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WEAK POINTS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

History of Omaha Water Plant and of the Steps Leading to Its Acquisition by the

City.

At a meeting held by the senate committee on cities at 4 p. m. February 8. Present: Senators Saunders, chairman; Hughes, Jackson, Mockettt and Gibson. Mr. Baunders-The committee are all pres-

ent and ready to hear any suggestions by parties interested in regard to H. R. No. 8, the bill for the erection and purchase of water works in metropolitan cities, which is in the hands of this committee for con-

way, the reason why the legislature of Ne-braska should enact this law. It is so extraordinary in its scope, so different from given to understand that they could have tempted in this or any other state, that the conditions embodied in the ordinance any legislation that has ever been atthey ought to be able to present very cogent reasons why it should be recommended, and present my reasons why this legislation ceived and the best bidder, under the con-I will then be grateful to have you hear me

Mr. Saunders-This bill is before us, having passed one branch of the legisliture, and it seems to me that the question here going to show that the contract so enpassage of the bill as brought over from the

Mr. Rosewater-The custom in all parliamentary bodies is that one house pays no attention to what the other house has done. Each house is presumed to consider from the outset every measure that comes before it. The fact that it has passed the other became empowered to establish, maintain house is no argument as to why it should and operate water works in the city of pass this body. The object of having it pass two separate legislative bodies is to from the date of the completion of the have it considered and discussed so that works. Remember that September 4, 1883, each may be a check upon the other, other- was the date of the beginning of the conwise one parliamentary body would be suffi- tract, and its expiration will be on Sepclent. In this committee this is an original tember 4, 1908; but, there was also, in bill just as much as if it had never been that contract, this clause, that twenty heard of in the house. Anything that this years from the date thereof. committee does is original within Itself, ex. twenty years from the completion of the cept in giving it precedence over bills that works, the city of Omaha should have the have not been passed by that body. In the right to acquire the works by purchase nature of things this bill is original with through arbitration; the city to appoint this committee just as much as if it had one appraiser and the water company annever been in the other house, and the other, and the two to choose the third. friends or advocates of that measure should | Under that contract and in conformity with be ready to present their reasons why this its provisions, the city is now negotiating legislation should be enacted, and as soon the purchase of the works. The act passed as they have done that I will endeavor to by the legislature in 1905 was an unpreceshow why it should not be enacted; then, dented piece of legislation. Nobody had if they see fit, they can ask me any ques- ever before heard that any state had tions in response to any assertions that I issued a mandate to a community. shall make that they consider erroneous, and even the smallest hamlet, that it must after they have made their arguments it is embark or invest in any particular enterfor the committee to decide for itself how prise, or mortgage itself for the acquisition far the arguments preponderate in favor of of any public utility. or against the passage of the bill.

Opponents Must Speak First. listen to whatever might be said. We are communities have ocen allowed to decide wiling to hear from anyone.

Mr. Howell-The people of Omaha have long desired to own their water plant. The public improvement, but here was a comobject of this bill is that the city of Omaha pulsory purchase bill introduced under may purchase the same. Its measures are false pretenses; introduced under the prestated clearly and if there are any objections which might be urged to the acquist- prived of their rights and privileges by tion of the water plant or any measure such as is proposed, expediting process, I am

manded and never should have been contemplated.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen: The acquisition of the water works by the city of Omaha is already an assured fact, unless unforeseen and unsurmountable obstacles shall prevent.

In a letter dated August 28, 1904, signed R. B. Howell, the citizens of Omaha are given to understand that this is the situation, Mr. Howell says "the question of purchase of the water plant by the city has been settled. The city has elected to acquire the plant under the terms of the contract with the water company. Appraisers have been appointed and the appraisement is proceeding. Therefore, municipal ownership is not a question at issue at this time. That has been settled."

If, as my friend said six months ago, municipal ownership of water works has been settled, I do not know what has transpired to unsettle it since that time. the appraisement for the purchase of the The only thing that has unsettled it, so far as I know, is the possible declaration of the supreme court of Nebraska that by Mr. Howell in the senate in January, be and I am probably paying more money gentleman, for his appointment as water commissioner is unconstitutional and void. He is eminently correct when he says that the question of ownership has been settled. Purchase Practically Accomplished. Mr. Howell-Did you not begin proceedings to prevent the purchase yourself in

Mr. Rosewater-No. those proceedings were not begun to prevent the purchase. but to stop you people from drawing a salary that you are not earning. Mr. Howell-You just stated to this com-

the supreme court?



age of the peacock owes its brilliancy and splendor to a healthbird be sickly, and the plumage droops and exception in nature to the rule that beauty depends on

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DISCUSSION OF WATER BILL mittee that this purchase was an accomplished fact, unless it failed from the action brought by you in the supreme

kind. I said unless it meets with some unsurmountable obstacle.

