

# WATERWORKS!

The City of Hopkinsville Closes the Contract and the Works Will be in operation by October.

## The Substance of the Contract.

The Board of Councilmen of the City of Hopkinsville has closed a contract with F. M. Loweree and others, of New York, for the erection of a system of waterworks in the city of Hopkinsville, upon the following terms:

### LOWEREE'S CONTRACT.

F. M. Loweree and associates, in order to supply the city with reasonably pure water for public and private uses, agree and contract:

I To erect and maintain, on land to be purchased at their own cost, a system of waterworks, (using the west fork of Little River) of sufficient capacity to meet the present and future demands of Hopkinsville, for a period of 25 years, or such longer period as the contract may by its terms subsist. Said works to have a capacity sufficient to produce 1,500,000 gallons per day, and also a reservoir with a capacity of 250,000 gallons per day. Said reservoir to be located in a suitable place and to have a sufficient elevation to raise the water in all parts of the highest buildings in said city. Two boilers are to be provided so that either may be used in case of accident to the other. The pumps are to have a capacity to supply 1,000 gallons per minute. A dam is to be built across the river above the railroad, the lake made to be capable of holding 10,000,000 gallons.

II Loweree and his associates agree to be responsible to land owners for all damages caused by said dam.

III The area over which water is to be distributed is to consist of the territory within the corporate limits of said city and 29,075 feet of pipe from the first hydrant. There are to be 60 hydrants, located by the city Council, every hydrant to be located on the same side of the street on which pipe is laid, and to have threads cut to fit the hose the city now owns, and 50 shall have double and 10 single nozzles.

IV Additional pipes are to be laid and hydrants erected to meet the demands of the future, provided one hydrant be erected upon every 500 feet of pipe laid.

V Said contractors agree to furnish water free of charge to the Public Schools at all times, and to the court house and city hall square 10 hours each day; also to furnish water to be drawn from hydrants for flushing gutters and sewers, provided not more than two of said hydrants be opened at any one time for said purpose, and also to furnish water for all purposes of the fire department and for sprinkling streets.

VI Said parties agree to repair all streets torn up in putting down pipes and to conduct their work in such a manner as to give the least trouble and inconvenience to the citizens, and to make good all damages sustained.

VII The waterworks are to be of the most durable character, and first-class in all respects, and said parties agree that they shall be capable in case of fire of throwing 5 streams of water at one time, 100 feet high, through 2½ inch hose and 1½ inch nozzle. They further guarantee that the works shall be completed and in active operation within 6 months from the beginning of the work: the work to begin within 90 days after the date of the contract, (Jan. 28, 1884) and pushed to completion at an earlier date if practicable.

VIII They further agree to supply water to private consumers at a rate not to exceed five cents per 100 gallons used, or as cheap as any near by city may be furnished; and if metres are used private consumers to pay rent of metres; and water will be furnished to manufacturers and large consumers at a rate not exceeding the rate charged in any city in Kentucky.

IX Said parties agree to erect a fire alarm from the City Hall to the main works, with one fire box in each ward of the city, but the cost of operating said fire alarm is to be borne by said city.

### THE CITY'S AGREEMENT.

I To give right of way for laying pipes in all parts of the city, provided all streets and pavements torn up be replaced as good as before. The pipes to be laid two feet below the surface and not less than 6 nor more than 10 feet from the outer edge of the sidewalks.

II The city agrees to exempt said works from city taxes for a period of five years from their completion.

III The city is to locate the 60 hydrants to be erected in time so as to work no delay, and is to pay, during the existence of the contract, an annual rental of \$50 for each hydrant, payments to be made quarterly, provided, however, that no rent is to be paid for any hydrants while out of repair, and for additional hydrants which may be erected, the same rent is to be paid at the same time.

IV The city obligates itself not to grant any other person the right to erect water-works during the continuance of said contract, and will by ordinance protect contractors from any interference on the part of third

parties.

