

PULL AGAIN FOR DOLLAR GAS

City Will Make Another Effort Early Next Week.

PLAN ANOTHER CONFERENCE

Gas Company Has Announced Basis on Which It Will Agree to Reduce the Price—City's Suit All Ready.

Another attempt will be made to secure dollar gas for residents of this city without further legal proceedings. Early next week, when W. T. Douthett of the gas company is in the city, a conference will be held between gas company and city officials, and if this conference fails to effect the desired compromise the city will cease its efforts to reach an agreement and ask the courts to pass upon the question.

Standing firm in the demand for dollar gas without any qualifying contract, the city's legal representatives expect little from the coming conference. The gas company has announced the basis upon which it will agree to a compromise—a basis that will give residents dollar gas except in case of a contingency, when the price would be beyond a dollar.

The company is willing to pay a certain fixed sum annually, which is now sufficient to meet all municipal obligations and reduce the price to a dollar. However, when the fixed sum failed to meet occupation taxes, royalties, etc., the difference would be assessed to consumers.

Preparation on the part of the city for the suit are complete and if the case is whether dollar gas would be confiscatory or not comes to trial the evidence the city will rely upon is ready for immediate introduction and consideration.

Richard Grotte Is to Wed Miss Secord

Richard Grotte, city purchasing agent, will be married in Kansas City Sunday evening to Miss La Rhea Secord of El Paso, Tex. He will leave today for Kansas City, ostensibly to spend three or four days studying municipal problems there as the representative of the Omaha city commission, and he will accompany the purchasing system employed by the Kansas City council.

Only a few close friends has Mr. Grotte notified his intention to marry Miss Secord, who will meet him in Kansas City. After their marriage they will return to Omaha.

Miss Secord is the daughter of F. A. Secord, superintendent of telegraph for the El Paso & Southwestern railroad, and is better known as "Uncle Rosa's" children's writer and editor.

Until three months ago Mr. Secord lived in Omaha, where he has a very wide acquaintance. Mr. Grotte and Miss Secord have known each other for many years.

Women Take Places of Striking Spouses

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 7.—Hungarian women, many of them past middle age, have taken the places of striking core-makers at a foundry in East Toledo. One hundred men and boys are on strike.

The core-makers went on strike this morning because they had been refused an increase in wages. Talk of the strike commenced last Monday. Monday noon twenty-eight Hungarian women, for the most part wives of laborers employed at the foundry, appeared at the factory and commenced to receive instructions in core making. For the first few days the women made poor progress, but towards the end of the week, some of them were able to earn as high as 75 cents a day, working on a piece work scale, it is said.

The demand of the men for an increase in wages is now in the hands of a committee which has referred the question to officers of the company in New York.

Eat Anything Without Fear

Tightness of the Stomach Caused by Undigested Food Stopped with a Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablet.

When you feel if your stomach was being tightly choked when the pain is intense and you break out in a cold and clammy perspiration and there is a lump in your throat and you are weak and nauseated—all you need is a Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablet to clear away the wreckage of undigested food left in the stomach and intestines and restore you to your normal self again. And this can all be accomplished within a few moments.

"Thousands of people have learned so well how sure and dependable Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are for all stomach ills that they now eat anything they want without fear of distress. They are never without a package at home and at the office, and upon any indication that the stomach is a little weary, they take a Stuart's Tablet after each meal for a few days until the digestive organs get rested up again.

This is a splendid plan to follow and always results in much good. The appetite is improved, the food is relished more, your sleep is more refreshing, and your disposition will make you friends instead of enemies.

For Indigestion, Sour Stomach, Belching, Gas, Coated Tongue, Intestinal Indigestion and All Stomach Disorders—and Pains or Loss of Appetite—Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are invaluable.

Use them freely—they are as harmless as sugar would be—and are not to be classed as "medicine." They have no effect whatever on the system except the benefits they bring you through the proper digestion of your food.

All Drug stores sell Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets. The price is 50 cents per box.—Advertisement.

Model Laundry telephone changed to Douglas 242.

