Best & Goes Farthest

ATTACKS THE GAS COMPANY

Committee of Central Federated Improvement Club Makes Report.

HARTER PROVISIONS ARE VIOLATED

and Says Terms of Company's Franchise Are Daily Ignored.

The Central Federation of Improvement Clubs met Monday with representatives present from the Prospect Hill, Orchard Hill, Omaha View, North Omaha, West Omaha and Central Park Improvement

various parts of the city, both improved and unimproved, was discussed and the special committee appointed for that purpose reported progress and that it expected to soon have a good collection of photographs, gathered without cost to the

The committee on street lighting submitted the following report, which was received and placed on file without further mendation:

Your committee on the examination of the gas contract for street lighting would respectfully report that we find that Councilmen Evans, O'Brien, Back Dybail, Huntington and Schroeder voted in favor of a resolution to extend the contract for two years from January 1, 1994, and that the resolution was approved by the mayor; that this was done in direct violation of the provisions of the city charter, which provides that bids shall be advertised for and taken before the letting of any contract. Your committee finds further that had an opportunity been given for bids that a lower bid would have been submitted, which being accepted, would have saved the city many thousands of dollars.

Your committee finds further that the gas company violated the provisions of its franchise at an earlier time when it refused to bid for street lighting when asked to do so by the city council; the franchise of the gas company expressly providing that the company will, when and so often as requested to do so by the city of Omaha during the continuance of its franchise, bid for the supply of gas at a rate which shall not exceed for each lamp burning gas at the rate of five cubic feet per hour for \$25 per annum per lamp. Your committee finds further that the Welsbach burners now in use on street lamps only consumes three and one-half cubic feet of gas per hour, so that when the gas company collects \$25 per year for each lamp only consumes three and one-half cubic feet of gas per hour, so that when the gas company collects \$25 per year for each lamp only consumes three and one-half cubic feet of gas per hour, so that when the gas company collects \$25 per year for each lamp only consumes three and one-half cubic feet of gas per hour, so that when the gas company collects \$25 per year for each lamp only consumes three and one-half cubic feet of gas per hour, so that when the gas company collects \$25 per year for each lamp only collects \$25 per year for each lamp to the gas company collects \$25 per year for each lamp to the gas company coll

W. F. Johnson said: "There is no legal this franchise is being openly and con-

A motion prevailed thanking the city council for the use of the council committee room for the use of the club for meet-

A communication was read from the West Omaha Improvement club requesting the Federal club to open its doors for membership to all members of all improvement clubs of the city. A communication from the Central Park Improvement club took exactly the opposite position.

Pursuant with a communication from the North Omaha Improvement club, the secretary of the Federated club was directed to request that the Federated club be furnfahed with copies of all annual reports of the city and its several departments, espe cially in view of the fact that said reports have not been furnished the public for the last six years.

Resolutions proposing amendments to the constitution of the Federated club, relative to active memberships and honorary memberships, were tabled for consideration at a special meeting to be held January 18. A protest from the Prospect Hill Improvement club against any further gasoline light deals being made by the city, and to substitute electric light therefore, was laid over for consideration to January 18.

For Public Safety.

John Daly introduced a resolution to the effect that as a protection and safeguard to the lives of citizens, that the city council be requested to cause an official and thorough inspection of all halls and public buildings where people are accustomed to assemble in large bodies; to have all doors of such buildings to swing outward and to station reliable men at all exit doors; that special policemen and firemen be present at each performance, and that the director of such place of amusement or assemblage ba required to announce before the beginning of each performance the location of all exits from their respective establishments. The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Not a minute should be lost when a child never falls, and is pleasant and safe to take | and Mr. Lewis will be so advised.

Under Two Flags" at the Boyd. Jane Kennark and company in "Under Two Flaga" a melo-drama in five acts, adapted by Paul M. Potter from Oulda's novel of the same name; under direction of O. D. Woodward. The cast:

of O. D. Woodward. The cast:

Hon. Bertie Cecil. Bert Lytell
John. Earl of Rockingham.

