

GAS COMPANY MAKES OFFER OF LOW RATE

President Hamilton Writes that Dollar Per Thousand Will Be the New Price.

CITY MAY ACCEPT THE OFFER

The Omaha Gas company, through its president, Frank T. Hamilton, voluntarily offers the city \$1 gas, the city council having received a written proposition.

The company proposes to make the new rate effective August 1. The letter from Mr. Hamilton was referred to the council committee of the whole for consideration next Monday morning.

A canvass of the commissioners indicate an inclination to accept this offer and to drop litigation now pending.

Step Out by Injunction.

The \$1 gas rate ordinance was passed four years ago and would have gone into effect June 1, 1911, had the company not started court action. Judge T. C. Munger of the United States district court for Nebraska ruled there existed an enforceable contract between the city of Omaha and the gas company and he held that the \$1 gas ordinance was invalid. The case is now being prepared for the supreme court of the United States on appeal by the city. The city legal department has contended that the law upon which the old contract rate ordinance was based is invalid and that the claim of the gas company as to its rights to certain rates cannot be sustained.

The company has contended right along that, according to its contract with the city, a net rate of \$1.35 could be charged at this time, instead of the existing net rate of \$1.15. The reduction offered will cut the net rate from \$1.15 to \$1 per thousand feet.

To Stop Litigation.

It is stated that the acceptance of this offer of the gas company would have the effect of stopping further litigation. The city legal department had hoped to require the \$1 rate to be retroactive from June, 1911, in the event the city finally won the suit.

Following the passage of the \$1 ordinance the city had a physical valuation of the plant made by the late W. D. Marks, who reported the company could furnish gas here at 8 cents per thousand feet, allowing for 5 per cent on the investment.

The city commissioners expressed themselves pleased with the disposition of the gas company to accede to the popular demand for lower gas.

To Increase Earnings.

President Hamilton said: "I am not prepared at this time to state how much our earnings will be reduced by reason of this rate reduction. We believe our sales will increase and we have faith in Greater Omaha."

Mayor Dalmann said: "I am of the opinion this will settle the litigation. We will discuss this next Monday morning."

President Hamilton's letter to the mayor and commissioners follow:

"In deference to the request constantly urged by your honorable body and by the newspapers of the city that the gas company should at this time, in spite of the recent decision rendered in its favor in the United States district court, reduce the price of gas, the board has been taken up anew by the mayor of directors of the company, and I am glad to be able to announce to you that the price of gas will be reduced to one dollar (\$1.00) net per thousand cubic feet for all gas consumed on and after August 1, 1915.

"Bills will be rendered at \$1.10 per thousand feet, with a discount at hereafter of ten (10) cents per thousand cubic feet.

"If the company could be relieved of a portion of the burden which it bears in the shape of abnormally high taxes, license fees and royalties, amounting in the aggregate to more than fifteen (15) cents per thousand cubic feet, it would be glad to make a still further reduction in the selling price of gas."

Boy Entitled to Share of Estate of Millionaire Eccles

ODDEN, Utah, July 16.—After being out since 1910 last evening the jury in the Eccles-Eccles case came into court at noon today and returned a verdict declaring Albert Odden to be the son of David Eccles, the deceased millionaire whom Margaret Eccles, the mother of Albert, alleged was united to her in a plural marriage in August, 1884, by M. W. Merrill, an apostle of the Mormon church. A poll showed that the jurors stood 7 to 1 in favor of the boy, who claims a one-third interest in the millions of the Eccles estate.

The case has been on trial since June 21, and has held widespread attention, resulting editorial comment by nearly all the leading public papers of the country, owing to the relation of the case to the Senator Reed Smoot investigation in Washington in 1909, Mrs. Eccles at that time having testified before the senate committee that she was not the plural wife of David Eccles, and furthermore, because it involved the question as to whether plural marriages had been performed within the Mormon church since the Wendell manifesto in 1890, declaring against the practice of polygamy. Six Mormons and two non-Mormons made up the jury.

