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## WATER SERVICE REPORT.

### Commissioner Tomlinson Reports on the Water and Street Conditions.

John Tomlinson, street and water commissioner, has submitted the following report to the mayor and city council. Comment would be superfluous:

Red Cloud, Neb., Nov. 7, 1906.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Red Cloud:

Gentlemen—As street and water commissioner I wish to respectfully submit the following report on the work and conditions of both street and water since my appointment to the same fifty days prior to date:

On street work I have graded fifteen blocks, repaired forty crossings and cross-walks, built two new and repaired eleven culverts, removed fifteen loads of brush and other obstructions from the streets, caused seventy-two poll taxes to be worked and turned in a list of 205 to the county clerk to be placed upon the tax list for collection. There is still a large amount of necessary work to be performed upon the streets, alleys and waterways of the city which will have to go over until another year unless some ways and means can be obtained whereby the work can be done. One great trouble is the indifference shown by a majority of those who are liable to poll tax duty, as but one out of every three shows a willingness to comply with the law. There are two or three streets that need work upon them, and need it very much, not only in looks, but on account of the heavy traffic upon them. In their present condition, with much rain or snow, they will soon become impassable, and as every man liable to poll tax has been notified they should either turn out or send substitutes to fulfill their duty as men and citizens. A nuisance that should be abated is the constant dumping of ashes in the streets, and also allowing waste paper thrown or burned in the streets, as any amount of paper, by wind and otherwise, gets away from the person dumping it before he gets ready to burn it. During the last heavy rain every culvert and water-way on Webster street from Third avenue to Fifth avenue became choked up with waste paper which had to be removed during the rain to prevent damage to property.

Some of the alleys in the city are a sight to look at—old tin cans, old rags and ash piles, and other old plunder too numerous to mention. As to the water service, it is in a deplorable condition, and I must say it has become so from one of two causes—either negligence of those whose duty it was to keep it properly conducted, or else by interference from those who had no right to interfere in something they knew very little about.

In the first place, the city should own every meter itself and the same should be placed in a properly constructed meter vault located between the curb and the sidewalk with a corporation cut-off located in the same vault, thereby saving time, expense, material and cost of putting in and maintaining the same. As I now find the location of meters through which service is given to the consumers, it takes from ten to twelve days to read all the meters, which is caused principally by their improper location, whereas if they were properly installed they could be read in one day in summer and two in winter.

Another reason why the city should own all meters is that there should be an increase in the number of consumers, as there are now about twenty property owners who have water connections upon their premises and are not using water on account of the meter expense, and others would apply to the city for water service if it was conducted upon business principles. Not only should the service have a strictly uniform method for the location of meters, vaults and cut-offs, but it should have a new schedule of rates for service, which should be classified. There should be a minimum rate for domestic or residence

use, and one for millfactory or manufactory. Also, different service as to the size of feed or supply pipe. Another evil which should be remedied is that there should be a check valve placed between very meter and the consumer, thus preventing the meter from destruction by a backward flow of hot water from boilers and reservoirs. Also, at low pressure on the main it would stop double registration of the meter.

Another reason why a more stringent rule should govern the water service of this city, and in proof of what I have already said, there were on October 1st, 1906, over thirty meters and meter vaults in a deplorable condition. Some of these meters were not registering, and had not been for a year. Others could not be read, as the vaults were full of water. Others were faulty in construction or plumbing. Another thing, all plumbers should be licensed and under bond.

One-fourth to one-third of all the water pumped into the mains during the last seven months has been a loss to the city.

In the past thirty days there should have been \$1500 to \$1800 as water rentals received for the past seven months, whereas the receipts in full amount to \$578.46, and \$235.99 of this was from the C., B. & Q. Railway Co. for the months of July, August and September, while the amount received from the city consumers, \$342.47, is for the past six or seven months. The number of city consumers collected from is 112, and the number not collected from, on account of non-working of meters and other out-of-order conditions of service upon their premises, is 40. Also, there are old claims outstanding amounting to about \$75 for water service. Not wishing to go into several other matters of interest to the city at present, I remain, yours respectfully,  
J. A. TOMLINSON,  
Street and Water Commissioner.

### "Old Folks' Day."

The service Sunday morning at the Congregational church was unusual enough to call forth more than passing attention. It was Old Folks' Day. This editor does not remember of any church or pastor giving any notice to the older members of this community and it is refreshing to know that for once they were honored with a service especially for their benefit.

Rev. A. A. Cressman, noticing the modern tendency to devote all interest to the young people and what they are doing or hope to be, conceived the idea of having a special day for the old folks, and giving a just recognition of their past and also their present.

