

HEATED DEBATE OVER GAS PLANT DUE IN COUNCIL

Mayor to Present Resolution Favoring Purchase at Appraisal Prices—Peruse Financial Statements.

Wide differences of opinion are scheduled to develop in the city council this morning, when Mayor Smith offers his resolution to accept the \$4,500,000 appraisal for the municipal purchase of the Omaha gas plant.

Two, and possibly four commissioners, will make a determined fight to defeat the resolution. They declare that the company stockholders should be satisfied with \$4,500,000, which would yield at 6 per cent, a greater return than the company's 1919 earnings and which would have none of the risks of the present business.

While Mayor Smith declares that \$1 gas is in sight if the city takes the plant for \$4,500,000, other commissioners express the fear that certain increased costs of fuel will wipe out any such prospects. Some reduction, they admit, might be possible because of the saving of taxes. High prices of coal, cited by Mayor Smith, are said by the others to be due partly to the inadequate storage facilities of the company.

The mayor yesterday handed the commissioners copies of the company's financial statement for 1919 and also his own analysis of these figures as applied to conditions which he assumes will obtain under municipal ownership. The mayor estimates a reduction of not less than \$100,000 per year in operating expenses from the start, on account of salaries, costs of coal, coke and supplies, and consolidation of accounting department with the Metropolitan Water board, which will have control of the gas plant if the city purchases it.

One of the features of the analysis of the operations of the gas company last year, according to city commissioners and the city legal department, is the connection of the United Gas Improvement corporation of Philadelphia, a concern which controls 36 gas plants in the United States and which buys coal, coke and supplies in large quantities and resells these commodities to the various plants.

One of the items of expense shown in the gas company's report for 1919 is 18,098 tons of coke at \$12.65 per ton, amounting to \$228,639 for the year. City officials have information from the Metropolitan Water board that coke could have been bought in Omaha last year for \$10.25 per ton in carload lots.

Another item of expense is 7,923 tons of boiler coal at \$5.39 per ton, being a total of \$42,740 for the year. Officials of the water board told city officials they bought boiler coal last year for 75 cents less per ton. The mayor has stated that the city should be able to begin operations with a rate of \$6 per thousand feet of gas, which will be an initial reduction of 15 cents.

Burns and McDonnell, Kansas City, appraisal experts in the service of the city in the gas case, in a letter received yesterday by Corporation Counsel Lambert, wrote: "Considered from every point of view, the opportunity to purchase the plant at this price (\$4,500,000) impresses us as one that the city should not overlook."

Commissioners Ure, Zimman, Ringer and Towl are still pondering over whether the \$4,500,000 price will be a "good buy" for the city.

Semi-Legal Argument Entices "Cupid" to Aid Lovers Despite Holiday

Loving pairs who had figured on getting married on Lincoln's birthday were baffled when they arrived at the marriage license bureau in the court house yesterday morning and found it locked. Raymond Young, attorney, came up there with a friend who wanted a license and found three couples pacing about the hall in despair.

He called up Clyde Sundblad, chief clerk in the county judge's office, secured License Clerk Stubbendorf's telephone number and called him. Mr. Stubbendorf argued that this was a holiday and that folks have plenty of time to get married during business hours. He said he was comfortably seated by the fireside with his slippers on.

But, Mr. Young, being a lawyer, put up a strong argument and Mr. Stubbendorf finally consented, on condition that an automobile be sent to his residence. This was done and "Cupid" soon arrived at the court house, where he was greeted by a cheer from the waiting swains.

Governor of Kansas Will Speak In Omaha Night of February 23

Henry P. Allen, governor of Kansas, has accepted an invitation to be the speaker on the occasion of the Omaha club's annual Washington birthday dinner, Monday evening, February 23.

The governor was two years overcast in Red Cross work, and it is expected that part of his address will be of a patriotic nature. Norris Brown will preside.

Frank O. Lowden, governor of Illinois, was to have been the speaker, but he has advised that he will be unable to come to Omaha this month.

Wide Range of Prices On Cars at Omaha Show

There will be a wide range of prices on the 300 or more cars shown at the 15th annual auto show, at the Auditorium and annex, March 1 to 6. The highest price car will cost the buyer \$10,000, and the lowest \$383.70. The highest priced truck on display will cost \$6,000, and the lowest just \$600.

"So there'll be a car for everyone," says Charles G. Powell, manager. "It's everyman's show this year."

The show will open at 2 p. m. Monday, March 1. After Monday show hours will be from 9:30 a. m. to 10:30 p. m.

Gould to Be Special Representative of Pathe In This Section



Stuart Gould.

Stuart Gould, who was formerly motion picture editor of The Omaha Bee and who has for some time past been connected with Paramount Artcraft with the Omaha exchange has joined the Pathe Exchange at Omaha as special representative of the company in charge of the special productions for the Nebraska and Iowa territory.