Big Lightning Rod Order May Be for Making of Shells

Whether or not Omaha is to be more intimately connected with the European war is not known, but a request received by the Nebraska Lightning Rod company from Moscow, Russia, might lead one to believe that such is the prospect.

Last Treasurer E. L. Rasmussen, manager of the company, received a postal card from one E. N. Korvost of Moscow asking for estimates showing prices on "lightning rods, fixtures and ornaments."

It is supposed that lightning rods and the supplies which accompany them are made up almost entirely of copper. The poles, the wire and the fastenings are of cop-

per, and the only equipment which is of other metal are the braces, which constitute but a small percentage of the total weight of the shipment.

It is generally considered that Russia is short on ammunition, and it is highly probable that copper, which is so necessary to the manufacture of shells, is particularly hard to get in the empire

of the czar. But now the Russian port of Archangel is open for the few months of the White Sea's summer, and Russia might well try to secure shipments of copper from anyone, and in any shape that might be available.

It is thus that the well known product of the Omaha firm has come to their attention, and it seems not at all beyond belief that the Imperial government

might send an order to the local manufacturers. A ton and a half of pure copper daily, which is about the capacity of the plant, is not to be sneezed at by a nation short of this all important metal, even when the metal is only procurable at a cost greatly in excess of the market price on the raw product, and it seems that other manufacturers of articles made largely

of copper may receive orders for their products as well. In order that Russia may once more be supplied with ammunition with which to try to regain the ground it has lost.

Still After Herzog.

Although the management of the Reda has turned down Erenshahn's first offer for Herzog, Herzog still hopes to be able to make a trade for the great shortstop.

IS FINED FOR RECKLESS DRIVING OF HER AUTO

Mrs. J. Lowe, 38 North Forty-first avenue, appeared in police court to answer a charge of reckless driving and violating rules of the road. She was fined \$5 and costs.

car collided with a motorcycle piloted by Felix Graft of the New Haven hotel, and both conveyances were injured, but no one was injured. Graft, who was also charged with reckless driving, was dismissed. It is asserted that Mrs. Lowe gave the wrong signal when she wanted to turn south on Forty-first street.

Rent rooms quick with a Bee Want Ad.

The People of the Great City of Omaha Are Always Entitled to the Best and Newest Goods the Market Affords

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| Peri Lusta Cordoned Crochet Cotton | |
| Sizes 1 to 10 at..... | 8c |
| Sizes 15 to 30 at..... | 7c |
| Sizes 40 to 60 at..... | 8c |
| Sizes 70 to 100 at..... | 9c |
| All colors, 30-50 and 70, at..... | 11c |

BRANDEIS STORES

Boys' Junior Norfolk Wash Suits
Made in linen and chambrays in light and dark blue, also blue with white stripe, ages 7 and 8; \$4.00 values; Saturday at **\$2**
One-third to one-half off on all other wash suits.

Extra Special Deal With An Eastern Manufacturer

His Entire Sample Line and Surplus Stock of Summer Dresses at Less Than Half Price

In this group are presented some of the season's very smartest modes; unusual, original types that have not become commonplace. Many of them would have sold earlier in the season at \$17.50. There is more in fabric, more in workmanship, more in true, right fashion in these dresses than one would ordinarily expect.

