\$8,250,000 Water Bond 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 appraisement, 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 aunual 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 41/2 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 leghting 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 are 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 Nash of the Omaha Electric Light company recommending a renewal of the street lighting contract for five years at figures that will be satisfacory to the council. The price of gas will be reduced from \$1.35 to \$1.15 per 1,000 cubic feet, and the price for electric current cut down to conform exactly to the price in Omaha, which is if cents per kilowat for the first three and 6 cents for additional city council chamber. kllowats. The rate in Council Bluffs has been 16 cents per kilowat for the first three pose of preventing the action of the board and 50 per cent reduction for all above that rates will make a net reduction of about per cent.

President Nash had a long conference with the council committee. For both gas insist upon the retention of Mr. Chapand electric current the price is the same man or call for the resignation of the as prevails in Omaha. The royalty of 3 board. Diplomacy and good nature tided in the troublous history of the Nishnaper cent on the gross earnings of the the club over what appeared to be a botna drainage ditch, which has been refeet for all gas consumed remains as part resolution being adopted to the effect that ceedings. J. M. Pullen, who procured the of the new contract.

What Price Cut Means.

The reduction in the price of gas repre-Bluffs plant has a daily capacity of 1,000,000 cable feet. At the present time the conoli required.

The installation of the forty additional flaming arc lamps represents an important teature of the contract, and owing to the two months of time wasted by the Commiscial club's special committee is going to be the cause of holding up the Broadway paving for at least two weeks. The way paving for at least two weeks. The understanding that it was simply an arc company on an exparter of the contract was a nullity. That shortly after said order the Lana Construction because it found from the evidence that the contract made an order therefor allowing a temporary injunction because it found from the evidence that the contract made an order therefor allowing a temporary injunction because it found from the evidence that the contract made an order than the contract made an order therefor allowing a temporary injunction because it found from the evidence that the contract made an order than the contract made an order therefor allowing a temporary injunction because it found from the evidence that the contract made an order than the contract made an way paving for at least two weeks. The contract cails for the installation of the installation procured an amendment to said order, requiring plaintiff to file an injunction bond in the sum of \$2.500, and on fall the property called diaregarding the club's constitution and by-laws, was sustained, but a committee was appointed to wait upon the directors in the interest of the installation procured an amendment to said order, requiring plaintiff to file an injunction of the sum of \$2.500, and on fall the property called diaregarding the club's constitution company on an exparte application procured an amendment to said order, requiring plaintiff to file an injunction of the sum of \$2.500, and on fall the property called diaregarding the club's constitution company on an exparte application procured an amendment to said order, requiring plaintiff to file an injunction of the property and remember begin laying the brick on Monday. If the council approves the contract on Monday it was in a flourishing condition, too much so to permit the question of the retention of the conduits will be or discharge of the custodian to disturb its prosperity. John P. Organ, W. H. Ware and Ovid Vien aided in creating the conduits would of the Commercial club the conduits would have been in a month ago. A plan was

suggested yesterday to avoid cutting the pavement on the north side of Broadway Water Board Buys street rising from conduits on the south side. Contractor Wickham will agree not to molest the granite blocks on the south side of the street for two weeks or more to permit the conduits to be laid.

The price to be paid for the flaming arcs is guaranteed not to exceed \$75 per year for all-night service. The value of the

Members Have Lively Time Finally Come to an Agreement.

It required abundant good nature, much diplomacy, considerable forbearance and not a little of the spirit of mutual concession to prevent a serious breach between the membership of the Council Bluffs Fish and Game Protective association and a very large majority of its members at a special meeting held last night. There were enough of the members present to fill all the chairs outside the railing in the The meeting was called for the pur-

smount consumed per month. The new decision to call for the resignation of Robert Chapman, custodian of the club house at Manawa. The spirit of the members at the beginning was apparently to electric service and 3 cents per 1,000 cubic serious situation and resulted in a simple peatedly tied up and untied by court proit was the sense of the members that Mr. first restraining order against the Lana Chapman be retained.

