

ANAMOSA.

The Shire Town of Jones County---Her New Water Works.

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There is a tide in the affairs of towns as in individuals which, if taken at the flood, leads on to fortune. The beautiful city of Anamosa, the capital town of Jones county, is one of the kind that is moving forward with steady but sure strides to new successes. Its location in a healthful valley, in the center of one of the finest and most fertile farming regions of Iowa, and in the focus of several of the largest and best stone quarries in the great West, all contribute to give it a high place in the scale of probabilities. But there are other considerations that quite take it out of that category and place it in that of the successful certainties, such as a thrifty, intelligent, cultured and virtuous population, who show their faith in enterprise by their works. Fine schools, pretty churches, neat walks, handsome dwellings, flower gardens, tasty fences, young orchards and kindred evidences of intelligent thrift, resulting in obvious prosperity, are among the conclusive proofs that Anamosa has chosen the better part in all things.

Its population is now 2000; its main street is macadamized with Anamosa granite, giving it a very metropolitan air; and being the county seat it is necessarily the common center of the county for public business. There are five churches, Methodist, Congregational, Baptist, Episcopal and Catholic; two banks, the First National and Shaw, Schoonover & Co.'s; then there is the State Fish House of which B. F. Shaw is the local commissioner, and the newly located State Penitentiary, Martin Heisey, warden, and C. H. Lull, one of the commissioners. But the most valuable of all her possessions is the new

WATER WORKS,

and there is ample warrant for all the pride her people feel over this latest achievement. There is probably no other town of its size in the United States that can boast of such a system of water-works. Their cost was \$13,000, of which \$7,000 was furnished by the more enterprising of her citizens, and the remaining \$6,000 raised on first mortgage bonds, which are a lien on all the property of the company, including its franchise. I think the company have their bonds for sale at the First National Bank in your city, which bear ten per cent. interest, payable semi-annually. We here estimate the receipts from water supply for the year commencing October, 1875, as follows:

Fire purposes, city (2 1/2 of 1 per cent. tax).....	\$ 800
Private supply.....	300
D. S. W. R. R. use.....	400
Midland R. R. use.....	400
State penitentiary.....	500

Total.....\$2400

The expenses of operating the works will be very small, not exceeding \$400 a year, leaving a net profit of \$2,000. This, you see, will enable the company to pay off its bonds in three years at the farthest, provided the holders are willing to accept the money. I cannot resist the impulse to give the general public the names of such of our enterprising people as contributed to this splendid public work:

Dr. E. Blakeslee,	B. H. White,
H. C. Metcalf,	G. D. McKay,
J. C. Dietz,	J. A. Crawford,
Dr. W. M. Skinner,	W. C. Weir,
Huggins & Belknap,	Cowell & Co.,
N. S. Noble,	Robert Dott,
C. H. Lull,	R. O. Peters,
J. G. McGuire,	Booth & Son,
D. A. Peet,	E. C. Holt,
E. J. Wood,	C. French,
Watters & Niles,	J. H. Dickey,
G. P. Dietz,	M. Helsey,
C. McGowan,	Stickney & Hartman,
E. B. Alderman,	T. W. Shapley,
J. H. Williams,	J. McKean,
C. W. Coe,	G. W. Russell,

L. N. Pletcher.

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[The estimate of receipts from water supply above is not quite accurate. The water-works company cannot supply the Midland before next summer in any event, and the project of laying a pipe to the penitentiary, although every way feasible and a certainty in due time, will depend upon the action of the legislature next winter. One other item should have been added, however,—that of street sprinkling, about \$400 a year and paid by private individuals. The net profits, then, would be about \$1,500 instead of \$2,000. Another year, in all probability, will show as as large a revenue as is set forth by the Times' correspondent.—Ed.]