

# BUY THE BONDS.

Dr. Feld's Plan to Insure the  
City's Owning Its Own  
Waterworks.

The Council to Be Asked to  
Pass a Resolution of  
Confidence.

A Mass Meeting of Citizens  
to Be Called to Urge  
Aldermanic Action.

Half a Million of the Bonds  
to Be Taken at Home by  
the People of Kan-  
sas City.

This Will do Away With the Boy-  
cotting of the Bonds by the  
Bankers and Eastern In-  
vestors and the City  
Waterworks Will  
Soon Become  
A Reality.

"What is being done in the water-works matter?" "Is the city to have a system of waterworks of its own?" are questions that are heard constantly on the streets and in the business houses and homes of the people. The people by a large majority expressed themselves as in favor of the city owning its own works and they also voted in favor of the issue of bonds for that purpose. What the people who voted for these bonds now want to know is why they are not placed, the money realized thereon and work commenced.

It is charged that the people have

been sold out, that their interests have not been conserved, in short, that there are traitors in the camp of those entrusted with the matter, also that the banks and corporations have combined against the people and are boycotting the bonds with the object of defeating the will of the people as expressed at the ballot box, which in Kansas City as well as elsewhere in the land should be supreme.

Dr. Joseph Feld was one of the recognized leaders and champions of the people's cause on the waterworks question spending his time and money freely to achieve the victory at the polls. The doctor was seen at his office today and asked what he thought of the outlook for the city in the waterworks matter, when he replied:

"The outlook is gloomy. The city is in the hands of traitors against the interests of the people and it is a question whether the people's servants will carry out the mandates twice expressed at the polls. With legal servants hired and paid for, it seems still that the people's will is not to be regarded. Their paid servants seem rather to do the bidding of those who are the enemies of the city."

"What in your opinion is to be done?"

"Well, I would say the question simply resolves itself into this: Have the people enough inherent power of sovereignty to stand up against such terrorism and vandalism, to rise in their majesty and power, to assert their inalienable rights as free citizens of America, and counteract the schemes of the traitors? If they have not, then we are gone and like the old Grecians must submit to become the slaves of those of whom we should be the masters."

"What do you think of the conduct of the lawyers in this case?"

"The attorneys hired for the purpose of representing the interests of the people in this matter have as far as heard from done nothing to deserve credit either as good citizens or as attorneys nor are they deserving of any pay. It appears in the beginning the case was made up of two divisions among the attorneys. One side was to take a position for the city and the other side for the New York Waterworks company. To give character to the scheme the lawyers were about equally balanced as to local prominence, for you know whether a lawyer knows anything or not, give him prominence and his schemes will carry."

"Well what of that?"

"In my opinion it was what the lawyers call an agreed case beforehand. The lambs (the people) were gently led to the slaughtering pen there to be sacrificed for the good of the high priests—the New York National Waterworks company, under the guise of a protest by the attorneys hired to defend the people."

"If the attorneys for the city have ever given any advice to the servants of the people it is but right that the people, whose cause is a just one, should know what that advice is, but as we cannot hear of any course being directed by them we conclude that they are doing nothing and as I have said it looks like an agreed case from the beginning."

"What is their motive?"

"Of the motive of such procedure, as the matter now stands, I believe that every citizen can form his own conclusions."

"What other instrumentalities have been used against the people in preventing them from becoming owners

banks, the cable railways, the electric light companies, the gas works, in short as I have said all the corporations, for those who have not openly opposed the people have been silent and thus effectively become the ally of the waterworks company."

"You do not think the corporations regard the people's interests?"

"It appears that the corporations today not only strangle our cities but they threaten to throttle our free institutions as well, all over the United States and it is no wonder that the laboring element see what is coming and is trying to take a hand in the division of the product of the toil of the laboring masses. Honest industries and individual rights will become paralyzed and relegated to the rear and anarchy and despotism become the ruling power of the day in the nation if the people do not rise in their patriotism and compel a halt in the greedy, grasping career of the corporations. If the people do not so assert themselves our free institutions, on which we pride ourselves, will soon become a historical past."

"Do you not think our public servants are faithful to the people?"

"As far as our public servants today are concerned no matter by what party name they may be called they are simply the facile and servile slaves of monopolies in one form or another and come to the service of the people with a corporation yoke upon their necks. 'You scratch me and I'll scratch you' is the principle upon which our public servants act. Without the higher power, and that power is the people—will assert its rights, things will go on from bad to worse."

"Are you satisfied with the attitude of the local press on the waterworks question?"

Well the press of our city as I look upon it, are corporations and I class them very much as I have done the others. They are working for pay and using the people as instrumentalities for plunder. Some of our leading papers, if reports are true, thus got the starting point of their existence and others have hung as mendicants around its doors. The press of the country has degenerated to a remarkable degree and has become absolutely unreliable and as a corporative power on the same footing with other corporations preys upon the people. As convenience suits they will advocate a question in a meek, humble, non-positive way, much as a false friend acts, using his knowledge of your plans to betray you. While the press of today has not the power it formerly possessed it will always have power as long as thought is expressed and language written and printed."

"Is there any one else who needs touching up in this matter?"

"Yes. I am surprised that so many pretentious citizens of prominence in the counsels of our city affairs, seem to sanction the treachery against our city by the Waterworks company. Many are non-committal or if they do express themselves their utterances are of such a quasi character that they give the appearance of sanction of the

the appearance of sanction of the scheme played against the people."

"What then ought the people to demand of their servants?"

"In my opinion one of the grand remedies left is that the people of Kansas City should demand from the council a resolution of confidence in the payment of the bonds according to the stipulations therein and also asking the citizens to come in and subscribe for said bonds and to become the owners of said bonds to show to the enemies of Kansas City that there is fidelity and confidence in its people and I believe that with such a declaration from the council enough patriotism would be displayed by the people of Kansas City in the absorption of these bonds that work would go on

and the traitors' schemes be frustrated and our enemies both at home and abroad routed. Such a proceeding would inspire confidence and no man would need to hold those bonds more than six months until they would be worth a premium. I believe there is enough patriotism among the people in Kansas City that the bonds would soon be subscribed for, if the movement was started and before half of them were gone even the traitors themselves would be in line. The people should rise as one man in defense of their rights. They should rally by public mass meetings. The bidders and boodlers should not be allowed to control them and when honesty is used in the discussion of the question the cowards will soon be in their proper places. If the people could be aroused as the interest of the case demands they would command in thunder tones that their servants in council

take the action suggested. The only remedy left is for the people to rise in their majesty. It took the power of God to kick Satan out of paradise and it will take supreme power almost by man to kick out the boodlers and traitors on this question."

"Then you do not despair entirely?"

"No. I am still in hopes that some of the patriotic citizens will take the steps necessary to consummate plans to carry out the people's will. The future of Kansas City to a large extent depends upon the outcome of this question. Shall the people's demand be disregarded? I believe there are enough patriotic and level-headed men to overthrow the combination against the city. If the people tamely submit to the perpetration of this fraud it will afford a precedent for the monopolies and boodlers to fleece the town and shambles it in its progress perhaps forever. Much depends upon this question."