sents a greater surrender of profits for presided. A statement of the action of the he did not provide the \$2,500 bond required, the Council Biuffz works than a lower directors and the charges against the cus- filed an amendment some time ago to his price would in Omaha. The Council todian indicated that there was no specif- petition for a writ of injunction restrainthat he was out of harmony with the pursumption averages about 250,000 feet per Poses of the board, and that he had a day Judge Woodruff handed down his de-The same working force could habit of resigning when in a pet and then cision denying the injunction. This section produce 1,000,000 feet per day, and the cost reconsidering. It was admitted that he had from the amendment tells the story of of the last 750,000 feet would represent only kept the club house in the very best con- Pullen's troubles: the extra tons of coke and carburetting dition and was uniformly courteous and the extra tons of coke and carburetting dition and was uniformly courteous and obliging to all of the members. The ascaling of the forty additional sertion that be favored some of the members are larger represents an important bers too much was not served to much was not served.

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

for all-night service. The value of the lamps compared with the common inclosed arcs was vividiy illustrated on North Main street. The three giants that made the street light enough to find a pin at any missioner Jersen vesterilay was required.

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 Comstruction, the same is refused.

It appears that a temporary injunction street light enough to find a pin at any missioner Jensen yesterday was required point were removed Thursday afternoon, and Thursday night the three usual arcs were in place. It was then realized that the big lamps were of 5,000 candle-power and twenty times the efficiency of the others.

GAME CLUB HOLDS SESSION

missioner Jensen yesterday was required to make three trips to the Thirty-seventh street pumping station. At the same time other employes of the department were using Jensen's private car in prosecuting other work. During the extension work to be undertaken within a few days Superintendent Etnyre will have almost constant use for the machine.

The commissioner Jensen yesterday was required to make once granted to plaintiff conditional was once granted to plaintiff conditional use of the falled to give such bond, and made no application to have the amount in any way modified. It also appears that a temporary injunction was once granted to plaintiff conditional use of the department were using Jensen's private car in prosecuting other work. During the extension work to be undertaken within a few days Superintendent Etnyre will have almost constant use for the machine.

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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 pur- the poses without paying for it. It ought to and then 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 preson 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 Nishnabotna Drainage Ditch Case.

Another chapter was yesterday written Construction company and was unable to Mayor Maioney, president of the club, maintain it in court for the reason that ically serious complaint against him but ing the county supervisors, auditor and treasurer and the Lana company. Yester-

Auto for Department the same will be assessed for upwards of sold of the construction of said dech and the board of supervisors threaten and intend to levy on said land a tax for said sum of money to be diverted to the pay-

ment of the Lana Construction company for the work of construction said ditch under the contract referred to, and thereby creating a lien therefor upon said land. In denying the injunction, Judge Woodruff says.

It also appears that the assessment if made cannot be collected by any sale of plaintiff's land for many months, and in the meantime there will be several terms of court in which this case may be heard upon notice to all parties in contest upon the question of a permanent injunction, and his right thereto and the court can then be more fully advised in the premises. Almost every district judge who has held court in the county has had a whirl at the case, and it is a nightmare to all of them.

AUDITOR MAKES HIS REPORT

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

City Auditor McAneney yesterday com pleted 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 were well within the appropriation limits for the month's expenses. Following is a summary of the report: GENERAL FUND WARRANTS.

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Vater department Water works sinking. 1.109.63 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 Hafer Lumber Co. to Paul I. Van Order. It 4 in block 16, in Cochran's addition to Council Bluffs. Ia. P. J. Townsend to Al Riche. 7, in block 5, Fotter & Cobb's addi-tion to Council Bluffs, Ia., w. d.

Total, four transfers Goodall, @c. Rollman, 75c. Enterprise, 65c P. C. DE VOL HARDWARE CO.,

504 Broadway

Minor Mention

The Conneil Bluffs Office of The Omaha Bee is at 15 Scott Street. Both Phones 43.

Davis, drugs, Wedding silver at Leffert's. Corrigan, undertakers. Phones 143. Dr. Cleaver, Bell phone only, No. 147. FAUST BEER AT ROGERS' BUFFET. Woodring Undertaking company. Tel. 369. Lewis Cutier, funeral director. Phone 97. PURE GOLD WEDDING RINGS-LEF-J. R. Arnold has gone to Portland, Ore.

to spend several months See the new 1911 wall paper patterns at Borwick's, 212 South Main street. Call 142 for a case of Gund's Peerless beer. J. J. Klein Co., distributors. Judge O. D. Wheeler has secured a nit to erect a \$2,500 home at 417 South First

Miss Nellie O'Conner of Maryville, Mo., is the guest of her cousin, Miss Margaret The place to buy wedding gifts. See our window display. Fauble Art shop, 23

J. P. Hess yesterday began a foreclosure suit in the district court against Stelle suit in the district court against Stella Morrison enforcing a morlgage and promis-sory note for \$100. The property involved comprises a number of lots in Chapman's addition.