Its passage by the legislature of 1903 had no more to do with the contract under which we are now inking the works than it had to do with the acts of congress in 1900, or any other year. The history of the works is fairly well known. I think, 1880 the representatives of the Holly Water Works company, incorporated in New York state, came to Omaha and corruptly progranting them a perpetual and exclusive franchise for the erection of water works In Omaha. That measure was opposed by leading citizens of our city, who applied for relief to the courts, and after a protracted fight, after the company had laid about five miles of mains, we defeated them at every point and literally drove them out of the city. The question was then submitted in a form which is embodied in the three ordinances that congentlemen here present representing the affirmative should first tell us, in a brief exclusive franchise. Any company, or ina limited but not exclusive franchise under and based upon plans made by an eminent hydraulic engineer, Mr. J. D. Cooke, In other words, that proposals would be reditions named, and under the restrictions provided in the ordinances, would be awarded the contract. Later on, I am tered into was in conformity with the statutes authorizing the mayor and council to make that kind of a contract, and that under that contract, made originally in July, 1880, and consummated on September 4, 1883, the American Water Works company, successors to a man by the name of Lock, who had the original contract, Omaha for ap eriod of twenty-five years

Question of Home Rule. From time immemorial, since free gov-Mr. Saunders-The committee is here to erament was established in this country, and legislate for themselves as to whether or not they should assume a debt for any text that the citizens of Omaha were dea mandate to the mayor and council to praisers, no matter what the price, regard- tract was made and govern themselves acproceed at once, instanter, you might say, less of whether the people desired to make | cordingly. to exercise the powers granted by the the purchase or not. Suppose congress

charter for the acquisition of those works. should follow up such a law by authorizing It was charged then, and has been since the president of the United States to apcharged by Mr. Howell in his open letter, point a board of control to buy all the railthat the water works company had deter- roads of Nebraska, manage them after they chase of these works and was using all a colossal bonded debt without submitting the means in its power to accomplish that the question for their consent or approval? tion made by The Omaha Bee to the en- and yet that is virtually proposed here now. actment of this law was only a part of

any legislative body. In the first place, under the contract between the city of Omaha and the water for the maintenance of law and order. company, the city had no right to begin works before September 4, 1908, and yet a compulsory purchase bill was introduced rates at Omaha are higher than they should

that it had no legal right to do under the do not know even whether they all are paypretext that it had been dereilet in the ing water rates. They say the city has a the resolution, but what of it? The combetween the city and the water works Last fall Mr. Howell had a resolution company expressly provided that after passed by the water board asking the twenty years from the date of the ac- mayor and council to reduce the water one can see them-the city would have the as much effect as the pope's bull against right to purchase the works, but on May the comet. The water company would sim-1, 1965, five months before the council had ply have procured a restraining order from any right to take the official steps, the the federal court. council, under inspiration of the same in- Some of these gentlemen maintain that it fluence that has impelled Mr. Howell to can be done, but I challenge them to show try to get this bill through-under the how it can be done, under the condinspiration and, in my belief, at the insti- tion that prevailed when Omaha made the gation of the water company-the council contract under which the city of Omaha named the arbitrator to represent the city is now negotiating the purchase of the

of Omaha in the appraisement. Water Company Not Obstructing. Let me call attention to this fact also, the rates for water were made part of that under the Howell law the water com- the contract. They were inserted in the pany was not obliged to appoint its ap- proposal under which the bids for praiser until thirty days thereafter-that is, erection of the waterworks were made. If thirty days after September 4, 1900, which Mr. Howell believed that the council and yould have been October 4, 1903, but the appraiser for the water works was appointed why did not he advocate it ten years ago almost instantly on the heels of the ap- when the rates were just as high and expointment made by the city early in the month of May. Does that show that the the water works question ten years water company was trying to obstruct the ago, and I have it right here. purchase? On the contrary, don't it show that a scheme had been concected to unload the water works upon the city of Omaha at high-water mark figures? The price of iron water pipe in 1895 was \$18 per ton; when the Howell bill was being railroaded through the last legislature the price had increased to \$36 and \$37 per ton. prices of machinery and labor had also adanced in like proportion, and that was one the reasons why the water company was anxious to sell. There is the animus for the original bill-to unload those works on would be appraised at the highest price.

