

# \$8,250,000 Water Board Proposition

## Official Statement By the Omaha Water Board

### To the Citizens of Omaha:

The mayor and council in 1903, elected to purchase, by the method of appraisal, the water plant supplying Omaha, South Omaha, Dundee, East Omaha and Florence, and the United States supreme court has decreed that the city now must pay therefor the appraised value of \$6,263,259.49.

If the city fails to comply voluntarily with this decree, the court may order the mayor and council to pay this claim by the contribution of taxes levied upon the city to the amount of said \$6,263,259.49, and, in addition thereto if so decreed, 7 per cent annual interest for so long a period as payment is delayed.

### No Relief Without Payment

Moreover, until this payment is made, the city cannot obtain possession of the water plant or begin the construction of improvements and extensions so urgently needed at this time.

The logic of this situation, the necessity for improved service and extension of water mains and the obvious economy that may be possible in the matter of interest alone, renders it imperative, in the opinion of the water board, for the city (1) to secure immediate possession of the water plant; (2) to proceed this summer with the urgently needed improvements and extensions of the plant; and (3) to save all interest possible, if judicially charged therewith, or the difference between 7 per cent on \$6,263,259.49, and 4 1/2 per cent, amounting to approximately \$425 per day.

To the end of accomplishing these results, the water board has submitted a proposition to the electors of Omaha to vote \$8,250,000 in bonds, due in thirty years, for the purpose of paying for the water plant and obtaining possession thereof, and for present and future improvements and extensions as required.

### If Bonds Carry

If these proposed bonds are voted at this time the water board is confident of the substantial accomplishment of these results. If these bonds are not voted at this time the results will not be possible this year. In fact, nothing can be accomplished until payment is made.

So far as increasing taxation is concerned, the proposed bonds are not payable until the end of thirty years, and if voted will end all possibility of the contribution of \$6,263,259.49, or more, of city taxes to pay for the water plant.

The income of the plant will be used to pay the interest on the bonds.

### No Other Bonds To Be Issued

The \$6,500,000.00 of 4 per cent bonds authorized at the city election in 1908 have not been issued by the water board, as bonds bearing this low rate of interest have not been marketable. These bonds were voted for the sole purpose of purchasing the Omaha water plant, therefore, they cannot be used for any other purpose, and, hence, will not be issued if the proposed new bonds are voted.

It is well known, and has been officially held by the legal department of the city, that the water bonds authorized at the city election in 1900 were not legally voted, therefore they could not be sold if issued, and, hence, have no bearing upon the proposed new bond issue.

The facts herein set forth have been deemed by the water board to constitute a sufficient emergency to justify the calling of a special bond election for Tuesday, June 27, and every elector is urged to go to the polls between the hours of 8 a. m. and 6 p. m. of that day and express himself upon the proposition sub-

mitted, as a two-thirds vote of those voting on the proposition is necessary to carry these bonds.

### If Bonds Do Not Carry

Should this bond proposition fail to secure the necessary two-thirds vote, it must be apparent that it will be the duty of the water board to again submit the proposition at a special city election to be held at the time of the coming fall election. Should the proposition again fail to secure the necessary two-thirds vote at that time, the water board will be compelled to submit a similar proposition at the general city election next spring, when a majority vote, only, will be necessary to carry the bonds.

Finally, for the information of the citizens of Omaha, the water board deems it but proper herein to state:

That the members of the board are unanimously agreed that the interests of Omaha imperatively demand that these proposed bonds be voted at this time.

That the water board is confident of the success of municipal ownership of the water plant that municipal ownership will not increase city taxes, but eventually reduce water rates.

Further, the water board stands pledged, provided this bond proposition does carry, that no portion of any water bonds heretofore authorized by the city will be issued or used by the board.

OMAHA WATER BOARD.

Signed.

M. T. BARLOW Chairman.  
ISAAC E. CONGDON,  
R. B. HOWELL,  
D. J. O'BRIEN,  
CHARLES R. SHERMAN,  
P. C. HEAFEY.

### Council Bluffs

#### CHEAPER GAS FOR THE CITY

Material Reduction in Price of Electric Current is Coming.

#### COUNCIL COMMITTEE HAS AGREED

Renewal of Contract for Five Years at \$1.18 Per Thousand Cubic Feet—Electricity Same as in Omaha.

