

Give Reasons for Favoring Franchise

BUSINESS MEN TALK ON WATERWORKS SITUATION

MASS MEETING AT MARKET STREET THEATRE ATTENDED BY MANY.

CITY MAY ACQUIRE PLANT

City Solicitor Jaques Explains How Ottumwa May Purchase Plant Without Taking Any Obligation—Other Prominent Speakers.

From Wednesday's Daily. "My principal reason for favoring the ratification of the franchise is because by that means the city will become the owner of the plant without spending a dollar, save the money in the treasury," said City Solicitor W. H. C. Jaques at the mass meeting in the Market street theatre last evening.

The meeting was called at a special session of the Commercial association last Friday evening. A number of speakers representing various walks of life were asked to address the meeting and many of them responded. T. D. Foster was chairman of the meeting and after calling the meeting to order he spoke in art as follows: "I presume you all know the purpose for which this meeting was called this evening. It is to discuss our city water proposition as it comes to us in the shape of a franchise offered by the city council, and which is to be presented to the voters for their approval or their disapproval. This city has arrived at a critical stage as regards its water supply. You all know something of it by the inconvenience you have been put to in the past few days. The matter is a serious one and deserves the closest consideration of the voters of the city."

Wrong Impressions. "There seems to be a misapprehension on the part of a large number of the citizens as to what effect the passage of the ordinance will have. The impression seems to have been formed in the minds of a great many that the city by passing the franchise will place itself in the hands and power of an unscrupulous corporation, looking at the present from the past. Now it is hardly necessary for me to state here my position regarding the old water company for I remember standing on this same platform and of using my best endeavors to defeat the passage of an ordinance to the old company. That the city has been used badly by that company in the past goes without saying. We all know something of this because we have experienced their meanness advanced toward our people in the inadequate service and more than ever by their overbearing manner toward our citizens. In every franchise the company looked for we were treated as if no one in the city of Ottumwa was entitled to recognition."

But since that time there has been a change in the temper and disposition on the part of the old waterworks people. It seems to me that they are realizing they have run up against something different. Realizing that the people of Ottumwa have a right to defend, that will be defended at cost and a considerable sacrifice. Two or three attempts were made to secure a satisfactory contract with the owners of the waterworks plant without any apparent concessions having been made."

Will Negotiate Fairly. "But after the election some few months ago, they realized they had to do something to meet the wishes of the people of Ottumwa and show the disposition to negotiate fairly, in a business way a gentlemanly way and in a considerate way. And when that dawned upon them, they consented to several of the concessions to which they had demurred. And now I believe they have no intention, but of giving an honest water supply to the city."

The ordinance was passed by the council and accepted with one or two minor exceptions. So as they have changed from their original position, we ought to change and give to them what a majority of the council, elected by the people, decided upon. It seems to me at this time we ought to come to an understanding. We must have a waterworks adequate for our growing city and this is the only resource we have."

Fruits of Rejection. "We come to the point of what will happen should the franchise be rejected. There is no question, it seems to me, about this. And that its rejection will bring about serious consequences. I grant that many have wells and cisterns and are independent as far as they are concerned of the waterworks company. But the question is, could not end there. These people have children going to school and school buildings cannot be kept sanitary without water. Factories will be crippled through lack of insurance, business men carrying large stocks of goods will be put to great inconvenience as their stocks will have to be greatly reduced, because of the lack of insurance."

CEDRIC SAFE CLARK GOES TO DEATH

NO REPORTS CONFIRMING RUMOR OF SINKING OF A BIG STEAMER.

Liverpool, Nov. 25.—A rumor was circulated in this city Sunday to the effect that the White Star steamship Cedric had been sunk in mid-ocean in a collision with the steamer Titian. The steamer Titian arrived on time off the Irish coast yesterday.

Signals Nothing Unusual. She reported at the head of Kinsale and gave no signal to indicate any important experience during the voyage. She is now going through the Manchester canal to Manchester, her destination.

No Reports of Accident. New York, Nov. 25.—The White Star agents in this city report that they have no information of any mishap to the Cedric and she is expected to arrive here tomorrow. The Cedric sailed from Liverpool last Wednesday with 290 first class, 160 second class and 540 steerage passengers.

NEW RAILWAY LINE

Rock Island Company Has Surveyed New Route in Illinois.

Bloomington, Ill., Nov. 25.—The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific surveyors have commenced the laying out of the route for an extension of that system from Burlington (Iowa) to St. Louis. The proposed extension will run east from Burlington a short distance through Henderson county, and thence southwest through McDonough, Schuyler, Cass and Morgan counties, going through the towns of Macomb, Rushville and Beardstown. The line will probably reach Jacksonville, but its further direction is not yet positively settled.

