

TO COMBAT MARKS' FIGURES

Gas Company Now Has Experts Here from the East.

MAKE PHYSICAL VALUATION

End of the Fight for Lower Gas Rates Seems to Be as Far Off Now as Ever—Go Through Courts.

Appraisers and accountants in the employ of the Omaha Gas company are here from eastern cities to secure physical valuation figures for the gas company's fight before a master in chancery to prevent the enforcement of the dollar gas ordinance passed years ago by the city council.

"The gas company will have even more expert reports than the city," said Assistant City Attorney W. C. Lambert, "and will introduce these before the master in chancery as evidence."

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Marks fixed the value of the gas company at about one-half the value claimed by the gas company and at a figure far below the taxable valuation.

An attorney interested in the gas fight said:

"In my opinion this fight for dollar gas will drag on for three or four years. No matter what the decree of the court following the report of the master one side will appeal. I know the gas company will appeal and the city certainly will if the decision is not favorable to it."

To Go to Supreme Court.

"All this will result in a fight through the upper courts to the supreme court of the United States, which is now at least two years behind. So, you see, it is absolutely certain that no decision in this case will be reached for three or four years."

"As to the immediate settlement of the case the time for such action seems to have passed. The talk of building a municipal plant is buncombe. To do so, were it feasible, would be to destroy—completely destroy—the plant of the gas company, which would be the destruction of more property than was destroyed in the tornado. But suppose the people decided to destroy this property. 'Immediate' settlement would be as far away as ever. A plant like this can't be built in a day."

"The thing the city could do and what it would have to do if it came to a showdown after the courts have decided, would be to condemn and buy the plant. That's the way to settle the question if you're a municipal ownership man. This bluffing about building another plant is sickening rot."

Packer Would Have Government Go Into the Cattle Business

CHICAGO, Sept. 24.—It is the duty of the United States to stock its government lands in the west with cattle, put the army, especially the cavalry, to work in cowboy to handle the animals, supply the packers with this beef at cost, so that the price will be lowered to the people and a threatened meat famine due in six or eight years be averted. In the opinion of A. M. Dubin of New York, a delegate to the American Meat Packers' association, who today declared only by some drastic action could the meat shortage now under discussion be alleviated.

"My suggestion is simple," said Mr. Dubin. "The government lands in the west could be made into great pastures where countless cattle could be raised to relieve the present high cost of meat and avert the famine that surely is coming otherwise."

"Unless some such action is taken there will be no meat on the tables of American workmen in the next decade. The government has no higher obligation than to relieve this situation, which every day is becoming more serious."

The American housewife was taken to task in this connection today for wasting meat. A fourth part of all the meat killed for the table is wasted; poor families refuse to be content with chuck and round steaks in this country, despite the fact that those cuts can be made delicious by correct cooking, and the great American family of meat eaters fails to practice proper economy in its meat diet, in the opinion of John T. Russell, president of the Master Butchers' Association of America.

SEVEN YEARS IN DEATH CELL; WON'T BE HANGED

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Sept. 24.—After lying seven years in the death cell of San Quentin prison, evading the hangman's noose through the destruction of court records, the San Francisco fire, August Geber today escaped the extreme penalty for the murder of his wife. His sentence was commuted to life imprisonment by Governor Johnson. Geber was convicted in 1906.

When the San Francisco fire destroyed his papers of appeal the case was forgotten. A niece of Geber's wife noticed his name in the program of a prison play and the discovery led to his resentence. The governor intervened because Geber's chance of appeal was lost.

JURY DECLARES DEATH WAS CASE OF MURDER

ASHLAND, Neb., Sept. 24.—(Special Telegram.)—Late tonight the coroner's jury sitting on the dismembered remains of the man found late Sunday night, rendered a verdict that the body was that of John Johnson and that he came to his death from a blow with a blunt instrument on his left cheek by a party unknown to the jury.

Several witnesses positively declared the remains to be those of John Johnson. This afternoon the right leg of the body was found in Sak Creek thirty rods from where the body was found.

N. ALBRECHT FINED FOR USURY IN POLICE COURT

N. Albrecht, manager of the Omaha Loan company, was fined \$50 and costs in police court for charging Christ Christofferson, Twenty-fourth and Cumis streets, a usurious rate of interest for a loan on his salary. It is alleged that Albrecht secured a note and an assignment of wages from Christofferson to the amount of \$50 for the use of \$10 for twelve weeks. Albrecht appeals the case.

Policeman Passes Chance to Add One to His Record

Policeman Charley Chapman, declared to be the most energetic member of the local department, and for whose special use a police sub-station has been suggested, was walking his beat along Douglas street early this morning, when he saw a woman asleep on the sidewalk at the entrance of one of the cheap lodging houses.