Mr. Gould expressed great confidence in the future of the Pathe corporation, which with its connection with the Associated Exhibitors, Inc., he believes is destined to become the greatest of all the great film organizations of the day. Charles Pathe, he points out, was one of the pioneers of the motion picture and has always been in the forefront of constructive movements for the betterment of the industry, and the latest affiliation will mean a great deal in the coming 12 months.

John Barton Payne of Illinois Is Named to Succeed Franklin Lane

Washington, Feb. 12.—John Barton Payne of Illinois has been selected by President Wilson to be secretary of the interior to succeed Franklin K. Lane. Mr. Payne is now chairman of the United States shipping board.

Mr. Payne will take over his new duties March 1, when Mr. Lane retires at his own request. Mr. Payne's successor as chairman of the shipping board has not yet been announced.

Before becoming chairman of the shipping board on August 7, 1919, Mr. Payne was general counsel of the railroad administration and before that he was general counsel of the Emergency Fleet corporation. He is a native of Virginia and is 65 years old. His home is in Chicago.

An Important Letter

CARTHAGE, Mo.—"My mother used Doctor Pierce's Favorite Prescription and was so well pleased with it that she gave it to me when I was entering womanhood, and I have used it off and on all my life for ailments for which it is intended to be helpful. I have given it to my daughter for the same ailments. It has always helped us promptly and satisfactorily."

"I have used the 'Golden Medical Discovery' for a bad cough and slight asthma, and was pleased with the way it benefited me."

"I have used the 'Pleasant Pellets' for constipation and biliousness all my life. I like them better than any other medicine of the kind because I can stop taking them any time without noticing any bad effects. There is no danger of getting a habit and being compelled to keep on taking them."—MRS. GEORGE F. BLUE, 711 East Second Street.

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is a non-alcoholic remedy that any ailing woman can safely take because it is prepared from roots and herbs containing tonic properties of the most pronounced character. It is not a secret remedy for its ingredients are printed in plain English on the wrapper.

How To Avoid INFLUENZA

Nothing you can do will so effectively protect you against the influenza or Gripe epidemic as keeping your organs of digestion and elimination active and your system free from poisonous accumulations. Doctors and health authorities everywhere are warning people of the danger of constipation, and advising, and urging everyone to see that the bowels and other eliminative organs act freely and regularly.

Ordinary laxatives, purges and cathartics, salts, oils, calomel and the like, are good enough to clean out the system, but do not strengthen the weakened organs; they do not build up vitality.

Why don't you begin right today to overcome constipation and get your system in such shape that you can feel reasonably sure of resisting disease. You can do so if you will just get a 25c box of Nature's Remedy (NR Tablets) and take one each night for a while.

NR Tablets do much more than merely cause pleasant, easy bowel action. This medicine acts upon the digestive as well as eliminative organs, promotes good digestion, causes the body to get the nourishment from all the food you eat, gives you a good, hearty appetite, strengthens the liver, overcomes biliousness, regulates kidney and bowel action and gives the whole body a thorough cleansing out. This accomplished you will not have to take medicine every day. An occasional NR Tablet will keep your body in condition and you can always feel your best. Sold and recommended by druggists.

TO-NIGHT—Tomorrow Alright

Get a 25c Box

Brief City News

Have Root Print It—Beacon Press Library & Silk Shade Lamps, 25c per root. Business-Grandin Co.—Adv. Rail Conductors' Ball—Gate City division, No. 647, of the Order of Railway Conductors, will give its first annual ball Friday at 8:30 p. m. at the De Luxe Dancing academy, Eighteenth and Douglas streets.

Sues Taxi Company—Martha Aldrich filed suit in district court against the Blue Taxi company for \$5,000 damages, alleging that one of the blue taxis ran into her automobile at Fifteenth and Jackson streets July 15, 1919, damaging the machine and injuring her.

Former Omahan Dies—Word has been received in Omaha of the death of Edward E. Lester, former Omahan, in Denver last Friday of influenza-pneumonia. The body will be brought to Omaha for burial. He was 45 years old, and is survived by a brother in Kansas City.

"The Reading of the Bible in the Public Schools" will be the subject of Rabbi Cohn's address at Temple Israel this evening at 8. This in answer to the recent action of the constitutional convention at Lincoln, which passed a resolution by a tie vote making the reading of the Bible in schools permissible.

Asks \$10,000 Damages—Christina Halbach filed suit in district court against the Burgess-Nash company for \$10,000, alleging that she was charged with stealing a pair of shoes January 19, 1919. She bought the shoes late in the day and was going out with them after closing hour when she was stopped, she alleges.

