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KIERSTED FILES A REPORT

Accompanies it with Draft of Ordinance Fixing the Water Rates.

GROSS REVENUE EIGHTY-EIGHT THOUSAND

Questions Advanability of High Present Service at the Present Time, but Other Extensions Are Absolutely Necessary.

At the meeting of the city council last night the report of W. Kiersted of Kansas City, the expert hydraulic engineer employed by the city, filed his report embracing the schedule of water rates on which he has been working for the last week. Mr. Kiersted, who was employed to compute the value of the present water works plant and estimate the cost of a new one, was brought back here last Monday to assist the special water works committee, of which Councilman Wallace is chairman, to arrange a schedule of water rates to be incorporated in the proposed new franchise for the Council Bluffs Water Works company.

Engineer Kiersted's Report.

The report follows: I have the honor to submit a report on a schedule of water rates governing the charges which the Council Bluffs Water Works company may make for water service in this city, and in doing so respectfully ask your consideration of a draft of an ordinance herewith enclosed embodying a schedule of rates in line with my report of a short time ago.

The company reports, 2,833 flat rate water consumers, 1,443 metered water consumers. Assuming all of these services to be active and paying services, then under the proposed schedule of water rate the estimated gross income: For flat rate consumers, \$12,369 For metered consumers, \$2,494 For hydrant rentals at \$60 per hydrant for 288 hydrants, 17,580 Total, \$32,443

It is stated, however, that all services are not active throughout the year and therefore the estimated flat rate income is not, and will not be in fact, as high as estimated. The books show a gross income for 1906 of flat rate consumers of \$32,362, and an income from miscellaneous sources of \$37,127. It is further stated that three hospitals receive water without compensation and it is computed that the cash value of the water delivered to the hospitals under the proposed schedule of rates is \$1,157. Therefore, if deductions are made accordingly from the estimated gross income of \$32,443, the available gross income would not be approximately \$31,286.

A comparison of gross income with valuation of the plant shows that the value of the water works is \$1,162,500, the cost of operation being a constant quality in each case, is shown by the following tabulation:

Table with 3 columns: Valuation, Income, Pr. Ct. \$500,000, \$28,320, 5.66% \$1,000,000, 56,640, 5.66% \$1,500,000, 84,960, 5.66% \$2,000,000, 113,280, 5.66%

What Income Can Support.

Therefore it is computed that the gross income with no deductions for inactive services for water can support a total valuation scarcely in excess of \$500,000, also that the probable gross income under the proposed schedule of water rates of \$31,286 can support a total valuation of about \$500,000.

The operating expenses of \$30,028, as estimated in my report, embrace \$2,886 for state and county taxes. If, however, these taxes should be proportioned upon a valuation of \$500,000, they would amount to about \$5,128, and the operating expenses would be \$35,154. The gross income of \$31,286 can then support a valuation of about \$460,000; if the proposed schedule of rates, then, with operating expenses as stated, the valuation which it could support would not exceed \$460,000.

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The construction of the reinforcing main from Glen avenue to the warehouse district is a necessity which is believed the water works company should and which it should speedily carry out.

The estimated cost of the high-service construction is \$26,042, and if the investment is made it will yield nothing of itself in comparison with the expense of operating the high service.

The cost of operating a high-service station in the high service district, and if estimated would amount to about 5 1/2 cents per 100 gallons on all water consumed in the high service district, and if provided for in the earnings would necessitate the metering of the entire high service district, and of increasing the proposed water rates about 11 per cent, when applied to the consumers under the high service.

In view of the fact that at the present time there are comparatively few consumers beyond the reach of water service it is suggested that for the present the high service district be completely developed with high service insofar as it is possible to do so—there being no objection to the extension of a high service district to a later date.

The extension of the pipe lines into new territory, there being a demand for water service should be made as promptly as possible.

If the water company would agree to expend now, \$60,000 to \$60,000 in the improvements in the three directions named and therefore follow up the improvements outlined in my report in connection with the water supply works as fast as practicable to do so—there need be no hesitation in entering into a new contract based upon the schedule of water rates herein offered for your consideration, and recommended for adoption.

The schedule of water rates, as well as other matters relating to an adjustment of this matter have been fully discussed with Mr. Hart, the superintendent of the water company, as well as with members of your committee, and it is hoped the schedule may be found acceptable to both the city and the water company.

as to permit Nicholson to file his bond with the city council and have same approved. Nicholson has already filed his bond.

Rates Proposed by Engineer.

The schedule of water rates suggested by Mr. Kiersted varied but little from his former schedule incorporated in his report at the time he made a valuation of the plant. It is practically based on a valuation of about \$500,000, his estimate of the value of the plant, plus the cost of reinforcing the mains in the business section of the city, providing for the proposed "high service" and extensions of the mains in various portions of the city. To the council, the report and schedule were read, and Mr. Kiersted stated that if the company made the improvements and extensions suggested, and this, he understood, it was prepared to do, the city council need have no hesitation in entering into an agreement with the company on the schedule of rates as prepared by him. No action was taken on the report.

