PURCHASE WATERWORKS.

The City Voted \$3,000,000 Worth of Bends But the Appraisement Was the future. More Than Double-Case Now in Court With Expensive Prospect.

three years the city of Omaha has been vent being forced into purchasing the turned this morning in response to

Three years ago the state legislature passed a bill ordering Omaha to either purchase the present water sys- folk, November 26, 1877, hence was in tem from its owners, or to construct the twenty-ninth year of his age. Afa new system. And to further this ter he graduated he became interested end, the city voted \$3,000,000 worth in his father's coal business and has of bonds, the proceeds to be utilized in been an efficient assistant in the ofbuilding this plant,

charge of the affairs of the municipal board, preferring to have a "say-so" in waterworks by having the commissioners elected by popular vote, but their protests did no good.

The water board took charge of the affairs at once. And incidentally begun drawing salary immediately. This salary was fixed at only \$500 per year, and there are six of the commissioners. making the salary for the board \$3,600 yearly. This board has now been in existence three years, drawing salaries all that time, but having no wa-

The water company and the commissioners decided to appoint a commit- be used, conducted by Rev. Mr. Weills. tee of prominent engineers who were city was then to purchase at this price. Everything seemed all right and the advocates of municipal ownership nearly all members of that order. pointed to the seeming success of the commissioners as an indication of the beauties of the system.

But there was a snag somewhere. Something seemed to be wrong with the board of engineers. They never could get together to talk the matter over. One of them lived in Milwaukee; the other two in different cities. Whenever they did get together, there were no results. Nothing but talk resulted. The engineers were being paid well-and the tax payers of Omaha footed the bills.

Then it became necessary to employ lawyers at good fat fees to look after the city's interests in the matter. The Omaha Bee, the leading republican newspaper in Nebraska, in an editorial calling attention to the fact that since May, 1905, the city has paid \$12, board, says: "This, after all, is only "before taking" the water works. How much the special attorneys of the water board will extract by the time they are through all the cases in the United States supreme court may only be surmised."

For three years the board of engineers delayed and "talked" and all engineers announced their valuation on the plant of the water company-\$6,263,295.49.

The citizens fairly gasped with astonishment. It was believed the figures would not be above \$3,000,000. And a cry of "fraud" was raised on all sides. It was pointed out that the appraised value was signed by only two members of the board of engineers and that the third refused to concur, hence, they argued, there was no appraisal. Prominent attorneys talked the city. They all declared the appraised value was exorbitant and red men of this historical tribe. should not be paid.

Then T. C. Woodbury of New York City, president of the Omaha Water company, made out a deed covering the entire property of the water system and going to the board of water commissioners, made a formal tender of the property and asked for his \$6,263,-295.49. It was refused and he immediately filed suit in United States court to compel the city to purchase at that price.

The water board has announced its intentions of fighting the case and more special attorney fees are in sight for the tax payers to settle.

And that is the reason that, whereas Omaha has been fighting for three years to municipalize its water system, it is now fighting just as hard the other way to keep from having to purchase it. And tax payers, who have seen so much money go towards salaries and attorneys' fees, with nothing to show for it, wonder what the bill will be if the city is forced to buy the plant.

> Ralph L. Braasch. [From Monday's Daily.]

Just as the shades of night were beginning to fall Saturday evening, trainmaster at the Omaha Union staafter a long struggle with Bright's dis- tion but on account of the discontinease, Ralph L. Braasch quietly passed to his long rest, breathing his last at given back his old run. 6:50. Ralph had made a manly fight acter he was obliged to yield to the inevitable. Six or eight years ago symptoms of the disease began to annear, and his father promptly sent him to the want ads. today?