She was a woman advanced in years and her hair was nearly white. She was snoring ungenially and the sudden sound of what made Peoria, Ill. famous, enveloped her. To be brutally frank—she was "steeped," or had been very recently on one side of her lay a pair of dirty white gloves, and on the other a Bible. In her lap was a complete set of false hair, her shoes and stockings and a handbag.

The lady was all set for a nice comfortable snooze, and was having it, if her snores counted or anything, according to Chapman.

Mere words failed to arouse her and Chapman shook her. One more long drawn out snore, a snort, a yawn, and she was half awake.

Through her half closed lids she saw the officer.

"Ah! Ah! Behold, the bridegroom cometh!" she blinked.

"Nix, lady, nix! Can the bridegroom talk! Get up. What's think my beat is! Don't get the idea this boulay-ward is a

hot-bed just because the front office planted my beat here," unconsciously panned the copper.

"Is not this a free country, prithee, blue coat?" elegantly inquired the lady. "Sure, the home of the free and the land of the brave," from Chapman wearily. "C'mon, we'll take a ride to Hote D'Dempsey, and you can have the bridal suite, since you talked of the bridegroom comin'." He started for the patrol signal box.

"All right, old socks, kindly leave my budor while I make my toilette."

Officer Chapman discreetly and modestly turned his back until the woman had donned her shoes, stockings and false hair. The Bible she tucked in her hand bag.

"Now, old Sir Galahad, I am quite ready to illustrate the working out of the book of Exodus providing you're willing to pass up a credit mark on your pinch record," exclaimed she as she got up, sober enough now.

It was just a little incident that enlivened a dull morning's work, and having had enough good entertainment to make him feel good, Chapman was quite willing to pass up the credit mark. The woman made her way towards the south, and Chapman, chuckling, walked nearly to Seventeenth street before he discovered that he was walking out of the confines of his beat.

LANE SAYS ROADS ARE TO FIGHT THE REDUCTION

General Freight Agent Lane of the Union Pacific and other railroad freight men are back from Chicago, where representatives of the Nebraska roads conferred over action to be taken to resist order No. 10, proposed by the Nebraska State Railway commission, reducing freight rates 25 to 50 per cent on practically all classifications.

attended the meeting and have previously returned, declares that it is the intention of all the roads to join fighting the reduction. The method of carrying on the fight will be outlined by the legal departments October 5, the date when the railroad people are cited to appear before the commission and show cause why the order should not be put into effect.

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CONTRACTOR FILES CHARGES

Accuses Three Members of County Board with Corruption.

J. O. YEISER IS THE ATTORNEY

H. B. Mayo, whose bids for completion of Court House Grounds Were Thrown Out, Asks Removal of Three Members.

Henry B. Mayo, contractor, who, following the rejection by the Board of County Commissioners of all bids for the completion of the grounds on the north side of the court house on the ground that they were too high made charges against three members of the board, yesterday filed complaint asking the district court to remove from office Commissioners McDonald, O'Connor and Harte.

In a petition filed by Attorney John O. Yeiser broad charges of "gross partiality, willful mal-administration in office, willful neglect of duty and corruption" are made. All members of the board, including the two who are not named, assert that the history of the court house contract cited in the petition does not justify action for removal.

"Let 'em go ahead," said Chairman McDonald. "Those bids were rejected because they were too high and the fact that the last bids were \$2,000 lower proves that the unanimous action of the whole board was correct."

Mayo alleges that when his bid of \$12,500 was found to be lowest the accused commissioners rejected all bids through "gross partiality" to aid Calvin Ziegler, contractor, to secure the job. He charges that "opportunities were offered for fraudulent inspection of bids," that the envelopes with all evidence of tampering with them were destroyed and that fifteen minutes was consumed in carrying them from the clerk's office to the commissioners' room.

It is also alleged that when the granite was purchased for the approaches E. R. Fletcher's bid of \$30,000, which was accepted, was exorbitant and that Ziegler's bid of \$4,000, which also included all the work to be done, was "a mere blind."

Another allegation is that funds were

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appropriated in violation of the statute which prohibits appropriation of more than \$1,500 for erection of any county building without a vote of the people and the expenditure is alleged to involve the waste of over \$15,000. That the commissioners failed to attempt to secure competitive bids is another charge made against them. Persistent Advertising is the Road to Big Returns.

KEISER SUFFERS INJURY IMPALED ON BROOM HANDLE George A. Keiser, 3702 North Twenty-seventh street, is at St. Joseph's hospital suffering from a painful injury received when he attempted to leap over a fence in the rear of his home, Sunday noon. His heel caught on the top of the fence and he fell forward, becoming impaled on an upright broom handle. The

wooden handle pierced his stomach and entered his body fully six inches. Mr. Keiser is resting easily, but will be unable to stir for at least five weeks, according to attending physicians, should the case progress favorably. Skinned from Head to Heel was Ben Pool, Thresh, Ala., when dragged over a rough road; but Buckler's Arnica Salve healed all his injuries. For sale by Beaton Drug Co.—Advertisement.

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