

WATER BOARD DEFENDS BONDS

Makes Official Statement of Reason the Bonds Should Carry.

GIVES HISTORY OF THE CASE

States Reasons for Calling a Special Election to Have the Bonds Issued.

The Omaha Water board has issued a signed statement of its position on the question of the water bonds, on which it is asking the public to vote \$2,500,000 on an election to be held August 2.

Statement of Board.

Here is the official statement:

To the Citizens of Omaha: The Water Board, in the performance of what it believed to be its duty in protecting the interests of the city, called the recent water board election for the purpose of providing for the taking over of the water plant and making necessary extensions and improvements thereat.

It transpired in that election that eleven votes of the city carried the bonds by a very large majority, and that the necessary two-thirds would have been secured had it not been for an adverse majority in a locality where there is great reason to believe the voters of non-taxpayers were influenced by some motive or reason other than that of the city's welfare.

Since this fact became known it has been insisted that the bonds be immediately resubmitted. The water board in recognition and appreciation of this demand, and at the same time in the performance of what it believed to be its duty in protecting the interest of the city, has again called a special election to be held between the hours of 8 a. m. and 6 p. m., Wednesday, August 2, at which will be again submitted a proposition to issue \$2,500,000 of water bonds, bearing thirty years and bearing interest at not to exceed 4 per cent per annum.

In 1903 the mayor and council elected to purchase the water plant at a value to be ascertained by three engineers. This appraisal was made at the same time in the year 1903, and the water company immediately brought suit to compel the city to take the plant at that price. The supreme court of the United States has ruled that the city is required to take over the property at this valuation. That question is settled. The water plant must be paid for, and there is no immediate method of making payment or possibility of securing possession of the plant except by the authorization and sale of bonds.

Moreover, if the city had possession of the water plant extensions and improvements of the plant would be impossible without the authorization and sale of bonds.

If the bonds are voted the water board will take steps to secure possession of the water plant as soon as possible and will immediately proceed to carry out plans for the construction of urgently needed water mains without waiting for actual possession of the plant.

Should authority to issue the bonds be granted no portion of the bonds will be issued and placed in the market. The bonds are actually needed to take over the water plant and to make improvements and extensions as required. The income from the operation of the water plant will be set aside to pay interest upon the bonds.

The water bonds heretofore authorized by the city have not been issued and are not available, those voted in 1909 having been declared illegal, while those voted in 1909 are unmarketable because of the low rate of interest they bear.

Sooner or later bonds must be voted as a matter of necessity. A failure to vote bonds at this time postpones the time when the city may come into possession of the water plant; will postpone the time within which improvements and extensions shall be made, and will postpone the date of terminating unnecessary loss to the city by account of any interest upon this judgment of \$2,500,000, if judicially charged therewith.

Finally, the water board deems it but proper to state that the water board is unanimous in the belief that the interests of Omaha imperatively demand that these bonds be voted at this time. 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.

OMAHA WATER BOARD.

PICTURE THEATERS ARE SAFER

City Electrician Says He Has Safeguarded the Public as Much as Possible.

The fact that the fire in the Elite moving picture theater did no damage is due to the fact that we have safeguarded these theaters against just such accidents," said City Electrician Michaelson. "Every moving picture theater in the city has its machine enclosed in a fireproof booth and the booth is equipped with fireproof doors. It is a design which was made in this office. The doors are suspended by small cords and when fire breaks out in the machine where the film is inflammable, the doors fall, shutting the booth off from the theater. They worked perfectly on the Elite theater and will work anywhere else just as well. In spite of the fact that moving picture theaters are very apt to have fires, we have so safeguarded them now that we think the audience are in no danger."

FAIRMONT DEMANDS REBATE

Creamery Company Appears Against the Burlington Before Interstate Commerce Examiner.

To recover \$2,467.70 from the Burlington railway company the Fairmont Creamery company's lawyers appeared before F. I. Vassault, interstate commerce commission examiner, Friday morning. The creamery company alleges that before March, 1909, and after September, 1909, it paid a rate of 20 cents on every ton of cream shipped from Concordia, Kan., to Crete, Neb. On March 1, 1909, the rate was increased to 22 cents a ton. This rate lasted exactly six months because the advance rate did not meet and was not in accordance with the interstate commerce laws, the plaintiff demanded a rebate of 12 cents on every ton of cream shipped during that time. Mr. Vassault will decide the case as soon as the arguments are completed.