GIFTS TO EMPLOYEES.

Henry Lomb Celebrates Birthday by Making Presents.

Rochester, N. Y., Nov. 25.—Henry Lomb, head of the firm of Bausch & Lomb, yesterday received his seventy-fifth year and took the occasion to put into effect a plan that he has long had in mind. The 1,200 employees of the firm were notified by circular that Mr. Lomb had decided to celebrate his birthday by presenting each of them with a bank account by which the city would purchase the plant. The terms I believe are such, that it will make a good purchase for the city. We will have cheaper water and better water than we have now. Aside from all this however, it is necessary to take not what we like but what we can get. And we are not going to mend matters by refusing to entertain the only proposition left before us. The franchise to have been carefully drawn up, covering the issues. There have been evidences of good faith on the part of the company and while I realize that there has been a laxity on the part of the company in not living up to the part of their contract, I believe that in the future, the company will do better. They are bound to do better or lose their revenue. So for my part, I don't see where the city would make a mistake in ratifying the franchise and I hope a campaign of education will be carried on, so all will know what the conditions are and will be able to determine whether they will vote for ratification or rejection."

BIG COAL CHUTES BURN.

Burlington Railway Loses Valuable Property at Creston.

Creston, Nov. 25.—The Burlington route coal chutes burned here last evening at 9:30. They were totally destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$50,000. The chutes are the largest on the Burlington system and were completed last spring. The fire originated in the coal center of the building and the flames had made great headway before the fire department reached the scene. Snow six inches deep was on the ground, and the high wind made the fighting of the fire extremely difficult. The shops and roundhouse, the second largest in the world, were not damaged.

SCOTT WILL CHALLENGE.

Clyde Yachtsman Will Choose From Three Yachts.

Glasgow, Nov. 25.—The reported intention of Clyde yachtsmen to challenge for the America's cup has been confirmed by the Glasgow Herald. The paper adds: "The latest suggestion on the subject, which has been favorably received, is that Messrs. Coates, Clark and Donaldson should head three separate syndicates and have three yachts designed by Watson, Fife and Mylno, the yachts to be raced throughout the summer and the best one to be selected to challenge in 1905."

75,000 VETERANS EXPECTED.

General Black Plans Encampment to Begin August 15.

Boston, Mass., Nov. 26.—General John C. Black, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, was in conference here yesterday with the local G. A. R. committee relative to the national encampment to be held in Boston next summer. It was announced after the conference that the encampment would begin on August 15 and that it had been decided that a parade not exceeding two miles in length would be held August 16. It was estimated that at least 75,000 veterans would be in line.

OFFERS REWARD.

Minnesota Man Wants to Find His Wife's Murderer.

Vinton, Nov. 25.—William Meyers, the husband of the woman murdered on November 5 near Belle Plaine, has offered a reward of \$500 to which County Attorney Kirkland has asked the governor to add the same amount, which will in all probability be done. This will make a reward of \$1,000. The government surrendered to the insurgents yesterday with his ministers, President Wos y Gil and his ministers took refuge on a German warship in the harbor before the victorious insurgents entered the city.

LAW TO PROTECT STREET CARS.

Judge in Strike Case at Galesburg, Ill., Says Cars Acts Apply. Galesburg, Ill., Nov. 25.—In the case of the four defendants charged with conspiring to cut the trolley wires and otherwise injure the property of the People's Traction company during the strike last summer, Judge Thompson has ruled that the conspiracy, law and malicious mischief statute protect street railroads. He held also that these roads are under the protection of the railway and warehouse act.

MAY NOT QUIT

EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF CONGRESS MAY LAST UNTIL DECEMBER 7.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 25.—The senate today adopted the resolution offered by Senator Hale Monday for the appointment of senators as members of committees.

Newland's Annexation Measure. The motion for the reconsideration of a vote by which Newland's joint resolution providing for the annexation of Cuba was referred to the committee on relations with Cuba was adopted with the understanding that the resolution should be laid on the table for future discussion.

Adjournment Not in Sight. The reciprocity bill was made unfinished business, Carmack addressing the senate in opposition to the bill. Until the senate either passes or rejects the Cuban bill no proposition to adjourn the extra session will be entertained by the house.

May Lapse Into Long Session. This is the declared position of the leaders in that body today. As this fact has become understood by the senate leaders, there is likely to be no effort made by the senate to bring the extra session to an end until it lapses into the regular session on December 7.

DOWIE TO BUILD FLEET.

Head of Zion City Plans Conquest of the World.

Chicago, Nov. 25.—Dowie announces that he has renounced his plan of visiting Salt Lake City, and instead will descend on New York with a fleet of ten ships in the summer of 1905. From there the fleet will cruise to Denmark, Sweden, France and Spain.

