

GRINNELL ELECTRIC AND HEATING COMPANY. 1902
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Dick L. Benson and Archibald Cattell, of Chicago, have been in the city since Friday, completing the contract whereby the ownership of the electric light plant has been transferred from Carney & Hammond to them and others whom they represent. The new company has already taken steps towards incorporating the company, articles for which have already been forwarded for filing. The incorporators of the company are Dick L. Benson and Archibald Cattell.

Mr. Benson is an expert electrical engineer who has been engaged for the past ten years in installing and remodeling electric light plants. Mr. Benson will have a financial interest in the corporation and will be general manager and vice-president. He was formerly a Des Moines boy.

Mr. Cattell is well known to Grinnell citizens. He was one of the strongest members of the class of '91 of Iowa College, who since his graduation has studied law and is at the present time one of Chicago's strong attorneys.

The purpose of the company is to enlarge the sphere of usefulness of the plant. It will be a power, light and heating plant. A day current will be maintained. That the plant may do this extra work it must be expanded. The company will put in \$5000 in improvements as soon as it comes into possession of the plant, which will be not later than June 1, and as many thousand later as will be necessary to make the plant do the work planned for it. Mr. Benson will have charge of remodeling the plant and enlarging it.

Associated with these two young men will be C. C. Jameson, of Marion, Ind., who will be president of the company, and F. W. Wilson, a banker of the same place. These two gentlemen and Mr. Benson will constitute the board of

—Straw Hats at the Leader.

5-27-1902
—At the meeting of the city council last evening the Grinnell Electric and Heating Company submitted a proposition to the city to pump the city's water for a period of five years for the consideration of \$3,000 for 25,000,000 gallons. The city used last year about that amount of water, a fourth of which was used in the city's boilers. The cost of pumping this amount of water last year was about \$3800. The rate for pumping given above is 12 cents a thousand gallons. For pumping additional water over the twenty-five million gallons the company will charge the city at the rate of 8 cents per thousand gallons.

—Fred W. Wilson of Marion, Ind., president of the Grinnell Electric and Heating Co., was in the city yesterday. The Company has purchased a 200 horse power engine which will be added to the plant increasing its capacity one half. In addition to this much new machinery will be put in and a general rearrangement will be made in the machinery rooms. It is the determination of the company to make the plant first class in every respect. It will take several months to complete all the improvements the company contemplates, but when finished we feel sure that Grinnell will have the finest Electric Lighting system in Iowa. 6-17-1902

—It did not take long after the electric light plant had been granted a franchise to use the streets and alleys of the city for the purpose of transmitting light, heat and power for that company to begin the process of expanding the plant. As noted in our last issue a two hundred horse power boiler has been purchased. This boiler will be fired internally thereby securing a greater amount of energy from the fuel burned. In the interests of further expansion Dick L. Benson left Wednesday for Chicago to complete the purchase of equipments that will cost not less than fifteen thousand dollars. The company gave him sixteen thousand dollars to use for this purpose. What Mr. Benson will purchase will be a two hundred and fifty horse power engine, two twenty-four hundred light dynamos, two eighty horse power generators, street lamps and a complete equipment for changing the voltage of incandescent lights from fifty volts to one hundred volts. 6-20-1902

—At the meeting of the city council last evening an ordinance was passed granting the Grinnell Electric & Heating Co. a franchise when the same shall be approved by the voters of the city at a special election on the 15th day of January, 1903. 12-9-1902