

PUTS \$4,500,000 VALUE ON PLANT OF GAS COMPANY

Condemnation Board Fixes Figure at Nearly an Average Between Those of City and Gas Experts.

A price of \$4,500,000 was set on the Omaha gas company plant by the condemnation board of commissioners, which was organized today.

Can Appeal to Courts.

If the board accepts the plant at \$4,500,000 and the gas company thinks this is a high valuation, the gas company can appeal to the courts.

The price fixed by the board was pretty near an average between the figures of the city experts and those of the gas company. The high price fixed by the gas company was \$5,000,000 with a secondary figure at \$4,000,000.

The city and its experts set a figure of \$3,500,000 as a fair price for the entire plant.

"Our inducement is based on any specific theory, but is a sort of estimate of all the theories presented in the estimates," he said.

Theories of estimating the value ranged from those of some of the experts of the gas company, who held that the city should be compelled to pay the cost of reproducing the gas plant at present prices of material and labor, plus "going value," down to those which held that prices of each item when put in place should be all the city need pay and that the concern has no "going value."

The city adopted a "middle theory" arriving at the value of the plant by a complex estimate of the average cost of each item over a 10-year period ending with 1916.

Officials Seem Pleased.

The gas company officials seemed pleased at the decision of the board of condemnation. It is said the gas company is more than willing to dispose of the plant if it can get a fairly good price.

W. H. Herdman, attorney for the gas company, and W. E. Doughty, representing the United Gas Improvement Co., of Philadelphia, present owner of the Omaha Gas Co., were present when the decision was given.

The cost of the expert witnesses employed by the city in the case was \$10,011; and of the gas company's expert witnesses, \$65,314. If the city takes over the plant it must pay all these costs.

Another \$200,000 will have to be added to the price for the cost of stocks of raw materials and other inventories on hand, if the city buys the plant.

"High," Says Mayor.

If the city takes the plant it must take it as of June, 1918. A plan will have to be worked out, the city probably paying interest on the purchase price from that date and the gas company turning over to the city the profits during that period.

"It is pretty high," was the comment of Mayor Smith when told of the report of the condemnation board. "I believe that \$3,500,000 to \$4,000,000 would have been high enough."

The mayor would not venture a guess on the prospective action of the city council in accepting or rejecting the finding of the court.

On a previous occasion the mayor said: "If the court allows any going value we won't take the plant."

Reports Purchase of Bread Found to Be Under Weight

A loaf of bread bearing a wrapper which read "Over 21 ounces, and weighing 17 1/2 ounces, was brought yesterday by E. A. Smith, 609 Brandeis Theater building, to J. W. Long, city inspector of weights and measures.

Mr. Smith explained that he paid 15 cents for the loaf and he asked that a complaint be filed in the police court against the baker. Mr. Long stated that the difference between the actual weight and the weight indicated on the wrapper constituted a violation of law.

R. Olsson to Direct Music At Omaha Automobile Show

R. Olsson has been engaged to direct the music at Omaha's Auto show, March 1 to 5, at the Auditorium and annex.

Last year three distinct orchestras, under the direction of Mr. Olsson, entertained show guests. There will be three orchestras again this year, but their program will be somewhat different.

Negro With Saw Blades In Shoes Freed by Judge

Six small saw blades were found in the soles of a pair of shoes worn by a negro Thursday night. In central police court yesterday Judge J. C. Lester said he did not know the blades were in his shoes, although he thought the soles were "kinda stiff." The negro was discharged.

Says Printer Delayed His Poem; Sues for Damages

James Radabaugh wrote a beautiful poem on St. Valentine's day, in celebration of the day, and it was not printed until the 14th. He sued the printer for damages for the delay.

Negro Kills Three, Wounds 7, and Fights Posse of Hundreds

Flour Bluff, Ark., Feb. 6.—City Detective C. C. Lynn, Mrs. Sam Salt and a negro, known as "Memphis Slim," were killed and seven persons were wounded, two seriously, when George Wicks, negro, after shooting "Slim" and Lynn, fired several bullets in a house near the heart of the business district and held off a posse of several hundred men for more than three hours.

New Influenza Cases Growing Less Each Day Among Omahans

The health department reported today 11 new cases of influenza, a decrease from 14 cases reported yesterday. The total for the week is 109 cases, as against a total of 412 last week.

