

BEATRICE WILL BE MINUS GAS AFTER JUNE 12

COMPANY SAYS REASON IS REFUSAL OF COMMISSIONERS TO FIX LIVING PRICE

COUNCIL THINKS IT A BLUFF

Commissioner Weigel Says if Plant is Closed, Company Will Lose It and Franchise, Too

From Friday's Daily. Beatrice Sun: The gas company sent notice to its consumers yesterday that the plant would be closed at midnight June 12, giving as a reason that the present rate charged for gas does not pay operating costs and the city commissioners have persistently refused to advance the rate.

A statement will probably come from the city hall as soon as the commissioners have considered the new situation. Commissioner Weigel said that the company is bluffing, that it will not close down, that closing its plant would be a forfeiture of its franchise and that the plant goes with the franchise. The same interests, said the commissioner, own both the gas company and the companies from which the raw materials are produced. They boost raw material costs and come out here and demand gas rates to meet the higher prices.

The commissioner said that the government is demanding that laboring men remain at work even though they ask for higher wages. Why shouldn't the same thing apply to corporations? They may lose money in one year and make up for it in other years. His attention was called to the fact that the government had increased freight rates and it was not likely that municipal operation of the gas plant would result in lower price to the consumers. The government control of railroads, he replied, was a scheme of the railroads to get their rates advanced. He was not in favor of the city taking the plant and operating it if the city had to guarantee the owners of the gas plant a certain income, as the government guaranteed the railroads.

Apparently the commissioners have no plan for meeting the situation, but are relying upon the fact that the company is bluffing. "If the company closes its plant, it will forfeit its franchise," said Weigel, but he did not indicate whether the commissioners intend to take charge of the plant and operate it.

Following is the company's statement:

To Our Gas Consumers: On account of unavoidable causes beyond its control, the Gage County Gas, Light and Power company is, and for some time has been, unable (except at a great and rapidly increasing loss) to furnish gas to its patrons at the rates which are now, and for several years last past, have been in force, and as the city council of Beatrice has neglected and refused to grant the company an increase in its rate for gas, the company has been forced to decide to shut down its plant, at least temporarily and until conditions are so changed either by a sufficient increase in gas rates by the city council or by a reduction in the cost of materials and labor necessary for the production of gas to enable the

company to resume the operation of its plant.

In order to cause as little inconvenience as possible to its patrons, the company will operate its plant and furnish gas at the present rates until midnight of the 12th of the present month (June), at which time the gas will be shut off to all consumers.

Owing to the extraordinary war conditions and the great and continual increase in the cost of materials and labor it has been for some time known to the city council and to the public generally that the company was operating its plant at a loss. The actual cost of furnishing gas to its consumers exceeds and for some time has exceeded its receipts from the sale of gas, without taking into consideration the depreciation of its plant or the payment of interest upon its indebtedness.

As is generally known, the company is, and for years has been, furnishing gas to its consumers at lower rates than those in other cities of the size of Beatrice, situated in this part of the country. Notwithstanding this fact, in such other cities, the local authorities of these other cities have recently generally granted very substantial increases in gas rates.

The company and also a majority of its patrons, have urged upon the present city administration the justice and necessity of granting such a reasonable increase in gas rates as would be fair both to the company and its patrons and enable the company to continue in business. These efforts have been wholly in vain and there being no relief in sight, the company is reluctantly forced to discontinue operation at least for the time being, commencing with midnight on the 12th day of the present month.

In this connection, we desire to thank our patrons for the way in which they have generally stood by us in our efforts to continue in business and serve them.

Dated June 1, 1918.

The Gage County Gas, Light and Power Co., by Thos. Rice, Its Manager.

ABOUT THE STORM THE OTHER NIGHT

From Friday's Daily.

Many people left their beds a few nights since, to come to the center of the city, to see if there were any danger of the heavy rains doing damage to the property on Main street, which has suffered so greatly from similar storms in the past. A number of very disastrous floods had resulted in the past when the sewers were put in and the overflow was sufficient to cause much damage. The paving had also been put in and as in other places the center of the city had been crowded until it was nearly as high as the curb on the sides, while this made a high dry center when it rained, it did not provide sufficient capacity to carry off a rain like last evening. A number of times the cellars were filled with water, but much damage was done to stock and buildings. Henry R. Gering, W. W. Coats and Robert Sherwood took up the matter of lowering the streets, which was done after much opposition. The flood last night would have resulted in one of the old kind of damages to the whole of Main street if the paving had been crowned as formerly, for as it was the street was filled to the top of the curb, and in some instances the water ran over them.