And then, when the flags of America and England float side by side over the city of the Great King, would it not be glorious to sail up the Mediterranean and to Jerusalem into a great camp that we had built there?"

OMAHA HAS DYNAMITE PLOT.

Explosive, with Fuse Attached, Found in Railroad Building.

Omaha, Neb., Nov. 25.—An attempt to blow up the buildings belonging to the Chicago Great Western railroad in this city was prevented by the discovery of the dynamite and a fuse ready for exploding. The explosive was found in the basement of a three-story frame building at Eighth and Leavenworth streets, in the business part of the city. Employees of the railroad company have been at work removing buildings from the land preparatory to the construction of new buildings.

FINED \$1,000 FOR PEONAGE.

Georgians Pay Heavily For Making Negro Laborers Slaves.

Savannah, Ga., Nov. 25.—In the United States court yesterday Edward J. McRee, Frank McRee and Wm. McRee of Valdosta, entered a plea of guilty to the charge of peonage. Judge Speer sentenced them each to pay a fine of \$1,000. In sentencing the McRees Judge Speer said that in discussing the race question in the south "some talk wildly and extravagantly of the shotgun policy, but they do not represent the higher classes of the south."

MAY SHUT OUT CUBAN SUGAR.

Rumor of Adverse Action by Signers of The Brussels Convention.

Havana, Nov. 25.—A report is in circulation here, which, however, cannot be verified, that the powers signatory to the Brussels convention have decided not to admit Cuban sugar because the tax on foreign sugars imposed by the Cuban government is greater than that permitted by the parties to the convention. According to some officials Cuba would be averse to becoming a party to the convention.

INITIATION CAUSES INSANITY.

Work of Secret Order Unbalances Mind of Former Soldier.

Springfield, Ohio, Nov. 25.—Initiation into a secret order has proved worse than service in the Philippines and participation in the attack on Pekin for Elmer T. Grundish, a barber. He was arrested Sunday while walking in the street in insane attitude and was adjudged insane yesterday. Since initiation he has had illusions and has been growing worse steadily.

MADMAN BITES COURT OFFICER.

Recently Recovered From Hydrophobia, Gave Wild When Arraigned.

Baltimore, Nov. 25.—Joseph Kurtz, only recently recovered from an attack of hydrophobia, was arraigned on a charge of petit larceny yesterday and at once flew into a rage, and, frothing at the mouth, seized the prosecuting attorney by the throat. He bit one officer twice before he was subdued.

SHIPS FOWL TO ROOSEVELT.

Horace Vose of Westery, R. I., Pays Usual Tribute to President.

Westery, R. I., Nov. 25.—In accordance with his usual custom, Horace Vose has shipped to Washington his annual tribute to the president, a Thanksgiving turkey. While the bird was not as large as some of those he has sent in former years, it was up to the standard otherwise.

BIG STREET CAR STRIKE IN CHICAGO IS SETTLED

MYSTERY IS SOLVED.

Participants in Chicago Street Car Barn Robbery Confesses.

Chicago, Nov. 25.—The mystery of the murder and robbery in the car barns of the Chicago City Railway company, Sixty-first and State streets, where Motorman John B. Johnson and Frank Stewart were killed, has been solved.

Gustave Marx, twenty-one years of age, who shot and killed Detective John Quinn in a saloon at Addison avenue and Robey streets, Saturday, when the latter attempted to arrest him, has confessed that he was one of the three men who committed the crime in the barns.

He names Peter Niedermeyer and Harvey Van Dine, both of his own age, as the other two men who aided him.

CANCEL POLICIES

LOSS OF INSURANCE LEADS TO ACTION BY RETAIL MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION.

Resolution Favoring Waterworks Franchise Adopted at Meeting of Association Held This Morning—Insurance Companies Cancelling Policies.

From Wednesday's Daily. The cancellation of a number of fire insurance policies upon the places of business and the stocks of goods carried by the members of the Retail Merchants' association, resulted in the calling of a meeting of that association this morning and the adopting of a set of resolutions strongly favoring the waterworks franchise.

