CITY IMPROVEMENTS.

Views of City Engineer Rosewater.

Embodying the Reasons Why the $100,000 in Bonds for Sewer Purposes Should Be Issued.

Some Facts and Comparisons With Other Leading Cities.

A Prophecy That Did Not Come to Pass.

For the purpose of getting more fully at the reasons which have brought about the recommendations of the city engineer for certain improvements the coming year and their endorsement by the board of public works, a BEE reporter called upon City Engineer Rosewater and obtained from him the following explanation:

"In the first place," said the city engineer, "let us go back to the original proposition submitted to the people two years ago. Then there was but one plan known to the public It was the construction of the storm water sewers in North and South Omaha as originally designed by Mr. Phillips in 1873. A possible modification of these plans was suggested by me then, as I thought we could economize by avoiding the construction of the large intercepting sewer along the east front line of the city, which was to connect the north and south creeks near Jones street, and discharge them both through one outfall at or below the Union Pacific bridge. That plan would have cost a million dollars at least. In view of the indefiniteness of any other plan at that time the proposition was opposed by many who otherwise would have favored the bonds However, more than two-thirds of the voters were willing to trust the mayor and city council with the execution of this work on the most economical plan feasible. The reasons then urged by the advocates of the measure were saving of further bridging expense in north and south Omaha, protection to life against zymotic disease, the improvement of the appearance of the city, utilization of streets then impassable on account of the creek's, enhancement of values of property and thereby an increase in assessment lists, and among other things the employment of mechanics and laborers in a class of permanent improvements, which under any circumstances would have to be carried on some time or other.

Reporter—What influence had the adoption of the Waring system upon the plans proposed?

City Engineer—Only this, water works having been established throughout the city, the business part of the city, especially the large hotels and wholesale houses with hydraulic elevators, required speedy sewerage facilities. These could only be extended upon the plans adopted and I think it the cheapest and most feasible one, the entire city being considered, for the disposal of house and sewerage waste.

But this does not by any means meet the other problem namely: The disposal of the storm waters from sections where it now accumulates, nor does it protect the streets along the path of these accumulating storm waters from periodical wash; nor the people from disease who live along the lower lines of level, and are subject to the sickening effects of stagnant storm waters, laden with all the decomposing wastes which have been gathered by the waters in their path through the filthy streets and gutters

Reporter—You are opposed then to the extension of the Waring system

City Engineer—No, not by any means; but everything has its time. We have lived here for many years without any kind of sewerage at all until finally scarcely a well could be found in central Omaha with fit water to drink. I personally know of one well near the postoffice to which could be traced half a dozen cases of typhoid fever and one death. Now we have done away with all this by sewering all that part of the city from Cass to Howard street, east of the bluffs. In doing this we have protected the thickly settled part of the city from the effects incident to foul water and sewerage accumulation, and given them the much needed conduit facilities for discharge of of waste water of elevators, etc. The property back of the hills, and more remote from the business center is in no special need of sewerage accommodations. In time they ought to have these facilities extended, and, in fact, I do not know but even now an extension of the Waring system to the extent of say $15,000 worth might be judicious, but when it comes to a question of absolute necessity I consider of more immediate and higher importance the protection of the property along Chicago street against storm water accumulations, and that along Nineteenth and Harney and Farnam, where the city pays thousands annually for earth washed out and for wooden culverts washed away; also the disposal of storm water along the base of bluffs through sewers in order to better proportion gutters east of Sixteenth street

Then as to the proposed extension of the north and south sewers the estimates shew that only $40,000 will be needed for them and when that is done we will practically need no more bridges in north and south Omaha, have street facilities full width and as I believe, the work will enhance the value of property in those districts sufficient to raise the assessment list in itself so that the tax on the advanced values will pay the interest of the additional bonds to be issued. Outside of all this I consider the work proposed ought to be done if for no other than for sanitary reasons. In a conversation with Drs. Tilden and Jensen the other day I learned that almost without exception the bulk of zymotic diseases such as diptheria, typholds, ague, etc., can be traced along the lines of districts proposed to be improved. It does not follow because a creek is running in open channel that its waters do not impart disease. For in a crooked channel such as exists on the line of north and south Omaha creek, there are numerous eddies which through evaporating influences give out vapors that absorb poisons in the atmosphere that once inhaled infect the system.

