

AN ANSWER TO-DAY.

It Is Understood That the Water Works Controversy Will Be Practically Settled This Forenoon.

Messrs. Gardiner Lathrop and Louis C. Krauthoff, attorneys for the National Water Works Company, returned to the city yesterday from the East, where they were in consultation with some of the officers and the Eastern attorneys of the company concerning the offer of officials of Kansas City to purchase the plants in this city and Quindaro, Kas. They notified Mayor Cowherd of their return and he called a meeting of the city's water works counsel for 10 o'clock this morning.

Although reticent in regard to the results of their mission, it is understood in official circles of the municipality that Messrs. Lathrop and Krauthoff have brought back with them authority to accept, upon behalf of the water works company, the offer of purchase made by the city. - If such is the fact the long drawn out fight between the city and the company will be at an end as soon as the terms of the transfer can be agreed upon. The principal difficulty now in the way of an amicable settlement is the fact that the supply plant at Quindaro is owned by another company.

While most of the stock is owned by the stockholders of the National Water Works Company, and it is really under the same management, it is an entirely different corporation, and should the works on both sides of the state line be purchased by the city it will have to deal with both corporations and obtain title to their plants from them. If the National Water Works Company can bring an offer of sale from the Kansas company and the prices of both plants are reasonable, there will be but little delay in closing the negotiations.

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