Carlsbad, Germany, where he obtained | 110 much relief from the waters, returnng so much improved that for a time t was hoped that the disease had been eradicated from his system. About six FOR YEARS OMAHA TRIED TO months ago the disease again appeared PROPOSITION WAS NOT OFFICIAL and he spent some months at Excelsior Springs, Mo. Shortly after he returned from there, he became bed-CITY IS NOW TRYING NOT TO fast and it has since been a fight for WAS INFORMALLY DISCUSSED existence, his father and friends be eing at times encouraged and again cast into gloom over the prospects for

Ralph was the son of C. W. Braasch, and is survived by only two members of the family, his father and brother Omaha, Neb., July 21.—For the past Will. On May 9, two years ago, his mother passed away, and was followed trying to purchase the plant of the five week later by his sister Gertrude, Omaha Water company and give Oma- who died on the 17th of June. One ha a municipal water system. Today, brother had died a few years before the city is fighting in United States Will Braasch, who is in husiness in court, the acquisition of the system St. Paul, Minn., had been here but a and is doing every thing it can to pre- short time ago to see Ralph, and retelegram announcing the end,

Ralph was born on the old Braasch homestead, a half mile east of Norfice. C. W. Praasch is now left prac-Then, by order of the legislature, the tically alone, his only remaining son governor of Nebraska appointed a wa- being in business for himself elseter board, which should have full where, and while the whole community grieves that Ralph has been taken, plant. Omaha business men objected there is unbounded sympathy toward to the appointing of members of this the father, whose once happy family is now entirely gone and whose joyous the governing power of their own home has become so quickly desolate.

Friends have expressed their sympathy through a profusion of floral offerings, beautiful yet painfully inexpressive tributes of the sympathy that stirs every heart in the community.

The funeral will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the home on Fifth street, conducted by Rev. J. C. S. Weills of Trinity Episcopal church. At the cemetery the services will be conducted by Norfolk lodge, B. P. O. E., No. 653, of which the deceased was ter works to manage during those a member. The Elks burial service is close the Episcopal burial service will avenue from First street to Sixth, and thing like \$30 a car for a twelve-mile

The pall bearers selected are S. D. to appraise the water system and the Robertson, W. K. Small, Wm. Stafford, A. K. Barnes, Fritz Asmus and Harry Hartford, chosen by the Elks and

A THREE-DAYS' POW-WOW NEAR CENTER, KNOX COUNTY.

IN MEMORY OF DEPARTED CHIEFS

The Big Indian Event This Year is Planned to be One of the Most Spectacular in the History of the Santee leged damages. Sloux Indian Nation.

have fixed the date for their annual committee. 758 in lawyer's fees for the water fair and celebration on August 1, 2 The city attorney was given more and 3. Each year these Indians hold time in regard to Treunepahl claim. a celebration in memory of the de- He was also instructed to look up parted chiefs of the Sioux nation and deeds of all city property. this year efforts are being made to make the occasion one of the most successful and spectacular in the hisvocates fretted. But yesterday the and the Oklahoma territory are expected to turn out large delegations. dian games and sports of all kinds. pony races and the like will be the chief amusements. On Friday afternoon, the 3rd, a band of Indians will charge down across the prairie and tle. The grounds selected for the celof Howe creek. It is an ideal camp-"bunco" by the engineers as against ing place and white people are invited back in the dark ages. to come and pitch camp with the noble

Woodmen Initiate.

[From Tuesday's Daily.] The Norfolk camp, No. 492, M. W. which twelve candidates were put

through the mysteries of the order. George R. Wycoff, V. C.; D. Q. Nicholson, banker; C. S. Snyder, W. A .: work of initiation. A large number of Battle Creek people were also pres-

After the meeting a social session was held and ice cream and cake served. In all it was a most enjoyable affair.

It was through the earnest work of folk, that these candidates were our language to signs, and these signs been invented by R. P. Lawton of met at Lincoln by Mr. and Mrs. O. R. to the Braasch home on Fifth street, brought into the Norfolk camp.

Railroad Notes.

count of a hot box on one of the cars. J. C. Aid is back on his old run on the Bonesteel line. He was made

The C. & N. W. railroad is tearing against disease, but his strength gave down the stock yards at the Creighout and like many another noble char- ton depot in order to give more room to tracks.

uing of the Shoshoni trains he was

Hadn't you intended to look over

LY BEFORE THE COUNCIL.

Developed That There is a Strong Sentiment in the Council to Meet the Commissioners Half Way in Their Efforts to Correct the Evil.

