above 1,500,000 cubic yards of the total have already been laid to be exact, 1,412,222 cubic yards up to January 22, last.

About October 1, 1909, the great concrete mixing plant prepared for the work began to get down to business, and by June, 1910, it was turning out concrete at the fabulous rate of 60,000 cubic yards a month—enough to build a concrete road six feet wide and six inches thick from New York to Albany. Since then the monthly output has varied between 25,000 and 50,000 cubic yards.

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