$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 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 4½ 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 submitted, 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.

JOB HUNTERS SWAMP MAYOR

Bond Election Tuesday Demands the Services of 57 Policemen.

VOTE ON THREE PROPOSITIONS

Election Will Cost in Neighborhood $3,000 and City Clerk Wants to Know Where Money is Coming From.

Would-be policemen of every nationality and clime flocked into the mayor's office Monday morning, scrambling for appointments as special police to serve at the bonds election Tuesday. For the fifty-seven jobs, one man to a precinct, there were thrice as many applicants. By noon, all but two had been appointed and sworn in.

Three bond propositions will be voted on Tuesday. One for issuing $3,250,000 bonds for waterworks purposes; another to issue $300,000 to erect three engine houses; and the third to issue $200,000 to complete the Douglas county court house.

The elections will be held together though separate ballots will be provided. The expenses of the election will run about $2,000, which are to be divided equally among the water board, the county and the city.

Election Fund Depleted.

City Clerk Dan Butler wants to know where the money is coming from to pay the city's part. He declares there are no moneys in the election fund which can be used for the purpose as the appropriation will be exhausted this fall, when the registration for the election is held.

That a light vote will be polled is the opinion of Butler. "I do not believe that more than 4,000 votes will be cast on either of the three propositions," he said. "Little interest is being manifested in the bonds and I would not be surprised to see them beaten for this reason.

Two-thirds of the votes cast is necessary to authorize the issues.

ENGINE OF FLYER ON MAIN LINE COVERED WITH COAL

Northwestern Denver Special Stopped by Peculiar Circumstances in Iowa.

The Northwestern's Denver special came into Omaha five hours late yesterday, due to being coaled in instead of being snowbound at a coaling point in Iowa.

The big engine drew up under the bunkers at midnight near Cedar Rapids and the fireman pulled the rope, intending to let down about six tons of coal. Instead the rope caught and the whole store, some 150 tons, poured down, forcing the crew from the cab and eventually covering the engine so the smokestack alone protruded from the pile.

Let Reason Talk to Habit

If coffee upsets digestion and nerves, quit it, and use well-made

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"There's a Reason"

Gentleman Says He Did Not Suggest to Circulate Petition

Also Says Public Has Wrong Idea of Bodies Going to Medical Colleges.

John A. Gentleman, undertaker, wishes to take some exceptions to an article in which his name appeared Friday. He says that he did not suggest the circulation of a petition to secure money for the burial of a body, but simply furnished the petition on request. He also says the fear of the poor that their bodies might go to a medical college is unfounded, as the county is bound to provide burial if relatives simply ask it.

Herewith is the letter Mr. Gentleman writes to The Bee.

Editor Omaha Daily Bee: In your Friday evening edition, under heading, "Undertakers Face Charges," I wish you to correct the erroneous assertions you printed, or kindly state if any of your reporters received the facts from me or the family of John Connors. In the first place you say we "secure bodies and demand payment for burial." It is certain we secure the bodies from hospitals only by the request of some relatives or friends of the deceased and no other way, and as far as payment is demanded, it is a business with us, and not a charitable institution, for we do not live by public subscription. I would ask The Bee or Associated Charities to show where any undertakes has forced a family or friends to circulate a petition, and in the case you quote in your paper, if you had investigated the matter thoroughly you would have found out that it was voluntary on the part of the people soliciting and not even a suggestion on the part of myself. Insofar as having my letter head, the ladies asked for it, thinking it would help them, as some told them they might be obtaining money without cause.

It is absolutely untrue that I had at any time refused to bring the body of Connors home and the Associated Charities' representative found out for herself that it was a falsehood. I had, however, held the body at my chapel until Friday on account of an autopsy being held, and for no other cause.

There is a very erroneous idea among the public concerning bodies being turned over to a medical college. For the benefit of those that are ignorant on the matter, I will state that a body is not turned over to a college until after we have used every effort to locate relatives or friends, and after that if none can be found who will take charge of the body we receive our instructions from the state by law, and not of our own choosing, and I will state also for the benefit of the public that if a pauper dies and his relatives he is buried at the county's expense, provided the relatives are unable to do so. The undertaker receives the amount of $5 for furnishing the coffin, his time and taking of body to cemetery.

If some of the public would look deeper into the undertaker's side of life they would find for themselves, without much trouble, to what greater extent their charity extends than any other profession or business, and also look on their ledgers and see what other business or profession has more just claims unpaid.