The ditch proposition did not come ip before the city council last meet ng for official action, although it had seen expected that an ordinance would se presented and its passage asked in eccordance with the request of the county commissioners. The matter was informally discussed and it de veloped that there is a strong sentinent on the council toward the city paying its full share of the expense ordinance been drafted and presented it would have been passed.

Mr. Nelson of Omaha, representing the Western Union telegraph company, appeared before the council in response to a notice served upon his company ordering that their poles be removed from Main street to the alleys. He protesting against having the Western Union singled out in this matter, claiming that it is not fair to ask his company to make these remov als when the electric light and telephone poles and wires are allowed to remain where they are on Main street The result was that the city attorney was instructed to go into the matter with the view of having all poles and wires removed from the street.

Plans for guttering and curbing, which were approved last evening, provide for gutters six feet wide and the lower five inches, and one to one in the upper inch. The gutters are ison avenue.

The Official Report.

The city council met in regular session with all councilmen present except Stafford. Minutes of July 5 were read and approved.

The city attorney was instructed to look up ordinances on electric light, telephone and belegraph wires and reshipped over the Northwestern to poles, with a view to removing all Fairfax and saved money. J. F. Jones, poles from Main street.

adopted.

The city attorney is to draw up a petition to the county judge to appoint land cement shipped to Running Wafive appraisers to find damages in the ter by way of the Milwaukee. ight of way of the sewer system.

The city attorney reported adversely on the claim of Dr. Mackay for al-

The matter of the walk on the south side of lots 1 and 2, block 1, Norfolk Center, Neb., July 24. - Special to View, was referred to the street com- COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BELIEVE The News: The Santee Sioux Indians missioner and the street and alley

"23."

The rapidity, the completeness, with tory of the tribe. Three days will be which "23" has entered into the nagiven to a gathering of the Sioux and tional vocabulary is not only signifithe tribes of Winnebago, Omaha, Flan- cant. it is alarming. We are accusthat time the municipal ownership ad- dreau, Sisseton, Yankton, Pine Ridge tomed to having the American language extended or condensed in the most startling ways; indeed, it has The whole time will be given to In- rather become expected of us that we would produce a new crop of slang War dances, spear throwing, lacrosse, each year, fully as important as a commissioners voted that the expense wheat crop or a trust crop. And forengage the camp in a grand sham bat- by an American duchess to King Ed- to Judge Boyd within a few days at ebration are on the reservation, five at the time of the Spanish marriage, granted, miles north of Center, near the mouth "very little English was understoodand no American"—thus placing Spain

in the dark backward of antiquity, and made upon it. The only one which, foundation for the investigation. A, held a large meeting and initiation to our comprehension, seems adequate code, and it is because of this that the phy, the signal sent to clear the line, and his forester team of Madison portant place in the wire-speech of camp, No. 485, were here to do the this nation. Similarly there is a "37" wise, which declares "my regards to passion for brevity as the soul, not only of wit, but of commerce and social intercourse, that we dread any further borrowing from the code, that we fear the drift of American speech W. C. James, district deputy of Nor- may be toward the reduction of all mathematic. It would be a just pun-The Omaha passenger was delayed schoolhouse as the temple of the Amer- hour, the other time for forty-five min- is in the city and will probably be about thirty minutes this noon on ac-lican people, and the arithmetic taught utes. therein as the essence of the soul.

> But think what it would mean! We syllables which have made English pohave no freedom of expression; there would not be any such things as the constitutionally guaranteed freedom of stereotyped, until the exclamation of the old woman in "Ramona" that she didn't see no use of langwedge between folks as didn't understand each der water.

other, and not much between them as NIT did," would become the universal conviction. Poetry would go out of fashon, except in translations. Consider the appearance of a book, of your daily newspaper. There would be nothing but figures from one end to the other. Surely, there would be much time saved in setting type, but is time, after all, or the saving of time, the only desirable thing in life? Probably a company of New Zealanders misst meet together on the arch of London bridge and study defunct English, more particularly defunct American, as the Irish meet patiently now in their Faelic societies and think they are experiencing a Celtic revival, when they are cally twisting the lion's tail. But the bitter part of it all is, that those very New Zealanders who have become the curtailed speech, and they themselves, Mrs. Long, who is a non-resident and of building the waterway, and had the called today "the alphabet." It looks pass. A proposition has been made to last evening there is no doubt but that for the American language.—St. Paul received, so the commissioners think Dispatch.