Woman is Hit with Beer Bottle Aboard Gunboat Vicksburg

VALLIJO, CAL., Dec. 7.—A naval board was convened at the Mars Island navy yard today to investigate an affair on board the United States gunboat Vicksburg late last night, which resulted in the removal of Mrs. Andrew Muller, wife of a Vallejo saloon man, in an unconscious condition from the vessel. It was reported last night that Mrs. Muller had fallen down the gangway of the Vicksburg.

It is alleged by the police of Vallejo, who conducted a separate investigation, that they have evidence to show that Mrs. Muller did not fall down the gangway, as at first reported, but that she was struck on the head by a beer bottle hurled by the wife of an officer with whom she had been dining.

A second woman, included in the midnight dinner party, it is understood by the police, is an employee of a candy store in San Francisco. The identity of the two officers who are alleged to have entertained the women on the gunboat has not yet been made public.

TALKS UNION MADE GOOD.

McMorrow on How Great Economic Machine May Be Built Up.

PRISON LABOR IS DENOUNCED Millions of Pairs of Shoes Turned Out by Convicts Annually, Thus Depriving Honest Laborers of Wages.

C. J. McMorrow, speaking for union labor at the Lyric theater last evening at an entertainment under the auspices of the Omaha Central Labor union, declared that a comparatively small number of purchasers could help build the greatest economic machine this country ever saw, if the consumer insisted on buying only union labeled goods.

McMorrow denounced prison labor, pointing to the fact that 7,000,000 pairs of shoes are made annually by convicts under contract at wages which no American citizen could live on. Such competition he claimed was unfair to the great army of workmen engaged in the making of shoes. He asked for help in compelling the 100,000 workmen engaged in the manufacture of shoes who are not now in the union to join the organized forces of labor and help promote the general welfare of the laboring classes.

In only one way, McMorrow said, can the laboring conditions be bettered and that is by forcing nonunion men to join unions, a thing possible only when people are educated to the fact that unions turn out as good products as the trusts.

The meeting was attended by a large number of workmen. Motion pictures were shown and songs sung. The entertainers, McMorrow, Harry L. Berry and Wilbert F. Timmins, are from Boston, being paid by the union shoe workers to travel from city to city and give lectures on union labels.

McMorrow explained the labels thrown on the shoe. He stated the purpose of the meeting primarily—to interest purchasers in union goods and familiarize them with trade-union labels, so that they could demand union-made goods and know when they received them.

Prior to the meeting the Central Labor union held a short business session and then adjourned and attended the lecture.

Candy Kids Clamber Into Third Position

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 7.—The Peterson Candy Kid team of South Omaha, Neb., rolled into third place in the five-man event at the Middlewest Bowling tournament tonight, by making a score of 2,720.

The scores of the teams for the three games were 822, 811, 827. C. B. Hunt is captain of the team.

The Jetter Gold Top of South Omaha, J. E. Briggs, captain, scored 2,569 and the Commerce club team of Pueblo, Colo., Fred Dixon, captain, scored 2,432.

The best scores made by a Kansas City squad of five-man were J. J. Eagles, 2,482; Muehlebach No. 2, 2,390; Dick & Brothers, 2,382, and Clinameis, 2,369.

High Cue Average Equaled by Hoppe

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 7.—Equalling the world record average of 109 at 152 balls, Willie Hoppe won his match with George Slosson here tonight by running 400 points in four innings.

In the third inning he had a run of 309, the highest that has ever been witnessed in this city at this style of play. Slosson's total was 21. Summary: Hoppe, 2, 127, 209, 2. Total, 400. Average, 100. Slosson, 13, 7, 12. Total, 32. Average, 109.

Culls from the Wires

"Erickson's," in Portland, Ore., once the largest gambling place in the United States, was destroyed by fire.

H. Djeva Bey, consul-general of the Turkish embassy in London, has been appointed to the same post at Washington.

Prince Louis of Battenberg has been appointed first sea lord of the British admiralty in succession to Admiral Sir Francis C. B. Bridgeman, resigned.

After the examination of two minor witnesses the state closed its case in the trial of Sidna Allen for the murder of William M. Foster, in the Hillsville, Va., tragedy.

Foreign Minister Sazanoff introduced a bill in the council of ministers for the establishment of Russian consulates at Pittsburgh, Seattle, Nome, Honolulu and Buenos Aires.

