

GAS COMPANY TO KNOW FATE AFTER CITY ELECTION

Corporation Counsel Lambert Explains Steps Which May Be Taken After Voters Make Wishes Known.

The franchise of the Omaha Gas company will expire on December 20 of this year, and at the city election May 7 the voters will express themselves on the proposition of whether the city shall proceed to acquire the plant according to the provisions of a city charter amendment enacted by the legislature.

Corporation Counsel Lambert has prepared a statement, from which a few excerpts have been taken as follows:

"If the proposition to take over the gas plant receives a favorable vote at the coming election, it will then become the duty of the state to apply to the supreme court of the state for the appointment of three judges, one of whom shall be from this judicial district. These judges shall constitute a court of condemnation to ascertain the value of the plant.

To Issue Bonds.
"As soon as this court of condemnation arrives at and reports its value, the city may by ordinance elect to abandon the condemnation proceedings within 60 days, but if no such election is made within that time, then the company may appeal to the district court within 20 days, if dissatisfied with the finding of value and award. Thereupon the matter shall be tried out in the district court. The city may at any time, by tendering the amount of the award, take immediate possession of the property. Either party may appeal from the decision of the district court to the supreme court. Upon final judgment in the proceedings, it becomes the duty of the city to issue and sell bonds to pay for the property taken over.

"It will be seen that if the vote at the coming election is favorable, nothing remains to do but to proceed with the acquisition of the plant to the extent at least of ascertaining its value in the manner provided by law. At this point, the city may discontinue further proceedings if it takes the proper steps within the 60 days provided by law, if it is not satisfied with the value fixed by the condemnation court. If it allows this period to pass, then it is irrevocably committed to the purchase of the plant at whatever value may be finally fixed.

Appraisal in 1912.

"In 1912 the city had an exhaustive appraisal made of the property of the gas plant. In his appraisal of the physical property W. M. D. Marks fixed what he said was a fair value, namely \$1,501,276. I do not know that the gas company completed its valuation of the plant and consequently have no word from that side as to the claimed value thereof. But what is known from the history of controversies of this kind, it would seem a sage prophecy to say that the company would claim a value not much short of \$4,000,000, and that if the matter were finally settled in court, a value would be arrived at somewhere between the extreme claims of both sides."

Mr. Lambert notes that Marks made no allowance for franchise value. He also refers to depreciation since and also to estimated improvements of \$500,000 or more. He further notes that at the time of the Marks appraisal the price of cast iron pipe was from \$2- to \$30 per ton, while at present the price is \$55.95 per ton. The 1912 appraisal shows approximately 220 miles of cast iron pipe lines. The corporation counsel figures that the advanced cost of iron pipe and labor would add materially to the 1912 appraisal.

"So that," he continues, "it would seem safe to estimate that if the plant was taken over at this time it would cost the city at least twice as much as if taken over under normal conditions, that is, conditions prevailing generally before the war. It must be remembered that the prices prevailing at the time the city enters upon the acquisition of the property will be the prices which would determine the appraisal value—averages over periods of five to 10 years usually employed in appraisals for rate making do not prevail when the purpose is to acquire the property."

Mr. Lambert also states that an examination of the records convinces him that during the last few years "there must have occurred a falling away of demand for gas for certain purposes, such as light."

Five Sons of Iowa Woman Fighting for Uncle Sam
Five sons of Mrs. A. Minner of Glenwood, Ia., have enlisted in the service. Burton enlisted in Kansas, Phil and Fred in Glenwood, Carl in Kearney, Neb., and Louis enlisted in the navy in Omaha.

Salesman Arrested on Charge of Embezzlement
Fred M. Johnson, salesman for the Universal Chemical Co., 314-16 South Twelfth street, was arrested Saturday afternoon on a warrant issued by his employers, charging embezzlement.

CONNOR THRILLS OMAHA AUDIENCE WITH WAR SPEECH

Soldier-Author Tells of Unspeakable Atrocities Committed by Huns; Here to Boost Liberty Loan.

