

CITY MAY OWN THE GAS PLANT THIS SUMMER

Mayor, Through Howell, Urges Merger of All Public Utilities Before State Senate.

Mayor Smith is pleased with the way the bill for the creation of a public utilities commission for Omaha is going in the legislature. "The bill," he said, "consists in a broadening of the sphere of the present water board, which would become not merely the governing body of the Metropolitan Water district, but the governing body of all the public utilities which Omaha may acquire in the future. My idea is to have the board or commission elected as it is now by the people. It will be self-perpetuating, one-third of the membership being elected at each election. It might be advisable to make it larger than it is now and to increase the salaries when the commission's duties would become much heavier with the acquisition of the gas works, electric light and power plant and maybe the street railway."

May Own Plant This Summer.

Mayor Smith believes it likely that the city will be in possession of the gas plant by this summer.

"I hope we will be supplying gas to the citizens of Omaha at a rate of \$1 a thousand cubic feet," he said. "And then I believe that we can continue to reduce the price of gas from time to time by substantial figures, just as we have done with the water plant."

"The appraisal board will probably have its report ready in March. Then the city council has 60 days to either accept or reject the plan at the price quoted."

"If the city council accepts the plan at the price, it can go ahead immediately and without any real tape and issue bonds and take over the plant and operate it at once."

With the gas company in the city's hands, acquisition of the electric light and power plant will be sought by the city. This is not so near realization, as the courts have ruled that the electric company has a perpetual franchise. This does not constitute a monopoly and the city could go ahead and build a competing plant.

In the purchase of the electric plant the ownership by the present company of a perpetual franchise would add very heavily to the cost the city would have to pay.

She Needed It, Says Wife Beater, and Gets Thirty Days in Jail

Mrs. Nick Paris, 2013 Harney street, waved at a "gentleman friend." Nick was a witness to the "unbecoming behavior" of his wife. He choked her, and was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail by Judge Foster in the police court yesterday.

"Whenever it has been necessary for me to punish her, judge, she needed it," the husband explained to the court. "When we have had difficulty it always has been her fault. I have tried to get my wife to be dignified. She would not."

"Judge, I have done nothing wrong," Mrs. Paris pleaded. "He has beaten me, choked me and threatened my life."

"Nuff said. Thirty days in jail. Take him away officer."

The woman's tears gave way to smiles when she was assured she would be granted the privilege of visiting her husband while he remained in jail.

Armistice Whistle Blows Once More; for Y. W. Campaign

The Bemis siren whistle will forever be associated with war and peace since it blew so frantically on armistice day.

When the big whistle began its screeching yesterday, great rejoicing was manifested on Farnam street.

"I guess they signed the peace treaty," a woman ventured. "President Wilson must have started for home," was a man's guess. "Maybe some more soldiers are home from overseas."

All rushed to buy The Bee's noon edition.

Why did the whistle blow? Oh! yest the flying squadron of Y. W. C. A. women led by Mrs. C. J. Hubbard, started out on the last lap of its drive to raise funds for the double triangle campaign!

John Dermody, Prominent Pioneer, is Dead at 72

John Dermody, 72, died Thursday at his home in the Joyce apartments, Twenty-seventh and California streets. Mr. Dermody, who is the father of Dr. L. A. Dermody, has been an invalid during his 24 years of residence in Omaha.

Mr. Dermody emigrated to this state from Canada about 50 years ago. He made his home near the now abandoned Fort Kearney. He later moved to Lincoln where he was engaged in the contracting business.

He is survived by his wife, six sons, Drs. L. A. and Louis Dermody of Omaha, W. J. Dermody of Houston, Tex., B. V. Dermody of Chicago, M. J. and T. J. Dermody of this city, three daughters, Mrs. A. Bohac, Aberdeen, S. D., and Mrs. William Cutcher and Mrs. Jessie Schultz of Omaha.

Elaborate Plans for Sixteenth District Meet of the Rotarians

Five hundred Rotarians of the 16th district, including Iowa, South Dakota and Nebraska, will gather in Omaha Sunday for a two-day conference. Elaborate plans to entertain the visitors, have been arranged by Omaha Rotarians, headed by John W. Welch and Dan A. Johnson, conference secretary.

This is the first district Rotary meeting held in Omaha. Many of the delegates plan to remain for the Transmississippi Readjustment congress.

Convention headquarters will be in the Fontenelle hotel. Business sessions Monday and Tuesday will be held in the large assembly hall in the Masonic temple. The conference opens with special services Sunday evening in All Saints church. Fred L. Northey of Waterloo is district governor.

Among the speakers of national prominence will be Edward R. Keiser, of Toledo, national Rotary president; John N. Vander Vries of Washington, D. C., assistant secretary of the National Chamber of Commerce; Dr. D. F. Garland of Dayton, O., of the National Cash Register company, and Harry M. Gage, president of Huron college, Huron, S. D.

Governor McKelvie will speak at the banquet Monday evening in the Fontenelle.

David Smith will come from Salt Lake City, Utah, to host for the 1919 international convention to be held there.

Sioux City Packers Short of Ice; Buy Supply Here

Sioux City packers are short of ice and have come to Omaha for their supply. Heretofore the freight rate on ice from Omaha to Sioux City has been \$1.25 in car lots. On application of the packers, the Omaha district freight rate committee has cut the rate to \$1 a ton.

Sioux City packers have heretofore depended upon natural ice for cooling purposes. Owing to the mild weather they were unable to obtain the normal pack. The ice they are taking from Omaha is the artificial product.

SAYS SLEUTHS MAKE HER GO IN MAN'S ROOM

Woman Sentenced to Thirty Days After Detectives Find Her in Room With Farmer.

