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CONTRACT LET

The Waterworks To Be Built By Brooks & Co. For \$27,685.00

At a meeting of the city council Tuesday evening, the contract for installing the new waterworks system was awarded to T. C. Brooks & Co., of Jackson, Michigan, who submitted the lowest of six bids. The contract was signed Tuesday evening, and a few changes were made in the specifications. The altitude valve was cut out of the contract at \$225, and a different type of tank was substituted, at an additional cost of \$550. The contractors bond will be filed within ten days, and according to the contract, work will start by August 28. The plant must be completed within 90 days after the construction is started.

ABOUT THE BIDS

Several weeks ago the council requested E. T. Archer, the engineer employed, to draw up the plans and specifications, and notify the contractors as soon as possible. This he did, and six bids were made on the job. The bids were as follows:

Commercial Construction Co.	\$28,675
F. M. Clark	29,490
Hoosier Construction Co.	27,915
Squire Construction Co.	27,877
T. C. Brooks & Co.	27,360
Kass-Craig Construction Co.	29,300

All of the contractors who came here gave us the idea that work was scarce in their line now and that they needed the job here. This is in a great measure, probably, responsible for the low bids submitted.

THE EQUIPMENT GOOD

Besides W. B. Bash, H. M. Brooks, A. Bickel, and W. J. Squires who were here bidding, there were several men looking after the sale of material. All of the contractors agreed that the plans and specifications would give us one of the best plants in the state. P. A. Ivy of the American Cast Iron & Pipe Co., E. J. Merkel of the Merkel Supply Co., and M. J. Trees of the Chicago Bridge & Iron Works, were also here and spoke very highly of the plans and specifications of the plant. The tank selected is known as the railroad type, built by the Chicago Bridge & Iron Works. It is 26 feet in diameter, with a total depth of 22 1/2 feet. This will be erected on a tower, 85 feet high, measuring from the top of the cap stones to the bottom of the tank. The capacity of the tank will be 80,000 gal'ns. The advantages

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of the railroad type over that described in the specifications are briefly as follows. The railroad type has a greater diameter and is not so tall, giving a more even pressure, which is desirable to the consumer of water, as well as being a desirable condition for the best work by the pumps. It has a metal frost casing instead of a wood casing and is more durable. The type selected has a washout valve and settling basin at the bottom of the overflow pipe which makes it possible to clean the tank at any time without letting all the water out and it may be done in a few minutes by one man. This feature is not included in the tank

described in the specifications. An eighteen inch balcony will be built around the tank at the top of the iron supports, a trifle over 85 feet from the ground. The well is to have a casing 8 1/2 inches in diameter and will be equipped with a Luidwieler six-inch pump. It is estimated by E. P. Archer that this well will furnish 145 gallons per minute. The storage capacity is nearly double that of the present plant and should furnish an abundant supply of water. The council was anxious to have a tank with a capacity of 100,000 gallons, but was unable to do so with the amount of money voted at the bond election. The mains will be 4, 6, and 8 inches in diameter.

Second street, east to Pennsylvania avenue, north to Seventh street, west to Kansas avenue, north to eighth street, west to Sherman avenue, south to Sixth street west to Jordan avenue, south to Second street, east to Sherman avenue, south to First street, east to Kansas avenue to the place of beginning.

To Rent

One quarter section to put in wheat; 3 miles west, 10 north of Liberal. Inquire, Liberal Dairy. 7-11-2t

LOCAL NEWSPAPER ANNOUNCEMENT.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION Clerk

An examination for clerk will be held at the postoffice in this city on Sept. 2nd, 1911.

Age limit, 18 to 45 years, on the date of the examination. Married women will not be admitted to this examination. This prohibition, however, does not apply to women who are divorced or to those who separated from their husbands and support themselves, but they are eligible for appointment only as clerk.

All applicants must be physically sound, and male applicants must not be less than 5 feet, 4 inches in height without boots or shoes, and weigh not less than 125 pounds without overcoat or hat.

For application blanks and for full information relative to the examination, qualifications, duties, salaries, vacations, promotions, etc., address immediately:

J. N. EVANS, POSTMASTER, Postoffice, Liberal, Kansas.

The last service will be held in the old Christian church Sunday morning, August 20th. Thereafter the Christian church services will be held in the city hall until the new building is ready for occupancy.