A foreclosure suit involving lots six to sixteen in Webster's First addition was begun in the district court yesterday by George A. Hoagland against Florence and C. E. Painter to satisfy a note and mortingage for \$25.

Railroad men report the last two months to have been the heaviest in the freight traffic departments for more than a year. One conductor operating a freight train on the Rock Island carned \$230 in May, the largest pay earned during his employment by the road for the last sixteen years. His earnings for June up to the 20th exceeded \$200.

Charles Acord, who has been in charge of the Courtland Beach Amusement company at East Omaha, was brought into Justice Joseph's office yesterday charged with the embezziement of \$50. He waived examination and was held to the grand jury under \$1,600 bends. He failed to find a bondsman vesterday, but said he would daman yesterday, but said he would able to arrange matters soon Hugh Bert Crawford and Alta Morgan,

hugh Bert Crawford and Alia Morgan, both of Omaha, either overlooked the fact or didn't care that there was a bad cabalistic combination yesterday between the day of the week and the month. It was Friday the 23d, which is next to the fateful thirteen combination. They came across the river, procured a marriage license and were married by Justice Croper, Both were old enough to know what they were doing. His age was given as 40 and were doing. His age was given as 40 and

A recent issue of the Joplin (Mo.) Times announces the arrest there of B. F. Gil-kison on the charge of illegally transacting financial business in connection with a trades union paper published there. Giling financial business in connection with a trades union paper published there. Gli-kison was at one time connected with a labor paper in Council Bluffs and was under arrest here last winter in company with his wife for alleged misrepresentations connected with the publication of the year book of the Edmundson hospital. They were cleared on a technicality, and Gilkison was immediately taken to Omaha to account for a bad check. He is accused of collecting and withholding \$144.59 at Jonin.

Judge Wheeler devoted the entire day yesterday to a continuation of the examination of the signatures on the county saloon consent pelition and the withdrawal lists. The work is of a tedious character and will not be completed before Monday afternoon. A large part of the day was devoted to oral proof of the existence of the lists that were alleged to have been stolen after they were canvassed by the county board in February. A dozen or more witnesses were examined. Judge Wheeler made several rulings that were decidedly in favor of the contestants, and decidedly in favor of the contestants, and at the close of the day the attorneys for the petitions admitted that they only had a fighting chance left. It is the general opinion that enough of the names will be crased to bring the total number on the consent petition under the required 65 per

cent, and this would knock out every sa-loon in the county outside of Council WOMAN'S HOME

Bluffs.

W. F. Ribble, state factory inspector, returned to Des Moines last evening after partially completing his work in Council Bluffs. He expects to return in about two weeks and said he would then file some additional informations charging violations of the state labor laws. Before going he left orders for fire escapes to be provided for the following buildings. Ladder escape for the Bloomer Ice and Cold Storage company's building, the International Harvester company's building, Pioneer Implement company, Shugart-Ouren company, building, Groneweg & Schoentgen company, Wickham building and the Empkie-Shugart Wickham building and the Empkie-Shugar building For stair fire escapes: Jo Woodward Candy company, Grand two stair escapes; Merriam block, stairs; Ogden hotel, one stair; City two stair escapes; Merriam block, three stairs; Ogden hotel, one stair; City Na-tional bank, one stair; Odd Fellows' building, one stair; Washington Avenue school building, one stair, and probably another stair escape on the Bloomer school build-

Cherry Seeders, Goodall, 60c. Rollman, 75c. Enterprise, 85c. P. C. DE VOL HARDWRAE CO. 504 Broadway.