Mrs. May Stevens, 2003 Burt street, was sentenced to 30 days in jail by Judge Foster in police court this morning after she told the court that two detectives compelled her to go into the room with a man at Sixteenth and Webster streets.

"They made me go into the room with Fred Smith, a farmer," the woman declared.

Detectives Anderson and Potach said they followed the woman from Sixteenth and Cass streets, where they saw her join the man, walk

around several blocks and finally located her in the room with the man.

"I knew Mr. Smith," Mrs. Stevens said. "He is a farmer and I have been acquainted with him for some time. I met him on the street, and when he asked me to show him where he could obtain a room for several days, I directed him to the place on Sixteenth and Webster streets. I was coming down the stairs when the officers entered the building and made me return with them and go into the room where the man was."

The man was not arrested. "What do you work at?" Judge Foster inquired.

"My husband works at the packing house, and I am employed at our home," Mrs. Stevens replied.

When the policemen told the court that the woman had a bad reputation, she was given the jail sentence.

HYMENEAL.

Ernest Johnson and Miss Nina Furstenberg, daughter of Alexander Furstenburg, were married by Rev. Charles W. Savidge at his study Thursday noon. They were accompanied by F. B. Unks.

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Russian Blouse creations, Bolero effects, Box Coats, mannish models, in fabrics that are the supreme favorites, beautifully tailored and finished throughout.

- SCALLOP EDGINGS
- GAY VESTEE EFFECTS
- SLASHED SKIRTS
- COWL COLLARS
- BOLERO EFFECTS
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--these \$15 and \$19⁵⁰ Dresses for Saturday will go a long way towards establishing the Emporium's leadership

--admired by everyone who sees them, they are easily the most attractive Dresses offered in Omaha today at these prices. The values are truly exceptional

--many beautiful new spring DRESSES \$35, \$45 and up to \$95

Afternoon and Street Frocks of georgette, figured chiffon, satin, tricotteen and serges. Stunning style creations. They are the sort of dresses you'll delight in wearing.

BRANDEIS STORES FOR MEN

Saturday at 9 A. M. We Place on Sale 6,500 Men's Fine Silk Ties

Extraordinary Values in Two Lots--



This is the result of an important purchase from one of New York's best neckwear manufacturers. It brings a large quantity of fine silk ties at such pricings as to interest every man who knows the reputation of this men's store for merchandise of quality.

Included are patterns and colorings from the very conservative to those of quite vivid colorings.

The entire purchase has been divided into two groups and is to be placed on sale Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

Lot No. 1-- 1.75 to 2.25 Ties at 95c	Lot No. 2-- 1.00 to 1.50 Ties at 65c
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ARE the hand made Silk Scarfs of the best imported silk, in all the very latest patterns and colorings, hundreds of patterns to choose from to suit the taste of most every man. Regular 1.75 to 2.25 values, at 95c

ALL the high-grade Silk Neckwear of the best domestic silk, in the large flowing ends scarfs, every pattern desirable, made with slip easy band, endless variety of patterns and colorings, regular 1.00 to 1.50 values, at 65c

Men's Pure Thread Silk Hose

About 100 dozen in all the new shades, in plain colors and neat striped effects; these are broken lots of our regular stock, not all sizes in every shade, but all sizes in the lots; these hose have been selling at 75c to \$1, choice

At 50c Per Pair

Overcoats Must Be Sold Now

Additional Price Reductions in Effect

THE time has come when we must make a quick disposal of our entire stock of Men's and Young Men's Overcoats--and we are going to do it without regard to cost or value. You know what superb styles and select qualities we have shown this season--you have a good idea of the former selling prices--so you can readily appreciate the extent of the reductions and the importance of the opportunity when we tell you that the entire stock is now open to your selection at these four prices, \$15, \$25, \$35, \$45. The assortment is complete--and includes the very newest and most favored styles in



Form Fitting Overcoats, Waistline Overcoats, Belted Overcoats, Dressy Chesterfields, Warm Ulsterettes, Heavy Ulsters

A broad range of rich fabrics for your selection--including soft wool friezes, kerseys, meltons, thibets, Scotch and chevots--patterns and colorings to please all tastes--every garment smartly designed, richly tailored and shown in sizes to fit all men and young men. Early selection is advisable as the finest will naturally go first.

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Men's Fur and Fur Lined Overcoats

Selling at Stock-Taking Prices

Men's New Spring Suits

You men who are thoughtful about clothes--You men who want real clothes values will be glad to inspect these dressy, serviceable Suits that are to be seen here Saturday in an initial showing, moderately priced at \$35 and \$40.

Our Entire Stock of Mackinaws Go at Just One-Half Price.

February Clearance of Men's Furnishings

Men's All Wool Sweater Coats at 4.95

Former Pricings 7.50 to 12.50

FineWorsted All Wool Hose

About 120 dozen, heavy weight, in assorted random mixtures. Mill runs of the \$1 quality, on sale at the unusual low price of--

Cotton and Wool Mixed Union Suits at 1.95

Some of the best makes represented in the lot, that formerly sold at 2.50 and 3.00. An unusual offering, indeed.

Wool Mixed Sweater Coats Saturday at 1.95

Good values in Men's Wool Mixed Sweater Coats, in medium and heavy weight, formerly priced from \$3 to \$5; radically reduced for Saturday's selling.

59c

Heavy Weight Union Suits, \$2 and 2.25 Values at 1.45

All the combed cotton heavy weight, in scrub and gray colors, that formerly sold at 2.00 and 2.25; specially priced for Saturday's selling.

Flannel Shirts These Flannel Shirts are all wool, in broken sizes, but all sizes in the lot; of medium and heavy weight; formerly priced from 2.45 to 5.00; extra good values at

59c

Two-Piece Wool Underwear

Formerly priced from 2.00 to 3.00 per garment. These are broken lots but represent excellent savings.

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