How about paving.

As to that I don't know but what Mayor Boyd is right, and I am willing to concede that, all things considered, it will perhaps be best to dispose of the $100,000 already authorized, and then ask for more; THE BEE, I noticed in its last issue, labors under a misapprehension on this point. The city's share of expense will be nearly one-third of the cost of paving streets. The $50,000 alluded to in my report was a suggestion as an additional amount that will have to be provided for to pave all intersections of Ninth and Sixteenth streets to be paved this year, as the $100,000 now provided for will only cover the present contracts for Tenth and Douglas streets, and the business center comprising Harney and the intersecting streets.

Reporter—How about our bonded indebtedness? Can we issue the amount proposed under the present law?

As to our bonded indebtedness, it is now $487,000, counting in the $150 000 of school bonds for which the city is guarantee. Under our law we can issue bonds to the extent of 10 per cent of of the assessed valuation. This at present is $7,200 000. Ten per cent of this is $720 000. This, then, would leave us a balance of $233,005 that can be legally issued. The $100,000 of paving bonds now authorized will reduce the available issue, under the present low valuation, to $133 000

Reporter—How will our bonded indebtedness compare with other cities?

City Engineer—Very favorably. The comptroller's report of Kansas City for 1881 showed a bonded debt of $1 300 000, and a taxable valuation of about $10,000,000, or about 13 per cent, and a rate per head of population of about $20.

St. Louis has a bonded debt of over $22 000 000 on an assessed taxable value $172,000 000, or 13 per cent, and a rate of $65 per head of population. Cleveland has a debt of over $8 000 000 on a valuation of about $79,000,000, or a little over 10 per cent, and based upon population a debt of about $50 per head, now you can see that Omaha's debt is about 5 per cent on valuation, and less than $10 per head on population. In that respect some of our people, have, in my judgment, erroneous ideas on the influences that develop cities. About six years ago Mr. Poppleton in an address before the board of trade opposed water works upon the broad grounds that that it implied sewerage, and of necessity the incurring of a large bonded debt, said he: Let us go slow, Kansas City is going headlong into debt now, and if we but hold back quietly the bonded debt of Kansas City will 'ere long deplete its population, while Omaha will benefit in growth proportionally. I refer you to the files of the daily papers here for this speech. Dr. Miller then, and at that very meeting, took the opposite view and was opposed by Mr. Kountze and other wealthy men, who coincided with Mr. Popleton. In place of proving true, Kansas City boasts to-day of 90 000 population, or about double that of Omaha.

Reporter.—How does the city credit stand at this time.

Mr. R.—No city has any better. Through the careful and, I must say, painstaking management of Mr. Buck, our last 6 per cent. sewer bonds brought a premium of nearly $10,000, and even our one, two, three, four and five year district bonds were disposed of at par, despite the opinions expressed by the Omaha banks that it could not be done.

Reporter—Do you think that bonds will be carried if a proposition is submitted?

City Engineer—Yes, sir; although the law requires a two-thirds vote upon it. I believe if Mayor Boyd himself had had more time to carefully examine into this matter he would have favored the proposition, as it was he was sick at his home when I left the plans and recommendations with him on the subject. Mayor Boyd has always favored public improvements. He pays over one. per cent of the entire taxes of the city and has more money proportionately invested in large enterprises than any other one man in Omaha. The interests of Omaha in a large sense are his own. I am very much indebted to his hearty co operation in the furtherance of public works generally. I believe if I had a fair opportunity to present in detail all the features of the work proposed as I did to the board of public works he would have given the large part of it his support. The recommendations as to paving, of course, I concede to his views, and if we issue the $100,000 for sewerage we can at best only issue $33,000 more for paving this season, as the present assessed valuation will admit of no further issue.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

What is in Contemplation for the Coming Spring.

Much activity in building is looked for this spring among other "prospect work" being the following:

The Union Pacific additional headquarters building, ground for which will be broke early in the spring.

The Lutheran church, Harney and Sixteenth streets.

The Garneau cracker factory.

L. V. Morse's three brick store, 44x50 feet, on Fifteenth street, adjoining Capitol avenue. These will be three stories high each The second and third floors are designed for French flats.