N. Y. Plumbing Co. Tel. 250. Night F-1702. Drink Budweiser, King of Bottled Beers,

Dr. C. W. Colt to Retire. MISSOURI VALLEY, 1a., June 24 - (Spe cial.)-Dr. C. W. Cott of this city, after an active practice of about forty years, has decided to retire from active practice and enjoy the pleasures of a retired life during the remainder of his years.

The doctor has been connected with the Northwestern Railway company for the last twenty-nine years in the capacity of railway surgeon and is still to act as such, though he has requested an assistant be appointed in order that he may feel free to absent himself whenever he desires.

Mysterious Death at Hellevue.

BELLEVUE, Ia., June 23—(Special.)—
Peter Frieden, a German farm hand, is bride's mother. The ceremony was performed by they. Mr. Hutchinson of Cedar track, but as the man's throat had been but in a manner impossible for the car throat had been to be made Mysterious Death at Bellevue. Peter Frieden, a German farm hand, is was found on 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. Herrig, but he had difficulty with his employer and he was under investigation by the county officers as a result of Herrig's barn being burned last week.

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.

Bancroft Man Drowned in Montana. BANCROFT. Ia., June 24.-(Special.)-News is received here of the death of George Fuller, He was at Sidney, Mont., vorking on a big contract. He, with some friends, went in bathing in a concrete reservoir which gradually sloped toward the center. George was no swimmer and when he lost his balance in the water he slipped to the center of the reservoir and was in about six feet of water when he was taken out dead. He was a son of Mrs. L. H. McQuirk.

Missourian Killed at Stonx City. SIOUX CITY, Ia., June 21 .- (Special Telegram.)-As a result of injuries in a runness man who was visiting relatives here, is dead. His horse was frightened by the fire chief's wagon on the way to a fire.

former Mayor Carpenter in business. Besides his wife he is survived by two sisters, living at Osceola, Ia., and Kansas City, Kan. away Edison H. Smith, a Kansas City busi-

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 Emdia was wrecked by a dynamite explosion today. The motive is unknown, No one was injured.

Gasoline Explosion at Galt. CLARION, Ia., June 22 - (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 treatened to wipe out the business section of the town. E. E. Pasco was badly burned

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 to 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 Mis-souri Vailey brought John Holladay to Logan yesterday on the charge of receiv-ing stolen goods. CRESTON—in a game of base ball played late yesterday afternoon between the normal students and the high school boys here, the school boys were the victors by the score of 30 to 0.

LOGAN-Sixteen autos loaded with Dunlay boosters paid Logan a flying visit Tuesday evening on their tour through Shelby county into Harrison at Persas, thence to Logan and Woodbine. The trip was made in the interest of the celebration to be held at Dunlap, July 4.

LOGAN-Dr. Boohr and Miss Mary M. Cranny were married at St. Mary's church of Vail Wednesday morning. Dr. Boohr is a dentist of Logan and Miss Cranny, a popular young lady of Ute. After a short wedding trip to the north lift the Dakotas the bride and groom will make their future home at Logan. CRESTON-Union county's

children, 114 of whom were girls and total boys. Creston leads with the number of twenty-nine, although it is stated that the returns to the county are not complete and it is believed there were a larger number than this of births in the city.

LOGAN-A pretty wedding took pigce at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Weston near Logan Wednesday afternoon when their daughter, Jennie, was given in marriage to William C. Hunter of Clinton, ia Eider W. R. Adam officiated, Guests from Logan, Woodbine, Council Bluffs and Tacoma, Wash, were in attendance. MISSOURI VALLEY-Edward Gannon,

MISSOURI VALLEY—Edward Gannon, who is employed by the Cleary-White Construction company, had several bones in his foot broken yesterday by having a timber fail 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 I-year-old son of Lou Elridge of this city suffered a painful accident while coasting down hill in a wagon. In some way the wagon became unmanageable and jumped off the sidewalk, throwing the child head first into a tree. The scalp was baddy laccrated and the child was unconscious. The injury is not thought to be serious.

CHARITON—Just a week after his mar-

CHARITON—Just a week after his marriage to Miss Dalsy Dukes at Chariton, in a hospital here, George G. Francher, aged 66, died from peritonitis and appendicitis. The wedding was hautened by the approaching death of the groom. Attorney Francher was one of the pionser residents of Chariton and was long associated with former Mayor Carpenter in business. Besides his wife he is survived by two