H. Guy Woodward
Rake, Cecil's servant. Walter Marshall
Countess of Warminster Jeanette Carew
Lady Venetia Lyonesse. Nettie Douglass
Marquis of Chateauroy Harry C. Long
Lord Constantia. Frank Myers
Pierre Baroni John Davies
Renee Baroni Mary Hill
Maitrie Savignol James Stone
General Lamoriciere. Williard Schroth
Captain De Chanrellon, Charles Bearsford

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En-Ta Mabouli, French soldier.
Mark Fenton
Beau Bruno, French soldier. Frank Hatten
Grizzly Bear, French soldier. Frank Hatten
Grizzly Bear, French soldier. James Allen
Tiger Claw, French soldier. James Allen
Stone Stone
Ab-Del Kareen, the Marabout John Davies
Bou Allam, Bedouin. George McVean
Amineh the Doctress. Ellen Brong
Nsureddin, Arab servant. Charles Lewis
Yussuf, Arab servant. Joseph Lothian
A Missionary. Fred Mueller
A Settler. Samuel Cromp
Cigarette, Vivandiere. Jane Kennark Samuel Cromp Jane Kennark Cigarette, Vivandiere. Jane Kennark has just cause to feel complimented by her reception in Omaha last night. The audience that witnessed her

presentation of Cigarette in "Under Two Flags" was one of the largest of the season, and was more than appreciative; it was cordial. She need no longer doubt her local popularity. She was an established favorite here in the days of the Woodward Stock company at the Creighton, and her too few visits since that time have not brought about any lessening of the feeling the people entertain toward her. In the role of Cigarette she appears to better advantage now than last season,

when she first presented the part here. pains, but there is the easy certainty of the situations that comes with experience, and sureness of result that seemed lacking when she first gave us the part. Her supand with this comes assistance to the star. Miss Kennark makes Cigarette much such a personage as Oulda must have had in mind; a laughing, careless, even reckless girl, with the impudence born of long assoclation on even footing with men of the roughest sort, and then the awakening of the finer feelings of maidenhood and the realization of her condition and a desire contract with the gas company, and that born of a warm true love for a man. It is of Tours, Blois, Chenonceaux and Azay-lestantly violated and if some citizen should lives, and to this phase of the character the historical associations with which these her softer scenes that won her most applause, that with Bertle Cecil in the third

act being especially well done. Mr. Bert Lytell has the role of Bertle Cecil this season, and plays it with some show of life, making it really human character. H. Guy Woodward makes Rocking. ham just such a chap as he might have been in the novel if he had chosen to follow Cecil to Africa for enlistment in the Chasseurs. Walter Marshall is a splendid Rake, Harry Long, another Omaha favorite, has the villain role, that of Marquis de Chateauroy, and does it as he does everything else, in an artistic way, Nettle Douglas as Lady Venetia, and Mary Hill as Rence Baroni, the blind girl, are both well cast. In general the support is excellent, so that even the minor scenes of the plece

the whole production is good. The settings are the original, so that every detail is worked out with care, and under the watchful direction of Mr. Long the realistic features of the piece are given with proper effect.

"Under Two Flags" will be the bill until after Thursday night with a matinee on Wednesday.

MORE ABOUT FAMOUS COUNT Word Comes from Spokane that Jules

De Agneff Did Things

Out There.

Chief Donahue has a letter from W. H. Lewis, police photographer of Spokane, requesting to know the disposition of the cases against Count Jules de Agrneff, celebrated here and abroad as an expert forger. In the letter Mr. Lewis intimates that the count made a great and last record for himself while a resident of Spokane. The shows symptoms of croup. Chamberlain's count is still awaiting trial before the dis-Cough Remedy given as soon as the child trict judge on the charge of forgery while becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy an employe of Rome Miller of the lier cough appears, will prevent the attack. It Grand hotel, where he worked as a barber,

CHRONIC SORES Signs of Polluted Blood.

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NEW BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

Some January Publications That Are of Uncommon Interest and Merit.

PEN PICTURES OF COREANS IN CUTING

dren of All Ages in the February Delineator-New Story by Jack London in the Century.

With Japan and Russian on the verge of war over Corea, perhaps the article to which most people will turn at once in the January issue of Outing is "Walking Through Cores." which is the story of a tramp over the country with pen pictures of the people and some excellent photographs that bring them and the country pretty clear to the reader. But, perhaps the most fascinating article in this number is "Beating the Wind on a Toboggan," which tells of the remarkable feats accomplished at Davos, together with a dozen photographs taken especially for Outing and illustrating the daring runs that are taken down the mountain side. Mr. Dunn, in this number, begins the first of his articles on the recent attempt to ascend Mount McKinley. This is quite the most extraordinary series of papers to have been published, for besides the thrilling experiences in exploration, they tell of those human experiences which are usually not set down in print by explorers. Mr. Dunn's article is a human document frankly renumber is "The Story of the Shotgun," prepared by one of the Outing staff who visited the different factories for the pur-Two very seasonable papers are on "Southern Bayous," interesting alike to sports-"Fishing and Fishermen in Southern Callfornia," towards which at this time of the