Roswell Smith's two brick stores, two stories high each, on Fifteenth street and Capitol avenue. The second floors of these will be built for French flats or for offices.

John D. Creighton and John A. McShane, the two brick stores, two stories high each, on Fourteenth street, opposite the Paxton hotel.

A. Cahn, a residence on Farnam street, near Jefferson.

Leavitt Burnham, residence, Cass and Twenty-First streets.

Samuel Reese, residence, Leavenworth street and South avenue.

W. A. Paxton, two double houses, Douglas and Twenty-Fifth streets.

A SERIOUS CHARGE.

Alleged Case of Poisoning for Love's Sake.

It is Liable to be Investigated Yet.

Some time ago, in the closing days of the old year, a well known resident of Omaha, an accomplished musician, died very suddenly.

The physicians who attended him pronounced it a case of heart disease, and the dead man was buried without an investigation.

Three weeks later, the widow married again, and there was a rumor in the neighborhood that there had been foul play in the case, and there was more than one whisper to the effect that the death of the husband was brought about by the connivance of his wife and her lover.

On the day before his death the man was up town during the forenoon, and in as perfect health as he had been for some time, though he was not absolutely well. His wife had obtained some medicine for him, it appears, and he took a portion of it in the afternoon and became very sick. On the following morning, which was Saturday, he was up town, but returned home feeling worse than ever, was taken to his bed, and died at 3:30 p. m.

A few days ago a man called on Coroner Jacobs and informed him that he was present when the man died and that just before he breathed his last breath he called him to his bedside and said to him in a whisper, "I have been poisoned. If I die have the thing investigated." This the informant says was overheard by three witnesses, but not being conversant with the law in such cases and fearing that it would involve them in some expense, nothing was said to the proper authorities at the time. As stated, the rumor was spread about and eventually was carried to the coroner and there is a possibility that the case may yet be investigated.

There are too many instances in which physicians give certificates to the board of health without proper information and the coroner is left entirely uninformed of the circumstances and holds no inquest. If a little more care was exercised in this matter the county would be saved much expense in the long run.

PARKS AND GARDENS.

A Scheme which Would Take Well in Omaha.

The legislature of Minnesota has had under consideration a bill to the effect that city councils of the different towns in the state shall be allowed to exercise their discretion in granting to persons the right to add plats of additions and subdivisions to any city in the state, and to compel any person who desires to make a new plat to the city to donate one-twentieth of the land platted for public parks and for the city's use. The act will probably become a law. A citizen of Omaha yesterday, in referring to the matter, said that it would be a good thing if some such measure was adopted by the Nebraska legislature. The recent city ordinance allowing the residents along Dodge street and other residence portions of the city to use a portion of the street for grass plats has already had a good effect, and adds much to the appearance of the city.

The Minnesota law would be a good thing for Omaha in the matter of parks, as the city to-day has nothing of the kind outside of the Hanscom park and Jefferson square. Of course as the city grows, the beauty and attraction given by public squares and neat little parks, where persons can go of an evening and enjoy themselves, will be much more appreciated than at present. There is no available method of getting the land necessary for the purpose except by such donations of public spirited men, unless it is done similarly to the Minnesota plan. One twentieth of the land so platted in new additions, would moreover be a source of revenue to the city in case the land so derived was not suitable for a public garden, and was sold. A number of persons in town have thought so favorably of the matter that they will doubtless urge the question before the next session of the legislature.

Saratoga.

Very fortunate were the ones who were present Friday at Miss Ada Smith's, at her home on Spencer avenue, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather. The occasion was an intended surprise to Miss Ada, and although the intention was a failure, the party was none the less enjoyable. For a grand good time and a thoroughly congenial company, it eclipsed anything in the annals of our burg. The party were royally entertained, nothing being left undone that would add to the enjoyment. Dancing formed the principal amusement, and was interspersed with music, vocal and instrumental. The dance music was superb, and the lunch was excellent. Mrs. Smith was assisted by Miss Ellen Young in the entertainment of the guests, The party turned reluctantly homeward at a creditable hour.

The Lyceum programme for Saturday was an unusually good one, including dialogues. The question for debate related to the influence of the Bible on civilization. Cuckoo.