Materials that are being asked for by nearly everybody—fine organdies, voiles, crepes, lingerie, nets and linens—a particularly beautiful lot of summer dresses. Worth up to \$17.50. Your choice Saturday for—



Palm Beach suits in plain tailored or pleated and belted coat effects and combination silk collars; worth up to \$15, Saturday special at **\$10.00**

July clearing sale of Jersey silk outing coats, in all the dainty shades for summer wear, in combination colored collar and cuff effects, with belt; worth up to \$12.50, Special at **\$6.98**

A wonderful lot of models in a wide variety. Plain white, or colored striped and figured designs, beautifully trimmed with dainty laces and embroidery, ribbon girdles and over-draped effects. All sizes. Values to \$17.50. Your Choice Saturday for—

Corduroy coats in plain or semi and full belted models, in rose, blue and green; several styles to select from. Special Saturday at **\$8.98-\$10-\$12.50**

Corduroy skirts in plain or braided-trimmed and wide girde effects in rose, tan, blue and white, all sizes; worth up to \$7.50, Saturday special at **\$5.98**

Play Needs and "Dress Up" Needs For All the Boys and Girls

These Dresses Are Very Pretty



There is a corner on our second floor which always belongs to girls, and Saturday it will show some splendid dresses priced small.

Children's dresses in fine ginghams, percales, chambrays and lawns in plain or checked, plaid striped and figured designs, all sizes, 6 to 14 years. Worth up to \$1.50, Saturday special at **89c**

Children's dresses in fine lawns, ginghams, percales and chambrays, in plain white or plaids, checks, stripes and figured designs, plain or trimmed and combination effects, all sizes 6 to 14 years. Worth up to \$1.50, Saturday special at **\$1.19**

Misses' and Juniors' Hats

One hundred Japanese Panama Hats, trimmed in ostrich bands, velvet and silk ribbon streamers, also small clusters of imported flowers. (See illustration.) An elaborate dressy hat for girls 6 to 12 years, mostly poke bonnet effects. Worth up to \$5, at **\$1.95**



Boys, This Will Strike You Right

Come visit our big Boys' Department on the third floor Saturday. A little money will go a long way.

Youth's Long Trousers Suits—Our entire stock of youths' long pants suits, divided in two lots:

Lot 1
All \$10, \$8.50 and \$7.50 suits in splendid new models, in blue serges, also tweeds, cassimeres and homespuns, very latest patterns in checks and stripes; ages 14 to 18. Saturday at **\$6.50**

Lot 2
All \$17.50, \$15 and \$12.50 suits, both plain and Norfolk coats, styles all new patterns in blue serges, also other durable materials; ages 14 to 18. Saturday at **\$9.50**

Specials in Boys' Furnishings

50c Waists at **35c**
\$1 Waists at **50c**
75c Bathing Suits at **39c**

50c Khaki Pants at **39c**
75c Rompers at **50c**
35c Wash Ties at **15c**

Palm Beach Suits for Boys \$3.50
\$5 and \$6.50 values, Saturday at.....

In all new styles and patterns, new fancy stripes in tan and grays, plain tan and grays, also black and white checks and many other patterns, every age 6 to 16 years. Saturday at **\$3.50**
(More yet up in the right-hand corner of this ad.)



The New Note in Advanced Summer Millinery

For the benefit of the woman who has decided her present summer hat looks just a little "dowdy" and who still cannot feel justified in spending money for an entirely new straw hat because of the lateness of the season. The following items will prove of vital interest.

Our Buyer having just returned from the east has informed us that practically every new idea being shown in advanced summer millinery is carried out in combinations of "Corbeaux" and white, or as it is commonly known, navy blue and white.

There are two types of hats being shown. The large sailor and the small box turban. New trimming effects are beads used in ornaments, pins, chain effects, etc.; also silk fringes and yarn trims both stitching around the brims of hats and yarn flowers.



The new hats are made of combination "Gorgette Satin" and velvet or entirely of satin. A few high colored felt hats in steatocolor are shown for "Sport Wear."

POPULAR PRICES PREVAIL

An Immense Selection

\$5.00 to \$10.00

One of the newest ideas which has taken a strong hold in fashion centers is the

"Balmasque"

shown in the illustration and so named because of its resemblance to a ball mask. It falls to about the tip of the nose.

