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IT'S WATER THEY WANT  
WANT CITY WATER PIPES EXTENDED TO THE CEMETERY  
THEY WILL ASK THE COUNCIL  
THE LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION APPOINTS  
COMMITTEE TO INTERVIEW THE CITY COUNCIL

With return of spring the ladies connected with the Wadena cemetery association are preparing for an active campaign, which will result in greatly beautifying and improving the appearance of the cemetery the coming summer. A large and enthusiastic meeting of the ladies was held yesterday at the home of Mrs. G. A. Whitney, the president of the association, and plans for the coming season's work were thoroughly discussed.

Last year the ladies did nobly and succeeded in raising considerable money, which was expended mainly in clearing up the grounds and laying out the proper avenues. This year they propose to do even better, and it is now the intention to raise money enough to employ a man to work steadily at the cemetery during the months of May, June, July, August and September. This will cost considerable money, and it is proposed to raise this by asking each person who owns a lot in the cemetery to contribute what they can monthly. Others who do not own lots, but who are interested in the work have also offered to contribute. A list of all the lot holders will be prepared by the secretary, and Mrs. Montgomery, Mrs. Hunsinger and Miss Bell Swindlehurst have been appointed a committee to interview them.

Of course it would be useless for the ladies to attempt to engage a man for the summer months to work in the cemetery unless the cemetery can be supplied with water. You can't have green and attractive lawns or thrifty shade trees unless you have plenty of water, and the ladies propose to ask the council to extend the water pipes from Frank Willson's corner to the cemetery and give the association the free use of the water. This the ladies argue, the council should do, and with the object of bringing around this desirable end, the president appointed Mrs. C. C. Eastman and Mrs. W. R. Baumbach a committee to find out the cost of laying the water pipes to the cemetery and to present the proposition to the council at the next regular meeting.

It was also voted to hold a social at the home of Mrs. Whitney Friday evening, April 20, for the purpose of making a start toward raising money. Supper will be served at 25 cents each, and all will be cordially invited to attend. It is the intention to make the affair a social in the true sense of the word, and various different features of entertainment will be provided. It is especially requested that all keep in mind this date, and be sure and attend.

Mrs. F. C. Berry, the president of the newly organized library association, made a suggestion which met with great favor. She proposed that both the library and cemetery associations work together harmoniously in many matters, and that at no distant day both organizations give an amateur entertainment and divide equally the proceeds. In this way there would be no conflict, and with both organizations working together the entertainment would be a grand success. So both of the associations will undoubtedly arrange to give an entertainment soon.

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