Resolutions of Thanks.

The following resolutions were offered at the session of the sixth annual encampment of the department of Nebraska, G. A. R., and were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we hereby tender to to Comrade S. J. Alexander, our heartfelt thanks for his able and faithful services in behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic during the past two years, and in order to show him that his services and his comradeship are appreciated, we thereby resolve that a committee of three be appointed to procure a proper testimonial to present to him in behalf of department of Nebraska, G. A. R.

Resolved, That the able, faithful and zealous services of Comrade Brad. P. Cook, assistant adjutant general, are worthy of the highest praise. His devotion to our order, his work by day and by night, his exemplification of fraternity, charity and loyalty, endears him to every comrade of the order, and we, as an encampment, hereby declare our appreciation of his eminent services.

Resolved, That this resolution be handsomely engrossed and framed, and the bill be presented to the assistant quartermaster general for payment.

Resolved, That the sixth annual encampment of the department of Nebraska, G. A. R., remember with pride and pleasure the efficient services rendered by comrade C. L. Howell, of Lyon Post, No. 11, of Grand Island, Neb., as quartermaster of the most successful and elegantly conducted reunion, held at Grand Island in September last, that in the perfect system established and the smooth and even tempered conduct of affairs we recognize the master hand of comrade Howell, to whom we owe much that we cannot repay. That we deeply sympathize with him in the temporary affliction that prevents his presence with us to-day, and humbly trust that he may recover quickly therefrom and be again ready to meet with us in our business and social reunions.

The committee appointed were comrades H. E. Palmer, H. M. Wells and F. E. Brown.

We notice the Marriage Fund, Mutual Trust Association, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, highly spoken of in many of the leading papers of the state. "Money for the Unmarried" heads their advertisement in another column of this paper. f5-3m

OBITUARY.

To the Editor of THE BEE.

Wm. Henry Calkins, aged 26 years, died at his father's house in Lancaster county, February 15. On account of the position Henry held among his relations, companions and friends he deserves more than a passing notice. As a young farmer, he was storing his mind with an amount of varied and useful information, outside of his occupation, not generally acquired except in the higher schools. In music, by improving spare moments, he had reached a degree of proficiency that would rank high even with the profession. Then by economising time, without in the least neglecting his occupation as a working farmer, he was storing his mind with a kind and an amount of general information that would have prepared him for any position that might have opened to him, and securing an accomplishment in music that made his companionship doubly desirable to old and young. His industry, his accomplishments and his kind and gentlemanly bearing endeared him to all, and his death has cast a gloom over his wide circle of friends.

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The face of the cloud that looks up on high
So gilded with gold, and brilliant with light
Tho' the side towards us as it hangs in the sky
Is gloomy and chill with the blackness of night.

So death, like the cloud has the shadow and gloom
Alone to be seen from the side where we stand,
But the vision looks forth from bounds of the tomb
To a glorious day in a heavenly land.

This horror of death that starts us back,
Is the sentinel placed on the pathway to bliss,
If the road to that world had no grief on its track
What soul would be willingly staying in this?

Hence contented we stay until summoned to "come,"
Then go with a child like, confident trust,
As Henry has gone to the spiritual home
With the upright in soul, to the God of the just.

ASHLAND, Feb. 22nd, 1883. D.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Important Action at Their Meeting Last Night.

An important meeting of the fire department was held Friday to discuss the subject of increasing the working force.

A committee of two men from each of the four companies was appointed to recommend some plan for providing a larger force of active firemen, and Friday a department meeting was called to hear and act upon the report.

No. 1 engine company reported through its secretary, D. W. Lane, the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that our committee be instructed to report to the fire department that this company is in favor of having a full paid department if possible; and if not, to have minute or call men; and that we are ready at any time to disband.

A verbal report recommending call or minute men, was made by No. 3 engine company.

No. 2 made no report farther than to signify its willingness to abide by the action of the department.

Pioneer hook and ladder company reported verbally to the same effect as No. 3, and that they had fifteen men ready to turn out to fires whether paid or not.

A motion was made and carried, that it was the sense of the department that fifteen men from the hook and ladder company and five from each of the three engine companies be selected as call men, Chief Butler to choose them.

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