The sixth annual convention of the American Road Builders' association came to a close in Cincinnati with the reading of the report of the committee on resolutions.

The government introduced testimony to discredit portions of letters and circulars describing favorably the various Hawthorne mines, in the continued trial of Julian Hawthorne in New York.

Cameron Forbes, governor general of the Philippines, who has been in this country for the last nine months convalescing from a severe illness, left Washington for San Francisco to sail for Manila.

The St. Louis hearing in the government's suit to dissolve the International Harvester company came to a close and Special Examiner Robert S. Taylor and attorneys for both sides prepared to depart for St. Paul.

The Sale that Started Omaha, Opens the Holiday Season with Most Astounding Bargains. The Sale that Overshadows All Other Sales. NEW GOODS OPENED--All of the Nebraska Clothing Co.'s late shipments received and now on sale at 1/3 TO 1/2. The new owners of the Nebraska are pleased to announce that they are enabled to sell the winter shipments to the Nebraska Clothing Co. on the same basis that they have been selling the fall stock. Namely: At 1/3 to 1/2 the Nebraska's regular very low prices. Thousands of new winter suits and overcoats contracted for by the old firm for December delivery have arrived. This mammoth stock must be disposed of without delay, and is to be sold forthwith at sacrifice prices. The attention of all intending purchasers of Winter clothing is directed to this remarkable opportunity to save from quarter to one-half on clothes of the highest character. The very newest mid-season productions of the world's best makers are being sold here now at ridiculously low prices. Choose Monday from Nebraska Clothing Co.'s Entire Stock Thousands of Highest Grade, Midwinter Models in MEN'S and YOUNG MEN'S SUITS and OVERCOATS at 1/3 TO 1/2 PRICE.

Nebraska Clothing Co. JOHN A. SWANSON, Pres. W. L. HOLZMAN, Treas. FARMER FIFTEENTH STS. Do Your Christmas Buying Now. XMAS GIFTS For Men and Young Men—Fine Furnishing Goods On Sale at— 1/3 TO 1/2 PRICE. \$750 Gives Choice of All \$10 and \$12.50 Suits and O'coats. \$975 Gives Choice of All \$15 and \$16.50 Suits and O'coats. \$1350 Gives Choice of All \$20 and \$22.50 Suits and O'coats. \$1750 Gives Choice of All \$25, \$30, \$35 Suits and O'coats. XMAS GIFTS Buy "His" Gift Here—Fine Furnishing Goods On Sale at— 1/3 TO 1/2 PRICE.

MRS. PETERSON WINS FIGHT

Judge Finds that Will Involving Much Property is Valid.

EXPERT TESTIMONY IS NEEDED In His Finding Judge Crawford Sets Himself Against the Testimony of Three Handwriting Experts from Local Banks.

Mrs. Emma Peterson, widow of the late Soren T. Peterson, won her fight for admission to probate of her husband's will in county court Saturday.

The will gives Mrs. Peterson \$1,000 worth of Omaha street railway stock and \$9,000 worth of real estate. In finding that the will was written and signed by Peterson and was valid County Judge Bryce Crawford set himself against the testimony of three handwriting experts of Omaha national banks, who swore that in their opinion Peterson never wrote the document.

The decision followed ten days of bitter fighting between Ben S. Baker and John W. Batton, counsel for Mrs. Peterson, and Byron G. Burbank, attorney for the heirs-at-law, children of Peterson.

The Peterson will case threw new light on the district court suit of Nels Johnson and Mrs. Marie Hansen against Peterson's estate for property worth \$15,000, which they say Peterson fraudulently procured.

After providing for Emma Peterson, the will provides for others as follows: Erection of a \$500 monument over the grave of Lenal Peterson, his first wife; \$500 to Jennie H. Peterson of Harrisburg, Colo.; a brother; division of the remainder equally among three children, Mrs. Leona McCutcheon and Mrs. Lillian Detrich, both of Portland, Ore., and Dr. Leroy Peterson of Omaha; the cost of Dr. Peterson's education in Creighton university is to be deducted from his share and divided between the two daughters, Emily Peterson, another daughter, disinherited.