Trusting you will give this the same prominence which you gave the "Undertakers Face Charges."

JOHN A. GENTLEMAN.

RAWITZER BODY IS CREMATED

Ashes Will Be Returned from Minneapolis for Burial in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

In compliance with a wish long expressed before her death last week the body of Mrs. A. H. Rawitzer was cremated at Minneapolis Monday and the ashes will this week be placed in the family vault in Forest Lawn cemetery.

After brief funeral services had been held at the Rawitzer residence, 312 Gold street, Sunday afternoon the body was at once sent to the crematory in Minneapolis.

YOUNG WOMEN PLAY TENNIS

Start is Made in the Annual Woman's Tennis Championship.

PLAYERS SHOW MARKED SKILL

Champion High School Player Disposes of Her Opponent Quite Handily—Women Who Are in Charge.

With Old Sol remaining obligingly under the clouds, with a fresh breeze cooling the atmosphere and with the clay courts in good condition considering Sunday night's rain, the annual Women's City Championship Tennis tournament started Monday morning at the Omaha Field club.

Omaha's young women tennis players clad in white middy blouse suits with pink and blue ties and hair bows, have taken possession of the club courts and will hold them each day during the week until Saturday, when the finals will be played. Several rounds of singles were played off before noon.

Mrs. J. T. Stewart, 3d., one of the more experienced players, put up a good game, winning from Miss Blanche Kinsler, 6-3, 7-5. Miss Katherine Baum, who is considered one of the best of the younger players, was beaten by Miss Lucile Fellers, 7-5, 6-1.

High School Champion Wins.

Miss Laura Zimmerman, the Omaha High school girl champion, won from Miss Erna Reed, 6-1, 7-5. Miss Helen Buck beat Miss Carmelita Jenkins, 6-3, 6-1. Miss Culver and Miss Woolworth played in the place of Miss Hinrich and Miss Violet Joslyn, as scheduled, the former winning with a score of 6-3, 6-2.

Miss Carmelita Chase, the present champion, is storing up her energies for the final round on Saturday, but is busy about the courts keeping scores for the players and answering questions of the inexperienced entrants.

Miss Hortense Clarke, chairman of the tennis committee, has put the following young women in charge of the play on different days of the week: Miss Susan Hodges, Tuesday; Mary Ringwalt, Wednesday; Ruth Hammer, Thursday; Miss Laura Zimmerman, Friday; Miss Carmelita Chase, Saturday.

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Miss Woodworth beat Miss Culver, 6-3, 6-2.

Miss Alice Porterfield beat Miss Charlotte Bedwell, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

WARREN AND MERRIAM MEET

Youthful Player and Veteran Golfer to Play at Miller Park Saturday.

Semi-finals in the contest for the Brodegard cup were played at Miller Park Golf club Saturday and Sunday. Merriam beat Shinn 1 up in an eighteen-inning hole match and Warrent beat Cajacob 4 up. Warren, one of the youngest members of the club, will meet Merriam, who is one of the veteran golfers of Omaha, next Saturday. Both the boy and the pioneer are playing speedy games.

Next Saturday the Miller Parkites start the annual team contest for the Rome Miller cup.

Smokeless Engine Built by Omaha Men

First of Its Kind Passes Through Omaha Monday Enroute to Wyoming.

Puffing merrily and pulling a long train of cars, the first engine that Omaha ever saw that did not smoke, passed through the Burlington yards Monday afternoon. The engine is on its way to Sheridan, Wyo., where it is to make a practical demonstration of its value.

Figures taken by the test run show that it will operate more cheaply and the danger of cinders setting afire grass and buildings is done away with, besides the disagreeableness of the smoke.

Lignite, the soft coal which generally produces such black smoke is to be burned in the new engine. The use of lignite in old style engines has caused many a prairie and forest fire.

A stoker, the Barnum stoker as it is called, is the feature of the engine. The Barnum stoker was first patented by Charles E. Barnum of Omaha, who is now dead. It is owned by the Barnum Manufacturing company now, of which Fred Montmorency of the Burlington is president and Arthur C. Smith of the M. E. Smith company is vice president. The two Omaha men have worked five years with the original design and now consider it perfected.

The principle of the no smoke device is the stoking. It feeds the coal beneath, instead of throwing it on top, the mechanical stoker also doing away with the labor of the fireman. As the coal is raised to the fire level, the volatile fumes arise into the flames and are burnt up, making a saving of heat. In the breaking up process by the heat the cinders are all burned up before they can get through the fire, so there is no waste material to arise through the smokestack except the steam and possibly the thinnest haze of blue fumes.

