

We publish below a contract offered by Messrs. Chapman, Fordyce & Co to the property holders of Nevada, for the introduction of water into the city for the purpose of protection against fires. The plan seems well-conceived, and one which the peculiar location of Nevada renders practicable. The proposition is given in the form below as one presenting in a better manner than an editorial statement, the aims of the projectors:

**Offered Contract for Water Works.**

**BY CHAPMAN, FORDYCE & CO.**

We the subscribers, whose names are hereunto affixed agree and bind ourselves, our heirs, assigns and legal representatives, and our real estate, as well also as all our personal estate in the City of Nevada, to pay or cause to be paid to Chapman, Fordyce & Co. their heirs, assigns or legal representatives, monthly, in advance, one half of one per centum on the cash valuation of said property for the term of five years, from the completion of certain water works, hereinafter described and defined, this said cash valuation to be determined by the mode hereinafter specified.

The said Chapman, Fordyce & Co., in consideration of the said sums of money so to be paid, agree and bind themselves, their heirs, assigns and legal representatives to furnish water and construct or cause to be constructed a flume of sufficient capacity to convey a body of water of the volume of eight inches over the top, or so contiguous to every house and property so assessed or valued, so as that it may be used to the extent of its full capacity for protection against fire, and for no other purpose, except by special agreement with the said Chapman, Fordyce & Co., their heirs, assigns, or legal representatives.

The said Chapman, Fordyce & Co. agree and bind themselves, their heirs, assigns, or legal representatives in the manner aforesaid, to keep said flume in a thorough state of repair during the said term of five years, and it is further understood that each individual so supplied with water, is to furnish his own hose, with a tube not to exceed one inch in diameter; and the said Chapman, Fordyce & Co. agree to furnish the necessary gates and to attach the hose of each and every individual subscriber to this instrument, to the said flume.

The said Chapman, Fordyce & Co. shall select one commissioner, and the said subscribers shall select one other commissioner, and these two shall select a third, whose duty it shall be to affix the said cash valuation to the property of each of the said subscribers as hereinbefore mentioned, and shall register the same in a book for that purpose, which book shall be placed in the possession of the said Chapman, Fordyce & Co., and from whose decision there shall be no appeal by either party.

The said Chapman, Fordyce & Co. agree and bind themselves, their heirs, assigns, and legal representatives to complete the said water works on both sides of Main street, in said City of Nevada, commencing at or near what was the Hospital and ending at Big Deer Creek, by the expiration of sixty days from the date of filing bonds, hereinafter mentioned; also to complete water works as before described, on both sides of Broad street, in said City of Nevada, on or before the expiration of ninety days from the filing of bonds as before mentioned. the said water works to extend the same distance on Broad street as on Main street, and ending at Big Deer Creek. Provided, the said Chapman, Fordyce & Co. shall execute bonds in the sum of not less than fifty thousand dollars, for the fulfilment of the conditions specified in this contract or article of agreement, with sureties satisfactory to the said commissioners, hereinbefore mentioned; the said subscribers agree and bind themselves, their heirs, assigns and legal representatives, to pay or cause to be paid the said one half per cent. upon said cash valuation immediately

upon said bonds being filed, as before mentioned, and the further sum of one half of one per cent at the expiration of thirty days from the filing of said bonds, and it is understood that no further payment of monthly assessments is to be paid to said Chapman, Fordyce & Co. until the expiration of sixty days from the completion of said water works on Main street.

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