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WHY DON'T THEY ANSWER?

The List of Questions Which After Having in Their Possession a Week, the Bond Committee Answered With a Story About a Brindle Cow!

DOES THAT ANSWER SATISFY YOU?

The following communication was handed to the bond committee Feb. 12. Not one of the questions it asks has yet been answered, except by one of the committee in a public speech who said the questions reminded him of the story of the brindle cow. Now every one of these questions must receive a practical answer if the city is to take possession of the gas plant. If those who are leading this movement are unable to answer them, are they qualified to manage so important a business as the gas plant will be? If they are unwilling to answer them must it not be because they fear their answers would influence the people to vote against the bonds? Read the questions and decide for yourself whether you want to have them answered before you vote for bonds.

Hon. W. S. Hendricks and others of the Committee who favor City Ownership of Gas Plant.

Gentlemen: We understand that some of the citizens of Iola who favor city ownership have selected you for the purpose of conducting the present campaign and if possible to vote \$38,000 in bonds for the purpose of purchasing the present gas plant.

You are aware that other citizens of Iola who oppose city ownership have selected the undersigned as a committee to conduct this campaign and if possible prevent the issuing of \$38,000 in bonds for that purpose. It is true that during the past month the gas question has been discussed by speakers who represent your views also by the press of our city and at present some of our citizens appear to believe that the only persons who oppose city ownership are the Gas Company and they have arrayed themselves against the interest of the entire city. You have doubtless seen the protests of different kinds that have been published in our city papers signed by a very large number of our citizens who do not believe that city ownership would be best for Iola but that the real question is: "Is it for the best interest of Iola to purchase the gas plant," and that the gentlemen who own gas stock are no more interested in deciding this question than any other citizen. If the above is correct it appears to us the questions now being asked by voters should be answered by you early in this campaign in order that they may be prepared to cast an intelligent vote, and if you favor city ownership you should be so informed that you could answer them. We will submit to your consideration some of these questions and trust they will be answered by you with the same fairness that prompts us to ask them.

1. Is not the present bonded debt of Allen county \$136,700.00 due in 1900 with a sinking fund of only some \$16,000.00 now on hand? Is not the present bonded debt of Iola township for bridge bonds \$29,700.00 due in 1900? Is not the present bonded debt of Iola township for R. R. \$33,500.00 due in 1901? Is not the present bonded debt of Iola city for R. R. \$29,500.00 due in 1901? If the above is correct or substantially so do you not think that with the addition of school bonds we will have to vote this year that we will have bonds and taxes enough to satisfy the tax payers in Iola, especially when all of the bonds come due in the near future?

2. Do you not believe that the present price of gas fixed by the decree of the court is binding on the present gas company during the life of their franchise the same after the two years option expires as before? If you answer no, do you not know that the Gas Company has always so construed the decree of the court and has agreed, at the request of the tax payers and the same has been published in the city papers, that the city attorney or any other attorney may, without resistance from them, procure a supplementary decree from the court that would bind them and their successors and settle this question beyond a doubt?

3. Please inform us when the proposed bonds, if voted, are to be paid. Your petition is silent on this question.

4. In the event that the bonds are voted and issued, what rate of interest will they bear? Will the interest be 2 per cent or 3 per cent? Who is to determine when the bonds are to be paid, and the rate of interest? Are not the voters and tax payers of Iola entitled to a positive answer to these questions before the day of election?

5. Is there any fair proposition you can suggest that will permanently settle this gas question and prevent the city incurring further indebtedness? If so please state it.

6. What is your estimate of the yearly income of the gas plant?

7. Do you expect the city of Iola to grow as rapidly during the next year as it did the past year?

8. What amount do you estimate the city will expend yearly in operating the plant including salaries?

9. What amount do you estimate the city will expend yearly in making extension of the plant?

10. What amount do you estimate the city will expend for repairs each year.

11. How do you arrive at the amount necessary to be expended for repairs and extensions each year.

12. We all know that natural gas is an explosive and dangerous substance; that it must be used with great care; that slight negligence on the part of those managing its plant may result in great loss of both life and property; that employees of a city are as apt to be careless as other employees and that the city may be compelled to defend in damages for their negligence; therefore, we ask, in estimating the profits to be derived from the operation of the gas plant, have you taken into consideration the liability of the city to pay heavy damages for injuries resulting from the negligence of those placed in charge of the plant?

13. If you answer the last question in the affirmative please give your estimate of the possible liabilities of the city.

14. Is the price of gas as fixed by the decree of the court satisfactory to those favoring city ownership of the gas plant?

15. If you answer the last question in the negative please state wherein such prices are unsatisfactory.

16. If the city becomes the owner of the gas plant will present prices be maintained? If not please state what the change will be.

