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**Citizens' Ticket.**

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.

City politics may be represented by ZYKGV?—(8)

Let us figure a little. If these proposed water bonds carry what will the taxes be? The interest will be \$300.00 our present valuation is something over \$300,000.00 therefore a one mill levy will just raise the interest. Now if you have \$1000.00 worth of taxable property it will cost you \$1.00 for these bonds, if you have \$10,000.00 it will cost you \$10.00 and if you are worth one hundred thousand dollars you will pay one third of the interest. Now let everybody that can afford one dollar a year for good water vote for the bonds and those that are worth one hundred thousand dollars may vote against them.

The Citizens' ticket is worthy of the support of all who are interested in the welfare of the city. Dr. Damerell, candidate for mayor, has been intimately associated with the interests of this city for twenty five years. He is a man of experience and desires only the best for Red Cloud. He has the training, the ability, the efficiency for the position and will make an excellent man for the place. He is candid and conservative, and no one need hesitate to vote for Dr. Damerell for fear the city's affairs will not be fairly administered. He has never sought political honors in municipal affairs. This year he accepted the nomination and the city now has the opportunity to elect a strong, competent man for its highest officer. Vote for Dr. Damerell.

Large sums of money are now being spent by energetic cities all over the United States. Even state legislatures are appropriating money for advertising the states' greatness and their commendable features for prospective residents. Red Cloud should not be behind. Red Cloud can learn from these larger cities that it pays to advertise. In a way, all cities ad-

vertise—some beneficially, some otherwise. Red Cloud has an opportunity to advertise in the right direction. The possibility is before us to invite substantial citizens to our city. Let us appropriate, say six thousand dollars in advertising. We can borrow that amount at a small rate of interest and get it back in the advancement of our property. This amount of money will supply our city with plenty of good, pure spring water and will be one of the greatest advertising mediums that can be adopted. If you were choosing a new location and had your choice between a city that drank from a spring and another that drank from a creek, where would you locate? Do you believe in advertising? Do you believe in progress? Let us put Red Cloud on the map. Let it be advertised abroad that Red Cloud is the city along the Republican river where they have an abundance of pure spring water.

We hear some talk that six thousand dollars will not be sufficient to pipe the Maurer springs and connect them with our water system. We also hear that there is some talk that the right of way will run in to the millions. In past issues we have presented the figures which represent the cost of this pipe line. They have been carefully prepared. The survey made Monday shows that the exact number of feet between the pump and the springs to be 9514. Nearly six hundred feet less than was estimated. One of our citizens informs us this morning that he will put up a \$2000.00 bond and will forfeit the same if he does not accept the contract to do the entire work for \$1500.00. There is no guess work about this pipe line. Given the number of feet, the price of tile, the cost of digging, the cost of laying and any person in the city can tell within one hundred dollars what the cost will be. Some say short length tile will sink but the engineer tells us that at least four tiles will be cemented together and laid at once and that will be the same as one tile ten feet long. Red Cloud never approached a project with her eyes wider open. Not a thing is concealed. If you want to know the facts about our city go to the records and read for yourself. Ask the city clerk, the city treasurer, the city electric light superintendent. Go to the records. Street talk is unreliable. Satisfy yourself and after due investigation vote your honest convictions.

There seems to be still a little doubt in the minds of some that in regard to voting bonds for the purpose of increasing our water supply. Fear is expressed lest our taxes be more than we can bear. At first thought one would naturally think that to vote more bonds would increase taxation, but when we remember that every year we pay in taxes twelve hundred dollars towards the support of our water works system we know that that amount represents the difference between what our income is and what our expenditures are. If we have the

springs we will not need to pay the twelve hundred deficiency because our end bill will not be so large and we will have a quality of water that will attract our customers and they will be only too glad to use more of it. We would rather pay three hundred dollars any time than twelve hundred dollars. The rail road pays the city about fifteen hundred dollars per year for water. With the springs attached to our water system the rail road would in five years pay these bonds and pay for water which will not cost us one cent for pumping. We all want to reduce our taxes. We have the opportunity now to do so. Another thing if we adopt this springs proposition we will have no further excuse for digging in the bottoms and will have saved something like a thousand dollars a year. You say no more digging will be done? They have been digging for fifteen years and they will continue to dig forever unless something is done to stop the mania. Even today you will find people who want to dig some on one theory and some on another. We have prospected so long we have the habit. If we would think more we would fight less.

