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"Talking about subway explosions," said the Missouri colonel, addressing those who had been dilating upon the dangers of a great city, "reminds me of a little blow-up which occurred once on my daddy's farm."

"Natural gas?" queried the anticipating individual.

"Worse than that," answered the colonel.

"Oh, I see, it was a cyclone!" exclaimed the alleged funny man.

"Well, it was just as bad," said the colonel, "only in a different way. It was dynamite. I was only a small boy then, but I can hear that explosion yet. The old man was having a portion of the farm cleared and grubbed. He had to have it grubbed because the stumps were so thick you couldn't get through them with a one-horse plough. I often walked all over the field stepping from the top of one stump to another."

"The usual way of grubbing was to dig up the stump and then fill in the hole, which was a perfectly safe way. But the old man was a person of advanced ideas and was always trying to improve on existing machinery and methods. He had been growling all summer about the slow work of grubbing and was wishing for some new-fangled process of pulling stumps. He had tried several of his own inventions, but all had failed."

"One Saturday afternoon he returned from the post-office in a jubilant state of mind. His weekly paper, 'devoted to agricultural interests,' contained an account of how dynamite could be utilized in pulling stumps and the business advertisement of the enterprising individual who had fixed up the stuff for that purpose. The old man ordered some at once. It came to the nearest railway station packed in cotton, sawdust, and other things. I went with him after it, and when we got there a crowd was standing around the box reading the danger signs which had been written all over it by the express agent."

"I drove home, and the old man held the box in his lap. It took about three hours to get it open, as he worked on it like it was a soft-shelled egg. At last he got to the centre of the package and found a small wooden box. The whole family held their breath while he slowly drew off the top. It contained a quantity of lumps or flakes, each about the size of a pea. The old man christened them pills on sight. A small roll of tin-foil held enough fuses to go round."

"The old man skimmed over the directions and started for the stump-patch. He made us boys wait on a hill, some two or three hundred yards away, while he and the hired man selected the biggest stump in the patch excavated under it, planted the pill, and lit the fuse."

"I suppose they were nearly killed?" interrupted the anticipating individual. "No, indeed," replied the colonel, "nothing of the sort. The thing worked like a charm. The stump was lifted as easily as I would pull a weed, and there wasn't much of a shock either."

"I thought you said there was an explosion?" said the alleged funny man cynically.

"I'm coming to that," resumed the colonel complacently. "When the old man finished blowing up stumps he had a handful of the pills left, and he didn't know what to do with them. He was afraid to take them in the house, and he was afraid to put them in the barn or any place he could think of. In an unused lot behind the barn was a pile of rotting sawdust. The old man remembered that the dynamite came packed in sawdust, and he hastened to inter the remaining pills in the heap."

"During the threshing season several pecks of wheat and oats had been spilled in that same heap of sawdust, and one day not long after the pills had been hidden a greedy hog succeeded in squeezing through the fence into the lot and proceeded to gleefully root up the sawdust in quest of the grain. I can't for the life of me imagine how that hog ever did it, but it swallowed some of those dynamite pills without exploding them. After snorting in the sawdust to its satisfaction, it returned to the main lot and entered the barn, where a young and reckless mule was tied. You can guess the rest: the mule kicked the hog."

"We had just sat down to dinner when it happened. The house shook, the dishes danced on the table, and dear old mother fainted. We thought it was an earthquake. The old man jumped up and ran out into the yard, us boys following."

"Great Jupiter! Half the barn was gone—scattered all over the lot and adjoining field. The old man gazed on the scene of desolation and, with remarkable calmness, said,—

"It's them infernal pills."

"We found a hoof and a few pieces of hair and hide which once belonged to the hog. The young and reckless mule was not in sight. While searching the weeds in the lot for traces of his anatomy, I heard a feeble bray from the section of the barn which remained standing. The mule was lying on the flat roof of the side shed and, evidently, had just regained consciousness."

At this point there was a unanimous protest from the crowd, and the colonel concluded,—

"To his dying day that mule was never known to kick anything again."—James Ravenscroft, in Lippincott's.

