

WATER BONDS WASTED?

Expensively Engraved Issue Likely to Be of Little Use.

BOARD WORKS BACKWARDS

Large Expense is Already Incurred in Printing and in Trips to New York City for Member and Attorney.

Will the expensively engraved bonds prepared by the water board, and representing an outlay to the taxpayers of nearly \$1,000, have to be torn up and thrown in the waste basket?

It looks as if this question might have to be answered in the affirmative, and thereby hang a tale.

After two costly and unnecessary special elections, the people of Omaha last August authorized the issue of water bonds in the sum of \$5,500,000, to run for thirty years, bearing interest at a rate not to exceed 4 1/2 per cent. They had previously authorized an issue of \$2,500,000 water bonds, bearing 4 per cent interest, which had proved to be unmarketable.

The usual course pursued in issuing municipal bonds has been to invite proposals, and accept bids providing for purchase at a stipulated price and delivery on a certain date, and then have the bonds made up to conform to the terms of the contract.

In the case of the \$5,500,000 water bonds the water board, exercising its paramount authority, and being eager to get possession of the water works immediately, if not sooner, reversed the order and had the bonds printed first. Without any effort to ascertain whether they could be floated at a lower interest rate the water board financiers had the bonds made out bearing the full 4 1/2 per cent interest. According to the proposition voted on the interest is payable January 1 and July 1 each year, but the board has had the bonds made up dated December 15, 1911, with sixty-one interest coupons instead of sixty, the first coupon calling for \$1.57 as fifteen days' interest and the last coupon calling for \$9.53 as interest for six months less fifteen days.

It has so transpired that the period covered by the first coupon has already elapsed, involving the necessity of cancelling it, and it is not certain that the second coupon will not have to go the same way. Whether it does or not, at the instance of the water board the bonds have already for the most part been signed up by Mayor "Jim," but if not issued before he ceases to be mayor his signature will be no good, and, at any rate, if they are to run for thirty years from issue, they will have to be reissued.

The cost to taxpayers of these water bonds to date is as follows:

Klopp, Bartlett & Co., printing.....	\$1,377.15
Klopp, Bartlett & Co., envelopes.....	30.00
J. E. Howell, trip to New York.....	143.25
John L. Webster, trip to New York.....	156.50
Telegraphing.....	9.80
Total.....	\$1,716.70

Deputy Sheriffs Ask County to Pay for Their Bonds

Twelve deputy sheriffs appointed and employed by Sheriff F. J. McShane, Jr., have asked the Board of County Commissioners to pay for their bonds, but the board will not do so unless its mind undergoes some change. The bonds are for \$2,000 each, and the price is \$2 each or less a dozen.

"We don't have to pay for the bonds, according to law, and we don't think we should," said John C. Lynch, chairman of the board. "Before the last legislature raised their salaries to \$100 the deputies got only \$50 and four years ago they got only \$30 and worked twelve hours a day. Now they only have to work eight hours a day and they get \$100. We figure the jobs are good enough for the men to pay for their own bonds."

Little Suffering in Country Towns

Notwithstanding the severe weather railroads are receiving few reports of suffering in the rural sections. Supplies are holding out well and there is no immediate danger of a serious shortage.

Last night the Great Western received notice that along its line in western Iowa coal and some lines of provisions were running low. This morning a train of nineteen cars loaded with coal, flour, meat and other necessities was started out. The provisions will be distributed all towns along the line.

Money Contributed for Charity's Sake

Friday morning's mail at the city hall brought joy to Miss Jonts of the Associated Charities. When she had finished opening the letters addressed to the Charities office she found that nearly \$50 had been contributed from several anonymous sources. Besides the unsigned contributions there were eight other letters containing money ranging in sums from \$1 to \$10.

In the report for December, 1911, it is shown that the total number of cases handled for the month was 1,382, against 961 in the corresponding month of 1910.

Morrison Will Not Come to Testify

City Clerk Butler is in receipt of a telegram from A. O. Morrison, who was wanted by the city council as a witness in the paving inquiry now in progress, that he will not be able to come to Omaha, his business in the east, requiring his attention at once.