Nebraska Tied as Second State for Automobiles

South Dakota and Nebraska are tied for second place among the states in the Union in the lowest percentage of automobile ownership for population, according to statistics compiled by the Chamber of Commerce. Nebraska had 47 states with the largest number of automobiles in 1918, but California forced ahead last year with an automobile to each 6.2 persons. Nebraska and South Dakota each has one car to every 6.8 people. Iowa follows a close third with a car to every 7.9 people. Massachusetts ranks the lowest in car ownership, with only one car to every 41.1 persons.

Funeral Services Today For Mrs. Alice Seacrest

Funeral services for Mrs. Alice Seacrest, nee Spang, widow of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Seacrest of Omaha, and wife of Joseph W. Seacrest of the Lincoln State Journal, who died Thursday of pneumonia influenza, will be held from the home on Lincoln at 2 o'clock afternoon today. The services will be private, but the home will be open to friends from 10 to 12 Saturday.

Hair Nets—10c

Real, human hair—in cap or fringe styles and all colors. Large size. Limit 6 to a customer. Special Saturday, at 10c

Brandeis Stores—Main Floor—West

Brandeis Stores

SETS THE PACE FOR GROWING OMAHA

Slip-on Veils

Edged with silk elastic, which holds them in place and makes them easier to get on and off. Plain meshes or attractive motifs and scroll designs—in all wanted colors. Regular 35c values, special, at 15c

Brandeis Stores—Main Floor—North

Starting Promptly at 9 a. m. Saturday, a Sale of 1,250 Pairs of Sample Double Silk Gloves

Regularly Worth 1.75 to 2.75 At **1.19**

These are a very fine quality of double silk gloves—or a glove within a glove. Colors are Navy, Brown, Gray, White and Black—with plain or fancy embroidered backs.

A few of them have slight imperfections, but they are actually worth from 1.75 to 2.75. We offer them for Saturday, per pair **1.19**

Sale starts promptly at 9 a. m.

Brandeis Stores—Main Floor—North



On Saturday—at 9 o'clock sharp—a Sale of 750 Wash Dresses for Girls

Regular \$6 to 8.95 Values—**3.95**

This is a special purchase from one of the best known makers of children's wear in New York city—and mothers need only to see the dresses to appreciate the splendid values. The ages are from 6 to 16.

There's a wonderfully attractive style assortment, and the workmanship and material are of the best.

Materials are chambray and ginghams, in beautiful plaids, small checks and bright, pretty, contrasting plain colors. Every dress has a good deep hem.

They are values not to be overlooked, and the sale starts at 9 a. m. sharp.

No. C. O. D.'s, Approvals or Exchanges. No Mail Orders.

Brandeis Stores—Second Floor—West

Drug and Toilet Specials for Saturday

- 30c Kolyon Tooth Paste, special, at 23c
- 50c Gem Razor Blades, package of seven, special, at 39c
- 25c Florida Cold or Vanishing Cream, per jar, 5c
- 15c Sargol's Vegetable Soap, special, at 12c
- 12c Essex Toilet Soap, special, at 9c
- All 25c Cutex Manicure preparations, special, at 20c
- \$1.25 Mavis Toilet Water, special, per bottle, at 98c
- 50c Kiss Toilet Powder, special, at 22c
- 60c R. & G. Rice Powder, special, at 45c
- \$1.00 Mace's Sugar of Milk, special, at 73c
- 50c Listerine, special, at 39c
- \$1.75 two quart Chocolate Rubber hot water bottle, special, at \$1.39
- One-pound Hospital cotton, special, at 49c
- Flour five-yard Gauge J. & C. special, at 69c

Main Floor—West

Women's Hose Of Pure Thread Silk

Regular 3.50 to 5.50 Values At **2.98**

This is an excellent lot of samples and odd lots from a well known hosiery manufacturer. There are fancy lace boot effects and Paris lace clocks and embroidered insteps in fancy designs. Also plain colors—some all silk to the top in extra heavy weight. Colors are Silver, Pearl, Grays, Cordovan, Russian tan, Mouse, Beaver, Black and White. Very special for Saturday, at **2.98**

Brandeis Stores—Main Floor—South

A Feature for Saturday—Sale of Misses' and Children's Shoes In Three Lots—Very Specially Priced

We are figuring our profit in good will, rather than dollars, when we offer these shoes in three big lots—for one week only—at prices less than we could buy them for today.