the community at a time when the plant This scheme did not meet the slightest obstruction, but, on the contrary, everything was done to grease the wheels. the house of representatives the same bill. word for word, was introduced on the same day by a gentleman who was then employed by the Omaha Street rallway, which is owned largely by eastern stockholders who are also owners of bonds and stocks in the water company. Simultaneously the which upheld the action of the Freeport bill passed the house and senate. There was not a soul in either house or in the obby to oppose it. Those of you who have States and that court affirmed the judgbeen in the capital and have watched the ment of the Illinois court, five to four. The progress of legislation, have you ever known four justices of the supreme court, Brewer, of a bill offensive or inimical to a public Brown, Peckham and White, held that the utility corporation or a railroad corporation | abrogation of the contract was in violation to pass without the slightest opposition?

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Question of Water Rates.

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then unreasonable and had been unreason

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of the constitution and the other five jus-

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Contract is Inviolable.

How about the Omaha contract? If you will look into the statutes of Nebraska result, and that, incidentally, the opposi- That would be an unheard of proceeding, will find this: The mayor and council substitute that when the water bond propo-This bill deprives our citizens of their into any contract with any other person, the program of the water company to most cherished right of home rule. It is association or corporation for the erecobstruct the acquisition of the plant. I very different from a legislative act au- tion, establishment, maintenance or operegret very much to be compelled to de- thorizing the governor to appoint a police ration of waterworks on such terms as nounce this charge as an imposition—the commission for Omaha. In that instance may be mutually agreed on." That has quisition of the plant? rankest that has ever been attempted upon the state is exercising its police powers and been complied with. It was mutually the courts have held that this can be done agreed between the mayor and council at because the state executive is responsible that time and the water company just the end of the twenty years? How was the what the terms should be and they were initiative to be taken? inserted in the contract, and the city at-We ail want cheaper water. The water

Although we have been paying too high water rates for years and years nobody the law enacted for the benefit of the 1903. That bill was an attempt to compet for water in one month than all the gentle- advocated or attempted to reduce the water the city council of Omaha to do a thing tlemen of this board pay in many years. I rates until Mr. Howell was about to be a submit that to the people? candidate for office. It was easy to pass performance of its duty. The contract right to reduce the water rate now charged. pany's attorney would simply apply to the federal court and get an order restraining the city council from interfering with the contract rates and the city would have ceptance and completion of the works- rates to private consumers. An ordinance had to pay for the water at the contract and I have the documents here so that any reducing water rates would have had about rate and pay the costs beside. Mr. Howell it. In 1899 he wrote this pamphlet in which he maintained that:

First-The water company has no franchise or contract with the city. Second-The securities of the water com-When this contract was entered into

Third-The city is master of the situamayor have the right to do this now, Omaha have long been complaining that and not allow for the franchise? cessive? He wrote a pamphlet on the water rates and hydrant rentals of in other cities.

Some Water Works History.

The city did attempt to repudiate and council. There is just one case that has port, Ill., modeled on the lines of the Omaha contract except that the water rates were somewhat higher. Freeport was to paycontracted for \$84 a year. At the end of about ten years the mayor and council of Freeport got into a quarrel with the water company that had acquired the Shelton franchise and cut the water rates in the middle, claiming that the contract rate was able, when it was first made. The water company appealed to the Illinois courts.

mandate compelling the city to levy the any record. tax and pay the costs, as they did in the At the time the first Howell bill passed, tices held that abrogation of the contract former suit; and now a man with such have the sole power and authority to act loose notions about vested rights and rights on behalf of the city in all matters apper-Mr. Hunt. the political manager of the would have been unconstitutional but for loose notions about vested rights and rights on behalf of the city in all matters appearance world, so far as he knew, where the rights want ad page water works, was off in California and not the Illinois statute that authorized cities of contract comes here and asks you to taining thereto, including the appointment

corrupt public officials, who had banded the security public officials, who had banded the security public officials, who had banded to regulate water rates whenever they were enact a law worse, if anything, than that of appraisers wherever required. I do not of property were safer. One of the great themselves together to prevent the acquisition. We have the security as a security of the securit themselves together to prevent the acquisi- a soul appeared here to say a word against to regulation. Mr. Howell claims know what they intended to appraise, but questions which the democracy of the tion of the water works, which the people the bill. They might ask, "Why did you deemed to be unreasonably excessive. In the surfer company is appraise this bill it looks like the South Company is appraise, but the surfer company is appraise this bill it looks like the South Company is appraise. Interested in this matter, would like to hear desired, and to the possession of which they one appear?" and I answer, simply because that their general supering ask the power of eminent domain and their several superi desired, and to the possession of which they not appear?" and I answer, simply because other words, and that their general superinger ask the power of eminent domain and lations between capital and labor. An important power of the state at this want to exercise that and they ask the power of eminent domain and lations between capital and labor. An important power of the state at this want to exercise that and they ask the power of eminent domain and lations between capital and labor.