The resolutions are as follows: The directors of the Retail Merchants' association met this morning, called together on account of the cancellation of a number of the insurance policies of its members and the fear that if the present water condition prevails for any length of time that our business men will be either without fire protection or insurance on their stocks. After thoroughly canvassing the situation the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Whereas the city of Ottumwa is now without any water supply and fire protection and as this condition is a great menace to our stocks and has already caused the cancellation of the insurance of some of our members, and

Whereas, the only relief in sight for some months can only come through the present water supply company, and

Whereas, we believe that the franchise we are about to vote upon, if carried, will induce the present owners of the water company to immediately make the necessary repairs to supply our city with water for fire protection and domestic purposes, and

Whereas, we believe that our city government has exhausted all possibilities and has made the best contract obtainable, and as there is no other company or capitalist in sight who has expressed the slightest wish to build waterworks for us under any kind of a franchise, and

Whereas, there seems to exist a feeling of antagonism against the water supply company on account of its failure to furnish water, and upon investigation find that under ordinary conditions the supply would have been ample until after election but owing to a fall in the river of two feet of water in the short space of forty-eight hours, the present condition is unavoidable and not a condition of their seeking, and

Whereas, as business men we could not consistently ask them to spend a large sum of money for temporary improvements while the franchise is in doubt, and which would be a total loss in event that it was defeated, Therefore, be it resolved that we feel it our duty to urge upon all our members to support this franchise and to do their utmost to assist at its ratification at the polls, and thus do away at the earliest possible moment with the great danger which hangs over us, threatening our business, our property, the health of our families and our employees.

Be it further resolved that each and every member of the Retail Merchants' association is urgently requested to be present at a called meeting at the court house next Monday evening, November 30, at 7:45 o'clock to consider the water question and to take such further action as may be determined upon and to assist in relieving ourselves of a condition well nigh intolerable and the solution of which is in our hands if we but choose to act for our interests and the city in which we live.

MRS. BENNETT TAKES APPEAL

Widow of New Haven Millionaire Objects to W. J. Bryan as Executor.

New Haven, Conn., Nov. 25.—Counsel for the widow of Philip S. Bennett, who yesterday filed an appeal to the superior from the decision of Probate Judge Cleveland regarding certain portions of the will of Mr. Bennett. The appeal is taken from an order of the court which refers to the sealed letter providing for a gift of \$50,000 to W. J. Bryan and family; also from the sections of the will which provide for \$100,000 each to be administered by Mr. and Mrs. Bryan for scholarships and prizes in colleges; and from the section nominating Mr. Bryan as executor of the will.

BRYAN MEETS BRITAINS.

Is Entertained by Ambassador Choate in London.

London, Nov. 25.—Ambassador Choate gave a luncheon to William Jennings Bryan today. Among the distinguished persons invited to meet Mr. Bryan were Premier Balfour, the earl of Onslow, Charles T. Ritchie, Robert Giffin, Sir Gilbert Parker, Montagu Phipps, Lord Denbigh, Lord Mount Stephen and W. L. Courtney.

HASTIE RECEIVES CALL.

Marion Church Makes Overtures to South Side Pastor.

Rev. John Hastie, pastor of the South Side Baptist church, received a call to the pastorate of the Baptist church at Marion Saturday, but it is stated that he will decline the offer, although he has not positively announced that he will do so. The salary offered was twice the amount he is being paid for his services here, but he has practically decided that he can do no better work in South Ottumwa. This is the fourth call received by Rev. Hastie during the past year, overtures having been made by Baptist congregations in Bloomfield and Knoxville. Rev. Hastie's congregation will be glad to learn that he has practically decided to remain with his charge here.

WATER TODAY

CHURCH STREET MAIN CONNECTED WITH RIVER BY PIPE LINE.

From Wednesday's Daily. The Church street main in South Ottumwa was connected with the river by means of a pipe line this morning and the water is being forced through the mains by means of a pump on the river bank.

A pressure of sixteen pounds has been obtained, not enough, however, to furnish an additional fire protection, yet enough to partially furnish the consumers in the lower levels with water. Superintendent Winans stated this afternoon that he had secured 600 feet of ten inch pipe in Chicago and that it and the centrifugal pump recently ordered are now enroute. They are expected to arrive tomorrow or Friday by the latest.

Will Give Adequate Supply.

Superintendent Winans and City Engineer Allen surveyed the ground between the red house and the spot where the pump will be placed and they will be ready to at once lay the pipe when it arrives. The race is to be dammed at Wapello street and at the guard lock for additional protection and as soon as the water can be pumped in the city will have a service that will insure adequate fire protection at least temporarily.

INSURGENTS WIN.

San Domingo is Surrendered to the Rebels.

Santo Domingo, Nov. 24.—(Delayed.) The government surrendered to the insurgents yesterday with his ministers, President Wos y Gil and his ministers took refuge on a German warship in the harbor before the victorious insurgents entered the city.

THE WEATHER

Iowa—Generally fair tonight and Thursday.

Illinois—Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday, with possible snow flurries in extreme south portion tonight.

Local Weather.

Tuesday p. m. 27
Wednesday 7 a. m. 24
Wednesday 2 p. m. 34