

MUST CLEAN OUT CITY WELL NO. 4

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City Council Votes to Hold Miller Artesian Well Co. to Its Contract and Bond.

GUARANTEED TO KEEP
WELL CLEAR FOR 20 YEARS

Has Now Filled Up 120 Feet from Bottom—Warrants Authorized to Pay for Fire Truck.

Under the terms of its contract with the city the Miller Artesian Well Co. is to be required to clean out City Well No. 4, which has filled up to the depth of 120 feet from the bottom since it was dug four years ago. When the well was dug the Miller company entered into a contract to keep the well clear for 20 years and furnished a bond to that effect for five years. The bond has still one year to run. At a special meeting held Friday evening the city council voted to instruct the company to clear out the well as per the contract and bond. Well No. 4 is giving water right along but its capacity is not as great as it would be if the well were entirely clear. It is 2010 feet deep.

The city clerk was instructed to draw warrants in favor of the American La France Fire Engine Co. for \$5,500 in payment for the new fire truck.

NEW PROPOSITION FOR PUMPING WATER

Grinnell Electric & Heating Company
Presents Offer to the City
Council.

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NO ACTION HAS BEEN
TAKEN ON IT AS YET

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The city council now has before it a proposition from the Grinnell Electric & Heating Co. for pumping the city water. The electric light company claims that it will be able to save the city approximately \$4,000 per year.

The Herald is not able to go into the figures in detail at this time, but is able to briefly outline the proposition. The actual cost to the city of the operation of the water plant last year was \$10,469.16, as shown by the annual report in the office of the city clerk. This does not allow for depreciation on the plant.

The Grinnell Electric & Heating Company offers to put in all necessary equipment at its own expense and to operate the plant at a cost to the city of not to exceed \$7,000 per year for the amount of water that the city is pumping now.

The scale for pumping in excess of this amount is less than the cost would be up to this amount.

The company promises service of high grade.

The council has as yet taken no action with regard to this proposal.

COUNCIL IS AFTER SOFT WATER PLANT

At its meeting on Tuesday evening the city council devoted some time to considering the important question of securing control of the Grinnell Soft Water Company's plant, the immediate cause being the ruling of Judge P. G. Norris in Superior Court that under the city ordinance the Soft Water company has a right to supply closets in the city from its mains. A committee consisting of Councilmen Lemley, Laros and Creamer was appointed to take steps toward securing the soft water plant and to report to the council.

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