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was the class of Omaha at the time this works can do just as well as six men. But expending money, but here are four gentleand 1881, and they were the two years ing a salaried water board on us. If I were a debt of five, six or seven millions, and

the city to start in to acquire the works at body

Mr. Hosewater-The council and mayor torney of Omaha officially pointed out that were to pass a resolution declaring that it had become necessary to acquire the works English Statesman Refers in Address and they were to designate an expert engineer to act as arbitrator for the city. Mr. Mockett-It was not necessary to

Cart Before the Horse.

Mr. Rosewater-No, they got the cart be fore the horse. They had these appraisers intellect to some other use than chopping appointed before the law required or authorized it. They appointed them in May this to a considerable extent this week, feeling could only be endangered by setting when under the contract they need not when he addressed his constituents at have been appointed until after September. There is no good reason why we should seems to differ radically with men who are have a waterworks board drawing a salary United States, and he gave his audience familiar with equities and believe when and doing nothing, when we have no wateryou make an agreement you must stand by works. The snag I am afraid of is this, the appraisers have no right to take into con- to the bottom of the numerous problems sideration the value of the franchise. They must simply appraise the plant. The water company now supplies South Omaha. That States, apparently with surprise, genuine is an outside corporation, and while the city friendship and esteem for Great Britain. pany are unmarketable, for the rexson of Omaha has the right, under this charter that there is a cloud upon the title of he to go ten miles outside of its limits to conproperty, and no one wants to buy a law- demn property for waterworks, it cannot purchase the works of South Omaha with- in the position of presenting himself once out allowing for the franchise. That has more as a candidate for re-election. He tion. It can grant the company a new been the position of the waterworks up to had never spent two more interesting and franchise and contract, or not, as it sees date. They want the works assessed as a stimulating months than during his refit, and dictate terms thereof as to water whole, including South Omaha and sur- cent visit through Canada and the United rates, hydrant rentals and the minimum rounding villages. When we come to the States. He would not pretend that in so amount of bonded indebtedness which the appraisement the question will be. How are short a time he had got to the bottom company can assume. The taxpayers of we going to acquire the South Qmaha plant of any of the great problems to be met

what ground had it? The original con- whether the city of Omaha in Issuing bonds nicipal bodies. That was very lamentable. had been transferred to the American amount of bonds to pay for this franchise Water company and that company was in South Omaha. That is a perplexing of a receiver. Mr. Howell's contention was deal of trouble. I cannot see why the legthat the present water company, organ- islature should dabble with this question at ized under the laws of Maine, which all. The appraisement is progressing and bought the water works on foreclosure at it does not require legislation to consumpublic sale, did not acquire the right to mate the purchase. The bill before you osition. An attempt at repudiation and the same salary continuously that they are confiscation. At Mr. Howell's instance the now drawing; then comes this: They shall and that court decreed that when the com- such city all contracts for the supply of going property; it bought the right to sup- fire purposes. It don't say a word about ply water to the citizens of Omaha, and submitting that question to the people, as ply water to the chizens of Omana, and should not be taken away by they had it in the preceding law. I do not that right could not be taken away by they had it in the preceding law. I do not find himself in a country where there was in the London Daily Mail today wish to reflect upon the integrity of these no established church, but there was no effect that the first act of the new minister Under the same inspiration, Mr. Howell, gentlemen, but it is asking too much to in that act of 1903, deliberately omitted say the people have so much confidence in from the bill the provision to pay hydrant you that they cheerfully abdicate to you rental from the tax levy, and what hap- their right to extend this contract for fifty pened next? The federal court issued a years, and do it in star chamber, without

Here is another provision: They shall

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the people of Omaha might have the benefit of cheaper water rates through municipal of the court held that it was the business of laws of Great Britain in respect to trade
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MORLEY TALKS OF HIS VISIT to Affairs in United States