Drug and Toilet Needs

- Pebeco Tooth Paste, 50 tube.....
 - Melba Face Cream, 50c jar.....
 - Aubry Sisters' Tint, 50c size.....
 - Melrose Face Powder, 50 size box.....
 - M. d. a. m. Isebell's Cold Cream, 50 size.....
 - Melba Nail Paste, 25c.....
 - 4711 White Rose Glycerine Soap, cake.....
 - Palm Olive Soap, 10c cake at.....
 - Horlick's Malted Milk, hospital size.....
 - Sal Hepatica, \$1 size, at.....
 - Sloan's Linalment, 50c size, bottle.....
 - Diamond "O" Soap, 10 bars for.....
- 29c**
- 16c**
- 12c**
- 6c**
- \$2.69**
- 67c**
- 29c**
- 20c**
- Photo Supplies.**
- M. Q. Developer, 8 tubes for.....
 - Buster Brown 2A Camera, takes pictures 2 1/2 x 4 1/4. Simple to operate. Regular \$1 value, at.....
- \$2.59**
- We develop your films free when ordering prints.

1,500 Blouses at \$1.90

The great opportunity of the season to purchase smart, original blouses for one-half to one-third their value. This is a group of samples, also the surplus stock of one of the best makers.

Laces and Crepe de Chine take the lead; in the latter there are twenty-five wonderful models. The popular taffeta silk in plaid and stripe effects are here in abundance.

This will be a record-breaking sale—we say record-breaking because we KNOW what you'll think of these blouses. Blouses of so fine a quality and so small in price will promptly appeal to every woman.

This Sale will occupy practically all of the Blouse Section—It is that Important!

Choice of Blouses, worth to \$4.50, Saturday—

\$1.90



Surprisingly Low Prices on Fine Underwear & Hosiery

- Women's Venetian Silk Vests—With shield reinforcements, pilot edge, beading tops, daintily embroidered in various designs. Pink and white, all sizes, \$2 quality at, each..... **\$1.69**
- Women's Venetian Silk Union Suits—Shield reinforcement, French band top, cuff knees, pink and white, \$3 values, a suit..... **\$1.98**
- Women's Milanesse Silk Bloomers—Reinforced, pink, white and black. \$3 values, at, each..... **\$1.98**
- Women's "Cummy-Cut" Union Suits—Silk lisle, cuff knee styles, regular and extra sizes; \$1 quality at..... **59c**
- Children's Silk Lisle Hose—in black, white and colors—double knees, heels and toes, minimum weight, 15c quality, at..... **15c**
- Men's Fiber and Lisle Hose—Seamless, spliced heels and toes, in all colors, regular 15c quality, at..... **15c**
- Women's Fiber Silk Hose with baby heels, in all sizes, shades; seamless, double heels and toes, at..... **19c**
- Women's Pure Thread and Fiber Hose—in black and white only. Full fashioned and seamless, spliced heels and toes with double soles and garter tops, at..... **35c**

1,150 Pairs of Women's Gloves

Worth up to 79c pair, Saturday **35c**

This is one of the most exceptional sales that we have been able to offer, comprising most every kind of women's gloves wanted at this season and mostly at 3/4 price or less.

- Women's 12-Button Silk Gloves (double tipped).....
- Women's 16-Button Silk Gloves (double tipped).....
- Women's 16-Button Chamoiette Gloves.....
- Women's 2-Clasp Chamoiette Gloves.....



Not a pair in the lot worth less than 50c regularly, but most of them are worth up to 65c and 79c. On sale Saturday at 35c.

Bag Sale Saturday \$1.00

Saturday we will place on sale about 1,200 fine hand bags, worth not less than \$2.00 and \$3.00; many of them are regular \$5.00 bags. There are 400 real seal bags in the lot.

Enough said for a wonderful bargain sale of fine hand bags.

Choice \$1.00

Bracelet Watch Special

15-Jeweled American lever movement bracelet watch in a \$10.00 14-16 carat gold case and bracelet, special, at..... **\$10.00**