### GENERAL PROVISIONS.

1 The city does not assume to confer upon said Loweree the right to dam Little River without the consent of adjacent land owners, who may sustain damages thereby.

2 Said Loweree and his associates may have the privilege of organizing themselves into a private corporation, provided that the books of such corporation shall be opened for 30 days at some bank in the city, for the purpose of giving the citizens an opportunity to subscribe to the stock, but said Loweree and his associates reserve the right to take two-thirds of said stock.

3 The contract shall subsist for a period of 25 years, but at the end of 15 years the city may buy the entire works at their appraised value.

4 But if the city does not purchase the works at the end of 15 years, the contract is to continue until they are finally purchased by the city, and the right to purchase them shall enure to said city every five years thereafter, by giving twelve months notice of intention.

5 Said Loweree and his associates shall forfeit the rights and privileges granted them upon a failure to perform their part of the contract, and they must complete their requirements before they can call upon the city to perform its part of the contract.

6 In the event that said Loweree and his associates are unable to arrange with property owners as to the damming of the river, and they can not buy adjacent lands or obtain them by condemnation, they are to have the option, upon ten days notice, of cancelling the contract.

## Longview and Vicinity.

### ED. SOUTH KENTUCKIAN:

Miss Mattie Riggins, of Providence, is visiting the family of Mr. M. A. Garrott. We also think some of our young men would like to enjoy the hospitality of Mr. Garrott.

We are sorry to chronicle the illness of Mrs. W. S. Moore.

Miss Willie Feland, of Pond River, who has been teaching the public school at Black Jack Academy, has dismissed her school owing to the weather, and is now visiting near Pembroke.

Miss Lallie Wooldridge, of your city, brightened us with her presence recently.

Miss Lottie Carter, of Springfield, Tenn., is the guest of her uncle, Mr. A. L. Carter; her cousin Annie Carter, speaks of accompanying her to Tennessee in a few weeks.

Glad to state Mrs. Inez Bradshaw's health much improved.

Some of Longview's intelligents proposed a "snipe hunt," choosing a certain young man for their victim. The crowd was made up, he thinking of course they possessed the true honest heart that he did, entered the game with a vim, displaying much patience holding the bag, while they sneaked off to their respective homes, leaving him the victim of their amusement. We will leave the rest for the reader to imagine.

"As a truthful chronicler of passing events" it becomes my painful duty to tell that Jim Bradshaw is no better looking than he was some time ago.

Our neighborhood is thronged with bachelors, (now I didn't say old bachelors) but since the weather is less inclement some may be seen out looking for housekeepers. We judge not from what they said to us, but from what they said to somebody else. We wish them great success in their new undertaking.

Messrs Harry and Upshaw Buckner are preparing to build a new residence.

After a very pleasant visit to the family of her uncle, Mr. J. H. Bradshaw, Miss Ella Riggins has returned to her home in Providence, Tenn.

With best wishes for the success of your valuable paper, and all its readers, I am Respectfully,

HARRY DIXON.

## Stockholders Meeting.

A meeting of stockholders of the Christian County Agricultural Association will be held Monday March 3, (first day of Circuit Court) at 3 o'clock to elect officers for ensuing year.

JNO. W. McPHERSON,

Secretary and Treasurer.

Feb. 11th, 1884.

The sudden and unexpected death of Mr. Theodor Jansen at his room in the Tobacco Exchange at an early hour last Sunday morning, created much surprise and regret throughout the city. Mr. Jansen attended the tobacco sales on Thursday before his death. Few suspected his illness, and none that in three days he would be a corpse. Mr. Jansen was a native of Hanover, Germany, but for nearly seventeen years he has been a resident of Clarksville. He was well known as a large and liberal tobacco buyer, representing the firm of D. J. Watjen & Co., Bremen, Germany, and his absence from our board will be marked indeed. He was thirty eight years of age, of quiet and reserved manner, gentlemanly bearing and honorable dealings. He died of bronchitis.—Tobacco Leaf.

Paper bags suitable for putting up hams, for sale at this office.