TRIP TO LINCOLN EXPENSIVE

Manager of Omaha Concern Loses His Wallet at a Picnic at Lincoln.

F. E. Zeller, manager of the Loose-Wiles company, attended the grocers' picnic at Lincoln, and though he found a great deal of entertainment and amusement, he does not think it was worth \$20 which amount was extracted from his pocket by a thief.

Advertisement for a cigarette brand, featuring a large 'A' and the text 'TO SMOKE is a great privilege' and '5 cents'.

Lambert is Asked to Decide if Druggists May Sell Malt Beer

Anti-Saloon League and Fire and Police Board Put Question to Legal Department.

The question that harassed Dr. Wiley and the United States government chemists for so long may find its match in the query which has been put up to W. C. Lambert, assistant city attorney, by J. M. Leidy of the Anti-Saloon league and the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners. Mr. Leidy says the laws of the state and the ordinances of Omaha expressly forbid druggists from selling any beer or malt extracts for any purpose whatever. The city ordinance gives the druggist permission to sell only medicinal purposes.

W. P. Wappich, secretary of the board of commissioners, to whom the query of Mr. Leidy was addressed, hands it on to Mr. Lambert. The Anti-Saloon league men say druggists must be made to stop selling malt extracts for any purpose whatever. Mr. Wappich asks what the intention of the ordinance might have been as to beer which is said to be intoxicating, but which is certainly neither spirituous nor vinous. Mr. Lambert has taken the matter under consideration.

Advance in Sugar Prices Scheduled to Be Made Shortly

In Week or Two Retailers Will Be Selling About Two Pounds Less for a Dollar.

Announcement of an advance in the price of coffee in the next two weeks comes from a big Omaha provision store. It is also thought that sugar, which is retailing in Omaha now at eighteen pounds for \$1, will soon soar to seven notches, and the consumer will get a reduction in his sugar sack of at least two pounds for the same price.

SPLENDID TESTIMONY GIVEN TO FATHER JUDGE

T. F. Quinlan Presides at Meeting Which Gives Priest Thousand Dollars for Vacation Money.

On Thursday evening there was a great gathering of the congregation of the Sacred Heart parish in Lyceum hall to say good by to their pastor, Father Judge, who is going on a vacation trip to Europe. Father Judge leaves Sunday evening for New York where he sails on July 28 on the steamer, Baltic, for Queenstown. He will first visit his old home in Ireland then he intends to go to Navelm, Germany to take treatment. He has been suffering from a nervous breakdown for some time in St. Joseph's hospital.

COUNTERFEIT SCARE IN OMAHA

Many Who Have Two-Dollar Bills Rush to Banks to Learn Their Genuine.

Clerks, cashiers, officers and many clients of local banks enjoyed a good laugh at the expense of imaginative Omahans, or rather because the advance rate did not meet and was not in accordance with the interstate commerce laws, the plaintiff demanded a rebate of 12 cents on every ton of cream shipped during that time. Mr. Vassault will decide the case as soon as the arguments are completed.

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ICE PROJECT BEING PUSHED

Kugel is Ascertaining Amount of Consumption in Omaha.

OBJECT IS TO GIVE CHEAP ICE

Councilman Interested in Proposition Finds that Million Pounds Are Used Daily for Domestic Purposes.

The project of a municipal ice plant for Omaha is being pushed by Councilman A. C. Kugel as fast as possible. He is ascertaining the retail consumption of ice with the view of estimating the size of a plant needed. The initial expense of setting up the city up in business will have to be computed from these facts.

"The ice men tell me that the ordinary consumption of ice in families in Omaha," said Mr. Kugel Wednesday morning, "amounts to about twenty-five tons a day, or about 1,000,000 pounds. I am told that this much ice is used by families, irrespective of the butchers, grocers and wholesale houses, which use much larger quantities."

Ice for the Poor. "If the city builds a plant, it will not supply grocers and butchers, but will try only to provide ice for the poor and those who cannot afford to pay exorbitantly for their necessities. Just how the ice is to be distributed has not yet been decided, but it will be a matter suited to the best convenience of the people."

"The permanence of the plant, if we have one, is a question that could be decided later. If the entrance of the city's capital into the field will make the ice companies reduce their prices to a reasonable basis, the city would probably abandon the project, but moral influences usually don't last very long unless they are backed up by force."

