

# RECEIVER

## Appointed For Plant Of Former Mt. Vernon Man

### H. C. Hubbell In Financial Trouble At Loveland

## Was Moving Spirit In A Big Power Plant

Loveland, Ohio, Aug. 1—On petition of the stockholders of the Loveland Electric Light Company, filed in the Warren county courts today, the business of H. C. Hubbell, real estate promoter of this place and Superintendent of the Norwood (Ohio) Water Works and Electric Light Station, was placed in the hands of a receiver. Arthur Jones, of Cincinnati, was appointed receiver.

The plant here cost \$165,000 and was recently appraised at \$75,000. Hubbell, it is said, was the moving spirit in having it erected. A number of wealthy citizens here and in adjoining communities, on his representations, subscribed for stock in the company. Numbered among his assets are the General Heath property, valued at \$11,000, and the Maxwell property in Clermont county, valued at \$15,000 and appraised at \$11,000.

Listed among the creditors are the Western German Bank of Cincinnati which is said to have a claim of nearly \$100,000; Charles Kuhl, A. H. Bethel, the Fabel Manufacturing Company and William Kinkle, of the same city; Mayor William M. Fridman, of Norwood, and the German-American Bank of Batavia, Ohio.

H. C. Hubbell was appointed Superintendent of the Norwood Water Works and Electric Light Station shortly after the Fridman administration took office in January, 1912. He made a good impression from the start by making a number of improvements at the municipal plant, which while bettering the service, cut down the cost of operation. He took an active part in a campaign started by Mayor Fridman early in his administration to enlarge and extend the water works and electric light plant.

He prepared plans for the proposed improvements that were approved by outside expert engineers and, when submitted to the Norwood council, led to action being taken to have bonds in the amount of \$105,000, to cover the estimated cost, voted on at a special election. The bond issue received the required two-thirds majority.

Up to the time the special election was held there was complete harmony between Mayor Fridman and the council, which has a Republican majority. However, when the Mayor presented an ordinance authorizing the Service Director to proceed to make the improvements, friction developed and the measure was held up.

Mayor Fridman has called two special meetings in efforts to have the ordinance passed. Last Monday night at Council meeting it was reported out by the Public Service Committee, accompanied by a resolution in which were set forth at length matters concerning Superintendent Hubbell's business dealings in Loveland. The closing paragraph called on the Mayor to remove Hubbell as Superintendent of the Norwood plant. No action was taken on the resolution or the ordinance. Instead, a special committee of Council was appointed to make an investigation of the matters mentioned in the resolution.

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