The people of today have to thank those who some years ago fought for that change, even against much opposition.

DANCE FOR MURRAY HOME GUARDS

There will be a social dance given in Murray, on Wednesday evening, June 12th, at the Puls & Gansemer Hall, for the benefit of the Murray Home Guards. The music will be furnished by the Kroeber orchestra of Plattsmouth. You are most cordially invited to attend this dance. 6-7-544-11w

DEFENSE COUNCIL DO SOME WORK

From Friday's Daily.

Yesterday the Defense Council met at the Wagner Hotel in the shape of their Executive committee, and took up a number of things which were before them. There were a number of delinquencies, in the matter of the Red Cross and the Third Liberty Loan bonds. The people who had been delinquent were called before the committee and the matters talked over, and they mostly when the matter was properly presented to them, saw the justness of the position of the council in the matter, and complied with the suggestions of the council, in the matter. There were two men, well situated as regards to money and lands, who neglected to comply with the suggestions of the county board, and a report of the circumstances was made to the State Defense Council, who will take the matter up with these two delinquents and endeavor to know why they should not do their part for liberty.

IT IS GONE AND FOREVER

From Friday's Daily.

The Bach building on lower Main street which workmen have been busily engaged in tearing down, is now completely razed and the material salvaged therefrom is being taken to the farm which Mr. Bach recently purchased from Thomas B. Stokes on the river bottom. The walls are leveled to the floor and all the material will in a short time be removed, thereby making the ground ready for the new malleable plant soon to be erected here.

MRS. FRANK B. GOODMAN DIES.

Yesterday At Her Home South of This City A Good Woman Passed Away.

From Thursday's Daily.

Mrs. Frank B. Goodman, who was born in this city some thirty-eight years ago, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter D. Bates, passed to her reward after some two weeks of intense suffering, occasioned by an accident which befell her in falling down the cellar steps at her home south of the city. This resulted in an injury to one knee and which was supposed to have been getting along fairly well, but later resulted in blood poisoning, while at the same time she received internal injuries, which produced peritonitis, made a complication which was the most difficult to treat or combat. During the time Mrs. Goodman has been a patient sufferer notwithstanding the pain has at all times been most intense. She has had the best of medical attention and careful nursing, which has alleviated to some extent the suffering, but could not prevent the coming of the end.

Mrs. Goodman was a member of the Christian church, a worker in the church and Sunday school having at the time of the accident a very interesting class of young girls who thought the world of their teacher. A consistent worker in the church, an excellent wife, and a mother which could not be surpassed, of three children, one a young man, Robert Goodman, and two younger, Genevieve and Charles, besides the husband, making a model family. She was a sister to Mrs. Charles M. Hiatt, a daughter of Mrs. P. Bates of this city. In the passing of Mrs. Goodman this family have lost one whom nothing can replace.

The neighborhood, one of their members, which all will mourn and the church and Sunday school to which she was connected a worker which cannot be replaced. There appears elsewhere in the paper a notice of the time and place of holding the funeral.

BREAKS FINGER AT WORK.

From Thursday's Daily.

John Juronek, while employed in the Burlington shops, working on the car repairing department was engaged in driving out a bolt from a piece of time, when becoming disengaged, impaled one of his fingers, between the frame of the car and the end of the rod, breaking the finger, and mashing the flesh. The finger has been dressed and while he can save the finger, it will be some time before he will be able to return to his work again.

To Prevent Belching.

Make a regular habit of eating slowly, masticate your food thoroughly, and you may have no further trouble. If you should take one of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper.

W. A. ROBERTSON, Lawyer. East of Riley Hotel. Coates' Block. Second Floor.

CAPTURES A LEPIDOPTERON.

From Friday's Daily.