From Omaha's Near Neighbors

Bennington.

C. J. Wilcox of the Herald is recuperating at Lincoln, Neb. Mrs. William Neuman and children of Stanton, Neb., is visiting here with relatives and friends.

Peter Mangold is on a business trip of several days, to Gretna, Springfield and Lincoln in his auto.

The local lodge of Independent Order of Odd Fellows installed its officers Wednesday evening, July 19.

Dr. J. Langendoerfer is fast completing the remodeling of his property recently purchased from D. H. Kirshner.

Mrs. Chris Fiedle and daughter, Lucile, made a short visit here Monday, returning to their home in Boyd county Tuesday morning.

Chris Clausen and Mrs. Kate Wrigg were married at the latter's home on Allen street Wednesday, July 19. The usual chavari party called upon them that evening and drew tribute.

Quite a number of auto drivers went to Washington last Saturday to show in the Sprague courts. The tourists returned to Omaha by some unknown route and missed the local auto.

Emil Lamp, who is going to Iowa, has left his farm residence by air, hauled out lumber for a temporary abode, awaiting the completion of a modern work on which will begin at an early date.

Wheat and oats in this vicinity are showing out very well, wheat yielding as high as forty-six bushels, corn as high as thirty-five bushels. Corn is standing up well in spite of the dry weather.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Buns, left Thursday, July 20, for Denver, Colo., in the hope of benefiting the bonds. Mr. Buns, who has been an invalid for some time. They were accompanied by Misses Mary Girt and Mary Eide.

William P. Mangold, cashier of the F. & M. bank, Gretna, Neb., and family, stopped over last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mangold in Gretna, Neb., going via the auto route. They expect to stay several days there with relatives and friends. They will return to Gretna here by Earl and sister, Miss Emma.

Mike Kendra was a visitor through this section this week. The Misses Hermita and Irma Peterson were in Fremont on Wednesday.

Henry Roberts of Tekamah is looking over business interests this week. Miss Mattie Gaines is in Lyons this week visiting her sister, Mrs. Erwin Lewis.

Mrs. Mary (Mrs. Gifford) Blair is visiting Arlington friends on Wednesday. A party composed of Blair and Omaha young people are camping at the park this week.

The German Methodist Episcopal Sunday school held their annual picnic at Elnor's grove on Tuesday.

W. H. Epling of Blair was here Wednesday. Mr. Epling is a candidate for the republican nomination for county treasurer.

M. A. Sams of Powhuska, Okl., was visiting friends here on Tuesday. He is superintendent of schools at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Runnoll returned home this week after a six weeks' visit with relatives of Union Star, Twin City and other Missouri points.

Ray T. W. Gardner, editor of the Congregationalist, is in town this week in the interest of his paper. He was at the same time pastor of the Blair church, where he is well known.

Mrs. Jennie Glover and daughter Dorothy visited here on Tuesday. Mrs. Glover had her arm broken in an automobile accident, is improving nicely.

Miss Lois Nesbit left Saturday with a party of Omaha acquaintances on an outing at Lake Okoboji in northern Iowa. W. R. Wickham and wife of Kalamazoo, Mich., are in Tekamah visiting at the home of their son Charles and family.

Sheriff and Mrs. L. D. Phillips and their daughter, Miss Goldie, went to Yankton, S. D., Tuesday on their auto. They will visit relatives there.

Two Men Are Held for Nine Robberies

Police Say They Have Confessions from a Brace of Daylight Robbers.

The police assert they have confessions from two prisoners clearing up nine robberies which have been committed in Omaha during the last four weeks. They are H. Huff, 231 Burt street, and George Duermeyer, 1119 William street. They have been in jail several days, having been arrested on suspicion by Officers Ring and Van Dusen. The police say the robbers have robbed the following homes:

- C. H. Fahn, 436 California. H. Hanson, 2015 Chicago. William Brown, 1718 North Twenty-fifth. O. Peterson, 293 Chicago. Clarence Jones, 2418 Spencer. J. Van Vleet, 273 Fruit. V. H. Giddings, 194 Ohio. A. O. Butler, 1911 South Twenty-second. M. Thompson, 1716 North Twenty-fifth.

DUNDEE VILLAGERS UNITED

In Spite of United Protest Against a Second Store Another is Being Built.