Children Allege Fraud. Peterson's will was dated at a time when he and Emma Peterson, his third wife, were separated and a divorce suit between them was pending. The children declared their father never wrote the will, and charged Mrs. Peterson or some friend of hers was its real author. They introduced testimony of handwriting experts who studied the will and numerous specimens of handwriting of Mrs. Peterson and her late husband.

In ruling Judge Crawford said in part: "While the experts were certain in their testimony that the handwriting of the will was not that of Peterson they were equally certain that the writing of the will was the same as that of certain letters that were in evidence. But it was established in the Peterson divorce case that some of those letters were written by Peterson. I am convinced that Peterson wrote at times a Gothic and Celtic script and at other times a round, boyish hand. I must conclude that the evidence supports the contention of the proponent of the will.

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WOODARD NOW HAS LIFE JOB

Assistant Postmaster Just Placed on Civil Service List.

HE HAS SERVED MANY YEARS Was Made Assistant Under Charles K. Contant, When the Omaha Office Employed Only a Handful of Men.

Assistant Postmaster J. I. Woodard has just received word from Washington that he has been placed on the civil service list, which means that he will retain his position for life. Heretofore he has been appointed from term to term by the incoming postmasters.

Mr. Woodard is entering his forty-second year as an employee of the Omaha postoffice, and has served as assistant to eight postmasters. He was appointed on September 1, 1871, as assistant by Charles K. Contant, and has seen the following postmasters come and go: C. V. Gallagher, T. S. Clark, Euclid Martin, Joseph Crow, H. E. Palmer and B. F. Thomas. John C. Wharton is the eighth postmaster under whom Mr. Woodard has served.

On November 25 Postmaster Wharton wrote to C. P. Grandfield, first assistant postmaster general at Washington, asking him to place Mr. Woodard on the classified list. Shortly after writing the letter Mr. Wharton, in company with his wife, left for Excelsior Springs and did not return until yesterday. It was upon his return that he found the letter from Mr. Grandfield announcing Mr. Woodard had been placed on the civil service list.

Defers Back to Past. Mr. Woodard, while talking to a reporter, closed his eyes and drifted back to his first few years as assistant postmaster in Omaha. He recalled the many hardships he went through, how his office at that time meant practically everything there was in the postoffice. He particularly recalled a certain day in 1874 when word was received that four letter carriers were to be appointed. "It was a great day of jubilation," explained Mr. Woodard. "I can remember how we thought at last we had a real postoffice in Omaha. We all went out and ate dinner together, and it was a red letter day in the history of the Omaha postoffice. Then when the carriers were really put to work there was another big day.

"Little does the big Omaha postoffice today look like that of forty years ago. At that time we had four carriers, today we have 122, and more coming the first of the year. At that time we had but six clerks, today we have 105, and more coming in all the while. The total strength of the Omaha postoffice in 1874 was sixteen employees. Today we have 238 employees, including ten special delivery boys."

RAYMOND USES WAGON TO CARRY AWAY PLUNDER A. Raymond, arrested by Detectives Dunn and Kennely, confessed to the theft of \$200 worth of storage batteries from C. A. Post's garage at Twenty-fourth and Harney streets the first of this week. The batteries weighed 1,200 pounds and Raymond used a wagon to carry off his plunder, which he sold to second-hand dealers.

Business Men Meet Ryder and Talk Smoke A dozen business men met with Police Commissioner Ryder yesterday afternoon to discuss proposed legislation intended to abate the smoke nuisance in Omaha. Amendments to the ordinance that had been drafted were suggested and a committee of business men were appointed to draft such an ordinance as they deem best suited to the purpose. This ordinance will be the result of the combined efforts of large and small property owners and three local experts, who will advise as to the best methods of abating the smoke evil.

Commissioner Ryder said no drastic legislation would be attempted. Investigations have disclosed the fact that several buildings, large and small, would have to be remedied before the smoke nuisance could be abated. To cover such cases, often due to no fault of the property owner, some plan will be reached that will bring about the desired result gradually. A public meeting is being planned when those interested will be given a hearing.