Will Meisinger living west of Mynard had his attention attracted by a peculiar and beautiful marked animal, insect or bird, which? It had all the georgousness of a butterfly, and with markings on its wings which measured something over six inches from tip to tip, and with the body as varied in bright colors. He captured the brute or beast, whatever, in a large lantern globe and enclosing it in a mason fruit jar brought it to the city for identification, which upon examination proved to be a Lepidopteron, a member of the lepidopterous family of insects.

Mr. Meisinger gave the animal its liberty after a thorough examination had been made to ascertain just what it was.

The Doctor Away From Home When Most Needed.

People are often very much disappointed to find that their family physician is away from home when they most need his services. Diseases like pain in the stomach and bowels, colic and diarrhoea require prompt treatment, and have in many instances proven fatal before medicine could be procured or a physician summoned. The right way is to keep at hand a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy. No physician can prescribe a better medicine for these diseases. By having it in the house you escape much pain and suffering and all risk. Buy it now; it may save life.

LEGAL PUBLICATION

In the District Court of Cass county, Nebraska, Doe v. Page 528, No. 6813.

In re application of Edward J. T. Connelly to vest and transfer the real estate of the Methodist Episcopal church of Mynard, Nebraska, in and to the Nebraska Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church in the United States of America.

A petition having been filed in the above entitled cause by Edward J. T. Connelly asking that a trustee be appointed and directed to transfer the real estate of said church, in and to the Nebraska Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church in the United States of America, upon the ground that said Methodist Episcopal church of Mynard, Nebraska, has ceased to exist and has ceased to maintain its organization, and therefore the said Nebraska Annual Conference, in and to the United States of America, is entitled to have said real estate transferred to and vested in it, it is ordered that the said petition be heard on the 26th day of June, 1918, at 10 o'clock a. m. and all persons interested in said real estate, if any they have, and if they do not appear and make such objections as said trustee may deem proper, they may be appointed and ordered to transfer said real estate as proposed in said petition. This notice is published in the Plattsmouth Journal for three weeks, prior to said time.

JAMES T. BEGLEY, Judge of District Court.

NOTICE OF HEARING

State of Nebraska, Cass county, ss. In the matter of the Estate of Francis S. White, Deceased.

To all persons interested in said Estate: Creditors and heirs take notice that A. W. White has filed his petition alleging that Francis S. White died intestate in said county on the 7th day of January, 1911, being a resident and inhabitant of said county and owner of the following described real estate, to-wit: Lots 1, 2 and 3 in Block 114 and the N 1/4 of Lots 11 and 12 in Block 11, all in the City of Plattsmouth, Cass county, Nebraska, and leaving as his sole and only heirs at law, the following persons, to-wit: W. J. White, now deceased; Rosa A. Leonard; Francis E. White; A. C. White; Florence White; Edna, now deceased; children of said deceased: Anna R. White, widow of John H. White, a deceased son; Charlotte White, Janet White, Esther White, children of the said John H. White, deceased; and praying for a decree, barring claims and debts against said estate, as above named to be the sole and only heirs at law of said deceased, as that the hearing be had on the 24th day of June, 1918, at 9 o'clock a. m. of said day, at the County Court, in Plattsmouth, in said county.

Dated at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, this 27th day of May, 1918.

ALLEN J. BEESON, County Judge.