Villagers of Dundee are finally united upon a question. Although dwellers of the town are desirous to take different sides of questions which appear, there is a united protest against a second store going up in Dundee, but in spite of all the protests the foundation is being dug for a store for L. Sommer, forty-ninth and Dodge streets. The store of Dundee burned a couple of weeks ago, but are being rebuilt.

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of Mead, Neb., and family visited this week with their parents in Blair and was accompanied home by Mrs. Smith's sister, Miss Merle Taylor.

Congressman G. O. Lobeck spent a few hours in Blair last Friday, shaking hands with his friends. He called upon Veterans' clubs nearby in regard to an increase in his pension.

Richard Dixon, son of Earl Dixon, is in the United States navy. He was with the big fleet around the world and thinks some of re-enlisting for service again.

Valley. Mrs. W. F. Miller is visiting in Blair, Neb. Rev. and Mrs. Shawkey spent Wednesday in Fremont.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Wright of Benson spent Sunday in Valley. Miss May Nichols is visiting Mrs. Goshard Pollack at Tilden, Neb.

A. J. McClung spent the week with his parents at Cedar Rapids, Neb. Fred Heimbach visited her sister, Mrs. E. E. Zimmerman, in Wahoo, over Sunday.

Miss Emma Kennedy of Lincoln is visiting here. Mrs. C. A. and J. A. H. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Newton of Sunderland, Mass., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Whitmore.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Whitmore, Frances and Ruth, attended the missionary conference in Omaha. The funeral of Harry Heikman, who died Saturday, was held at the Hickson home Sunday afternoon.

George Mettenald of Omaha, a former Valley man, was married Wednesday at Long Grove, Neb., to Miss Bonnie Barker of that city.

At a meeting of the Valley Commercial club this week the following business men were accepted as new members: A. J. Hieber, R. A. Hieber, H. H. Hieber, H. H. Smith, C. B. Nichols and J. P. Foster.

Springfield. Mr. and Mrs. John Davidson of Chicago are here on a visit to W. H. Davidson. Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Swain of Chicago are guests of the E. M. Swain family.

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EVERYTHING a Man Wears now "CUT" to the limit here



It's "Clearance" time and The Palace "Clears" things with a VIM! No "Dope" or beautiful flowing sentences about values; just a line up of prices that are not apt to be IMITATED.

1/2 Price on Suits that were competition proof even before the prices were reduced 1/2

Just as snappy; just as finely made; just as well known brands as those quoted at stores that charge for "name" instead of intrinsic value.

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Any Straw Hat 98c (Panama Hats Excepted)

Buy Enough Furnishings Here Saturday to Last You for a Year. It Will Pay You To

Recent Sensation Pants Sale Continues

This is the remainder of the 3,700 pairs purchased at 53c on the \$ from Cohen, Goldman & Co., New York's famous pants makers. All in styles and fabrics of now; precise in fit; handsome in finish.

- \$1.75 Pants at .98c \$3.00 Pants at \$1.48 \$5.00 Pants at \$2.48 Khaki Pants at .98c

GOOD WORSTED PANTS NOW 79c A PAIR.

Advertisement for 'The Palace' clothing store, featuring the text 'Oxfords "Cut" \$3.50, \$4, \$5 King Quality \$2.69' and 'Cuts on Shoes Men's \$2.25 Calf Skins at \$1.48'.

Standard Drugs, Toilet Articles and Rubber Goods on Special Sale

The prices named below are in some instances such as prevail every day at our stores—but other items are on sale for the day only. We guarantee each item purchased at our stores to be genuine and of standard quality. Cut Prices on Standard Proprietary Medicines

- 1.00 Pinkham's Compound for .80c 1.00 Hexal Vegetable Comp. for 80c 50c Charles' Flesh Food .20c 50c William Jersey Cream .20c 50c Nickel Soap Box 25c for both. EXTRA SATURDAY SPECIALS 4 cakes Ivory Soap for .15c 3 cakes Wool Soap for .10c 1-lb. Mule Team Borax .07c 15c Peroxide for .09c Eagle Condensed Milk .14c Hires' Root Beer, enough to make 5 gallons, for .14c

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More healthful than Tea or Coffee. Agrees with the weakest digestion. Delicious, invigorating and nutritious. Rich milk, malted grain, powder form.

A quick lunch prepared in a minute. Take no substitute. Ask for HORLICK'S. Others are imitations.

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Vacation Trip Contest Ends July 31

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The Boston Lunch

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