Miss Cleveland Joins Helen Taft in Charity NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—A daughter of the president of the United States joined with the daughter of a former president in charity work this afternoon when Miss Helen Taft and Miss Esther Cleveland sold programs in a theater at a benefit performance given by the women's Thrifts memorial committee. They met with much success as saleswomen among the society people who flocked in great numbers to the performance.

Moving Picture Men Declare for Better Things for Public

Improved theaters, better equipment and particularly better sanitation for the protection of the patrons were among the measures on which the Nebraska Motion Picture Exhibitors' league took a stand yesterday afternoon. The newly formed organization will probably ask the state for an inspector, whose business it will be to investigate picture houses in Nebraska and make recommendations for their improvement.

A state board of censorship is also wanted by the motion picture men, it to have authority to pass on the fitness of reels for exhibition.

The following officers were elected: President, W. F. Stoecker, Omaha; first vice president, P. L. McCarthy, Grand Island; second vice president, J. W. Hollinger, York; secretary, E. C. Preston, Superior; treasurer, W. A. Walden, Hastings. J. E. Schank of Omaha was chosen as national vice president.

Omaha was selected as the meeting place of the next convention, to be held May 8 and 9 and which will select delegates to the national convention of exhibitors, held in New York in July.

Over 100 exhibitors had signed up with the league last night and many more are expected to do so as soon as communications can be had with those who were unable to attend the convention.

A banquet was given at the Rome hotel, immediately following it, M. E. Neff, the prime mover in the forming of the organization, left for Kansas City, where a similar organization will be formed next week.

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SUES CITY FOR DAMAGES; HIT BY PUBLIC AUTO

Charging that City Commissioner John J. Ryder, head of the public safety department, ran him down while riding in an automobile in violation of the speed laws, Henry C. Behrens, head of the Omaha Dye works, sued the city for \$25,000 damages in district court yesterday.

The accident occurred at Thirteenth and Douglas streets on September 9, according to the petition. Behrens was crossing the street when the automobile, driven for Ryder by a city employe, went around the corner, knocking him down. He asserts his hip was broken and he suffered other injuries, all of a permanent nature. The petition charges the automobile was moving fifteen miles an hour.

Nebraskans at the Hotels. R. J. Richardson of Lincoln, A. E. West of Havelock, W. E. Meekley of Valley, E. A. Lanning of Gothenburg and Mr. and Mrs. Orlis of Stanton are at the Henshaw.

F. H. Spees of Harlan, W. J. Randall of Genoa, Charles Gilliland of Fremont, G. H. Kay of Neligh and Mr. and Mrs. C. Snell of Weeping Water are at the Merchants.

Mrs. Frank Jacquell, Margaret Pomer and Anna Landry of Merna; A. J. Steinke of Papillion, J. Rich of Plattsmouth and Y. Burman of Fullerton are stopping at the Paxton.

J. Moch of Oakland, J. F. Stringheff of Burlington, B. Ashburn of Eldon and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Clarke of Lincoln are staying at the Millard.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Haven and E. H. Roberts of Scotts Bluff, W. Heiler of Lowell and L. S. Wright of Hastings are guests of the Loyal.

Key to the Situation—Bee Advertising.

The Winter Breakfast Which includes Grape-Nuts and Cream. Will have one dish that has both engaging flavour and true nourishment—the strength-giving, life-sustaining factors which exist in wheat and barley, stored there by Summer's sun for Winter's comfort. And remember—Grape-Nuts food is more than "something good to eat." It is a brain and body builder—rich in the vital phosphates so essential to the daily rebuilding of the tissue cells of Brain and Nerves. Grape-Nuts carries in most digestible form the food elements that make muscle, vigor and nerve. "There's a Reason" for Grape-Nuts. Postum Cereal Co., Ltd., Pure Food Factories, Battle Creek, Mich.

Green Gables DR. BENJ. F. BAILEY. SANATORIUM Lincoln, Neb. This institution is the only one in the central west with separate buildings situated in their own ample grounds, yet entirely distinct, and rendering it possible to classify cases. The one building being designed for and devoted to the treatment of non-contagious and non-mental diseases, no others being admitted; the other Rest Cottage being designed for and devoted to the exclusive treatment of selected mental cases requiring for a time watchful care and special nursing.