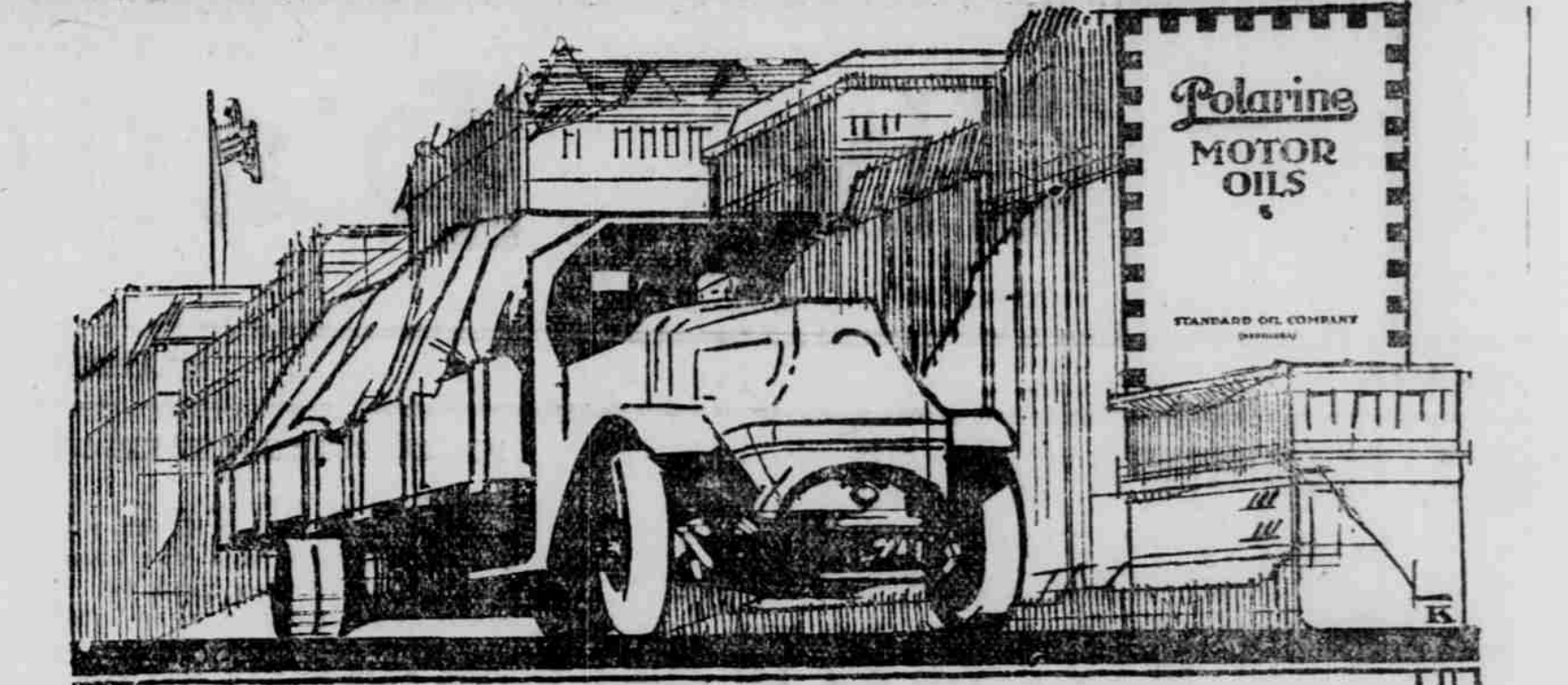
FARMERS ATTENTION.

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SPEND SUMMER IN NORTHWEST.

From Friday's Daily.

Allison Flynn departed this afternoon for O'Neill, where he will spend six weeks, at his old home town, and will be accompanied by his aunt, Mrs. M. V. Nicholson of Valentine, who has been here visiting at the Flynn home for some time. Mrs. Flynn and Damien were passengers as far as Omaha to accompany Allison on his departure.

FOUR TROOP TRAINS PASS HERE.

From Friday's Daily.

Four large troop trains, pass through here near noon hour, from Fort Crook, presumably for Camp Funston, but no one knows for sure just where. The boys were very jubilant, as they passed through and seemed to be enjoying themselves hugely. Two letters were dropped off for two of the young ladies in Plattsmouth, written no doubt by some of the boys who were at the camp north of the city a short time since.

Lame Back Relieved.

For lame back apply Chamberlain's Liniment twice a day and massage the muscles of the back over the seat of pain thoroughly at each application.

LEGAL PUBLICATION

The State of Nebraska, Cass county, ss. In the matter of the Estate of Josephine Agnes Ruffner, Deceased.

To the creditors of said Estate: You are hereby notified that I will sit at the County Court room in Plattsmouth, in said county, on the 8th day of July, 1918, and on the 8th day of October, 1918, at 10 o'clock a. m. of each day to receive and examine all claims against said Estate, with a view to their adjustment and allowance. The time limited for the presentation of claims against said Estate is three months from the 8th day of July, 1918, and the time limited for payment of debts is one year from said 8th day of July, 1918.

Witness my hand and the seal of said County Court, this 23rd day of May, 1918.

ALLEN J. BEESON, County Judge.