Morrison had wired previously that he would be in Omaha today to tell his story.

WINTHROP AND SMITH GIVEN FILING BLANKS

City Clerk Dan B. Butler issued two more commission blanks yesterday morning to Max Winthrop and Charles E. Smith.

A Horrible Death may result from diseased lungs. Cure Coughs and Weak, Sore Lungs with Dr. King's New Discovery. 50c and \$1.00. For sale by Beaton Drug Co.



As true wood as forest ever grew

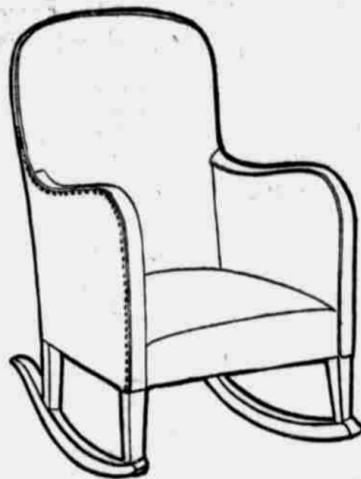
Nothing trashy, nothing hastily-put together, nothing that we cannot guarantee in this greatest January sale of furniture

IT is a pleasure to one who admires artistic and true wood to pass through the aisles of our furniture—much like a journey through a forest, where the fragrant woods stand majestically, at home with the winds, the sun, the stars and birds. The sight of many of these furniture pieces stirs up just such pleasant thoughts as the giant trees of the forest form in the mind of him who rests beneath their sheltering branches. One's eye will readily declare this furniture to be economical. The first feature of a good furniture sale is economy, a fact well to remember. There is no economy in gathering into your home poorly-made, quickly thrown-together pieces. Such furniture is not economy furniture. People will always buy where they can save the most on good furniture. So they buy here, where they get true wood. Every piece is an honorable piece, with the strength of the forest and the comfort of fireside in it. These furniture pieces are economically priced—some 60 per cent below former modest figures. It is all good furniture—all guaranteed.

- \$150.00 Overstuffed Davenport—Wool upholstery; 7 feet, 6 inches long; comfortable and durable **\$110.00**
- \$10.00 Steel Bed—Vernis Martin finish; full and three-quarter sizes **\$5.50**
- \$39.00 Brass Bed—Satin and polish finish; 2-inch tubing; seven one-inch fillers **\$24.50**
- \$32.00 Brass Bed—Four poster; full size; strong pillars **\$20.00**
- \$18.00 Brass Bed—Satin finish; 2-inch continuous posts; 5 three-quarter inch fillers..... **\$15.00**
- \$16.00 Brass Bungalow Bed—Excellent quality; strongly made **\$14.00**
- \$25.00 Brass Post Bed—Handsome model; 2-inch post; 7 1-inch fillers; full size..... **\$20.00**
- \$20.00 Dressing Table—Beautiful mahogany; every department finely finished; roomy compartments; large plate mirror **\$14.00**
- \$15.00 Fumed Oak Chair—All-Over Spanish leather seat; strong legs and high back... **\$10.00**
- \$36.00 Fumed Oak Hall Clock—Accurately timed; masterfully built, and finely finished **\$18.00**
- \$45.00 Fumed Oak Clock—Every part is the result of thorough workmanship; accurately timed, for **\$22.50**
- \$22.00 Mahogany Ladies' Desk—Two large drawers; several compartments; size of writing bed 28x30 inches **\$17.00**
- \$200.00 Mahogany Clock—Queen Anne period; staunch, majestic article, with every part detailed to perfection; handsome; 7 feet, 6 inches high; for **\$100.00**
- \$55.00 Mahogany Library Table—Beautiful construction, heavy lines; 54 inches in oval **\$42.00**
- \$48.00 Gentleman's Auto Valet—Beautiful oak; eight commodious drawers; 38x21 ins.; five feet high, for **\$43.00**
- \$16.50 Table Desk—Mahogany; 32x24; disappearing writing bed and drawer **\$14.50**
- \$80.00 Mahogany Parlor Suite—Three pieces, rocker, chair and settee; leather seats and backs **\$65.00**
- \$32.00 Golden Oak Dresser—Serpentine front; French plate mirror, 23x30 inches..... **\$20.00**
- \$26.00 Princess Dresser—Quarter sawed oak; size 21x46 inches; three large drawers; French plate mirror with beveled edges, 24x40 inches **\$23.00**

