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Report of Water & Light Commissioner.

To THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN:

I herewith make a report of a part of my services since my last report. I have collected from water consumers \$203.52, amount due and revenue to be paid by April 1, 1909, \$318.17. In connection with the water services and to the interest of the city a decided location for water meters should be adopted, i. e.: all water meters should be located or placed within twelve feet of the mains or between the curb and sidewalk line. This is very important. In the first place 95 per cent of all service pipe is not what it should be, and should not have been allowed to be used, as its weight averages 1-39 to the foot when your ordinances which regulate the weight of all iron and lead pipe according to size. This inferior pipe which is now in use and is fast rusting and wearing out should have weighed 3-10 to the foot instead of 1-39—the great expense which the city will be called upon to incur will be the replacing of this inferior pipe now in use which is fast going to pieces. As for illustration of what is to follow take for instance the loss of water from October 1, 1908 to January 1, 1909 (three months) was 1146670 gallons now at twenty cents per thousand gals the minimum rate it would amount to \$222.33 this is no guess quotations but facts from perfect meter registration.

Now the number of meter services in the city is 173. Your minimum rate for each consumer where paid in advance is \$1.35 per quarter which entitles each consumer to 7500 gallons of water during the quarter, which would mean that the consumers of water were entitled to 1,227,500 gallons for which they paid \$233.55.

During the month of November 1908 the middle month of the quarter in which I herewith show this wastings of water the C. B. & Q. R. R. used 1535775 gallons at eight cents per 1000 gallons amounting to \$122.86. The wastings above mentioned is 389105 gallons more than that used by the railroad or a loss to the city of \$77.82 for the fourth quarter of 1908. The remedy is left for your consideration.

In this city there is close to five miles of 3-4 inch service pipe which runs between the city water mains and the consumers meter. Now here is a point, imagine, estimate or guess the amount of continual waste of water that is going on between the main and meter without any way to properly estimate or correct this loss, if the proper method is taken to stop this wastage the expense will decrease a good revenue increase and with no shortage of water. This must be done a day at once or there will soon be an additional expense added in procuring more water supply. It would be a paying investment for the city to redeem all water meters and place them within twelve feet of water mains.

As the city is the owner of all water pipe which lies in the street from the lot line on one side to the lot line on the other, the expense of maintaining and repair falls upon the city, therefore in the past two years the expense in repairs of their pipe was nearly \$300. Statistics as to the use and waste of water show that every consumer should be required to receive their water through a meter, the wastage where water is used without registration by meter is from 33 to 69 per cent above that used through a meter.

Electric Light Services.

As the revenue from light current for the month of January 1909 is \$675.75 this amount will decrease by whatever the discount may be on what is paid in the first five days in which discount is allowed. This is the largest monthly revenue from light current shown since the plant started.

My collection for light fund since January 7th is \$767.94 of which \$318.17 is on old current and wiring accounts, I must say with credit to the patrons of the city's water and light service that every bill presented was paid promptly, with a single exception, which was for a very small amount. The policy which the council has outlined and are following is sure to bring good results to both the city and citizens. As a total for my collection for the past 25 days are as follows:

For water.....	\$693.52
For lights and wiring.....	\$767.64
Total	\$1371.16

Very respectfully,
J. A. Tomlinson,
Water & Light Com.

Farm Loan Wanted

The I. O. O. F. has about \$1,000 to loan on first mortgage on Real Estate, G. W. Hutchison trustee.

LINCOLN LETTER

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 3 (Special Correspondence.)—The legislature has settled down to business and is now engaged in the real work of constructive legislation. The bills providing for the reforms urged in the democratic platform are now in and are being pushed through with all possible speed.

It is interesting to note the comment of the republican press and republican leaders on the Humphrey bill providing for the "Oregon plan" of electing United States senators. This plan provides, in effect, for three statements, one of which a candidate for the legislature must sign. No. 1 pledges him to cast his vote for the senatorial candidate who receives the highest number of popular votes in the state, regardless of political affiliation. No. 2 pledges him to vote for the senatorial candidate receiving the highest number of popular votes in the legislative district. No. 3 is, in effect, a declination to vote for the choice of the people, either of state or district.

The republican organs and leaders insist that this is "a scheme to make Bryan senator." But they do not deny, nor can they deny, that it is a scheme to let the people, not the politicians and corporations select the senator. A few years ago John M. Thurston, then a Union Pacific attorney, now a standard Oil attorney, was elected to the United States senate from Nebraska. In an address to the legislature which selected him he pledged himself to obey the mandates of "my people, and to heed their expressed will in every way." Two years later the people, through their chosen representatives, instructed Thurston to perform a certain duty. But he violated his solemn pledge and impudently remarked that he would pay no attention to the legislature because it was not of his political faith. He represented the republican party, not the people. The "Oregon plan" cures this evil by making the senators, representative of the people instead of the willing tools of corporations and politicians. This may explain why the republican organs and leaders are against it.

The house and senate have joined in asking Mr. Bryan to fix a date on which to address a joint session of the legislature. Mr. Bryan left early last week to fill a number of lecture dates made months ago, and will not return until about the middle of February.

Several "bank guarantee" bills have been introduced, and there is considerable diversity of opinion as to which is the best one. But a satisfactory guarantee bill will be enacted into law. It will provide for prompt payment of depositors without creating a reserve fund that will withdraw a large amount of money from actual circulation. It will be just what the people want, (and just what the depositors are entitled to)

Senator King is the republican leader in the west chamber, and he is intensely partisan. This partisan spirit resulted in the defeat of his pet bill providing a 7 p. m. closing law for saloons all over the state. In discussing the bill he bitterly attacked the Omaha delegation and injected so much partisan rancor into his remarks that he drove away several democratic supporters of the measure. As a result it was recommended for indefinite postponement.

