

# URBANA KNOWS

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## How It Works to Have a Company

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### Control Its Water Works, and Dictate to the City.

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### Sheriff Seizes The Urbana Water Works Plant.

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The citizens of Bellefontaine can get some idea from the following dispatches, of how it will work, if we are ever so foolish as to lease our water works or gas plants to any company:

"Urbana, O., August 18.—C. H. Venner & Co., a New Jersey corporation, today, took judgment here against the Urbana Waterworks Company for \$10,000 on a cognovit. Sheriff Hull levied on all of the property of the plant this afternoon in execution of the judgment: Mr. Venner is the largest owner of the stock in the waterworks company, and it is his desire now to have the plant sold at sheriff's sale and he will get entire possession. There are a number of local stockholders in the plant and Venner wants to freeze them out. The city council of Urbana has refused to pay the waterworks company any water rent for fire protection for four years because the company failed to furnish sufficient pressure, and now the company claims that the city owes them over \$20,000.