**Spring or Creek Water**

That is the issue to be decided at the next election. There is no other plan of increasing the water supply before the people. Two thirds of the people of the city are divided between the Condra proposition, of taking the water directly from the creek, using all precautions to keep it as clean and sweet as may be, and the spring proposition. These two thirds are unalterably opposed to any other plan, and will permit no more money to be wasted on other plans. There has been too much wasted already. We have no confidence in our local water wizards, in our local water experts. The majority know that they have no more knowledge on the subject than the rest of us. We all know that there is abundance of water in the creek. We all know that there is abundance of water in the springs at the head of the creek. We all know that there is not a blessed son of us, no matter what his name be called, who knows anything for certain in addition to this. Every supply outside of these two is conjectural, doubtful, uncertain. We are tired of seeing the city money wasted on visionary projects. The creek water is drinkable most of the time. It can be kept reasonably clear most of the time. We have got along with it pretty well so far. The little bit of water that flows through the tiles has never been enough to take into consideration. We have been lied to long enough. If there is a man in town who thinks the pump has ever failed to pump creek water for the last ten or fifteen years, it is time for him to be undeceived. Creek water has constituted the chief supply of our mains for many years. Unless we pipe the spring water down it will constitute our supply for the years to come. There will be no farther digging or explorations in the creek bottom. The people will not stand for any more expenditure of the public money in experiments to satisfy the vanity of or whims of anybody. If the bonds are voted down, we will squarely meet the facts, and make the best possible of the creek water at the least expense. The creek water is purer, more free from alkali, than the water in the wells. It is springs or creek, from now on, without any disguise, without any pretense. The lies have had their day. We are out in the open. The truth will be told. All the pretenses that we have not been drinking creek water in the past have been brushed away. We don't like to admit the fact we hate to tell it to visitors, and friends. We hate to advertise it abroad. But lies only harm in the long run. Let us be at least honest with ourselves. The little interest that we will have to pay for this extension will be more than made up by the increase of patronage and by the purity of the water which we will have to drink. We have been chasing the rainbow long enough. Springs or creek? By your vote next Tuesday you will indicate the kind of water which you prefer.



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- than 110,000 gallons daily; No. 2, 100,000.
  - 2. The static pressure on lower end of proposed pipe line as surveyed is approximately 15 pounds to square inch.
  - 3. Spring No. 1 is underlaid at approximate depth of six feet with an impervious clay.
  - 4. Estimated underflow of spring No. 1 is greater than surface flow.
  - 5. Proposed pipe line with eight-inch tile has a capacity of discharging approximately 27,000 gallons per hour 645,000 gallons per day.
  - 6. Glazed tile with corrugated fittings endorsed and recommended by hydraulic engineers.
- Respectfully submitted,  
 D. H. RICH.  
 Supt. Light and Water.  
 One contractor has already offered to install proposed pipe line complete as per contemplated specifications for \$4,200.

LINCOLN, March 27, 1911.

Charles B. Hale, Esq.  
 Dear Sir—I understand the matter of additional water supply is up at the coming election, and I am anxious to know what the result is likely to be.

Our tests of the Maurer springs water show such an improvement over all the other waters tested at Red Cloud, for boiler purposes, that it is extremely desirable, at least for railroad use, to get that water if possible. It seems that water from the present wells tested out no better than that from some recent test wells made by the C. B. & Q. These were in connection with an estimate for furnishing an additional supply as the result of last summer's notice to the company that there is a shortage of water in the summer. Yours truly,  
 E. J. DAWSON.

[The above letter ought to quiet all talk about the railroad making preparations to use its own system of water supply. This is another argument for the springs. Our largest customer is anxious to have water that will be pure—water that will not cause them trouble with their engines. The city is in the water business and cannot afford to lose its best customer. The B. & M. pays considerable in the way of taxes into our city treasury and it is not afraid of this six thousand dollar bond issue. If the insides of an engine are worth looking after, how about the insides of men, women and helpless children?]

**District Court Proceedings**

A ten days term of Court was finished Saturday night and the docket was entirely cleared up. Judge Dungan will open a term at Bloomington today.

In the four cases against the City of Red Cloud, a Demurrer was filed by the Attorneys representing the City and it was sustained by the court as to all of these cases.

The case of Cowles vs Yeiser was a partition suit as to the property now occupied by Fred Plumb's feed store. The trial was to the court and a finding that plaintiff is entitled to partition of the premises as asked for. That plaintiff is owner of 6-10 James Yeiser 1-10, Parmelia D. Yeiser 3-10. The shares were thus confirmed and the rental value of the property against the present tenant fixed at \$2 per month.

The Commercial Bank of Neison vs Hansen & Snider was suit on note and mortgage of threshing machine and a team of horses and buggy. Trial was to a jury and verdict for plaintiff against defendants for \$914.35. Judgment was given on the verdict and plaintiff directed to foreclose mortgage and apply on debt before proceeding against defendant Snider who was surety for Hansen.

