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A bill has gone to the governor that will prevent public exhibitions of hypnotism in the future.

The robins, the meadow larks and the bluejays are here and they all tell us that spring is here, but the certain chilliness of the air tells us that we had better not give our surplus coal away and that stoves will still be useful to have around the house. The groundhog or the goose?—still an open question.

For the first time in the history of this city a Socialist ticket has been nominated for city officers. What effect this ticket will have at the next election or later remains to be seen. So far as this first election is concerned, that party can hardly hope to receive much of a following, but the growth of the Socialist party in the United States would suggest that this may be at least a step which may later on lead to larger importance. If the Socialist party could guarantee that the Milwaukee brand would be the only kind of socialism passed out we believe that most of our cities would welcome it with outstretched arms. Milwaukee Socialists consider only a man's fitness for the position, and as a result that city is well governed. Before more evidence is presented the cautious man will prefer to wait a little while.

We have in our possession a petition which was presented to the legislature last week purporting to be a bona fide document asking the members of the legislature to support certain bills favorable to county option. Upon investigation the petition is now dead and others who live in other states. Examination shows that this was a worked over petition from a former session fixed up to appear fresh. We would not be surprised if "Hinky Dink" or "Bathhouse John" worked up such a deal, but coming from the source which it did it certainly is a marvel. The adherents of any cause, however meritorious, should never resort to questionable methods to attain their object. Overzealousness seems to lead to unworthy methods, and this attempt to fool the members of the legislature should be strongly condemned. Every bill should stand on its own merits and any cause will be damaged if underhand methods are employed to further its purpose. This petition bears every evidence of fraud and it will react upon the cause.

Citizens' Meeting.
 Tuesday afternoon the citizens of this city met in the Commercial club rooms to discuss the water question and the proposed bond issue for the extension of the mains and piping the Maurer Springs. The meeting developed into a general discussion as to the cost of the line purity of the water and the amount of the supply together with our present water conditions. Superintendent Rich gave figures gleaned from surveys and known engineering data which showed that the \$6,000 bond issue would not only take care of the pipe line and pay for ten acres of ground, but would leave a surplus to connect the dead ends of our present system. This was of considerable relief to those who were afraid that the pipe line alone would cost more than that. One man stated that he expected to make a proposition to do all the work, furnish all the material and buy the land, as per plans and specifications, for \$5,000.

The feeling was general that every statement made on the street corner should be branded as false, unless it be given in public and open to public discussion. It was the consensus of opinion that our water consumption could be greatly increased provided the general public was assured of plenty of good water during the summer months. The real amount of expense chargeable to this extension was only \$210 per year in the way of interest provided these bonds were issued. A motion was made declaring it to be to the best interest of the city to hold a series of public meetings, and a committee was appointed to arrange for these public meetings from time to time. Every phase of the question should be discussed and every viewpoint advanced.

The meeting was friendly and cordial throughout and the utmost good feeling prevailed.

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Water! Water!!

In one issue of last week's Commercial Advertiser Mr. Bailey again seemed to find fault with our methods of reasoning. We are pleased that we are getting together on the conditions that confront us and when we can be altogether agreed the working out of the problem will be but a matter of detail. We believe that much good will result in these public discussions. They are much more effective and far more reliable than street corner talk.

Now as regard to the loss of water that can be accounted for in a number of different ways. First we are reliably informed that even a new pumping system will show a loss of water up to fifteen percent. Every drop that is pumped cannot possibly be delivered to the customer. Now our plant is twenty three years old and many of the early service mains were of block merchant pipe and cannot help but be leaking. This pipe is used yet but not by corporations who use meters to measure their water.

Again our meters are slow they do not register the water which flows thru them. We think that the city should own all the meters and keep them in repair so that the city would receive all the revenue from the water used. Some meters show fifty percent slow. That alone would account for a large amount of water loss. With a pipe line loss of fifteen percent and a meter loss of anywhere to fifty percent it is easy to see that there is a large amount of water pumped which is absolute waste. But this condition can be remedied if the present water commissioner is allowed to continue to make the necessary repairs.