Major Charles William Gordon, better known to the literary world as Ralph Connor, former chaplain of a Canadian regiment serving in France, was in Omaha for a short time yesterday, and spoke at the Chamber of Commerce at 8 o'clock in behalf of the third Liberty loan. Later he left for Kansas City to continue his work in behalf of war finance.

Tells of Atrocities.
Tales of unspeakable atrocities of the foe whom we now are fighting on the blood-stained battlefields of France and tales of almost unbelievable exhibitions of valor on the part of the soldiers of the allied armies, carried a large audience with the speaker. Frequent applause met statements of Major Gordon, while almost the next instance tears vied with laughter for possession of his audience.

While admitting the showing made by Omahans and Nebraskans in the third Liberty loan drive practically exempted them from any urging in future subscriptions, the speaker asserted not one-half of the American people had come to the point where they appreciated the seriousness of the present struggle and said that when the nation did so it would not only invest surplus money in Liberty bonds, but would go without necessities gladly to help finance the war.

Long War Expected.
"We are fighting a ruthless foe," declared the speaker, "and we must meet him on his own grounds. Do not delude yourselves into believing that

this war will end in a short time. Any military machine that has been 40 years in the process of organization cannot be destroyed in an hour, in a week, or in a few years. It takes time. We have the men, the munitions and everything necessary to win, and we will win. Nothing can stop a nation or a gathering of nations from winning in the end if they are in the right and determined to assert themselves.

"England and France have sacrificed untold numbers of men in this cause and this country is bound to put its share into the melting pot. When the casualty lists begin to come home, then you will wake up to the situation which confronts you and do your duty here at home.

"At present that duty consists of financing the fight, and I am proud of the way people in and around this city have come to the front. You must buy bonds, then buy more bonds and when you have no more money go in debt for them. Do everything short of stealing to get money to lend your government at the time it needs it most."

Major Gordon's literary works have won for him a warm place in the affections of the people of the United States. His "Sky Pilot" and "The Man from Glenary" are among the better known books.

PROF. DOPE HAS NEW STORY FOR GAYETY PATRONS

Prof. Dope is back and he's just as full of that stuff as ever he was. Lew Kelly has made this character so completely his own that he doesn't need to copyright it, and the welcome he got when he walked out in full view of the big audience at the Gayety last night must have convinced him that his year of absence had lost him no friends. He no longer chases the wary whifflepoof, but he does spend a month or two on pursuit of the elusive wozzlebug, and does other things that are funnier than they would look in cold print. His travesty of the inspector in "The Thirteenth Chair" is immense, and with other he revives memories of bygone de-

Boy Scouts to Give Dr. Henry Rousing Farewell Tonight

Dr. E. C. Henry, recently commissioned a major in the United States army, will leave Omaha at 6:30 o'clock tonight. The major has been ordered to the east for active service.

Major Henry is president of the Boy Scout organization of Omaha. Scout Executive English has issued a call to the Boy Scouts of Omaha to meet at the Union station at 6 o'clock to give the major a farewell demonstration.

Dr. Henry established the Lord Lister hospital, which will be left in charge of Dr. Charles H. Newell and Mrs. Henry while the major is in active service. A son, Frank Henry, who is a lieutenant in the army, recently wrote his parents from an American seaport that he expects to sail for France soon.



MAJOR E. C. HENRY.

lights through a clever burlesque of "Shenandoah."

Other funmakers are George Douglas, John Homan and Vic Casmore, with Lucile Manion and Ameta Pynes assisting on every play. Marie Sparrow is pretty well down on the bill, but she surely brings 'em up standing with her rollicking specialty. She, too, reminds some of the old timers of a day that is gone, for Maggie Kline in her heyday was very much such an instigator of riotous fun as is Miss Sparrow. Regulars last night gasped a little in amazement and then applauded in joy when the chorus fresh, sparkling and willing to work. From start to finish the proceedings go along with snap and with expensive and attractive costumes, special scenery and effective stage groupings and dances, the Behman show fully sustains the good name it has made for itself among patrons of musical burlesque.