P. FORSYTHE & CO. FILE COM-PLAINT WITH COMMISSION.

C. & N. W. IS THE DEFENDANT

Plaintiff Alleges Discrimination on the Lumber Rate Against Niobrara on the Haul Between Verdigre and that

Niobrara, Neb., July 24.-Special to 'he News: J. P. Forsythe & Co. have six inches deep, built of Portland ce- filed a complaint with the railroad comment, in proportion of four to one for mission against the Chicago & Northwestern railway company for overcharge on lumber rate from Verdigre to extend along either Side of Norfolk here of six cents per hundred or someon Fourth street from Norfolk to Mad- haul on what should be through business. This is a serious discrimination. the towns of Bloomfield, Verdigre and Running Water being able to undersell the yards here \$2 per thousand. Fairfax parties shipped a carload of Water over the Milwaukee last week, near Fort Randall, seventeen miles Plans of the city engineer for ce. from the Northwestern station, char-

EXPENSE IS JUSTIFIED.

County Attorney Koenigstein is Carry ing Out the Suggestion of the Governor-Application to Judge Boyd

County Attorney Koenigstein yeserday laid the matter of calling a grand jury to investigate the alleged city on business yesterday, hospital outrages, before the board of county commissioners, and after reviewing the request of the governor that such investigation be held, the would be justified, and an order was eigners, but also the French and oth- issued authorizing the county attorney er continentals, await the exportation to request Judge Boyd to call such eagerly, impatiently. It was marked jury. The request will be presented business. ward, that in Spain, which she visited Neligh, and will without question be ter departed for their home in Madi-

The charges of Governor Mickey are that four attendants employed at the kle returned from a short visit to hospital have been guilty of cruelty Albion last evening. But "23" is a decidedly different and abuse of patients and it is alleged story. It is not only slang, but it is that three patients came to their conducting a cooking school here, has prophecy. Its origin has been sought death by reason of such treatment. It returned to her home in Neligh. is expected that Gov. Mickey will fur. | Judge N. D. Jackson of Neligh, one various ancestral reports have been nish the evidence which forms the of the supreme court commissioners,

This will be the first session of a yesterday. last night in the I. O. O. F. hall, at is the source lodged in the telegraphic grand jury in this county since the law! The families of H. M. Drebert, J. A. making the calling of a grand jury op- Oxnam, W. Austin and E. L. Loucks new slang appears to us in such a tional was passed in 1884. In former are spending the day picnicking at dangerous light. "23" is, in telegra- years in Nebraska there was a grand Taft's grove. jury in connection with every term of Mr. and Mrs. T. Koehler of Foster Clyde Rynearson, escort, and John Fox to "get out," and, as such it has im- district court, but the results proved passed through the city on their way expense involved that the legislature will spend the summer visiting. in current use among the telegraphic did away with the grand jury system | J. J. Clements, Albert Nois, William except upon call of the district judge, Ludden and Mr. and Mrs. N. Wellman you." It is because of the American leaving the matter of prosecutions were a party that came up from Madiagainst criminals in the hands of the son yesterday morning to spend the county attorney.

Walks Under Water.

ishment on the part of Providence for two demonstrations of its power, pany them.

top of which was attached a flag. He of the universe tomorrow, speech. Everything would become for Lawton to reappear, and when he J. F. Poucher. did not do so they gave the alarm.

Lawton reappeared soon afterwards erected.

COMMISSIONERS ARE ENCOUR-AGED AT PROSPECTS.

MEMBERS HERE YESTERDAY

Only Two Property Owners Through Stand in the Way-Hope to Have it Up to City Council at Next Meeting.

