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President Powers left the chair to reply to the remarks made by Pierce. He was very outspoken in his opposition to the proposed location of the water department offices.

"Before this report was presented," said President Powers, "I had hoped to induce the Finance Committee to consider a plan of consolidation by which from \$1000 to \$2000 a month can be saved the city. To locate the water department as proposed will be a serious detriment to the section of the city which I represent. Very few people from my ward can reach the building without paying two fares. If you will agree to delay action one week so that I may present facts and figures to support my stand, I shall not complain at whatever action you may take, but it seems an injustice to rush this report through at this time. It is presented to you for your consideration."

Pierce said that the people of the city should be accommodated at the new location; that the rent was low and the vaults excellent. He declared that the people in his ward were as anxious to have the water department located on North Main street as the people in the Fourth Ward were to have it established further south.

Powers asked that he be permitted to submit a bill for the consideration of the committee before action was taken. He said that several warm personal friends had asked him to cease his opposition to the bank building, but he could not do so in justice to his constituents.

"It had been my hope," declared Powers, entering the frenzied arena, "that this matter might pass without my saying anything, but this is so clearly an attempt on the part of certain individuals to put the water offices where it will benefit them, that I do not feel that I can afford to remain silent. This is another public-market job on the part of some of these individuals. In particular I refer to Joseph Mesmer. He has been demanding this move in season and out of season."

"When we presented to the people a proposition to vote \$2,000,000 in water bonds to purchase the plant, Mesmer was the first man to go out and vilify every member of this Council. Today he asks that that same water department be manipulated by this Council to his advantage. When this Council can't select a site for the water department offices without the aid of Mesmer and men of his stamp it is time that they should resign."

"The old First National Bank building is not the place for the water department offices. This action which we are taking today means a long term of lease and perhaps the eventual purchase of that building by the city."

Pierce declared that all sentimentality was out of the question. Only the award.

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