Grand Larceny Charge Against Alleged Tire Thief

Samuel Steinberg, 2108 Cass street, was arrested Saturday afternoon on a charge of grand larceny. He is charged with the theft of two automobile tires on the night of April 14,

from an automobile belonging to Samuel Riseman, 2213 Cuming street. Both tires were recovered.

State Commercial Clubs Meet at Alliance May 21-22

A meeting of the Nebraska State Association of Commercial clubs will be held May 21 and 22 at Alliance. For the last two years these state conventions have been held in Omaha, and the western city was selected this year by common consent. All members of the local chamber will attend the meeting and are asked to communicate with the commissioner at an early date in order that they may be designated as delegates.

BOY SCOUTS GET \$37,750 ON FIRST DAY OF CLEANUP

Carl Ohye Sells 54 Bonds, Aggregating \$5,050; Many Scouts Fail to Make Returns.


The Boy Scouts of Omaha in their first day's work sold 176 Liberty bonds, amounting to \$37,750, according to reports received by Scout Executive English Saturday night. Many boys living in districts far but did not report their day's work, owing to the rain.

Carl Ohye, son of Henry Ohye, 713 South Twenty-seventh street, sold 54 bonds aggregating \$5,050, which was the best record of any of the boys reporting.

Federal Authorities Will Probe "High Cost of Shaves"

Federal authorities are investigating various reasons of top-notch prices which are alleged to be forced upon embryo-soldier lads who are strangers in the city. Two soldiers, Michael J. Sklemar, Camp Cody, whose parents live at 908 Dorcas street, and F. J. Szama, St. Paul, Neb., complained to the police that after receiving tonsorial service in a barber shop, amounting to a hair cut and a shave, Saturday afternoon, they were presented with checks of \$2.20 and \$1.40, respectively. The affair occurred in a South Fifteenth street shop recently opened.

Each lad said they asked for and received nothing else but a hair cut and a shave. Owing to the fact that Sklemar and Szama would be unable to appear in court against the barbers the latter were not held. Phases of federal law state that it is a serious offense to overcharge soldiers for anything. Federal authorities will investigate.



Where's Your Weak Spot?

There's usually something wrong with people who don't make good.

The survival of the fittest will always be the law of nature. If you don't succeed in business or your profession, nine times out of ten it's your own fault—or rather weakness.

You may be too sparing of the "midnight oil" when others are studying and perfecting themselves for the battle of life.

You may be bright, ambitions—even brilliant—and LACK STAYING POWER.

You may be TOO EASILY SATISFIED, or too easily discouraged—and give up without a struggle for supremacy.

Somewhere in your make-up there's a weak spot that you must locate and overcome.

I can honestly claim without a trace of egotism, that I am a competent Doctor of Dental Surgery, and entitled to the respect of the public and the profession—YET THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF OTHER DENTISTS EQUALLY AS COMPETENT AND SOME WHO ARE UNDOUBTEDLY PROFESSIONALLY SUPERIOR, who are wasting their lives and talents in dark, obscure offices eking out a bare living because they have not found their "weak spot."

Some of these dentists are still causing their patients unnecessary pain—some are still "making caps over teeth" and calling them crowns, some are using inferior material, others are incapable of giving their patients artistic, durable dentistry—and many are charging entirely too much for their services.

My success in building up so large a practice has been due to forsaking the path of custom and striking out over the rougher and less certain road of originality.

I found a way to lessen pain—I found a system that enabled me to save over half the waste in time and material in my office—I found that hard work hour after hour and day after day, enabled me to handle double the number of patients satisfactorily.

These had all been "weak points" common to the profession, and as soon as I overcame them I took the public into my confidence—showed them how I could give them better dentistry for less money—how I could save them time and pain and risk. It sounded true because it was reasonable—and IT WAS REASONABLE BECAUSE IT WAS TRUE. It does not take the public long to beat a path to the door of the man who deserves patronage.

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