The engine is particularly adapted to the use of cheap soft coal and uses less than an ordinary engine. Six tons were used on the run from Burlington, Ia., a run which usually takes nine tons.

One of these engines has been in use in the Chicago switching yards for two months and is reported to be working finely.

CHADRON SUMMER SCHOOL STAFF

Hundred Teachers Enrolled for Work in the School.

CHADRON, Neb., June 26.—(Special.)—The Chadron summer normal has an enrolment of over 100 teachers. The work is progressing in a most satisfactory manner, with the following corps of instructors:

Miss Kate E. Driscoll of Valentine, reading, drawing and art.
Mrs. Leona A. Rustin of Lincoln, model school.
Prof. W. T. Stockdale of Madison, theory, agriculture and geography.
Prof. E. P. Wilson of Chadron, physical geography, United States history, civics and orthography.
Charles W. Philpot of Lincoln, trigonometry, physics, chemistry.
Lucy M. Clarke of Lincoln, literature, composition and rhetoric.
J. Howard Stough, Atchison, Kan., Latin, ancient and European history and German.
Miss Jessie B. Elliott, Abingdon, Ill., music.
H. H. Reimund of Crawford, algebra, arithmetic and botany.
W. B. Sherritt of Rushville, grammar, physiology and plane geometry.

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GRAIN OF CORN KILLS BOY

Four-Year-Old Boy Chokes Before He Can Be Relieved.

HURRIED FROM NORTH PLATTE

Corn Had Been in His Throat Several Days, but He Arrives in This City Too Late for an Operation.

A grain of corn which lodged in the windpipe of 4-year-old Carroll Potter of North Platte, Neb., caused the little fellow's death from strangulation in the office of Dr. H. L. Burrell in the City National bank building Monday forenoon.

The boy had been suffering terribly for a few days and when no surgical relief could be obtained at home, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Potter, brought him to Omaha in hopes that his life might be saved.

Shortly before noon the parents came with the almost dead boy to the offices of Bryant, Burrell & Bushman and when the dangerous nature of the trouble had been seen, Dr. Burrell ordered preparations made at once for an operation.

There was scarcely any indication of life in the child at the time, and although the attendants rushed the preparations for the operation, he died of strangulation before anything could be done.

The coroner has the body.

TO RUSH WORK ON U. P. LINE

Appraisers Selected and Grading Being Rushed to Gandy.

BROKEN BOW, Neb., June 26.—(Special.)—John McGuire, Ira Mills, John Mead, Robert Shaw, H. H. Black and John P. Long of the Arnold neighborhood have qualified before County Judge Holcomb as appraisers for the right-of-way for the extension the Union Pacific is building toward Arnold and Gandy, from Callaway. Their services have not been required very much, as generally the farmers are so glad to get the road there is no trouble in coming to an agreement with the Union Pacific officials regarding damages for right-of-way.

The grading is being rushed now, and additional teams will be used as secured. Town site propositions are coming to the front and County Surveyor A. J. Van Antwerp has been secured to lay out such at Millidale, a postoffice between Arnold and Callaway, and another near Gandy, where the road stops at this time. Gandy will be off the road about two and one-half miles, and the new town will probably take over the old bodily. Arnold has already been platted for a considerable further growth. With the building of the railroad new activity in business and building of homes is expected there.

Passenger Train Hits Motor Tricycle

Jerry Stees, Roadmaster of St. Joseph & Grand Island Line, Seriously Injured.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., June 26.—(Special.)—Jerry Stees, roadmaster of the St. Joseph & Grand Island, with headquarters at Hanover, lies badly injured in the hospital in this city as the result of a head-on collision between his railroad motor tricycle and an incoming St. Joseph train. Mr. Stees had made a trip from Hanover to this city on his machine and left about 8 p. m. for the return trip. He calculated that he could meet the train at the sugar factory siding, but just as he struck the bend west of the city and before reaching the siding the passenger train bore down upon him. Tricycle and rider were hurled of the track and Mr. Stees was thrown twenty feet. His right leg was broken and a large and deep hole was cut into the fleshy portion of the other leg, the head was badly scratched and wounded and there were other bruises about the body. His recovery is expected.

Manager Shay Suspended.

CHICAGO, June 26.—The indefinite suspension of Manager Shay of the Kansas City club of the American association was announced today by President Chivington as a result of the fight between Shay and Umpire Hayes at Columbus, O., yesterday.

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