

### Gas Rate Cut Yuletide Gift to Consumers

Slash Means Saving of \$150,000 to Users; 15 Cents on First 2,000 Feet.

Merry Christmas from the municipal gas department of the Metropolitan Utilities district.

This will mean a saving of about \$150,000 to the gas consumers during 1925.

Lower gas rates will be in effect on January 1.

**Recommended Wednesday.**  
During 1923 the gas department had net earnings of \$164,698; during 1924, \$345,000.

The gas plant is more than paying for itself.

Wednesday afternoon the board of directors of the Metropolitan Utilities district approved the recommendation of Members W. J. Coad and F. D. Wead of its committee on finance and rates.

The new schedule reads:  
First 500 feet per mo. or less, \$0.80 gross  
Next 500 feet per month, 1.10 gross  
Next 100,000 feet per month, 1.90 gross  
Over 200,000 feet, 2.90 gross

Discount at 10 cents per 1,000 feet will be allowed on all bills paid within 10 days.

**Affects 90 Per Cent.**  
The practical effect of this is that there will be a reduction of 15 cents a month on the first 2,000 feet and 25 cents on the first 3,000 feet per month.

Approximately 90 per cent of all gas consumers are within the 3,000 per month class.

### WOMAN VICTIM OF STORM DIES

Grand Island, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Palmer, aged woman of Elba, who, while temporarily unbalanced mentally last Saturday, wandered away from home, dazed and with no covering whatever for her feet, died Tuesday night as the result of the exposure. She had walked for miles through the snow in sub-zero weather and was found by searchers, some hours after her disappearance, in a half frozen condition.

She had been comfortably situated and was well provided for financially, though preferring to live alone.

She was 84 years of age and leaves two sons and three daughters.

### Railroad Must Pay \$3,795 for Delayed Shipment

Shenandoah, Ia., Dec. 24.—A verdict for \$3,795.82 against the Rock Island railroad was awarded Dunnegan & Briggs, Shenandoah contractors, in a lawsuit at Council Bluffs.

The contractors brought suit because a drag line loaded at Sheffield, Ill., August 4, 1922, did not reach Omaha until October. The contractors were then engaged on a big sewer job in Omaha and had to do the work by hand labor, they claim, because of the delay in the arrival of the machine.

The railroad company claimed a shopmen's strike prevented prompt movement and also alleged careless loading of the machine. Suit was brought for \$3,900.

### Iowa Sends Delegate to Harding Highway Meeting

Shenandoah, Ia., Dec. 24.—J. M. Crawford of New London will be the Iowa delegate to the first meeting of the Harding Highway association, which will be held at Marion, O., January 29. Cities from Davenport to Red Oak and on to Shenandoah and Nebraska City are interested in this new cross-continent trail.

Important policies for the administration of the highway will be discussed.

### The Cross-Word Puzzle Editors of The Omaha Bee Wish You a



- HORIZONTAL.**
- One having a voice but not a vote.
  - Of a kind.
  - Woman devoted to religious life.
  - A collegiate degree.
  - Equal to the standard.
  - Expression of dissent.
  - The son of Nut.
  - To exist.
  - A signal of distress.
  - In reference to.
  - Form of the verb to be.
  - Canary Islands.
  - Suffix meaning like.
  - To collect pieces by pieces.
  - A preparation.
  - Latin for "After Christ" (abbr.).
  - An implement used by pioneers.
  - A mantle worn by priests and bishops.
  - To direct.
  - Part in the Aegean sea.
  - 3,1416.
  - To decrease.
  - To become gradually calm.
  - Well known tent maker.
  - To begin.
  - And (Lat.).
  - To acquire knowledge.
  - Variety of tree.
  - Hurdle.
  - Shelter.
  - Overhanging window.
  - Proposition.
  - Adjective suffix to words of Greek origin.
  - Football position.
  - In music B flat.
  - Suffered.
  - One who studies the introduction of new words.
  - To repeat.
  - Frightened.
  - Devastating epidemic.
  - To devour.
  - A boy.
  - Place of education.
  - Singie unit.
  - Pattern.
  - Prefix signifying twofold.
  - Self.
  - To sink in the middle.
  - Paradise.
  - Japan.
  - Tamara Hawaiian food.
  - To choose.
  - To work diligently.
  - To indulge in boastful talk ( slang).
  - Negative.
  - Beverage.
  - American spotted cat (pl.).
  - To bear again.
  - Gambling game.
  - A.
  - Conjunction.
  - Possessive pronoun.
  - To tear.
  - A happening.
  - Form of wh.
  - Preposition.
  - Scarcely.
  - Biblical name contracted.
  - Moors.
  - Space of time.
  - Mother.
  - General.
  - Royal society.
  - To do.
  - Form of the verb to be.
  - Famous French author.
  - So (Lat.).
  - To spread for drying.
  - Median antelope.
  - Used in writing.
  - Diphthong.
  - Past tense of "to sit."
- VERTICAL.**
- Preposition.
  - Mongrel.
  - Indefinite article.
  - Rampart.
  - Anything bringing good luck.
  - Within.
  - To fall behind.
  - Southern state.
  - Male voice.
  - 12.
  - 16.
  - Drink.
  - Smoke.
  - White Yuletide berry.
  - Artificial abstraction.
  - Sneaks.
  - Altar cloth.
  - To give a faint shadow.
  - Person of great courage.
  - Last of the Roman tribunes.
  - Governor of a Persian province.
  - Greek letter.
  - Renowned.
  - Together.
  - Circle.
  - Blackbirds of the cuckoo family.
  - Therefore.
  - Rings.
  - Half an em.
  - Eight-sided.
  - The (Fr.).
  - Part of a star.
  - Blister.
  - Measure of energy.
  - File.
  - 68.
  - Printer's measure.
  - Not in the diatonic scale.
  - Railroad.
  - Expression of assent.
  - Four-stringed lute.
  - Efforts designed to establish facts.
  - Porter.
  - 85.
  - 85.
  - Religious symbol.
  - Anti-toxin.
  - Child contents of a plant.
  - Last syllable of a word.
  - Italian river.
  - Double quartet.
  - For instance.
  - Hog.
  - View.
  - Embankment to prevent inundation.
  - Famous pharaoh.
  - Pulp of an apple.
  - Famous chief.
  - Large hen of the leg.
  - Oxford instructor.
  - Anything given to paucity.
  - Lute.

