

GRAND HAVEN WATER WORKS MADE TO SUPPLY PRIVATE COMPANIES

WARRANT ISSUED FOR SUPERIN- TENDENT OF CONCERN WHO HAD NO INTENT.

Grand Haven, July 12.—As a result of the discovery that the pumps of the municipal water plant have been using a part of their energy in supplying water to the mains of the Grand Haven water company, a private corporation, through a connection between the mains a warrant has been issued for A. M. Cosgrove, superintendent of the private corporation, charging him with interfering with the city water system. The complaint is made under section 11,603 of the compiled laws of 1897 and is the direct result of a meeting of the water committee of the common council in the office of City Attorney D. F. Pagolson yesterday afternoon. Mr. Cosgrove appeared before the water committee and was cross-examined at length.

The warrant was issued by Justice Wachs and according to City Attorney Pagolson Mr. Cosgrove may be arrested tomorrow.

Cosgrove, who is proprietor of a plumbing establishment besides being superintendent of the Grand Haven Water company, admits turning the city water into the private mains.

The discovery was made by George Swart, an employe of the municipal water department, a few days ago, when he uncovered the connection, a one and one-half inch galvanized iron pipe on Washington street. As a result Mr. Cosgrove appeared at a special meeting of the common council and later before the water committee.

He made no attempt at concealment

and admitted having tapped the city pipe in 1906 for the purpose of flushing out some drive points in the private system. He said that he had permission from the city at the time and that it had not been in use from that time up to June 30 of this year.

He disclaimed any intention of using the city water for the private gain of the private corporation, especially as the private system practically has been operated by the city for some time.