The February Delineator is a magazine of uncommon interest and value. Its stories, articles and pictures are excellent, and the review of the fashions, including a letter from Mrs. Osborn, thorough and enlightening. More than sixty winter modes are depicted. In fiction there is a mystical tale entitled "The Sliver Boat," by Albert Bigelow Paine; a strong love story from the Pacific by Ednah Proctor Clarke, "The Wooing of Tia," and a delightful middleage romance by L. M. Montgomery; also a chapter of the "Evolution of a Club Woman," the much discussed serial by Agnes Surbridge. The home life of Calve, the most interesting personality among the favorites of the opera, is described in a remarkably illustrated article by Percy Mitchell. A serious paper on "The Cultivation of Ideals." by Lillie Hamilton French will be generally enjoyed, and collectors of "The Quest of Roxane," by Frances Roberts. Dr. Grace Peckham Murray's article on the care of the complexion meets an urgent need for just such a scientific treatise simply and enlighteningly presented In addition there are may good things for the children and for women of all ages timely information on a variety of topics

One of the most picturesque and readable articles in the Outlook's magazine number for January is that by Hamilton Wright Mable on the "Chateaux of Touraine," illustrated by unusually fine and beautiful photographs. Mr. Mable not only brings to the stay-at-home traveller the charm to get away from it, the change being and impressiveness of the famous Chatcaux after this awakening that Cigarette really Rideau, but calls up to the imagination Miss Kennark very wisely devotes more places are replete. Another decidedly readcare than to the merely spectacular fea- able article which deals with historical astures, although she does not neglect these, sociations in America is that by H. H. Her scene with the Bedouins in Moore, entitled "The Puritan and the Cavthe Chelala gorge, and her mad ride up alier." This also is enlivened by many fine the side of the mountain are given with all photographs taken expressly for this purthe dash and fire of a heroine. But it was pose. Other notable features of this num ber are personal sketches of Herbert chapter in his unconventional and often highly amusing biography of the president, called "Theodore Roosevelt the Citizen."

The North American Review in its January number provides for its readers a collection of articles of the greatest interest. in several of which it deals, with its accustomed authority, with current questions of the first magnitude. William Henry Hudson, who for several years was the private secretary of Herbert Spencer, contributes a most interesting character study of that great philosopher. Arnold White discusses "The Jewish Question: How to Solve It." Horace White gives his opinion as to what may be expected of "The School are carried off with a snap and dash, and of Journalism." Thomas Nelson Page treats, with grim frankness, of "Lynching of Negroes: Its Cause and Prevention. Goldwin Smith concludes his brilliant review of "Morley's Life of Giadstone." Thomas Barclay writes of "Two Treaties of Arbitration," suggesting the negotiation of a treaty, similar to the Anglo-French arbitration treaty, between Great Britain and the United States. Lawrence Gilman gives his view of "'Parsifal' and Its Sig-Churton Collins, the disnificance." tinguished English critic, begins a series of studies of the "Poetry and Poets of America." Annie Nathan Meyer challenges the correctness of "Woman's Assumption of Sex Superiority." Brigadier General W. H. Carter reviews "Mr. Root's Services in the War Department." Francisco Escobar, a prominent Colombian, considers "The President's Message and the Isthmian Canal," severely criticising some of the statements made by Mr. Roosevelt to congress. The number closes with the first part of W. D. Howell's new novel, "The Son of Royal Langbrith."

The Criterion opens a new season with the January number, full of more than that clever magazine's usual charm and value. The cover is a unique design in colors by John Cecil Clay, and the illustrations of the magazine are of a high order of merit. The little volume is artistically printed by Among the most noticeable features of the the Gorham Press of Boston, and is as inpaper are an authoritative paper by Charles Johnston, "Corea, Russia and Japan," a study of extraordinary interest and insight, dealing with the difficult situation now pending in the far east; the first instalment of a short serial by Jennette Lee, written in this favorite writer's most charming manner. The plot of the tale is unusual and original, possessing a deep psychological interest. John Url Lloyd, the amous chronicler of the Kentuckian, contributes a highly original and amusing satire, "The Size of the Pilgrim Fathers." An interesting paper on "The Dramatic Problem in Opera." by Katharine M. Roof, s of unusual value to lovers of opera. This s the first of a series and discusses the opera singer and the opera actor. Some excellent short stories figure in the number, among these being "The Blow in the Dark." by Patrick Vaux; "The Tempered Wind," by Emery Pottle, and "Tarrytown Tales." by Minna Irving. Stephen Mackenna's "Toli of Prose," a literary critique. is also worthy of note. The magazine in addition offers some very good poetry and the usual comments on current publica-

Bright, helpful, entertaining is the January number of The Housekeeper, which comes in handsome holking dress. Among the more noticeable features are a full-page illustration by P. DeForrest Schook. "Watching the Old Year Out," short stories. Tel. B2234.

