

BRIEF CITY NEWS

Barograph. Fighting Pictures. Burgess-Grandon Co. Eave Root First St.—New Bacon Fresh. Fidelity Storage & Van Co.—Long, 1514. Rowell Given a Vacation—Water board in meeting acted favorably on Water Commissioner Rowell's application for a fifteen-day vacation, and also granted Charles Sherman a ten-day leave of absence. Sees Good Crops Ahead—John A. Dempster, who has been to Central City to attend a Grand Army reunion, reports that crops along the route from Fremont west are in splendid condition, and that the indications there are for a good crop of corn. New Baby at the Palm Home—Mr. and Mrs. Carl J. Palm of 4224 Erskine are rejoicing over the birth of a girl. Mr. Palm is secretary for R. A. Leussler, assistant general manager of the street railway company. Peddler Fined \$10—Lester Lincoln, a peddler, who several days ago while driving his horse and wagon knocked down and injured Frank Hollegard, the 6-year-old son of J. Hollegard, 2623 Walnut street, was fined \$10 and costs by Judge Altstadt. Thieves Spal Jewelry—A. L. Lawrence, 1105 South Thirty-third street, reports to the police that his home was robbed of jewelry valued at \$15 Thursday night, when thieves gained entrance to the residence by prying off the screen of a kitchen window. Chances Given Out of House—Rose Fuller, proprietress of a lodging house at Sixteenth and Cass streets, imbibed considerable Thursday evening, and as a result chased all her guests to the street in their nightclothes. She was arrested and fined \$10 and costs, but the fine was later suspended on her promise to leave town. New Jobbing Concern—A new jobbing industry has gone into business in Omaha under the name of Burdick-Parker Leather company. C. L. Burdick of Louisville, Ky., and A. C. Parker of Des Moines are the partners. They are occupying the ground floor and the basement of the three-story building at 219 South Thirtieth street. Finally Settle Bill—P. Ogoosby, giving his residence as the local Young Men's Christian association, and F. Van Ostrand, 2017 Harney street, filed a bill Thursday for a six-hour joy ride, which they afterward refused to pay for. Both were arrested, but settled the matter with the driver of the car, L. McCandless, before the case was given a hearing in police court. J. E. Duval is Promoted—J. E. Duval, brother of Eugene Duval of the local freight department of the Milwaukee, has been appointed superintendent of car service of the Grand Trunk railroad, with headquarters at Montreal. Mr. Duval was formerly manager of the Canadian Car Service association. His position was created August 1 and takes over the duties of general superintendent of transportation, superintendent of freight service and superintendent of passenger service, all of which have been abolished.

PORK CHOPS ARE CHEAPER

Other Meats Are Held at Same Prices as Last Week. EGGS ARE GETTING SCARCE

Spring Chickens Are Cheap, as are Tomatoes, but the Price of the latter is liable to Rise Unless It Rains. Pork chops can be had 2 1/2 cents cheaper now than they could at this time last week. No, the meats are not all coming down, for beefsteak, roasts, mutton and all the rest except pork have held their own since last week. Practically all pork has come down a little, in some cases only a half cent a pound. Eggs are selling the same as last week. Eggs are becoming a scarce article as the dry weather continues and the heat grows. Fewer and fewer eggs are coming in, and here and there storage eggs are already being thrown upon the market. The hens have lost their ambition with the continued hot and dry weather, and dealers say that unless there is a change soon eggs will grow still more scarce. Spring chickens are not coming to the markets in quantities as they did last year. Swift & Co. had only 1,000 today, while last year at this time they had 5,000. Spring chickens are still selling at 2 1/2 cents, although some dealers say they will sell them Saturday at 2 1/2 cents. Tomatoes, dealers say, will be a scarce article in a week if it does not rain. "They are a quarter a basket now, and will be a half dollar very soon if we don't get rain," said Albert King, manager of the grocery department of Hayden's. "There are very few left in the vicinity around Omaha." Alberta peaches are in the midst of their run at present and are selling at 30 cents a crate. They will be on the market for a short time yet, coming largely from California. The Colorado crop of peaches is said to be not more than a third of the normal crop.

Gas Company Head Concedes City May Regulate Rates

President Hamilton has addressed a letter to the Bee for publication, stating the opinion of the gas company on the right of the city to regulate gas rates under the proposed franchise as follows: "Attorneys Stout, Rose and Wells make this statement: 'If the company refuses to agree with the city upon a fair rate the city charter is ample authority for fixing the rate by ordinance.' Assistant City Attorney Lambert says: 'Until a contract was made under the provisions of the grant there exists no restriction upon the power of the city to determine and fix reasonable prices and charges.' The company itself has placed the same construction upon the ordinance as to the rights and power of the city. At the time the mayor and city commissioners made the agreement which resulted in the preparation and submission