County Commissioners J. H. Harding, John Malone and Burr Taft were in the city yesterday working upon the Corporation gulch proposition, and becourt of last resort in history are so fore the day was over they had praceverwhelmingly progressive that they tically come to an agreement with all will be the first nation outside of claimants through whose property the America to adopt this restrained and proposed ditch is to pass except two. when they do meet on the Arch, will owns the lot just south of Norfolk not be able to read the hieroglyphics avenue through which the ditch is to like a serious moment for the English, her by mail but no reply has yet been the prospect of making a satisfactory agreement with her are not remote The other claimant is Wm. Schilling, nam property, through the back end of which the ditch is to pass. The satisfy the owner and it is likely that he will appeal to the supreme court. Black Hills. The only criticism in this case that has been made on the commissioners' much rather than too little, as a ditch would be of great benefit to the propflowing his whole field, as it now does, besides the front of the property would be materially benefited, doing away with the unsightly ditch that now passes his front lawn. There are others whose claims are not agreed upon, but none of them has property touched by the route of the proposed ditch.

In a few days the commissioners hope they may be able to say that the whole matter is up to the city council meet the commissioners half way there is no doubt but that the ditch will be constructed and the western part of twine from Sioux City to Running the city relieved of its worst draw-thirty-two years of age and single. hauled and ferried it to this station, at its last meeting was strongly in back. The sentiment of the council favor of meeting the requirements of the county, and there is no reason to ment guttering and curbing were tered the Fort Randall ferryboat and the council, when it is hoped that draft turn to his ranch with a load of Port-

TUESDAY TIDINGS.

J. L. Whalen is in the city on busi-

J. W. Vandeventer of Madison is a city visitor. Miss Belle Turner is a vity visitor from Pierce

Arthur Johnson of Bloomfield is a city visitor.

L. S. Farnsworth of Atkinson is a city visitor.

J. C. Stitt went to Sioux City this morning on business.

Sioux City this morning.

this morning on business, Mrs. Peter Bove of Enola was shop- be all that Norfolk will get. ping in the city yesterday.

D. D. Lynch of Oakdale was in the J. R. Drake of Julesburg, Colo., is in

the city visiting A. N. McGinnis. John L. Borcus came down from Bonesteel this morning on business. John Miskinnis and wife of O'Neill were in the city shopping yesterday.

Mrs. S. R. McFarland and son Walson yesterday.

Mrs. Fred Klentz and Mrs. Geo. Hen-Miss Margaret Nichol, who has been

was transacting business in the city

so insignificant in consideration of the to Colorado and Wyoming, where they

day and to shop. Mrs. H. C. Matrau and daughters

Grace and Agnes, and Miss Hamlir A submarine contrivance which per- left this morning for a few weeks' mits a person to walk under water has camp at Shawnee, Colo. They will be Geneseo, N. Y. Already he has given Eller of that place, who will accomour sins of exalting the little red Once he remained under water for an! Attorney General Brown of Lincoln pal church. During the last sad jour-

present at the republican county con-Clad in a bathing suit, Lawton vention at Battle Creek tomorrow. walked out toward the center of Silver Now if Mr. Rosewater would show up, should fose all the soft and alluring lake, holding aloft a fish pole, to the Madison county would be the center Earth with the burial service of the

erry great, in spite of the superior had remarked to some boys on shore The remains of Mrs. Mills, who died liquidity of the Italian. We should that he was going for a walk in the yesterday at Fairmont, arrived in Norlake. When the flag was forty feet folk at noon. The funeral will be held of one of their number and sympathy from shore it suddenly disappeared tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock at for the bereaved father. Great numbelow the water. The boys waited the M. E. church, conducted by Rev.

The frame of the Karo flat is being

and explained his ability to walk un- Mrs. Wachter was twenty-three the mound with evergreen, emblematic years old yesterday and celebrated the of purity and immortality,

event by inviting a large number of friends in to spend the evening.

Dr. Macomber is erecting a new cotage north of his residence on North

H. C. Matrau left at noon today for Chicago, where he goes to attend a meeting of agents from the larger cities of the Northwestern system. The meeting will be held tomorrow in the general offices.

While playing ball yesterday Irvin Barnes was hit on the end of the Which the Ditch Will Pass Now thumb by an in-shoot that ripped that member open and caused a painful though not serious wound. It will not disable him so that he will be unable to play at Neligh next Friday.