Manager Hart of the water works was not prepared to make any definite statement last night, as he had not seen the report schedule until shortly before the meeting of the council. He said, however, he believed that in order to bring the matter to an amicable settlement, his company probably would accept the schedule of the city's expert.

James' Bond Approved.

Charles M. Nicholson, the appointee of the newly created Fire and Police commission for chief of the fire department, did not make much of a hit with the city council last night. When the matter of his bond, furnished by one of the big bonding companies, was brought up, a motion by Councilman Youngman, before the presence of Councilman Maloney, to approve it, was amended by Councilman Wallace to defer action on it. The amendment was voted down and then the original motion met with a like fate. R. W. Jones, the present chief of the department, fared better. He had also filed a new bond and it was approved, there being only one dissenting vote, that of Councilman Youngman. Even Councilman Maloney voted to approve it. Attorney Stuart of the firm of Saunders & Stewart addressed the council on behalf of Chief Jones, while Mr. Nicholson was represented by Attorney S. B. Wadsworth.

An ordinance requiring all inspectors and collectors of gas, electric light and water companies to be garbed in the uniform of a policeman and to wear a star or a badge and, further, to be appointed by the city marshal, was introduced and after a second reading was passed by a vote of 10 to 2. The ordinance is a fine of not exceeding \$100.

An ordinance providing for all sidewalks on paved streets, after June 1, to be constructed of artificial stone, was also referred to the committee of the whole. Discussion of the measure showed that several of the councilmen considered it entirely too drastic.

An ordinance providing for the condemnation of the old city mill, at the corner of Washington avenue and Bryant street, was passed under the suspension of the rules.

It was decided that bids on all curbing and sewers ordered should be in the hands of the city clerk by noon of May 3.

The annual report of Chief Jones of the fire department submitted to the council last night shows that 13 alarms were responded to during the last year, the greatest number of any one year in the history of the city. With the exception of the destruction of the Union Transfer company's warehouse on South Main street last December, the fire loss was not large. The total loss for the year was \$16,472.21, with \$44,763 insurance. The department has thirty-two men, including the chief, and the cost of maintaining it last year was \$23,380, of which \$10,673 represents salaries.

Chief Jones recommends that new horses be purchased for the departments, that engine horse No. 3 be repaired and that a longer ladder be purchased.

The annual report of City Electrician J. G. Bradley shows that in the reconstruction of the fire and police telegraph lines 4,500 feet of old wire was replaced with copper wire. Expenses collected during the year amounted to \$1,164.55, while the expenses amounted to \$2,600.

A Comparison.

Consider the small yard in your home town, then think of a yard containing on an average about 30 times as much stock, then you will see why we can make such a difference in price to you by buying a straight car of lumber, instead of a mixed car as your local dealer must do.

Of course, you are not in the lumber business and do not realize the advantages we have over him, but if you will mail us an itemized bill of what you wish, we will surprise you. C. Hafer Lumber Co.

Missouri river ice, pure, solid, the very best. Service prompt; obliging drivers. Co. Bluffs Cold and Ice Co. Phone 72.

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Postoffice Contests Settled.

Three postoffice contests in the Ninth congressional district, which have been pending for some time and which have given him more or less trouble, were disposed of yesterday by Congressman W. I. Smith. The contests were at Adair, Woodbine and Kirkman.

L. D. Curtis was named for the postoffice at Adair, where there had been a three-cornered fight. The other candidates were John Fisher and J. B. Blue. Several delegations from Adair, in support of the various candidates, have been in Council Bluffs at different times urging the claims of their respective candidates.

The contest at Woodbine was also a three-cornered one, the candidates being Bruce R. Mills, A. J. Shinn and S. B. Caldwell. Mr. Smith selected Bruce Mills.

A. D. Ames was named for the office at Kirkman, the other candidate being Julius Schmidt, jr.

Congressman Smith forwarded his recommendations to Washington yesterday morning.

West End Lot?

Yes, we have 200 nice, high level lots, very desirably located, for all classes of people doing business and employed in either Omaha or Council Bluffs.

Contemplated improvements in the vicinity will double the value within fifteen months. Buy now and the profit is yours. We can give you a single lot or a block of lots together. Call and let us show you. C. C. Clifton Company, 506 Broadway, Co. Bluffs. Both phones 21.

Matting and window shades at Stockert's.

Nicholson Allowed to File Bond. On the application of counsel for Charles M. Nicholson, the appointee of the new Fire and Police commission for chief of the fire department, Judge Wheeler in district court yesterday modified the order restraining him from interfering with Chief Jones or attempting to assume the duties of the office of head of the department, so

Missouri Oak Wood. Chunks and split wood, large ricks, at 1124 B. H. Bridenstain & Smith, 14th Ave. and 6th St. Both phones 182.

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Great Day for Accidents.

Paul Mueller, the 12-year-old son of Mrs. Cassa Mueller, 623 Washington avenue, while riding a bicycle yesterday morning collided with a delivery wagon belonging to Louis Chernis of South Main street. The boy was knocked from the bicycle and rendered unconscious by the fall. He was removed to his home, where he remained in a comatose condition for several hours. It is feared that his head may be injured.