He succeeded in carrying out his idea. The center section of the church was filled entirely with people past the meridian of life. The sermon was eloquent, forceful, encouraging. It abounded in metaphor, vivacity and interest. The most striking figure used was in the comparison of the mountains of Italy with the mountains of life. On close view a traveler sees Mt. Blanc towering to the heavens surrounded by others of less fame. He travels a distance and the lesser peaks have passed from view. He travels on and on, occasionally looking back, always seeing Mt. Blanc but losing sight of the rest one after another until the last look he sees Mt. Blanc only pointing to the heavens. So the traveler of life starts out with Mt. Calvary, Mt. Home, Mt. Ambition and others, but as he journeys on the lesser ones lose their interest until when he reaches four-score-and-ten only Mt. Calvary possesses any interest for the traveler, but that majestically points to the world beyond, where all life's hopes are to be fully realized.

There were quite a number present more than 65 years of age, several over 70 and four over 80. At the conclusion of the service Mr. Cressman presented each person in the audience who was over 65 with a beautiful carnation and spoke to them words of good cheer.

We were pleased with this service, but we were more pleased to know that the "old folks" are still remembered.

## School Notes

G. W. DUDLEY, SUPT.

The slate blackboard ordered some time ago by the board is here and will be set as soon as possible.

The chorus and glee club are rehearsing regularly for the concert which will be given sometime in December.

Kindergarten supplies for the beginners have arrived and are now in use. Two dozen new chairs and a new table have been added to the department in the way of furniture.

The football team plays Superior high in Superior today. The following boys compose the team: Center, Jernberg; guards, Beal and Beckwith; tackles, Charles and J. H. Kellogg; ends, Bruce and Roy Robinson; halves, Johnson and Hedge; quarter, Sherwood; fullback, Smelser.

Many more patrons are visiting this year than last. Mr. James Gilham, representing the Argus, has visited all the rooms. The one thing that will insure a new school building is for the patrons to come and see, first hand, how greatly it is needed. Several patrons have objected to the half-time schedule for the first and second grades in the North ward. Let every man who feels thus "pull" for a new building. To use a slang but expressive phrase, "it's up to you, patrons." What will you do about it? Pupils had far better be placed on half time than to be packed together like sardines in a box. No one will contend that a such permanent arrangement is necessary in a prosperous community like this, and the arrangement will gladly be dispensed with as soon as possible.

### The Burlington's Taxes.

Tax Commissioner Pollard of the Burlington road arrived in Red Cloud last Saturday morning, in his private car. He was accompanied by his son and Mr. Branch, his assistant. Mr. Pollard made a tender of \$10,600, or about 60 per cent of the Burlington's taxes for 1906, to County Treasurer Frahm, which the latter declined to accept as he had so far received no instructions from the attorney general to do so. However, he was assured by the tax commissioner that he could have the money any time he called for it. Mr. Pollard expressed the opinion that the tax cases in the federal court would soon be settled, hinting very strongly that measures were being taken to effect a compromise. He, however, claimed that the railroads would win in the end if the cases were carried through the courts. It is costing the Burlington railway more than \$200 a day in penalties on its delinquent taxes in Nebraska.

The Burlington taxes now due and unpaid in this county amount to nearly \$37,000, as shown by the following figures obtained from the records in the county treasurer's office:

For 1906—	
Total tax.....	\$18,726.68
Am't tendered, unaccepted....	10,600.00
Am't due.....	\$18,726.68
For 1905—	
Total tax.....	19,132.58
Am't paid.....	11,059.25
Am't due.....	8,073.33
Interest.....	807.33
For 1904—	
Total tax.....	18,427.90
Am't paid.....	10,454.25
Am't due.....	7,973.65
Interest.....	1,594.73

Total taxes and interest due and unpaid.....\$37,185.72

Is it any wonder that the county is short of money with which to pay claims? Here is \$18,459.04 tied up by the federal court which would be available for use at the present time. The 1906 taxes, amounting to \$18,726.68, will not be available until next August, so there is no occasion for being in a hurry to accept the \$10,600 tendered by Tax Commissioner Pollard. Meanwhile the county commissioners are compelled to refuse to allow claims because there is no money with which to pay them.

## BURNED TO DEATH.

### Sister of Dr. Damerell Meets Terrible Fate at Coffeyville, Kan.

Dr. Robert Damerell of this city was called to Coffeyville, Kan., last Saturday by a telegram announcing the death of his sister, Mrs. Fred Martin. Mrs. Martin was burning some rubbish in the yard at her home when her dress caught fire. She was alone at the time, and before assistance arrived she was so badly burned that death ensued about fourteen hours afterward. Mrs. Martin was taken to her old home at Waldon, Kan., for burial, Sunday. Mrs. Martin was the oldest of the Damerell children, being 65 years of age at the time of her death.

### Grace Allen Convicted.

From the Lincoln Star.

The district court machinery ground at a speedy rate this morning in the case of the state against Grace Allen, the colored woman accused of assaulting George Heaton and taking a purse containing \$16 from his pocket. The jury was selected and trial completed in just six minutes less than an hour. The jury was out five minutes and returned a verdict of guilty.