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urrent comment on the immense output of

American publishers to note the product

for one year of Harper & Bros., who may

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ing authors: Lafcadio Hearn, Baroness von

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Hints for Home Dressmakers, In the and The Children's hour, are all up to their usual high standard and, all in all, The Housekeeper fully deserves to be Under the Category Named by His Honor.

The opening chapters of Jack London's "The Sea-Wolf" in the January Century Mayor Moores has issued instructions to redouble interest in and anticipations of Building Inspector Withnell and Fire Chief what promises to be one of the literary Salter for a thorough inspection of all events of the year. In addition to the halls, churches and buildings used for the dramatic interest of the story and the assemblage of people in the city. The scope fine character portrayal of the chief figure, of the inquiry will not be confined to the Wolf Larsen, the new novel will be rich in conditions that might be induced by fire, strong and stirring sea descriptions, picbut will include the general safety of the tures of the life which was Jack London's buildings, their construction and reasonable capacity.

Inasmuch as the building inspector sick, the inspection will not be insisted upon until he recovers, and therefore will hardly be started until next week. The mayor directed that an asbestos cur

tain be placed on the stage at the Krug theater, stipulating that this be done by Saturday. At this theater 126 seats have removed, enlarging the alsles and making cross-aisles on the main floor and balcony. At the Orpheum an asbestos lining has been placed in the calcium light "This is as good a time as any to have

thorough investigation made of dance halls, quasi-theaters, like Washington hall, churches, rooms and buildings where fraternal and other organizations meet and in fact every kind of a building where crowds assemble," said the mayor.

Must Be Up to Par.

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the strength and general conditions of the structures will be examined closely and care taken to see whether or not collapse may be caused by overloading. The investigation may take some time, but I are

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the building department is ridiculously undermanned and that with the present force Halls and Even it is absurd to expect anything like a thorough and constant inspection of building "The charter and ordinances throw all responsibility of this kind on the building inspector and his department," says the city engineer. "His force consists of himself, one assistant and a clerk, who performs similar duties for the plumbing. boiler and gas inspectors, none of whon

> can be classed as of service in the general inspection of buildings. "Not only public halls and buildings, but warehouses, offices, factories and store buildings of every kind should have periodical scrutiny, in order to be certain that the floors are not overloaded or in danger of collapse. Under present conditions this the 11th or 12th inst. General Sumner still is impossible. Arrangements should be made at once to enlarge the force of comgetent inspectors and systematize the work

It would be in the nature of true economy."

FALLS DEAD AT CUT OFF LAKE Employe of Talbot Company Expires

While Helping to Harvest Ice Crop.

Marcus C. Owen, employed at cutting ice

at Cut-Off lake by the Talbot Ice company, fell dead yesterday while cleaning out a car. Dr. J. C. Bishop was summoned and ascertained the cause of death to be heart failure. Owen lived at 2222 North Twenty-second street and leaves a wife as chief of staff in the military division and two daughters. He formerly was em- of the northwest, will leave for St. Louis ployed by the Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Rallway company as a motorman. and safely in case of fire will be noted, and | The body is now at the morgue and an inif not up to requirements the necessary al- quest will be held today.

CHANGES IN ARMY OFFICERS

General S. S. Sumner Goes South, but Will Command the Missouri.

WILL BE TEMPORARY

to Await Arrival of Wint.

Next week will witness a material change in the personnel of the Department of the Missouri headquarters. General S. S. Sumner, with his personal aide, Lieutenant Hamilton Bowle, will depart for Oklahoma City to assume command of the military division of the southwest. It is the present intention for them to leave Omaha about will continue in command of the department until January 15 and will exercise the command from Oklahoma City. Ar-

rangements practically have been completed for division headquarters there. Brigadier General C. C. C. Carr, now at Fort Riley, will relieve Major General Sumner in command of the department on the 15th inst, and may exercise the command of the department from Fort Riley for a few days prior to coming to Omaha. He will continue in temporary command of the department until the arrival of Brigadier General T. J. Wint, who has been assigned to the permanent command

of the Department of the Missouri. Major E. J. McClernand, chief of staff of the department, who has been assigned early next week. It is not known just at this time who of the department headquarters clerks will accompany the departing officers in their new assignments.

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