- \$60.00 Gentleman's Valet—Mahogany; double doors; size 44x22 inches; seven spacious drawers; sliding mirror; large suit section, with hangers, necktie and whisk broom attachment **\$54.00**
- \$16.00 Settee—Imitation mahogany; leather seat; four feet long **\$9.00**
- \$25.00 Serving Table—Mahogany; size 18x36 inches; graceful legs **\$16.00**
- \$110.00 China Cabinet—Double doors; Colonial design; mirror back; mullion doors; size 14x36 inches; height 4 feet, 11 inches **\$65.00**

- \$21.50 Mahogany Serving Table—Scroll Colonial design; one large drawer; size 17x34 inches **\$19.50**
- \$25.50 Dresser—Golden oak; size 21x46 ins.; four large drawers; French plate mirror, 26x32 inches, for **\$23.00**
- \$10.75 Fumed Oak Chair—Spanish leather seat; made to endure for years **\$7.50**
- \$75.00 Dresser—Cream enamel; Louis XVI period; French beveled plate mirror, 30x40 inches **\$45.00**
- \$25.00 Library Table—Pretty golden oak; massive scrolls; possessed of that substantial, giant appearance **\$15.00**
- \$63.00 China Cabinet—Solid mahogany; mullion doors; glass sides; Colonial style..... **\$40.00**
- \$47.00 Davenport—Deep seated; oak frame; green denim upholstery **\$30.00**
- \$60.00 Chiffonier—Beautiful crotch mahogany; six drawers; size of chiffonier 21x34 inches; Jenny Lind style **\$38.00**
- \$80.00 Chiffonier—White enamel; six drawers; size of chiffonier 20x25 inches; French plate mirror 21x34 inches **\$40.00**
- \$100.00 Davenport—Mahogany frame; deep-seated; upholstered in panne plush; five feet, length, 66 inches **\$60.00**
- \$38.00 Settee—Solid mahogany; green denim upholstery; 48 inches long; very fine article **\$20.00**
- \$31.00 Table Desk—Sheraton design; solid mahogany; size 20x36 inches; four large drawers; four compartments **\$20.00**
- \$63.00 Serving Table—Solid mahogany; size 21x48 inches; four spacious drawers, scroll Colonial model **\$35.00**
- \$58.00 Circassian Walnut Chiffonier—Beautiful Chippendale model; with seven large drawers; size 40x21 inches **\$40.00**
- \$40.00 Table Desk—Chippendale; five drawers, four compartments; size 21x40 inches. **\$30.00**
- \$25.00 Ladies' Writing Desk—Mahogany; heavy writing bed, with newly patented supporting rods; neatly appointed **\$20.00**
- \$40.00 Parlor Suite—Three pieces, settee, rocker and chair; beautiful oak; leather seats and backs; roomy and massive **\$34.00**
- \$13.50 Oak Rocker—Leather seat and back; strongly built; very comfortable **\$11.75**



- \$29.50 Rocker—One of the most substantially erected rockers in the store; filled with the comfort idea (like cut) **\$23.50**
- \$55.00 Pineapple Post Bed—Made of selected solid mahogany; graceful in every detail; full of fine workmanship, all sizes **\$50.00**
- \$75.00 Bed—Cream enamel; Louis XVI period; double cane foot and head; full size; handsome replica of an ancient bed **\$45.00**
- \$105.00 Buffet—Mahogany; three small drawers; size 23x54 inches; one linen drawer; large lower compartment; beveled French plate mirror, 9 1/2x48 inches **\$60.00**

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