LEGAL NOTICE

To Pauline Oldham, as Administratrix of the Estate of George J. Oldham, Deceased; Richard Conway Oldham, Deceased; Richard Conway Oldham, Cuzza J. Baker, Lucius Connelly, Pauline Oldham, Fay Oldham, John J. Oldham, Jessie D. Snyder, Ellison L. Oldham, James W. Oldham, Vera H. Oldham, Polly Oldham and Mary L. Craig;

You are hereby notified that on the 22nd day of May, 1918, plaintiff filed a petition in the District Court of Cass county, Nebraska, praying among other things for an order to be entered by the court directing the administratrix of the estate of George J. Oldham, deceased, to convey to plaintiff (1st Lots one (1) and two (2) and all of Lots three (3) and four (4) not taken by Chicago avenue, in Block one hundred sixty-four (164) City of Plattsmouth, Cass county, Nebraska, upon the payment of the balance of the purchase price in accordance with the contract entered into between the plaintiff and the said George J. Oldham, during his life time, on the 10th day of September, 1917.

You are further notified that there will be a hearing upon said petition, and on the allegations thereof, before the Judge of the District Court of Cass county, Nebraska, in the District Court at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, on the 10th day of July, 1918, at 10 o'clock a. m. and the allegations of the petition you will take due notice.

JOHN H. HALLSTROM, Plaintiff. C. A. RAWLS, Attorney.

REUNION OF SCHOOL FRIENDS

From Friday's Daily.

This morning there arrived in the city a company of folks who came to spend the day with former instructors of their school days. The company was composed of Mrs. Lewis, Misses Sybel Lawrence and Jean Wattles, of Omaha, and Miss Elizabeth Quinn, of Council Bluffs, all former students of St. Catherine's school, at Davenport, Iowa, in which school both Rev. and Mrs. Wilbur S. Leete were members of the faculty of the school at the time the ladies were students there. Mrs. Leete as an instructor and Mr. Leete as chaplain. They are having a reunion at the Leete home and are enjoying the old days at school once more through the faculty of happy remembrance.

FOR SALE

Light Bramah egg fers hatching 15 for \$1.25. 50 for \$3.50. 100 for \$6.50. Mrs. John W. Stokes, Mynard, Neb. 3-11-3mosw

Chronic Constipation.

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COPY OF NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The State of Nebraska, Cass county, ss. In the County Court.

In the matter of the estate of John Chalfant, Deceased. You are hereby notified that I will sit at the County Court room in Plattsmouth in said county, on the 25th day of June, 1918, and the 26th day of September, 1918, at 10 o'clock a. m. on each day, to receive and examine all claims against said Estate with a view to their adjustment and allowance. The time limited for presentation of claims against said Estate is three months from the 25th day of June, A. D. 1918, and the time limited for payment of debts is one year from said 25th day of June, 1918.

Witness my hand and the seal of said County Court this 21st day of May, 1918.

ALLEN J. BEESON, County Judge.

LEGAL NOTICE

To Pauline Oldham, as Administratrix of the Estate of George J. Oldham, Deceased; Richard Conway Oldham, Cuzza J. Baker, Lucius Connelly, Pauline Oldham, Fay Oldham, John J. Oldham, Jessie D. Snyder, Ellison L. Oldham, James W. Oldham, Vera H. Oldham, Polly Oldham, Mary L. Craig, and all persons interested in the estate of Jackson G. Oldham, Deceased, including creditors and claimants;

You are hereby notified that on the 4th day of May, 1918, plaintiff filed a petition in the District Court of Cass county, Nebraska, praying among other things for an order to be entered by the court directing the administratrix of the estate of George J. Oldham, deceased, to convey to plaintiff the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section thirty-one (31) Township eleven (11) Range fourteen (14) Cass county, Nebraska, upon the payment of the balance of the purchase price in accordance with the contract entered into between the plaintiff and the said George J. Oldham, during his life time on the 15th day of January, 1918.

You are further notified there will be a hearing upon said petition, and on the allegations thereof, before the Judge of the District Court of Cass county, Nebraska, in the District Court room at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, on the 22nd day of June, 1918, at 10 o'clock a. m. and the allegations of the petition you will take due notice.

FRANK J. LILLIE, Plaintiff. C. A. RAWLS, Attorney.

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