Council Bluffs is to have cheaper gas. A material reduction in the price charged for electric current and is to have installed a series of the new flaming arc lights that will transform Broadway, Main and Pearl streets into midday brilliancy. The fire and light committee of the city council will report on Monday an agreement reached yesterday afternoon with President Naab of the Omaha Electric Light company recommending a renewal of the street lighting contract for five years at figures that will be satisfactory to the council. The price of gas will be reduced from \$1.35 to \$1.18 per 1,000 cubic feet, and the price for electric current cut down to conform exactly to the price in Omaha, which is 14 cents per kilowatt for the first three kilowatts and 6 cents for additional kilowatts. The rate in Council Bluffs has been 18 cents per kilowatt for the first three and 10 per cent reduction for all above that amount consumed per month. The new rates will make a net reduction of about 15 per cent.

President Naab had a long conference with the council committee. For both gas and electric current the price in the same as prevail in Omaha. The royalty of 3 per cent on the gross earnings of the electric service and 3 cents per 1,000 cubic feet for all gas consumed remains as part of the new contract.

The reduction in the price of gas represents a greater surrender of profits for the Council Bluffs works than a lower price would in Omaha. The Council Bluffs plant has a daily capacity of 1,000,000 cubic feet. At the present time the consumption averages about 250,000 feet per day. The same working force could produce 1,000,000 feet per day, and the cost of the last 750,000 feet would represent only the extra tons of coke and carburetted oil required.

The installation of the forty additional flaming arc lamps represents an important feature of the contract, and owing to the two months of time wasted by the Commercial club's special committee is going to be the cause of holding up the Broadway paving for at least two weeks. The contract calls for the installation of the lamps on gooseneck posts at the curb, necessitating the feed wires to be carried in conduits under the pavement. The conduits will only be four inches wide and will be laid next to the curb at a depth that will permit carrying the wires under the curb. This will require the concrete base on the north side of Broadway to be cut and the brick removed if Contractor Wickham adheres to his determination to begin laying the brick on Monday. If the council approves the contract on Monday the material for the conduits will be ordered at once and the work can be finished in two weeks. The sidewalk as if they had not waited on the dilatory action of the Commercial club the conduits would have been in a month ago. A plan was

### Water Board Buys Auto for Department

#### Superintendent Einyre Finds that City Must Furnish Some Quick Means of Locomotion.

The Board of Water Commissioners has bought a \$1,300 automobile for the exclusive use of the department. The necessity for it is apparent when it is stated that Commissioner Jensen yesterday was required to make three trips to the Thirty-seventh street pumping station. At the same time other employees of the department were using Jensen's private car in prosecuting their work. During the extension work to be undertaken within a few days Superintendent Einyre will have almost constant use for the machine. The commissioners feel that it was a wise purchase for another reason. It will soon pay for itself by being used for spotting people using water for sprinkling purposes without paying for it. It ought to be the means of earning at least \$500 a week for the next few weeks. The amount of water required to be pumped to maintain the level fixed by ordinance in the Fairmount reservoir indicates that there are between 1,000 and 1,500 people using water for sprinkling each evening without paying for it. Notice will be taken of every person using hose and \$5 extra will be included in the water bills to be rendered July 1.

### WOODRUFF DENIES INJUNCTION

#### Court Refuses Application Made by J. M. Pullen in Nishabotna Drainage Ditch Case.

Another chapter was yesterday written in the troubled history of the Nishabotna drainage ditch, which has been repeatedly tied up and untied by court proceedings. J. M. Pullen, who procured the first restraining order against the Lana Construction company and was unable to maintain it in court for the reason that he did not provide the \$2500 bond required, filed an amendment some time ago to his petition for a writ of injunction restraining the county supervisors, auditor and treasurer and the Lana company. Yesterday Judge Woodruff handed down his decision denying the injunction. This section from the amendment tells the story of Pullen's troubles: That after the filing of his petition, there was a hearing in this court on his application requiring an injunction, and on or about April 24, 1911, this court made an order therefor allowing a temporary injunction because of four reasons: the evidence that the contract made by the board of supervisors with the Lana Construction company for the digging of the drainage ditch was void, and the action of the board in making such contract was a nullity. That shortly after said order the Lana Construction company on an ex parte application procured an amendment to said order, requiring plaintiff to file an injunction bond in the sum of \$2500, and on failure to grant within three days the order granting the temporary injunction should be vacated. That the amount fixed for said bond was a large percentage of plaintiff's entire property and that the prohibitive order plaintiff to pursue his rights in that direction, in contempt of the opinion of this court, proceeded to do and did the ditch through the land of this plaintiff. That plaintiff protested against and objected to the said construction company coming upon his land or excavating thereon for said ditch, and gave written notice not to do so, all of which is disregarded. That commissioners have been appointed by the board of supervisors to appropriate the benefits to the land in said district for the purpose of assessing the cost of the ditch upon the lands therein in order to pay the Lana Construction