- Lot 1—at 1.95 Worth 2.50 and 2.75. Sizes from 4 to 8; in gun metal calf, vic kid and chocolate and white buck skin; hand turned soles; natural lasts; button style. Very special, at, per pair **\$1.75**
- Lot 2—at 3.45 Worth 4.00 and 4.50. Sizes 8 1/2 to 11; school shoes that are made to stand hard wear; in Russian calf, gun metal and vic kid; welted soles; wide roomy toe; spring heel. Very special, at **\$3.45**
- Lot 3—at 4.45 Worth 5.00 and 5.50. Sizes 1 1/2 to 7; in Russian calf, chocolate kid, patent vamp with white top, and black gun metal. Button or Blucher eye, English toe, or wide roomy last with low heel; hand welted soles. Special, at **\$4.45**

Brandeis Stores—Main Floor—West

Saturday—Your Choice of Our Entire Stock of Coats for Misses and Small Women

At **1/2** Regular Prices

This is one of the most astonishing offers that we have been able to make for some time, and we assure you that the values are really extreme.

The lot includes our entire stock of coats for misses and small women. They are on youthful lines—and styled to the hour.

There are semi-fitting loose backs, flare models and many other beautiful styles, with or without fur. There is every wanted color from which to choose.

A few of the exceptional values:

Original Price	Sale Price	Original Price	Sale Price
19.50 coats, at	9.75	75.00 coats, at	32.50
25.00 coats, at	12.50	89.50 coats, at	44.75
39.00 coats, at	19.50	155.00 coats, at	77.50
45.00 coats, at	22.50	185.00 coats, at	92.50

Brandeis Stores—Second Floor—West

A Third Floor Feature for Saturday—Sale of Women's Union Suits

Regular 1.50 to 2.25 Values, at **1.25**

Included in these odd lots from our regular stock are light, medium, and heavy weight suits. Some are slightly soiled, but every garment is perfect otherwise. Styles are sleeveless, low neck, half sleeve, Dutch neck and long sleeves, knee and ankle length. An excellent opportunity to lay in your supply of underwear for early Spring. Special, for Saturday, at **1.25**

Brandeis Stores—Third Floor—East

Corsets—Specially Priced

A large assortment of pink brocades, pink and white batiste, and novelty cloths—in medium and low bust models—and the much desired rubber top corset. Medium and long hip models, with good hose supporters attached to every pair.

Regular 4.95 Values, at **\$3.98**

LOW BUST CORSET	WORTH	SALE PRICE
Another new and very attractive model is made of pink brocade, with a very low bust. A much desired model for figures of the average type.	3.50 and 4.00 Values at	2.50

BANDEAUX	WORTH	SALE PRICE
All new and fresh; in pink novelty cloth, and pink and white mesh; both front and back closing. Special, for Saturday.	1.00 and 1.50 at	75c

Brandeis Stores—Third Floor—East

Valentines

We have a big assortment from which to choose—in a wide range of reasonable prices.

This year's Valentines are more artistic than ever, and we have them to please both young and old—in quaint designs, artistic patterns and 'funny' little novelties for the children.

Brandeis Stores—Main Floor—North

Saturday Specials in PICTURE FRAMES

SWING FRAMES, a few that have been selling at 3.00; very **1.98** special for Saturday, at

SWING FRAME, very attractive, has been selling at 7.00; special for Saturday, at **3.98**

FRAMES TO HANG, in many different sizes, from 8x10 to 16x20, complete, at **1.19**

(Bring Your Pictures With You)

Brandeis Stores—Third Floor—South

FRY OVENGLASS—AT 4.75

This 11-piece set of Ovensglass is unequalled for beauty, durability and hygienic qualities. It always remains the same—doesn't chip, discolor, rust or burn out—and is guaranteed against oven breakage. There is nothing that makes such a practical and handy gift for a woman as these sanitary Ovensglass sets. The 11-piece set, Saturday, at **4.75**

Brandeis Stores—Main Floor—North

Candy Specials for Saturday

Luscious Chocolates, Bitter Sweets, fruit and nut centers, special, per pound—**at 59c**

Golden Crumbles, a rich molasses jacket, with peanut butter filling. Regular 60c value, Saturday, per pound—**at 49c**

Fresh Angel Food Taffy, in vanilla, strawberry, chocolate and molasses flavor. Regular 49c kind, Saturday, special, per pound—**at 39c**

Brandeis Stores—Main Floor—Pompeian Room

\$1 a Week Will Buy a Complete Victrola Outfit

As an inducement for Saturday—we offer this Victrola outfit, consisting of Victrola as pictured and six 10-inch double-faced records of your own selection.

Outfit complete, priced specially at—**60.10**

Brandeis Stores—Main Floor—Pompeian Room