One of the largest sources of loss in times past was the absence of a check valve between the stand pipe and the well. Up to last September WHENEVER THE PUMPS WERE STOPPED THE WATER WOULD RUN FROM THE STAND PIPE INTO THE MAINS AND ALSO BACK INTO THE WELL. Thus we were pumping water into the stand pipe and then back again. This accounts for the variation in the estimates made as to the flow of the south well. No wonder that it was changeable.

As to the coal question the statement as to coal cost of pumping was plainly labeled "present coal costs." And not at the time this city was paying from \$7.00 to \$9.00 per ton for the coal burned under its boilers. So far as the figures of 1905 and 1906 for coal consumption are concerned Mr. Bailey evidently forgets that at that time we were pumping intermittently and consequently were burning more coal per gallon than now. Any one can see that where a pump is used for two or three hours and then allowed to be quiet for half a day and then warmed up again the coal consumption would be increased from two to five hundred pounds representing waste. So far as ditching or digging or "welling" no man in the city is competent to make even an approximate guess as to the cost of such a venture. We know that the distance to the springs is less than ten thousand feet, we know what pipe will cost, we know what ditching four feet deep and filling will cost, we know what pipe laying will cost and anyone can figure what the total cost will be for this extension.

The voter wants to keep his eye on two things: the \$11,000.00 or more buried in Smith's pasture representing experiments and Maurer springs pipe line at a moderate cost and absolute assurance of a plentiful water supply.

**The Candidates
 *for City Offices**

At the approaching city election there will be three tickets in the field and the campaign promises to be interesting. The water extension bond proposition and the question of saloons or no saloons are the two important matters to be decided at the April election.

Citizens' Ticket.

A big crowd was in attendance at Citizens' convention held in the court house last night and the following strong ticket was nominated:

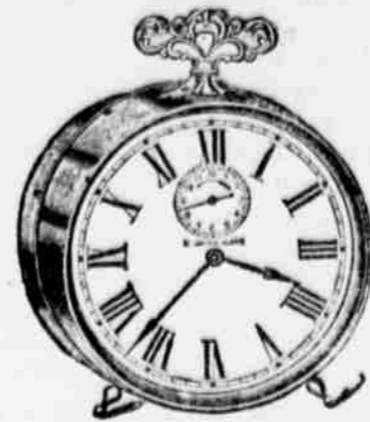
- For Mayor—Dr. Robt. Damerell.
- For Clerk—O. C. Teel.
- For Treasurer—J. O. Butler.
- For City Engineer—Geo. Overing.
- For Police Judge—James Burden.
- For Councilmen—First ward, Chas. Strong; Second ward, B. F. Mizer.
- For Members of School Board—Paul Storey and George Coon.

Republican Ticket.

The Republicans held their city convention in the court house Wednesday afternoon and placed in nomination a complete city ticket. The following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That we approve the conduct of the city water and electric plants by the present water commissioner, D. H. Rich, and favor his retention in his present position."

- The nominees:
- For Mayor—Ed Amack.
- For Clerk—W. A. Sherwood.
- For Treasurer—S. R. Florance.
- For Police Judge—J. B. Stanser.
- For City Engineer—Geo. Overing.
- For Councilmen—First ward, Wm.



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McKimmy: Second ward, J. O. Butler.

For Members of School Board—Paul Storey and E. H. Newhouse.

Socialist Ticket.

For the first time in the history of the party, the Socialists have placed a complete city ticket in the field, as follows:

- For Mayor—S. W. Foe.
- For Clerk—George Phelps.
- For Treasurer—John Gilbert.
- For Police Judge—Thomas Emerton.
- For Councilmen—First ward, M. C. Sherman; Second ward, A. L. Drew.
- For Members of School Board—F. H. Henderson and Geo. W. Fentress.

Death of William Holsworth.

William Holsworth, a pioneer of Webster county, died at his home in this city Tuesday afternoon after an illness covering a period of several years. Funeral services were held this afternoon from the family residence. Rev. Cressman conducted the services. Mr. Holsworth was born in England and located in Webster county in 1872. He leaves a wife and four children to mourn his departure. Interment took place in the city cemetery.

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