17. As under the new law the mayor and councilmen hold office for a limited time, please state by what method you propose to maintain such price as will insure the payment of the bonds by the profit of the plant.

18. Should the gas company agree to surrender its exclusive franchise and furnish the city free during the life of its franchise, and agree to furnish to other consumers, gas at the present schedule rate as fixed by the decree of the court during the life of its franchise, and have the same engraved in a supplementary decree of the court that would bind the gas company and its successors; would you as a committee recommend that it should be accepted by those who favor city ownership?

With the consent of your chairman we hand you these questions, and we believe you have given the question of city ownership sufficient consideration to enable you to answer all of these questions fully. We request your answers be handed us by Tuesday, Feb. 15, 1898.

Very respectfully yours,
 A. L. TAYLOR,
 D. EWART,
 R. H. BRUNETT,
 W. L. BAUTELS,
 S. A. ELLIS,
 Committee.

Card of Thanks.
 I desire to thank my many friends for the liberal patronage they have given me in the short time of three years that I have been in business in Iola. I expect to remain a resident of Iola. My successors, Messrs. Tu-

dor and Coverdale, are both business men of ability and pleasant gentlemen socially and will treat you right. Yours Resp'y.
 J. S. McCLAIN.

Local Notes.

Dr. Fulton's advertisement for gas stock was hardly cold before several thousand dollars worth of that commodity was offered him. The Doctor accepted the proposition made by the Northrup and is now, we understand, the owner of \$1200 worth of the stock formerly owned by them. If there are any other capitalists who believe that the willingness of those owning the gas stock to unload is all a bluff, it is their turn to call. And talking about placing the stock in escrow, to be sold in case the bonds are defeated, there will be no trouble about that provided the money is put up to meet the payment, and provided also that the Standard Oil Company, or some other outside corporation, is not the real purchaser. The "escrow" ought not to be all on one side.

Some days ago a member of the city council stated that at the next meeting of that body action would be taken which would result in promptly driving the joints out of business. A bystander who overheard the remark offered to wager a considerable sum that no such action would be taken before the special election. The council met last night, and not a word was said about closing the joints. Was this merely an oversight, or did the man who offered to bet his money know what he was talking about?

If anyone wants to see the official copy of Mayor Jones' message from which a paragraph is quoted elsewhere in this paper, we shall be glad to show it to him.

So far as can be learned no one has yet offered to make a bond to indemnify the tax payers in case city ownership should not pan out as its advocates predict.

No one denies that the city has an absolute right to buy the gas plant. The question is: Is it good business sense for the city to exercise that right? The city has the right to order all the streets paved, but would it be good sense to do it?

To charge a newspaper with making statements which it never made, and then to prove those statements false, is an easy way to convict a newspaper of lying. But who is it that is really convicted, the paper which is misrepresented or the one which misrepresents?

This plant [the natural gas plant] has been a bone of contention from its earliest inception to the present moment. Popularly it is regarded as a colossal failure—having cost over a million dollars and having directly returned but a very small percentage of that sum to the city. The proposition now is this: What can be done with the Natural Gas Plant? Is there any way by which it can be made a paying property instead of a burden?—Extract from annual message of Samuel M. Jones Mayor of Toledo, Jan. 3, 1898.

A Good Letter from the Clerk of the District Court.
 FERNANDINA, Fla., Feb. 23, 1896
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19 lbs Granulated Sugar	1.00
20 lbs Extra C Sugar	1.00
21 lbs white cooking sugar	1.00
All package Coffee still going at	1.00
5 bars Silk Soap	.25
10 bars Fern Soap	.25
12 bars World Beater Soap	.25
6 O'Clock, Pearline and Sea Foam	.25
Yeast Foam	.04
9 lbs White Soap Beans	.25
2 lbs Hominy Flakes	.25
3 lbs Rolled Oats, oven baked	.25
25 oz. K. C. Baking Powder	.25
1 lb can Manhattan Baking Powder	.25
1 lb can Jack Frost Baking Powder	.25
1 lb can Iola Biscuit Baking Powder	.25
1 gal best Honey Drip syrup	.25
1 gal best Sugar Drip syrup	.25
1 gal Country sorghum	.25
1 lb Soda	.08
1 Rising Sun stove polish	.07
3 cans Tomatoes	.25
4 cans Corn	.25
2 lbs Soda Crackers	.15
2 lb can Mince Meat	.10
1 lb full Cream Cheese	.15
Pickles, per doz	.05
Sweet Pickles, 2 doz for	.15
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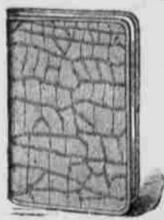
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