Beds, 15c at 302 Lincoln ave. 12-17

Bond Forfeited

A few weeks ago, Fred Hullet went to Oklahoma on business. The next day Earl Stephenson proprietor of the City Meat Market, went to the farm of Mr. Nass three miles east of town and paying the the pasture bill on two steers belonging to Hullet, drove them away. That same day Hullet returned unexpectedly, and Stephenson was much embarrassed when he knew Hullet was in town. That night he took his meat cutter, Smith, went to the slaughter pen and butchered the two steers. It was unusual to take Smith as he was not the regular butcher, and it was out of the ordinary to butcher more than one beef a day. Hullet heard of this and asked Stephenson what he knew of the steers.

Stephenson finally said that a fellow in Oklahoma had taken the steers, and offered to pay for them, and finally gave Hullet a check for the steers.

O. T. Wood heard of the case and being interested in the cattle business began to inquire into the transaction. He finally collected the evidence and presented it to the county attorney. Stephenson was asked to produce the Oklahoma man who stole the steers and, being unable to do so, was arrested. His bond was first fixed at \$500, but was raised to \$1,000 later on, and S. R. McCamant and Leonard Matthews signed the bond Stephenson giving them a bill of sale for the butcher shop here. Stephenson did not appear here for several days, and the bondsmen, becoming uneasy, several horses and some money were attached.

On the day set for the preliminary trial, August 7th, he was not here and the bond was declared forfeited. On August 8th Charles Stephenson of Kingfisher, Okla., and a brother of Earl Stephenson arrived here to help straighten out the difficulty. The horses and the meat market have been taken by the bill of sale and the attachment, which still leaves the bondsmen on the short end of the string.

Dressmaking.

Wanted—Sewing to do for ladies, misses and children. Ten years' experience in shop and home sewing. Prices reasonable. At residence one door north of Dr. Knisely's on Prospect Ave. 8-4-4t MRS. DAVID CURTIS.

CLARK COMING

Speaker of the Lower House to Lecture Here.

The Hon. Champ Clark, representative from Missouri, and speaker of the House of Representatives will lecture in Liberal on October 11. The engagement was made by the local lecture course committee, but it will not be a number of the course. There is probably not a man in the United States whose political popularity has risen as rapidly as that of Champ Clark of Missouri. He is very generally being talked of for presidential candidate in 1912. While Speaker Clark has denied any intention of making the race, the support is coming from many quarters. He is one of the great men in the United States today—a man of national and international reputation. The seats for his lecture here will be put on sale on September 1. Standing room will probably be at a premium, and the seating capacity of the opera house will be greatly increased.

Notice

Having given reasonable notice, all owners of dogs must pay tax on their dogs or the dogs will be killed. JOHN T. GRAY, City Marshall. 8-4-2t

"Stub" Boyland has returned from a short visit at Platt.

Geologists Coming.

Mr. O. E. Meinzer, assistant United States Geologist and Prof. E. Haworth, State Geologist are expected Thursday evening on No. 3. They will spend Friday in and around Liberal, looking over the ground, and various formations here, including the different kinds of clay. A trip to the well now being drilled at Hooker will be made, and their opinion on the probability of securing artesian water here will have much to do toward organizing a company to drill at this place. Liberal will not be behind the times, but the opinion of these experts may save a costly experiment in drilling for artesian water here.

James Mahoney, wife and little daughter went to Dodge City Thursday to the Soldiers' Reunion.

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Contractor Talks

The successful bidder, Mr. H. M. Brooks, of Brooks & Co., said after the contract was awarded:

"I was not surprised to get the contract; we needed the work and I cracked the bid pretty hard. I do not intend to even ship a ditching machine here, but will use your men in digging the pipe lines. The only men we will ship here will be our foremen and machinist. Liberal men will get all the work we can give them—if they are willing to do the fair thing.

A Change in Mains

Mr. E. T. Archer, the consulting engineer from Kansas City, and the council, after thoroughly going over the ground, decided to run the main, which was laid out on Washington avenue to Pennsylvania avenue, a block further east. This will give some fire protection to the ice plant and flouring mill, and will put a row of hydrants one block further east. The outside limits of the new pipe lines will then be as follows: Beginning at the corner of Kansas avenue and First street, north to

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