LONDON, Feb. 11 .- (Special Cablegram to The Bee.)-John Morley is always interesting when he turns the fine edge of his wood for the political furnace. He did Brechin. He has lately returned from a two months' tour in Canada and the the benefit of his observations and impressions, without pretending to have got presented by the vigorous life of the two communities. He found in the United Mr. Moriey, who was received with cheers, said that he expected that probably in three or four months he might be

with in those regions. He was in Amer-Last summer while the appraisement was ica at the time of the presidential electhe water company are excessive and much in progress the city council of South Omaha tion, and this suggested to him a brief made a great many declarations and rec- higher than the rates and rentals charged extended the water company's contract five sketch which he gave of the difference years beyond the term at which it will ex- of government systems in Great Britain pire in Omaha, viz: 1913. That will be con- and in the United States. A good deal the attitude of America and Canada? The sidered a valuable asset by the water com- was sometimes said about what was called pany and naturally the question will arise the outrageous corruption of American mutract awarded to Locke and his assigns for the purchase shall include a sufficient so far as it existed, but a country could not be in such a had way when it could protected bonds, while in the United States be said that the recent candidates for the people were arguing how it was possible to forced into bankruptcy and into the hands question and one that may give us a great presidency had each given proof positive disentangle themselves from such bonds of entire probity, integrity and willingness without injustice to vested interests or disto sacrifice any personal aims and interests rather than surrender what they conceived There was a powerful undercurrent runto be sound principles. He was not going ning in the United States in favor of a to despair of democracy because people gradual revision and modification of their operate the works. That was a great prop- provides that the water board shall have justly pointed out faults in the working tariff. The revolt against high protective of the system of the United States. It tariffs was there growing too strong to be was true that our American kinsfolk had long resisted. The people should certainly city refused to pay hydrant rental. The have exclusive and paramount power to a confidence in things working themselves think twice or thrice before they estabcity refused to pay hydrant rental. The have exclusive and paramount power to out which, perhaps, dangerously approach lished a system which America found it to fatalism. They had confidence in their uncommonly difficult to get rid of. pany bought the water works it bought a water to such city for domestic, public and feeling, and eventually the issue usually justified that confidence.

was religious knowledge more general. The for examination. United States was a country without the

mendous battle under conditions quite difmous multiplication and gradual advance that the water works company had determined to obstruct and prevent the purwere acquired and impose upon Nebraska made—the statutes of 1879

Ide not think the time has come for foistmen who want to take charge and create
northward of the freed black population of the south. If that movement went on and 1881, and they were the two years and a member of this body I should favor a nobody else shall have a word to say, there might at the end of this century be a population of something like 70,000,000 or of any city of the first class may enter sition is submitted to the people a proposi- straining force anywhere. And yet we are 80,000,000 of colored people in the United tion to elect a water board to manage the told that that is the legitimate thing and States. That was the retribution that folworks when the same were acquired should must be done to protect the city. I do lowed wrong. What did it come from? go with it, but why put in a water board not know against what. The right of em- Africans were brought into the southern months and perhaps years before the ac- inent domain surely will not be exercised states exploiting land much as Chinese by the city, even if it is exercised by the were now being brought into South Africa Mr. Mockett-Under what conditions were mayor and council to the detriment of any- to work the mines. People might have to wait fifty or a hundred years before heaven dations of a state were laid upon an inferior civilization? Great Britain is by the

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sent in the bill, but what sort of eventual harvest could be expected when the founimportation of Chinese labor changing the base and foundation of its state in South Africa. Some day the white men there would have to pay the penalty of folly or wrong now being perpetrated. He had expected to find in the United States a good deal of indifference to the friendship of Great Britain, but he found that the people unmistakably viewed the British people with both esteem and friendship. That up a scientific tariff and discriminating against the United States. Great Britain owed the most friendly feeling of the United States largely to the fact that thirty years ago a great liberal leader, with the liberal party behind him, submitted to arbitration a burning dispute

between America and Great Britain: Canada abounded in interesting questions with many undercurrents which cropped out before he had scarcely realized it. Nothing struck one more among the population of that great province than the fervor with which the British section gloried in connection with Great Britain or the contentment with which the French and Catholic section also accepted the same generous rule. There was in the Dominion a community of which Great Britain might well be proud and as to whose future it was bound to entertain, as he himself did entertain the most sanguire hopes.

No doubt the public here were setting rather tired of the fiscal question and he considered it was practically argued out already for the next election, but what was plane of their arguments was a different one from that presented in Great Britain. The people of Great Britain are arguing whether they should do better or worse in locating the established trade machinery.

Witte's House Not Searched.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 11.-There is not the slightest truth in the report printed country where religion was more genuine of the interior, M. Bouligan, on arriving or more earnest. The common schools of in St. Petersburg on Friday, was to have America were practically confined to secu- the residence of M. Witte searched by the lar instruction, yet nowhere in the world police, who removed a mass of documenta

ontold blessings of a hereditary House of It you have anything to trade advertish Lords, yet there was no country in the it in the For Exchange column of The Bee