Notice to Creditors.

Estate No. 172 of James H. Auld, deceased, in County Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska.

The State of Nebraska, ss.: Creditors of said estate will take notice that the time limited for presentation and filing of claims against said estate is October 15, 1903, and for payment of debts is May 2, 1904; that I will sit at the county court room in said county, on July 15, 1903, at 2 P. M., and on October 15, 1903, at 2 P. M., to receive, examine, hear, allow or adjust all claims and objections duly filed. Dated March 12, 1903.

FRANK R. WATERS, County Judge.
By WALTER A. LEESE, Clerk.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the Philharmonic Society of Lincoln, Nebraska, has been organized and incorporated. The name of the corporation is "The Philharmonic Society of Lincoln, Nebraska." The principal place of transacting its business is in the city of Lincoln, Nebraska. The general nature of the business to be transacted is for the advancement of music and to encourage its study, to purchase music, and to acquire, buy, own, sell, lease or rent such real estate as may be necessary to carry out the objects of the corporation. The capital stock is one thousand dollars, divided into one hundred shares of ten dollars each. No individual shareholder can at any time hold more than ten shares of stock. The corporation shall commence business at the time of the adoption of its articles of incorporation and shall terminate January 1, 1902. No indebtedness of the corporation shall at any time be incurred. The affairs of the corporation shall be conducted by a board of not exceeding seven trustees. Officers shall consist of a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer.

ALEX BERGER, President.
F. M. HALL, Secretary.

NOTICE OF FINAL REPORT.

Estate No. 153 of Peter Hogan, deceased, in county court of Lancaster county, Nebraska.

The state of Nebraska, To all persons interested in said estate, take notice, that the administrator has filed a final account and report of his administration, and a petition for final settlement and discharge as such, which have been set for hearing before said court on March 30th, 1903, at 1 o'clock p. m., when you may appear and contest the same.

Dated March 6, 1903.
FRANK R. WATERS, County Judge.
By WALTER A. LEESE, Clerk.

No. 10. An Ordinance

Submitting to a vote of the legal voters of the City of Lincoln, Lancaster county, Nebraska, at the general city election to be held in April, 1903, a proposition authorizing the mayor and council of said city to borrow money and pledge the credit and property of said city on its negotiable bond in the amount of (\$34,500) Thirty-four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars for the purpose of constructing certain sewer extensions described in the body of this ordinance, prescribing the form of ballot, the places and time of voting and authorizing the said mayor and council to levy a tax on all taxable property of said City of Lincoln in addition to all other taxes for the payment of said bond and interest thereon as the same may become due and payable.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska:

Section 1. At the general city election to be held in the city of Lincoln, county of Lancaster, and state of Nebraska, on the seventh day of April, 1903, there shall be submitted to a vote of the legal voters of said city the following proposition, viz:

Shall the mayor and city council of the city of Lincoln, Lancaster county, be authorized to construct sewer connections as follows: (a) A covered storm water sewer 6 by 10, either brick or concrete, on N street from the east side of Fourth street to the west side of First street, west to the new channel of Salt creek; (b) a circular storm water sewer four feet in diameter on B street from the east side of Eighth street to the west side of Fourth street; (c) extension of B street storm water sewer from Thirtieth to Seventeenth streets, 36-inch vitrified pipe sewer, with the necessary catch basin connection; (d) extension of the B street storm water sewer from Twenty-seventh and R streets east on R street to Twenty-eighth, south on Twenty-eighth street to P street, thence east on P street to Twenty-ninth street, thence south to O street; (e) extension of the combined storm water sewer and sanitary sewer on Nineteenth street from Nineteenth and J streets to the alley south of J street, 15-inch pipe, and to alley between G and H, 8-inch pipe; (f) extension of combined sewer on J, K and L streets from Twenty-first to Twenty-second streets, 15-inch pipe and extension of combined sewer on U street from Nineteenth to Twentieth streets; (g) storm water sewer on Twenty-seventh and Starr streets, 4 feet by 10 feet, brick or concrete; and to borrow money and pledge the credit and property of said city of Lincoln, upon its negotiable bond in the amount of Thirty-four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$34,500) for the purpose of constructing said sewer extensions; and to levy on all taxable property in said city of Lincoln in addition to all other taxes an annual tax for the payment of the interest on said bonds as it becomes due, and a tax to pay the principal of said bond when it shall become due.