### Minor Mention

#### The Council Bluffs Office of Scott Street, Both Phones 45.

Davis, drugs.  
Wedding silver at Leffer's.  
Corrigan, undertakers. Phones 143.  
Dr. Cleaver, Bell phone only, No. 147.  
FAUST BEER AT ROGERS' BUFFET.  
Woodring Undertaking company, Tel. 263.  
Morrison enforcing a mortgage and foreclosure of the property of J. M. P. S. PURE GOLD WEDDING RINGS—LEFFER'S.  
J. R. Arnold has gone to Portland, Ore., to spend several months.  
See the new bill wall paper patterns at Borwick's, 211 South Main street.  
Call 142 for a case of Guld's Peerless beer. J. J. Klein Co., distributors.  
Judge O. D. Wheeler has secured a permit to erect a \$2,500 home at 411 South First street.  
Miss Nellie O'Connor of Maryville, Mo., is being courted by her cousin, Miss Margaret Unthank.  
The place to buy wedding gifts. See our display. Fauble Art shop, 233 Broadway.  
J. P. Hess yesterday began a foreclosure suit in the district court against Stella and Joseph D. Hess, who have defaulted on a note for \$100. The property involved comprises a number of lots in Chapman's block, east of 42nd street.  
A foreclosure suit involving lots six to sixteen in Webster's First addition was begun in the district court yesterday by George A. Hoadland against Florence and C. E. Painter to satisfy a note and mortgage for \$225.  
Railroad men report the last two months to have been the heaviest in their history for traffic departments for more than a year. One conductor operating a freight train on the Rock Island earned \$300 in May, the largest pay earned during his employment with the road in its history.  
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### AUDITOR MAKES HIS REPORT

#### City's Funds Shown to Be in Good Condition, According to Official Figures.

CITY Auditor McAnaney yesterday completed his monthly financial report to be submitted to the council at the meeting on Monday night. It made a good showing for each department and indicated that all was well within the appropriation limits for the month's expenses. Following is a summary of the report: GENERAL FUND WARRANTS.

Month	Year
Salaries, executive department	743.35 1,686.70
Police department	1,567.93 3,731.26
Streets and alleys	1,125.73 2,688.93
Fire department	2,309.93 5,283.64
City hall department	103.25 236.91
Engineering department	76.35 172.88
Printing and supplies	22.51 42.30
City pound	42.65 94.60
Emergencies	37.40 73.99
City health	333.23 746.31
Total general fund	7,642.19 17,144.42

SPECIAL PURPOSE FUND WARRANTS.

Month	Year
Improvements	1,128.44 2,578.59
Gas and street lights	239.75 541.25
Sewer department	1,044.59 2,373.75
Bridge department	84.80 185.16
Public works	112.90 250.59
Water department	10.06 18.90
Water works sinking	1,196.63 4,672.24
Totals	3,449.15 7,920.58

Real Estate Transfers.

Real estate transfers reported to the Bee June 23 by the Pottawattamie County Abstract company of Council Bluffs:

Frank W. Chapman and wife to Fred Eracker, p. w. of 34 and 1/2 block 21, s. w. q. 34-76-43, w. d. \$5,000.  
Ernest E. Hart, Inc. to Bertel Anderson, lots 2 and 19 to block 39, in Crawford's addition to Council Bluffs, Ia., w. d. 2,800.  
C. H. Lumber Co. to Paul L. Van Order, lot 4 in block 18, in Cochran's addition to Council Bluffs, Ia., w. d. 400.  
Mrs. P. J. Townsend to Al Riche, lot 7, in block 5, Foster & Cobb's addition to Council Bluffs, Ia., w. d. 125.  
Total, four transfers, \$8,675.

Cherry Seeders.  
Goodall, 60c. Rollman, 75c. Enterprise, 55c. P. C. DE VOL, HARDWARE CO., 94 Broadway.