**Solution of yesterday's puzzle.**

S	O	L	D	E	P	O	S		
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### COLUMBUS FIRE DAMAGE \$30,000

Columbus, Dec. 24.—Property damage exceeding \$30,000 was wrought when flames which quickly converted the interior of the building into a seething furnace gutted the Speece-Butts drug store and losses are estimated as follows: Speece-Butts Drug company, stock and fixtures, \$13,000; David Hephaed, building, \$10,000; Dr. D. T. Martyn, jr.; \$500; Dr. A. G. Lueschen, \$300; William Swan, damage to the Swan theater building, \$1,200; Hostettler Brg., damage to Swan theater equipment, \$700.

### Supervisors Buy Snow Plow to Clear Knox County Roads

Bloomfield, Dec. 27.—Knox county board of supervisors has bought a large snow plow to be used in clearing the main roads. The machine clears a path 21 feet wide and requires a powerful tractor. The supervisors think that with this machine all the main roads of the county can be traversed in less than a week. Spring will see a vigorous good roads campaign under way.

### Volunteer Crew Erects Tabernacle at Atlantic

Atlantic, Ia., Dec. 24.—A crew of 50 volunteer carpenter-citizens on Monday erected the huge tabernacle to be used for a series of revival meetings beginning January 4. It was planned to finish the structure in detail in one day, but due to the cold and a smaller turnout than was expected, the work extended over an additional day.

### Banker Predicts More Prosperity

Conditions Point to Agricultural Improvement, D. L. Skinner Tells Realtors.

"Conditions at present are right for the greatest prosperity this country has ever seen," D. L. Skinner, manager of the National City company, told members of the Omaha Real Estate board Wednesday noon at the Chamber of Commerce. He spoke on "Prosperity for 1925."

Mr. Skinner predicted a period of sustained prosperity, not a period of inflation followed by a period of severe depression.

Mr. Skinner said the conditions today closely resemble those of 1896, when the proposal to change the money standards was decisively defeated at the polls.

In 1896, he said, just as today, agriculture had gone through a severe period of depression and it was not until 1898 that prices for farm products came back to normal relations with the prices of other products.

"When conditions did come back this country entered upon a period of industrial expansion such as it had never seen before. Wealth increased rapidly and the expenditures of the people accordingly," he said.

"Now that the reparation problem is settled in Europe and with prices for farm products back to a remunerative basis, we believe the stage is set for a period of sustained prosperity. It is well to bear in mind that this country was never better fitted to meet this situation than it is today, by the great cushion of credit of the federal reserve system, by the savings of people, by the increase of wealth and the probability of future tax reduction.

"Conditions in the money markets are pointing toward better times. Money is becoming somewhat firm. Liberty bonds, which are governed by the ruling rates for money, have declined during the past two or three weeks. The stock market, which got under way shortly after the election, is already reflecting and discounting conditions that the public believes will rule in six to nine months. You have seen a great advance in rail stocks. In fact these were the first to get under way. This was due probably to the optimistic statements put out by the railroad executives in session in New York and also due to

the fact that for almost a year the railroads will be unhampered by radical legislation. That is, we will have a short session of congress and with the prospects against the calling of a special session, the new congress will not meet until late next fall."

### EX-DRY LEADER AGAIN ARRESTED

Ossining, N. Y., Dec. 24.—William H. Anderson, former state superintendent of the Antislavery league, was paroled from Sing Sing prison today and was immediately taken into custody on two warrants charging grand larceny and extortion. Anderson had served nine months in jail of an indeterminate sentence of from one to two years on a forgery charge.

The only person outside of the prison walls awaiting Anderson was the Rev. Charles F. Ross, pastor of the Central Methodist church of Yonkers. Rev. Ross got aboard the train with Anderson and Detective Paul Kane, who, as representative of the district attorney's office, had served the warrants on Anderson.

Anderson was to be arraigned in New York as soon as he arrives there.

Too much sugar will prevent ice cream from freezing quickly.

### Tom Fielding of Alliance Youngest Great Granddad

Bridgeport, Dec. 24.—Alliance claims the distinction of having the youngest great-grandfather on record, since the birth of a baby to Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Nipple of Niobrara. Mrs. Nipple is the granddaughter of Tom Fielding of Alliance who is but 66 years of age.

Beatrice.—Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Warkentine of this city have gone to Virginia, Neb., where they have taken charge of the Inn, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Dwight S. Dalbey of this city.

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