The famous "lobby registration" law enacted two years ago, for "grand stand purposes," has become what everybody knew it would become—a howling farce. People interested in legitimate bills—the nurses' registration bill, for instance, are registration, so are the well known railroad attorneys and the representatives of railroad brotherhoods. The brotherhood men are here to ask for laws making for safety of life and limb. But the "smooth" corporation workers are not registered. However, they are on the spot, just the same. The law is worth just about as much as the old "anti-treating" law—and that isn't worth a tinker's obstruction.

Silas A. Holcomb has declined the appointment to the supreme bench proffered by Governor Shallenberger, and Willis D. Oldham, has been appointed. Judge Oldham, who was acknowledged to be one of the best supreme court commissioners ever appointed, and who is admittedly one of the foremost attorneys of the west, has accepted the appointment and will at once institute the proper legal proceedings to test the right of Governor Sheldon's appointees to hold judicial office. Judge Holcomb declined the appointment because his eligibility had been called into question. It is provided that a supreme court justice shall have been a resident of the state at least three years before election or appointment. Judge Holcomb spent a couple of years on the Pacific coast, and while claiming that he retained his citizenship in Nebraska he did not want to further complicate the case by allowing his eligibility to become an issue therein.

The "physical valuation" bill was introduced on the 20th by Senator Ollis. This is another reform pledged by the democrat platform. It is senate file 133, and provides for the physical valuation of railroads and of public service corporations. The railways commission is charged with the work.

Notice to Bidders.

PROPOSED SCHOOL BUILDING
Sealed proposals for the erection and completion of a public school building at Red Cloud, Neb., including all labor and materials, will be received by L. H. Fort, secretary of the school board, until 12 o'clock Noon, March 8th, 1909.

All bids must be in strict accordance with the plans and specifications prepared by the C. W. Way Co., Architect, Hastings, Neb., which may be seen at the office of L. H. Fort, Red Cloud, Neb., and at the office of the architects on and after February 28th, 1909.

A certified check of 5 per cent of proposal made payable to L. H. Fort, must accompany each bid as a guarantee of good faith, the same to be returned to each unsuccessful bidder immediately upon letting of contract, and to be forfeited by the successful bidder and paid to said Fort in case such successful bidder fails to make contract and give approved bond as required within 30 days.

The party to whom the contract is awarded will be required within 30 days from acceptance of bid to execute contract and give approved bond in surety company in a sum equal to its contract price for the faithful performance of the contract.

Separate proposals will be received at same time and under same conditions for the installation of heating and plumbing.
The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
Dated Feb. 1, 1909.

By order of the board,
The school district of Red Cloud City,
L. H. Fort, Secretary. E. J. OVENING JR., President.

Weather Summary for January.

Temperature, highest 64 on 3d, and 23d. Lowest 6 below zero on 6th and 7th. Greatest daily range 45 on 20st. Rain and snow, total 13.1 inch fall of snow. Greatest fall in 24 hours 1.3 on the 28th. Number of days with 1 or more 2. Clear 13, partly cloudy 3, cloudy 15, 4 nights of fog.

Salesmen wanted to look after our interest in Webster and adjacent counties. Salary or commission. Address Lincoln Oil Co., Cleveland, Ohio.

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HEBRON BUSINESS COLLEGE,
Hebron, Neb.

Public Auction.

I will sell at public auction on the John Devlan farm, 12 miles southwest of Red Cloud, 5 miles south of Inavale, 3 east and 2 north of Womer, Tuesday, February 9th, commencing at 10 o'clock, the following property: 47 head of stock, consisting of 9 head of horses, 8 head of cattle, 29 head of calves, 10 head of hogs, farm machinery etc. Lunch on ground. ROSS FEARNS

COWLES

G. G. Hoyt was a passenger to Hastings Tuesday.

Mrs. Chas. Bennett was in Red Cloud Tuesday.

Mayor J. O. Caldwell of Red Cloud was in town Monday.

The Cowles Bank moved into its elegant new home Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Ham came down from Bladen Tuesday to visit relatives.

Miss Ethel White of the Cowles Bank spent Sunday visiting her parents in Blue Hill.

Fred Cadwell and Lyman Frankhar from new Guide Rock were on our streets Monday.

Mrs. G. W. Tennant and daughter, Mary were passengers for Red Cloud on the Flyer Tuesday.

Donald McBride returned home from Bladen Tuesday where he had been visiting relatives since last week.

C. F. Gund of Blue Hill and B. B. Hilmick of Campbell were in Cowles Tuesday helping Cashier Fox move the bank fixtures.

Mr. Cooper, who buys grain for H. Gund & Co., had a painful accident Monday by getting his hand in the cog wheel of a gasoline engine. The hand was badly lacerated and required the services of Dr. Caulk to dress the wound.

Ellinger's Sale Dates

Saturday, Feb. 6, Guide Rock.
Thursday, Feb. 11, Frank Cobb, 1 mile east 1/2 south of Guide Rock.

Monday, Feb. 15, H. J. Maurer 3 miles north of Red Cloud.

Tuesday, Feb. 16, John Matter 9 miles southwest of Red Cloud.

Wednesday, Feb. 17, E. A. Crary, 1 mile north of Guide Rock.

Tuesday, Feb. 22, J. G. Polfus, 1 mile north of Guide Rock.

Chadlin and Chaplin Thursday February, 25 6 miles north west of Cowles.
Geo. Lindsey 1 mile south east of Red Cloud, February 10th.

Cyde Payne, Friday, February, 19th 5 miles north west of Guide Rock.

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