Sec. 2. The ballots submitting said proposition shall have written or printed thereon substantially the following:

"Shall the city of Lincoln issue bonds in the sum of Thirty-four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$34,500) to construct certain sewer extensions in said city, and to levy a tax for payment of principal and interest?" Yes.

"Shall the city of Lincoln issue bonds in the sum of Thirty-four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$34,500) to construct certain sewer extensions in said city, and to levy a tax for payment of principal and interest?" No.

Sec. 3. The vote upon said proposition shall be had and taken at the several places in said city where the said general city election on said day shall be held.

Sec. 4. The polls at the said election shall be open between the hours of eight o'clock a. m. and seven o'clock p. m.

Sec. 5. The judges and clerks for each voting place at said general city election shall keep said ballots in a separate box and make returns thereof to the mayor and council of said city, who shall canvass the vote and declare the result thereon at the first regular meeting after such election, or as soon hereafter as practicable.

Sec. 6. Should a majority of the ballots cast at said election be in the affirmative or for said proposition, then the mayor and council of said city shall be authorized to construct the sewer extensions hereinbefore described; and to issue the bonds of said city and levy such taxes at the times and for the purposes and upon the conditions specified in this ordinance.

Sec. 7. It shall be the duty of the mayor and clerk of said city when so instructed by an ordinance duly passed by the mayor and council of said city, to sign and attest said bonds and affix thereto the seal of the city of Lincoln.

Sec. 8. The said bond shall draw interest at the rate of 4 per cent per annum from the date of their delivery, payable semi-annually, said interest to be evidenced by coupons thereto attached. Said bonds shall be drawn payable to bearer, one-tenth each year after the tenth year and all redeemable at the option of the city at any time after ten years from their date, and shall bear date of the day of their delivery; and the interest and principal of said bond shall be payable at the Nebraska Fiscal Agency in the city of New York county and state of New York.

Sec. 9. Before negotiating the sale of said bonds, the mayor and council shall invite bids therefor by giving thirty days notice thereof in two newspapers published and of general circulation in the city of Lincoln, and said notice shall reserve to the mayor and council of said city of Lincoln the right to reject any and all bids received therefor. The said bonds shall be sold for cash to the best and highest responsible bidder therefor, but in no case shall said bonds be sold for less than the par or face value thereof.

Sec. 10. The proceeds of the sale of said bonds shall be paid to the treasurer of the city of Lincoln immediately on the sale thereof and shall be placed by said treasurer to the credit of the sewer fund. Said bonds shall be denominated "Sewer Extension Bonds Series." The money obtained therefor shall be used for the purposes hereinbefore specified and the necessary expenses connected therewith and for no other purpose.

Sec. 11. The proposition for the construction of said sewer extensions, the issuance of said bonds and the levying of the taxes herein provided shall be published for at least thirty days prior to April 1, 1903, in two newspapers published and in general circulation in the city of Lincoln.

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, approval and publication according to law. Introduced by Wm. Albers. Passed February 3, 1903. Approved February 10, 1903. H. J. WINNETT, Mayor. Attest: THOS. H. PRATT, City Clerk (Seal.)

No. 147.

AN ORDINANCE

Submitting to a vote of the legal voters of the City of Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, at the general city election in April, 1903, a proposition authorizing the mayor and council of said city to borrow money and pledge the credit and property of said city upon its negotiable bonds to an amount not exceeding Sixty-five Thousand Dollars, for the purpose of constructing an electric lighting plant, prescribing the form of ballot and places and time of voting and authorizing the said council to levy a tax on all taxable property of said city in addition to all other taxes for the payment of said bonds and interest thereon as the same may become due and payable.