The case of Edna M. Dike vs William H. Dike for divorce was up on motion

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**OFFICIAL REPORT**

**On Survey for Proposed Pipe Line to Maurer's Springs.**

Having been employed to take measurements and make survey for the proposed pipe line to Maurer's springs, I report as follows:

1. The distance from the southwest corner of the power house to spring No. 1 at elm trees is 9,514 feet on proposed pipe line surveyed.
  2. Spring No. 2 is four feet higher than spring No. 1.
  3. The elevation of spring No. 1 is 35 feet above the floor of the power house.
  4. Every point on the proposed pipe line as surveyed is of lower elevation than spring No. 1.
- Respectfully submitted,  
 G. H. OVERING, County Surveyor.
1. The volume of water flowing from surface of spring No. 1 is more

to vacate the former judgment rendered in this case. Motion was sustained upon the condition that defendant pay to the Clerk of the Court all former costs, \$100, suit money and \$150. for Attorney's fees and \$10 a month to the plaintiff pending the suit.

Platt & Frees vs W. J. Scrivner and R. D. Moritz was a suit for lumber bill and action on Mechanic's Lien continued from the last term of court. The case was tried to the Court and he found plaintiff furnished materials to defendant Moritz under his contract with C. J. Platt amounting to \$385.50. That plaintiff has no lien. That there is due C. J. Platt from defendant Moritz \$151.50 and there is due defendant Scrivner from Moritz \$219.70. That Scrivner recover his costs from Moritz and that other parties pay their own costs. A judgment was given on the above findings and a decree cancelling Mechanic's lien of record.

The case of Platt & Frees against W. N. Richardson was tried before Judge Dungan without a jury and consumed four days, a longer time than any other case during the term. It was a dispute as to the amount due on the residence lately built by Mr. Richardson and attracted considerable local interest. The plaintiff claiming a balance due of about \$300. and the defendant claiming to have already overpaid them by \$500.

According to Judge Dungan's decision as announced, the turning point was whether there was an original contract for a definite price. This he decided in favor of the defendant on the theory that the testimony of Mr. Platt and Mr. Richardson offset each other, and Mr. Leuzier, the head carpenter on the job, testifying to the fact of an original contract for \$3500. gave the preponderance on that issue to the defendant. Starting on that basis, he allowed Platt & Frees for extras claimed bringing the total up to approximately \$7500, and \$8000 having already been paid gave judgment in favor of the plaintiff for \$1500.

**Mrs. Henrietta Schultz.**

Miss Henrietta Fretter was born September 26, 1842, in Germany; was united in marriage to Rudolph Schultz January 29, 1863, who preceded her in death five years ago. They came to Webster county, Nebraska, in 1882, and have resided here since. She was the mother of ten children, six of whom survive to mourn the loss of a faithful and devoted mother. They are: Albert, Paul and Rubert, Mrs. Bertha Bargman, Mrs. Anna Warren and Mrs. Lizzie Johnson. As disease preyed upon her body and her health

failed, she often expressed an earnest wish to pass on and be at rest. Death came to her relief March 25, 1911. Coming to this country in an early day she, with her husband, labored hard to procure a home and provide for their family. She was a true homemaker, caring nothing for world or display. Her heart was in her home and with her children. Funeral services were held at the home, conducted by Rev. G. W. Hummel. Interment was in Martin cemetery.

**Mrs. Maria D. Reynolds**

Mrs. Maria D. Reynolds was born in Sullivan County, New York, in the year 1836 and died in Webster County, Neb., at the age of 74 years, 10 months and 23 days. Mrs. Reynolds was one of our most respected pioneer settlers, having lived in this county some 30 odd years. Physicians, nurse, children and friends did everything in their power to keep her with them, but God was ready for his aged child and took her home. She is survived by four children, Mrs. Isaac Thomas, Mrs. Elizabeth Douglas, Mr. C. L. and W. H. Reynolds all of whom reside in this county.

**Baby Steward**

John Milton, son of Charles B. and Carrie Steward, was born May 28, 1910. In obedience to the divine command he was received into the holy church by the sacrament of baptism on Sunday, March 19, 1911 by Rev. G. W. Hummel. After a short illness from pneumonia death relieved the little sufferer on March 22, 1911.

The family wish to thank their many kind friends and neighbors who have sympathized with and aided them during the sickness and death of their little babe.

**Real Estate Transfers.**

Transfers reported by the Fort Abstract Co. for the week ending Wednesday, March 29, 1911.

Thomas J. Ward to Samuel W. Fox, lots 15, 16, 17, 18, Blk. 22, Red Cloud, wd ..... 1000

A. A. Boren to Valentine Hunsberger, s 4 nw ne 22-10, wd ..... 9000

State of Nebraska to C. F. Cather, nw 36-3-12, deed ..... 1840

Lincoln Land Co. to Miles Doyle, lots 5, 9, 45, 16, Blk. 12, Rail Road Add to Red Cloud, wd ... 50

William P. Roland to Lloyd H. Hunter, e 1/4 sw 4-1-9, wd ..... 850

William E. Tompkins to Mary Tompkins, lots 17, 18, 20, Blk. 6, Guide Rock, wd ..... 2500

Mortgages filed, \$8200. \$ 15240  
 Mortgages released, \$5200.