The Norfolk Brownies are circulating a subscription paper for the purpose of clearing off the diamond north of the city. The boys promise that they will have some good games on n a few weeks and deserve a liberal subscription.

The last Shoshoni special train passed through the city last night gong east, the one of Sunday morning being the last to go west. Hereafter passengers for that town will have to take the Black Hills train leaving Norfolk at 8 p. m.

The Black Hills excursion of the Omaha business men will leave Omaha who owns what is known as the Whit- at 9 o'clock this evening, passing through Norfolk during the night and reaching Valentine tomorrow morning commissioners at the meeting held for in time for breakfast. During the rethat purpose allowed \$200 for dam- mainder of the trip they will make ages to this property, which does not stops of a few minutes at every station in western Nebraska and the

At a session of the board of insanity at Fremont Mrs. Irvin Pollock, wife action is that they allowed him too of Conductor Pollock of the Northwestern, was found to be a fit subject for the insane asylum has been sent erty, preventing the flood from over- to Norfolk. Mrs. Pollock attempted to end her life on Friday by cutting and confining it to a narrow channel, her throat with a razor. She has suffered from mental trouble since the birth of her child two months ago.

Some excitement has been caused at Hooper by the disappearance of J. B. Lane, letter carrier on route No. 2. out of that place. Lane returned from his trip without delivering all of the mail Friday and remarked something was the matter with his head. A substitute was provided for him. Then for action. If the city is willing to he disappeared. He was seen later wandering through a cornfield in the country. A searching party followed him, but could not locate him. He is

Mrs. R. W. Mills died yesterday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harry Overocker, at Fairmont, Neb. Mrs. Mills went to Fairmont about a month doubt but that they will be in the ago and was taken ill with heart trousame humor at the next meeting of ble. She has been growing gradually weaker and the children were sent for last Thursday. Mrs. Mills was a member of the Norfolk post of the W. R. C. and leaves hosts of friends to mourn her loss. She was the wife of Robert W. Mills, the old soldier who lost his eyesight a few years ago while working at his trade.

Material is on the ground and work is already started on the erection of a new up town freight depot by the Chicago and Northwestern. It will be large and modern, and will be located east and a little south of the depot which burned last winter. This wil give room for the erection of a passenger station such as was proposed Carl Zuelow was a passenger to by the railroad company some time ago, provided the city accepts the Chas. Rulo came down from Verdel proposition, but if not then it is likely that the depot now being put up will

Attorney H. F. Barnhart was quite badly injured in a runaway yesterday afternoon. He had started to drive to Hoskins and when a mile out of town something gave way about the harness. causing the pole of the buggy to drop to the ground. This so frightened the horses that they started to run, and the buggy was overturned, throwing N. P. Jepperson, real estate man of Mr. Barnhart to the ground. He was Plainview, was in the city today on just recovering from a sprained ankle, and this was again injured and he was badly bruised generally, although no bones were broken and it is not believed that his injuries will prove serious. He was brought back to town and given medical attention.

> Two trains passed through the city last night, one at 9 o'clock and the other at 9:30, carrying the twenty-fifth infantry, their horses and accourtements from Ft. Niobrara. Forty-six cars were required to transport the outfit, there being two standard sleepers, eleven tourist cars, five baggage cars, twenty-five box cars and three standard stock cars. Verily, the movement of an army is no small job. At Omaha, the two trains will be made into three, and each transported separately to its destination, Caredo, El Paso and Brownville, Texas. The abandonment of Ft. Niobrara is a serious blow to the country near Valen-

> An unusually large crowd of people attended the funeral of Ralph Braasch which was held at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Previous to the hour set for the funeral members of the Elks lodge had gathered at the lodge rooms. and from there they marched in a body where the service was conducted by Rev. J. C. S. Weills of Trinity Episconey to the cemetery the marching Elks acted as an escort. At the grave, Exalted Ruler Tyler took charge and consigned the remains to Mother Elks. Both at the house and the cemetery, abundance of flowers attested the sorrow of the brethren for the loss bers of private floral contributions were expressive of the loss felt by the community in the death of Ralph The grave was lined with white and