The assault was alleged to have occurred on the evening of September 4, 1906. Heaton is a farmer living eleven miles from Red Cloud, Neb. He was here visiting the state fair. On the evening of the assault he had stepped a few feet into the alley behind the Richards block when a woman came up behind him and flung her arms about him. He tried to shake her off, and while so doing felt his watch slip from his pocket. He grabbed the woman and secured his watch. Then she ran, and at the same time he found that his purse was missing. He ran after her out of the alley and along O street. In front of the Western Union telegraph office he caught her and the police were called.

The woman alleged that another girl was with her and that if Heaton was robbed, the other girl did it.

The woman was bound over in police court on October 9. She has served a term in the penitentiary, having been "sent up" for four years on a similar charge in 1901, under the name of Grace Gritter. She will receive her sentence in a few days.

### Favor New School Building.

Our article of last week in regard to the crowded condition of our schools seems to have called forth considerable comment. We are naturally pleased to know that the comments were favorable. This district has always taken a keen interest in school affairs and is ever ready to sanction any legitimate enterprise which will promote the welfare of the children.

A visit to the school rooms will convince any one that steps should at once be taken to provide more room. We are wondering what the board will do when it becomes necessary to build hotter fires. The pupils are compelled to sit close up to the stove and while some are roasting others in the rear are freezing. Such a condition should not be tolerated.

Then, too, many cannot attend a full day's session. One half a day at a time is not enough.

We suggest a large addition to the High school building ample enough for present and future needs.

### Official Pluralities.

The official count in this county shows the following pluralities:

Brown 196, Sheldon 178, Hopewell 258, Junkin 244, Searle 207, Bran 239, McBrien 264, Thompson 253, Eaton 142, Republican railway commissioners 269, Norris 180, Thorne 379, Raines 50, Renkel 165, Blackledge 416, Anderson 309.

Besse's plurality in Adams county was 69, making his plurality in the district 19.

The majority for the constitutional amendment in this county was 1440.

## Business College Notes

Fred Spence was a Bladen visitor Sunday.

The college has adopted buff and blue as its colors.

Everett Kemp writes that he will be here December 3. His is the second number on the college lecture course.

A basket ball game will be played between the college boys and the high school boys this afternoon after school.

Miss Eda Schultz had a fine crowd at the entertainment last Friday night. Not very many baskets, but they sold well.

Quite a number of the college folks are planning to go out to the entertainment at Miss Grace Peterson's school east of town this evening.

Mr. Dietrick helped on the program at the Cowles lyceum Wednesday evening. Cowles knows how to get out a crowd and treat outsiders all right.

A reception will be given by the old students to the new ones next Monday evening at 7 o'clock. All students who have attended the college should feel welcome to attend any meeting the college might have.

Mr. and Mrs. Dietrick had a very pleasant time at the church near Bladen Sunday. They took dinner at the home of Miss Esther Peterson, who was home at the time. Those people around Bladen are of the best.

Mr. Palmer is becoming discouraged. Why? He has such a football team that when any other team even hears of them they quietly say: "We have all our dates filled." Won't some team muster up enough courage to try the boys?

### Red Cloud 5, Franklin 0.

One of the fastest games of football ever seen in Red Cloud was played last Saturday when the Red Cloud high school team defeated the Franklin high school team, 5 to 0. The teams were evenly matched in weight and age, being made up strictly of high school boys from the two towns. There was no slugging or other unfair tactics, and no wrangling over the decisions. The Red Cloud boys made frequent gains by line bucks and end runs, while the Franklin boys made practically all of their gains by punting, being unable to get around Red Cloud's ends or through the center. During the first half neither goal was in danger. Franklin got the kick-off and the Red Cloud boys carried the ball back to the center of the field. Neither side was able to advance the ball for any considerable distance and the half closed with no score.

The only touchdown came late in the second half. Paul Johnson, who had been the best ground gainer for Red Cloud during the first half, was repeatedly sent around Franklin's right end for good gains until the ball was finally landed behind Franklin's goal line. Smelser failed to kick a difficult goal, and, with but six minutes to play, the Red Cloud boys again carried the ball into Franklin's territory, where it remained until the close of the game. The teams lined up as follows:

FRANKLIN.	POSITION.	RED CLOUD.
Mason.....	center.....	Jernberg
Ayers.....	quarterback.....	Sherwood
O. Reed.....	right guard.....	Beckwith
Dunlap.....	left guard.....	Beal
Croop.....	right tackle.....	C. Kellogg
Irwin.....	left tackle.....	J. Kellogg
Coltrin.....	right end.....	Robinson
C. Reed.....	left end.....	Whitaker
McCartney.....	right halfback.....	Johnson
Kessler.....	left halfback.....	Hedge
Short.....	fullback.....	Smelser

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