

To the Citizens of Omaha

Your attention is asked to the following letters written to the Water Board, to neither of which has any answer been received

"JULY 27, 1906.

"TO THE WATER BOARD OF THE CITY OF OMAHA—

"GENTLEMEN: IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE POLICY OF THE OMAHA WATER COMPANY NOT ONLY TO KEEP ITS PLANT UP TO THE HIGHEST DEGREE OF EFFICIENCY, BUT TO KEEP AHEAD OF THE NECESSITIES OF THE COMMUNITY. AS YOU ARE AWARE, THE CITY OF OMAHA IS GROWING RAPIDLY AT THE PRESENT TIME, AND A LARGE NUMBER OF NEW BUILDINGS, INCLUDING MANY RESIDENCES, ARE BEING ERECTED, SO THAT THE DEMAND ON THE WATER PLANT IS INCREASING AND WILL INCREASE DURING THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

"IN ORDER TO MEET THIS GROWING DEMAND AND TO GUARD AGAINST THE DANGER FROM ANY POSSIBLE BREAK IN THE LARGE SUPPLY MAIN, THEREBY LEAVING THE CITY IN GREAT DANGER IN CASE OF CONFLAGRATION, IT SEEMS ADVISABLE THAT A SECOND SUPPLY MAIN BE LAID BETWEEN FLORENCE AND OMAHA.

"IF THE OMAHA WATER COMPANY WERE TO CONTINUE IN THE OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL OF THE PLANT IT WOULD AT THE PRESENT TIME BE PREPARING TO LAY SUCH ADDITIONAL MAIN, BUT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS ADVISED THAT, UNDER EXISTING CONDITIONS, THE COMPANY IS VIRTUALLY A TRUSTEE OF THE PROPERTY FOR THE CITY, SO FAR AS THE MAINTENANCE OF THE WORKS IS CONCERNED, WITHOUT OBLIGATION OR AUTHORITY TO MAKE ANY CONSIDERABLE IMPROVEMENTS EXCEPT IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE CITY.

"THEREFORE, IN ORDER THAT THIS ENLARGEMENT, WHICH PRESENT NECESSITIES SUGGEST AND FUTURE NEEDS WILL CERTAINLY DEMAND, MAY GO FORWARD WITHOUT UNDUE DELAY, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS AUTHORIZED ME TO SAY THAT THE WATER COMPANY WILL UNDERTAKE TO LAY SO MUCH OF A NEW MAIN BETWEEN FLORENCE AND OMAHA AS MAY BE NECESSARY, PROVIDED THE WATER BOARD WILL ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BINDING UPON THE CITY TO REPAY THE COMPANY, UPON COMPLETION OF ANY PURCHASE OF THE WORKS, THE ACTUAL COST OF SUCH IMPROVEMENT WITH SIX PER CENT INTEREST, IN ADDITION TO WHAT WOULD OTHERWISE BE THE PURCHASE PRICE.

"YOURS, VERY TRULY,

" (Signed)

THEODORE C. WOODBURY,
"PRESIDENT."

"OCTOBER 22, 1906.

"TO THE WATER BOARD OF THE CITY OF OMAHA—

"GENTLEMEN: HAVING RECEIVED NO ANSWER TO MY LETTER TO YOU OF JULY 27, 1906, I HAVE AGAIN SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OMAHA WATER COMPANY THE MATTER TO WHICH THAT LETTER RELATES, NAMELY, THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SECOND SUPPLY MAIN BETWEEN FLORENCE AND OMAHA.

"THE RATE OF GROWTH IN OMAHA SINCE THAT LETTER WAS WRITTEN CONFIRMS THE INDICATIONS THAT THE NECESSITIES OF THE CITY WITH RESPECT TO WATER SUPPLY, ESPECIALLY FOR FIRE PROTECTION, WILL CONTINUE TO INCREASE GREATLY DURING THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

"AS THE CITY OF OMAHA HAS MEANWHILE FILED AN ANSWER TO THE SUIT OF THE WATER COMPANY TO COMPEL THE CITY TO COMPLETE THE PURCHASE OF THE WATER PLANT, AND THERE IS, CONSEQUENTLY, THE PROSPECT OF A PROLONGED LITIGATION, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WATER COMPANY DEEMS IT IMPORTANT THAT PROVISION FOR THE EARLY LAYING OF AN ADDITIONAL MAIN BE NOW MADE, WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE SITUATION THUS DEVELOPED.

"IN SEEKING SUCH ACTION ON THE PART OF THE WATER BOARD AS WILL MAKE IT JUSTIFIABLE FOR THE COMPANY TO UNDERTAKE THIS WORK, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS NO PURPOSE OF COMMITTING THE CITY TO ANY PURCHASE OF THE WATER PLANT, OR PREJUDICING THE CITY WITH RESPECT TO PENDING LITIGATION.

"THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS AUTHORIZED ME TO REPEAT THAT THE WATER COMPANY WILL UNDERTAKE TO LAY SO MUCH OF A NEW MAIN BETWEEN FLORENCE AND OMAHA AS MAY BE NECESSARY, PROVIDED THE WATER BOARD WILL ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BINDING UPON THE CITY TO REPAY THE COMPANY UPON COMPLETION OF ANY PURCHASE OF THE WORKS, THE ACTUAL COST OF SUCH IMPROVEMENT, WITH SIX PER CENT INTEREST, IN ADDITION TO WHAT WOULD OTHERWISE BE THE PURCHASE PRICE; IT BEING UNDERSTOOD THAT SUCH AGREEMENT IS TO BE WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE CITY OR COMPANY, WITH RESPECT TO ANY LITIGATION BETWEEN THE PARTIES.

"YOURS, VERY TRULY,

" (Signed)

THEODORE C. WOODBURY,
"PRESIDENT."

The above letters, which speak for themselves, are published in this advertisement so that the citizens of Omaha may be advised of the conditions that confront them.

THE OMAHA WATER COMPANY,

By Theodore C. Woodbury, President.