A southbound Fifth avenue motor struck a double-seated avenue occupied by four girls, members of the family of W. O. Walling of Washington avenue, at the intersection of Pearl street and Willow avenue yesterday afternoon. The horse dashed onto the sidewalk in front of the Merriman block and but for the presence of mind of Edward Pierce, custodian of the block, who seized them by the bridles, would have plunged down the area way at the side of the building. The young women escaped injury, but were badly frightened. One of the horses which was struck by the motor was hurt, but not seriously.

Mrs. Brown and a neighbor of Harrison street were thrown from a buggy yesterday morning on East Washington avenue. Both women escaped with a few bruises, but the rig was demolished before the horse was caught. The derailing of a big Omaha motor at Main street and Fifth avenue yesterday blocked both the South Main and Fifth avenue lines for half an hour.

Wash Machine Specials. All kinds, from \$2.50 to \$17.50. Ask to see the One Minute Washer, price \$10. The easiest running washer made. J. Zoller Mer. Co., 100-102-104 Broadway, Phone 228.

Buy the Jewell gas or gasoline stove. They are the safest. Petersen & Schoening. Petersen & Schoening sell matting.

Marriage Licenses.

Licenses to wed have been issued to the following: Name and Residence. Age. Eugene Freeman, Council Bluffs, 24 Della Castia, Council Bluffs, 24 Charles J. Harris, Lemars, Ia., 25 E. Loyne Martin, Council Bluffs, 22 David Holley, Council Bluffs, 23 Nettie Doremus, Council Bluffs, 20 G. W. Mowery, Council Bluffs, 42 Jesse Krotz, Council Bluffs, 23 L. M. Hickok, Cleveland, O., 41 Isabelle Morrison, Port Edward, N. Y., 38

Grand Livery.

J. W. and Elmer E. Minick, proprietors, 24 South Main. Both phones-272.

For Sale—Rope portieres.

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Iowa News Notes.

WOODBINE—Rev. Clint J. W. Triem, mayor, has appointed Edward Roundy to be the night watch to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Henry M. Foraker.

WOODBINE—Rev. Ninde, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at this place for about a year past, and son of Bishop Ninde, is leaving Woodbine to become pastor of the First church of Providence, R. I.

SIDNEY—Rev. J. A. Howard, formerly Sunday school missionary for Fremont to a term in the industrial asylum, bank to a term in the state penitentiary, and now in the employ of the State Board of Health in a loss to understand how the disease could have been transmitted to them. A careful inquiry has been made and it is learned that they have not come in contact with any of the infected persons from the southern part of the state, to which district the disease was brought from Missouri.

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FIGHT AGAINST MENINGITIS

State Board of Health Taking Stringent Measures to Stamp Out Disease.

SEVERAL OF CASES HARD TO EXPLAIN

Number of Soldiers File Claims Under Old Law for Service Rendered at Outbreak of the Civil War.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, April 22.—(Special.)—An examination and test by the state bacteriological laboratory at Iowa City has proven that the cases at Ankeny, Ia., in this county, are genuine infectious cerebral meningitis. One of the three taken sick has since been reported dead. The three children are in a farmer's family and the State Board of Health is at a loss to understand how the disease could have been transmitted to them. A careful inquiry has been made and it is learned that they have not come in contact with any of the infected persons from the southern part of the state, to which district the disease was brought from Missouri.

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week, 3 cents an hour overtime and a closed shop. The employers responded by asking the men to sign contracts stipulating their withdrawal from the union and the acceptance of the present wage of 10 per week. The men quit in a body.

BRITAIN NAMES DELEGATES

Men Who Will Represent the Empire at Peace Conference Are Selected.

LONDON, April 22.—The British delegates to the peace conference at The Hague are as follows: Sir Edward Fry, ex-foreign secretary of state and a member of the permanent court of arbitration at The Hague; Sir Ernest Satow, ex-British minister at Tokio and Peking and a member of the permanent court of arbitration at The Hague; Lord Reay, president of the Royal Asiatic Society and University college, London, and a member of the privy council; Sir Ernest Howard, the British minister at The Hague.

Naval and military experts will be added to the delegation later.

Drouth in Porto Rico.

SAN JUAN, P. R., April 22.—The drouth is affecting the sugar plantations. No rain has fallen in the southern districts of the island for six months and the loss is estimated at 20 per cent of the value of the crops. Next year's crops will also be affected. The establishments dependent on mountain streams for power have been forced to shut down owing to lack of water.

Morocco Would Negotiate.

TANGIER, April 22.—The reply of the sultan of Morocco to France's demands for redress in connection with the murder of Dr. Mauchamp arrived here today. It is in the form of a lengthy, confusing document and it is said does not accord all the French claims, but shows a desire to negotiate.

Russian Teacher Shot.

TAMBOV, April 22.—Father Simmon, rector of the ecclesiastical academy here, was shot and seriously wounded today. The seminary was recently closed as the result of political disorders, and it is thought that the would-be assassin is an ex-student.

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