### WOMAN'S HOME WRECKED

#### Dynamite Explosion at Iowa City, with No Known Motive and No Person Injured.

IOWA CITY, Ia., June 24.—(Special Telegram.)—The residence of Mrs. Mattie Emidia was wrecked by a dynamite explosion today. The motive is unknown. No one was injured.

Gasoline Explosion at Galt.  
CLARION, Ia., June 23.—(Special.)—The explosion of a tank of gasoline in the Pasco store building at Galt, a small town near here, last night blew the tank half a block and set fire to the building, which threatened to wipe out the business section of the town. E. E. Pasco was badly burned by the explosion.

Cereal Company Absorbed.  
FORT DODGE, Ia., June 23.—(Special Telegram.)—The Great Western Cereal plant in this city has been sold to the Quaker Oats company. Trade rights in various products also are sold. The Great Western retains its plants at Akron, O., Muscatine and Nebraska City.

Iowa News Notes.  
LOGAN—Officer M. D. Myers of Missouri Valley brought John Holladay to Logan yesterday on the charge of receiving stolen goods.

CRESTON—In a game of baseball played late yesterday afternoon between the normal students of the high school boys here, the school boys were the victors by the score of 30 to 0.

STATION—Sixteen autos loaded with Dunlap boosters paid Logan a flying visit Tuesday evening on their tour through Shelby county, after the ceremony was pronounced by Logan and Woodbine. The trip was made in the interest of the celebration to be held in Logan.

MISSOURI VALLEY—Miss Henry Branford and Roy Gorder were united in marriage last evening at the home of the bride's mother. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Hutchinson of Cedar Rapids, Ia., and officiated of the family. They will make their future home in Light, N. D.

LOGAN—Boehr and Miss Mary M. Cranny were married at St. Mary's church of Val Wednesday morning. Dr. Bohr is a popular young lady of 17. After a short wedding trip to the north in the Dakotas the bride and groom will make their future home at Logan.

CRESTON—Union county's population was increased last year, by the birth of 215 children, 104 of which were girls and 111 boys. Creston leads with the number of twenty-nine, although it is stated that the returns to the county are not complete and that it is believed there were a larger number than this of births in the city.

LOGAN—A pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Weaver near Logan Wednesday afternoon when their daughter, Jennie, was married to William C. Hunter of Clinton, Ia. Elder W. N. Adam officiated, guests from Logan, Woodbine, Council Bluffs and Tabor, Ia., were in attendance.

MISSOURI VALLEY—Edward O'Hannigan, who is employed by the Cleary-White construction company, had several holes in his foot broken yesterday by having a timber fall on him. He was working on the new concrete bridge east of town and in removing several of the large timbers and steel beams, one of them slipped.

MISSOURI VALLEY—The 7-year-old son of Mrs. E. B. Walters, of this city, while playing in a wagon on the hill side, the wagon became unmanageable and jumped off the sidewalk, throwing the child head first into a tree. The child was badly lacerated and the child was unconscious. The injury is not thought to be serious.

CHARITON—Just a week after his marriage to Miss Daisy Dulce at Chariton, in a hospital here, George G. Francher, aged 45, died from pneumonia and appendicitis. The wedding was hastened by the approaching death of the groom. Attorney Francher was one of the pioneer residents of Chariton and was long associated with former Mayor Carpenter in business. Besides his wife he is survived by three sisters, Hester at Osceola, Ia., and Kansas City, Kan.

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### Mysterious Death at Bellevue

#### Peter Frieden, a German farm hand, is found dead near the Milwaukee railroad track, but as the man's throat had been cut in a manner impossible for the car wheels the manner of his death is a mystery.

Frieden had been employed by William J. Hertz, but he had difficulty with his employer and he was under investigation by the county officers as a result of Hertz's barn being burned last week.

Iowa Banker Goes to Oregon.  
MASON CITY, Ia., June 24.—(Special.)—W. P. Jones, former United States bank examiner for this district, who resigned about three months ago, has accepted the position of vice president of the Merchants National bank at Portland, Ore., one of the largest financial institutions in the west. Mr. Jones' residence has been in Algona and he is now there getting in readiness for the shipment of his goods to his new home. Mr. and Mrs. Jones expect to be located in their western home July 1.

Banscroft Man Drowned in Montana.  
BANSBROFT, Ia., June 24.—(Special Telegram.)—As a result of injuries in a runaway Edison H. Smith, a Kansas City business man who was visiting relatives here, is dead. His horse was frightened by the fire chief's wagon on the way to a fire.