

Lindsay and family left this morning for Lodi, Wis., the former home of both Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay. After stopping some time there they will go to some lake near there and camp and fish for a week or two. Clerk Lindsay is considered one of the greatest fishermen in the state house. Chief Justice Reese left yesterday on a fishing trip; Judge Rose has been fishing r two weeks, Judge Barnes is

prices of similar living expenses in other cities, great objection would follow.

Those who are trying to arouse prejudice against the gas company now, by citing gas rates elsewhere, would be among the first to protest. They would then declare such a method unfair and unjust.

thousand feet are relatively few. Most of them are cities of the largest size, or old communities located near the source of raw material and having several times as many people per square mile as Omaha.

Among the larger cities in which the price of manufactured gas is \$1.00 or more are the following:

hunt for the finny tribe, while Judge Bedgewick is supposed to be doing like-

Bemocrats to Orate. Governor Morchead and Merton Corey, who has been prominently mentioned in onnection with a big political job at Washington, will deliver the principal addresses at a harvest home picnic to be held at Spring Ranch, in Clay county, next Wednesday.

Bank Secures Charter. The First State bank of Lodge Pole has filed an application with the State Banking board and has been granted a charto do business in that town. The bank is incorporated for \$30,000 and Its officers are: W. G. Melton, president; A. B. Ferninger and B. J. Bates, vice presidents, and J. W. Rogers, cashier.

Notes from Beatrice and Gage County

BEATRICE, Neb., July 24.-(Special.)-Carl Fisher, the young man who was arrested a few days ago on the charge of stealing a riding horse from Kilpatrick Bros., was arraigned before Judge El-lis yesteday, pleaded not guilty, waived preliminary examination and was bound over to the district court in the sum of \$1,000 bond, in default of which he was remanded to the county jall.

Gus Hart, the horseman who dropped dead at the circuit races at Fremont yes terday, formely resided at this place. where he was engaged in the horse busigass for years before going to Lincoln. Two cases coming under the mothers' pension law were filed yesterday in the flatrict court by County Attorney Cobbey. One of the complaints ask that the five children of Mrs. Emma J. Reese of Wymore and the five children of Mrs. Emma Brinton of this city be committed to some home or that the court allow a suitable sum for their care and mainte-

The directors' meeting of the Gage county fair will be held September 22 to

Odd Fellows' Analyernary. BLAIR, Neb., July 24.-(Special.)-The embers of Odd Fellows' lodge No. 266, at Kennurd, held the eleventh annual anniversary of the institution of their lodge on Wednesday evening. At these annual ctings the members of the Kennard lodge bring their families and these gatherings take on the nature of a picale. The regular session of the lodge was held and abort talks were given by visitors. and members. Past Grand Master Clark O'Hanlon and a delegation of members of Hinir lodge were present.

Notes from Valentine.

VALMNEINE, Neb., July 24 -- (Special.) -The recent rains washed the ground out from under the brick engine house of the hadusa mill at this place and so indermined it the whole of the northwest ection had to be taken down and will have to he rebuilt,

A patriotic drama under the auspices the Junior normal of this place last Wednesday night was given at the Quigley hall to a full house. The play natated of about fifty or mixty young and as many young women

The graduating exercises of the Junior were held at 10 o'clock at the high school building Wednesday morning.

There is no more reason why the price of gas in Omaha should be determined by the price of gas in other cities than the value of real estate here should be measured by the value of real estate elsewhere.

The QUALITY OF GAS and the cost of production are variable. They are not exactly alike in any two cities.

Gas service in Omaha is not excelled by that in any other city in the United States. The Funkhouser ordinance fixes standards of quality among the most severe known. Only the best of materials and supervision can produce the character of gas service demanded.

The great majority of American cities have no gas standard requirements. According to the Government Bureau of Standards, out of the 228 cities in the country of more than 25,000 population, only 60 have candlepower requirements; 20 have heating value requirements and 22 have pressure regulations.

Omaha is one of the few cities where all of these requirements are imposed upon the local gas company, AND PROBABLY NOWHERE ELSE ARE ALL OF THESE STANDARDS AS HIGH AS IN THIS CITY.

Gas of the highest grade, which has been served in Omaha for years, costs more to make than gas of less efficiency. All rate comparisons should include a comparison not only of municipal requirements, but of actual gas tests made under similar conditions.

To compare justly the gas rates in different cities calls for the consideration of a large number of items, including the following:

Cost of raw materials and labor.

Density of population and distribution cost. ,

Quality of gas and service. Amount of taxes and other governmental charges Relative development of the gas market. Climatic conditions.

Legal circumstances and restrictions. Cost of obtaining and using capital.

Not until ALL factors entering into the gas industry have been REDUCED TO A COMMON BASIS can intelligent rate comparisons be made.

Many erroneous ideas prevail as to the rates for

City	Population 1910
Albany, N. Y	
Birmingham, Ala.	132,685
Bridgeport, Conn	102,054
Buffalo, N. Y	423,815
Jersey City, N. J.	267,779
Memphis, Tenn	131,105
Nashville, Tenn	110,364
Newark, N. J	347,469
New Orleans, La.	339,075
Paterson, N. J	
Philadelphia, Pa.	
Pittsburgh, Pa	
Seattle, Wash	
Spokane, Wash	

This list does not prove that \$1.00 a thousand feet for gas in Omaha is too high or too low. Another list might be prepared showing other cities of more than 100,000 people, in which gas rates are less than \$1.00.

No one who gives the subject serious thought can contend that gas rates in other cities should fix and determine gas rates in this city. No court, responsible service commission or other public body would admit such matter as evidence.

Des Moines

A favorite topic of the franchise objectors is the 90 cent gas rate in Des Moines which is still in litigation and which may be found too low by the United States Supreme Court. In the Des Moines case the court found the actual cost of producing and delivering gas to be 69.65 cents per thousand feet. In Omaha, the city's expert, W. D. Marks, declared the similar cost to be 79.57 cents, or a difference of practically 10 cents in favor of Des Moines.

Mr. Marks' suggestion of 93 cents as a fair price for gas in Omaha was based upon his own valuation of the property and a 6 per cent return. In the Des Moines case Mr. Marks' valuation was NOT AC-CEPTED and a considerably higher valuation found by the court. We do not accept or endorse the report of Mr. Marks upon the Omaha gas situation, but merely point out that according to HIS figures there is a difference of 10 cents in the actual cost of supplying gas in Omaha and Des Mones, not taking into consideration interest or profit on the investment.

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