Be it Ordained by the Mayor and Council of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska:

Section 1. At the general city election to be held in the City of Lincoln, County of Lancaster and State of Nebraska, on the 7th day of April, A. D. 1903, there shall be submitted to a vote of the legal voters of said city the following proposition, viz:

Shall the mayor and city council of the City of Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, be authorized to construct at the Rice Pumping Station an electric lighting plant for said city of sufficient capacity to light the streets, alleys, parks and city buildings of said city, to borrow money and pledge the credit and property of said city upon its negotiable bonds to an amount not exceeding Sixty-five Thousand Dollars for the purpose of constructing said electric lighting plant and purchasing the appliances and personal property necessary therefor and to levy on the taxable property of said city in addition to all other taxes an annual tax for the payment of the interest on said bonds as it becomes due and a tax to pay the principal of said bonds when it shall become due.

Section 2. The ballot submitting said proposition shall have written or printed thereon or partly written or printed thereon the words:

Shall the City of Lincoln issue bonds in the sum of Sixty-five Thousand Dollars to construct at the Rice Pumping Station an electric lighting plant for lighting the streets, alleys, parks and city buildings and to levy a tax for payment of principal and interest. Yes.

Shall the City of Lincoln issue bonds in the sum of Sixty-five Thousand Dollars to construct at the Rice Pumping Station an electric lighting plant for lighting the streets, alleys, parks and city buildings and to levy a tax for payment of principal and interest. No.

Section 3. The vote upon said proposition shall be held and taken at the several places in said city where the said general city election on said day shall be held.

Section 4. The polls at the said election shall be opened between the hours of eight o'clock A. M. and seven o'clock P. M.

Section 5. The judges and clerks for each voting place at said general city election shall keep said ballots in a separate box and make returns thereof to the mayor and council of said city, who shall canvass the vote and declare the result thereon at the first regular meeting after such election, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

Section 6. Should a majority of the ballots cast upon said proposition at said election be in the affirmative or for said proposition, then the mayor and council of said city shall be authorized to construct said electric lighting plant and to issue bonds and levy such taxes at the times for the purposes and upon the conditions therein specified in this ordinance.

Section 7. It shall be the duty of the mayor and clerk of said city when so instructed by an ordinance duly passed by the mayor and council of said City of Lincoln, to sign and attest said bonds and affix thereto the seal of the City of Lincoln.

Section 8. The said bonds shall draw interest at the rate of four per cent per annum from the date of their delivery, payable semi-annually, said interest to be evidenced by coupons thereto attached. Said bonds shall be drawn payable to bearer one-tenth each year, after the tenth year, and all redeemable at the option of the city at any time after ten years from their date and shall bear date of the day of their delivery and the interest and principal of said bonds shall be payable at the Nebraska Fiscal Agency in the City of New York, County and State of New York.

Section 9. Before negotiating the sale of said bonds, the mayor and council shall invite bids therefor by giving thirty days notice thereof in two newspapers published and of general circulation in said city, and said notice shall reserve to the mayor and council of said city the right to reject any and all bids received therefor. The said bonds shall be sold for cash to the best and highest responsible bidder therefor, but in no case shall said bonds be sold for less than the par or face value thereof.

Section 10. The proceeds of the sale of said bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer of the City of Lincoln immediately on the sale thereof and shall be placed by said Treasurer to the credit of the "Lighting Plant Fund." Said bonds shall be denominated "Lighting Plant Bonds, First Series." The money obtained therefor shall be used for the purpose hereinbefore specified and the necessary expenses connected therewith and for no other purpose.

Section 11. The proposition for the construction of said electric lighting plant, the issuance of such bonds and the levying of the taxes herein provided shall be published for at least thirty days in two newspapers published and of general circulation in said city.

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, approval and publication, according to law. Introduced by John S. Bishop as amendment. Passed March 2, 1903. Approved March 6, 1903. H. J. WINNETT, Mayor. Attest: THOS. H. PRATT, City Clerk (Seal.)

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