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NO. 31. For Lower Gas Rates at Once—Vote "Yes" Settlement of the Dollar Gas Case Will Not Prevent Future Rate Regulation. One of the BASELESS charges against the rate-reduction gas franchise is that it may tie up the city to a \$1.00 gas rate for the next 25 years. The proposed franchise provides that a decree terminating the dollar gas case shall be entered in the federal court and the dollar gas ordinance of 1911 declared invalid. The dollar gas ordinance of 1911 imposes fines which would aggregate over a million dollars and imprisonments amounting to 1,000 years for each month's violation of its terms. Any gas consumer could bring suit to enforce the penalties were the decree not entered and the ordinance declared void. Therefore the decree is proper and necessary as part of the compromise settlement. The objectors to the franchise say that the terms of the decree MIGHT take away from the city the right to regulate gas rates because they MIGHT cause the court to determine that \$1.00 is a confiscatory rate for gas. The president of the gas company in a signed statement has declared that the gas company wants no such an adjudication or finding. The first assistant city attorney has declared over his signature that the city of Omaha would never permit any such terms in the decree. The objectors try to tell you (not correctly) FIRST that the rate-reduction franchise does not permit rate-regulation by the city, and THEN express the fear that the terms of the dollar suit decree will estop the city from regulatory powers under the proposed franchise. They do not explain why the gas company should want a dollar rate declared confiscatory, when the gas company, UNDER THE TERMS OF THE PROPOSED FRANCHISE, is willing to put a dollar rate in effect AT ONCE. They overlook the point that no court in the land would enter a decree finding any rate confiscatory for 25 years, 15 years, 5 years or any other substantial time in the future. The doctrine of "res adjudicata" cannot be made to apply to a variable thing like the manufacturing cost and fair selling price of gas. ALL of the arguments of the objectors are like this—UN SOUND AND GROUNDED IN A BITTER PREJUDICE AGAINST THE OMAHA GAS COMPANY. Below is reprinted the letter of the president of the gas company, the signed original being in the possession of the World-Herald: OMAHA, Aug. 5.—To the Editor of The World-Herald: In an editorial in your paper, August 4, you state that you will "gladly give place to whatever reply the president of the gas company may choose to make to Mr. Funkhouser's challenge." The challenge, as stated in the same issue your paper, is as follows: "If the president of the gas company will signify his willingness to enter into an agreement with the city in regard to the decree in the pending suit, the only serious argument the opposition has will be thoroughly and satisfactorily answered." My reply is this: The gas company neither seeks nor desires a stipulated decree in the dollar gas suit, that will ever operate, at any time or in any proceeding, to limit or bar the city in the exercise of all power given it over rates by the provisions of the proposed franchise. In other words, the gas company neither seeks nor desires a stipulated decree in said suit finding and adjudging that the rate of \$1.00 per 1,000 cubic feet for gas, or any other rate, is confiscatory; that is, the gas company is content to have said decree entered on other grounds. The gas company is willing that the city choose, as it has the right to do under the provisions of the proposed franchise, the precise ground on which said decree shall be entered, and is ready and willing to co-operate with the city in any way desired, by formal agreement, or otherwise, to the end that said decree may be so limited as not to be an adjudication on the reasonableness of any rate or price for gas. FRANK T. HAMILTON, President of Omaha Gas Company. The "Whirlwind Finish" of the Objectors is Now in Full Blast. Will You Be Stampeded? OMAHA GAS COMPANY. Everybody reads Bee want ads

City Commissioners Recommend the Gas Franchise to Voters

Omaha's seven city commissioners have adopted and signed the following address to the voters of the city, expressing support of the gas franchise and asking that it be given affirmative vote at the coming election: "To the Voters of Omaha: We wish to say no more conscientious and honestly prepared legislation was ever passed by any city council of Omaha than the proposed gas franchise. "The franchise was drawn up and passed by the city council unanimously after the most careful investigation, in which we had the assistance of the best expert advice obtainable. It represents constructive and progressive work in behalf of the citizens of Omaha, whom it will benefit substantially if approved at Tuesday's election. "We wish our friends to know that to the very best of our judgment their interests are advanced, safeguarded and protected by this measure, which will secure lower gas rates at once and give the city the unquestionable power of absolute regulation over future rates. We believe that we have obtained for the people the very best terms and conditions possible under the circumstances. "Approval of the franchise means an endorsement and encouragement of our efforts in your behalf and in behalf of the welfare of Omaha. "We recommend the franchise and solicit your effective approval."

MAGNEY SAYS COUNTY EXPENSES ARE INCREASING

"The legislature has piled expenses on Douglas county without providing any means of meeting them," said County Attorney Magney, "until the county has reached a point where it must raise a larger yearly revenue. Every year for a number of years the legislature has passed new laws creating large additional financial burdens, while the increase in the value of taxable property is the only means of increasing the income. "Evidently the legislature either must stop piling up expenses or it must increase the income derived from taxes."

ORPHEUM OPENING BILLS SHOW STRONG ATTRACTIONS

Word was received today from Martin Beck, general manager of the Orpheum circuit, that the eminent actress, Katherine Kidder, comes to Omaha for the second week of the Orpheum season, the week opening August 21. She is presenting a playlet called "The Washerwoman Duchess," an adaptation of "Mime Sans Gene." The portrayal of the title role in that French play of the Napoleonic era is conceded to be one of her most famous character delineations. Not only in the second week, but also in the first week, August 14, a player who has won distinction in Shakespearean drama will be seen as the headline feature. Frank Keenan, who was the Casius last winter in Faversham's all-star production of "Julius Caesar," comes to the Orpheum a week from Sunday, the opening week, in a one-act play called "Vindication."

HENRY DE LA ROCHE TO BE BURIED SATURDAY

Funeral services for Henry de la Roche, who was killed in an aeroplane accident, will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Saint Mary Magdalene Catholic church. The services will be private and will precede the burial in St. Mary's cemetery at South Omaha.

Omaha, Aug. 15th, 1913. TO OUR FRIENDS AND PATRONS: Today being our 16th anniversary we take this method of thanking you for the generous support you have given us during the past sixteen years. We are proud of the fact that each year's business has shown an increase over the preceding year, which is evidence that our efforts to produce "Good Cleaning and Dyeing" as Fair Prices have been appreciated. We promise you that in the future, as in the past, we will continue to make "Pantorium Quality" the standard by which all cleaning in Omaha is judged. Again thanking you for your patronage and assuring you of our desire to continue to serve you Promptly, Courteously and Well, we are Very truly yours, THE PANTORIUM, By Guy Liggett, Pres.

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