Frenchman to Lecture Here—Andre Allix, professor of history and geography at the Lyons university, will give two illustrated lectures in Omaha under the auspices of the French Alliance. Dr. The Frenchman at Home is the subject of the first lecture, which will be given at 8 Saturday evening in the office of F. J. Deschamps, 210 McGue building.

Swift Co. Stenographer Dies—Miss Lillian M. Hahn, stenographer for several years at the Swift packing plant, South Side, died yesterday following a two weeks' illness at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. W. Blackburn, 3118 Cass street. She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Catherine Hahn, and her sister, Mrs. Blackburn. Funeral services will be held at 2 this afternoon at Cole-McKay chapel, 2616 Farnam street.

Plan Alumni Dinner—Alumni of the Ohio Wesleyan university, Delaware, are planning a complimentary dinner at the Blackstone hotel Monday evening for Dr. John W. Hoffman, president of the university, who will visit in Omaha en route to California. Dr. Titus Lowie and Mrs. Howard Rushton are in charge of arrangements. All alumni and any persons interested in the work of the university are invited to attend the dinner.

Debaters to Have Tryout—The tryouts for the debating teams at the Central High school will be held Friday afternoon at the school auditorium. The subject of the debate is, "Resolved, the congress should pass a law declaring all interstate railroad strikes illegal." Three of last year's men have answered the call for school orators. The following will make the tryout: Otto Nelson, Charles Grimes, Cecil Simmons, Alexander McKie, Charles A. Fuls, Carl Dimond, John Comstock, Roy Smith and Merrill Russell. The teams will be decided on by next Monday.

See Want Ads are the Best Business Boosters.

Silverware Stolen From Apartment of Prominent Banker

Several hundred dollars' worth of silverware was stolen by two burglars, who early yesterday raided the apartment of John W. Gamble, vice president of the First National bank, 1148 Park avenue.

The dining room of the apartment was completely stripped of silver and other tableware. An overcoat, knives, forks, spoons, meat platters valued at \$150 also was taken.

Mr. Gamble awoke in time to see the burglars fleeing down an alley, carrying their loot between them in a tablecloth. He gave police descriptions of the two men. They entered the ground floor apartment through a pantry window.

Looting of the Gamble apartment is the second big silver robbery in Omaha within two weeks. Burglars recently took \$2,400 worth of silverware from the home of George A. Amos, 5116 Dodge street. Thieves forced a plate glass door

of the main show window of Orkin Brothers in the Hotel Conant building, between 5 and 7 yesterday morning. Three women's dresses valued at \$350 are missing. Five other gowns were untouched by the robbers.

E. L. Kilgor, 2562 Pinkney street, reported the loss of a watch to a burglar who entered his bedroom after breaking a latch on a window. The thief overlooked a small amount of cash that was lying on the dresser.

See Want Ads Produce Results.

Divorce Courts

After 27 years of married life with William D. Clark, Florence Clark, filed suit in district court for a divorce from him on the grounds of extreme cruelty.

Alleging that Charles F. Williams has abandoned her, Tillie Williams

filed suit against him in district court for a divorce and custody of their child.

Delta Martin filed suit against her former husband, Jacob Martin, in district court to compel him to pay her \$40 a month alimony allowed in the decree of divorce granted her by Judge Wakeley in divorce court, October 6, 1919.

Having an average annual rainfall of about 500 inches, the central part of the northernmost of the Hawaiian islands is believed to be one of the world's wettest spots.

BURGESS-NASH COMPANY.

"EVERYBODY'S STORE"

Today We Celebrate the Birthday of Abraham Lincoln

"With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive to finish the work we are in to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and orphans to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations."

These inspiring words closed a famous inaugural address of Abraham Lincoln, the sixteenth President of the United States.

These are stirring words for the entire world to read and remember.

Lincoln never lost sight of individual need, and big and great as he was, never failed to stretch out a helping hand to do even little things.

There is an imperishable influence in the lives of such as try every day to do good in ways either large or small.

Why shouldn't a great business establishment and its people be at their best if built upon good-humored, good-deed-doing, according to Lincoln's pattern?

Burgess-Nash Company are endeavoring to use these words as a standard by being of the "greatest service to the greatest number."

Continuing Our Great Sale of Draperies and Lamps

At Prices That Offer Unusual Savings

THE world conditions the past few years have taught the women of our country how to economize—so they will appreciate the opportunity offered in our Drapery Department to buy needed nets, denims, draperies, etc., at these prices—

Velvet for Draperies \$6.50 yd.
Plain velvets, 50 inches wide, all colors.

Figured Denim
Figured denim in large range of colors, 80c to \$1.65 a yard.

Damask and Tapestries
Large variety of damask and tapestries, 50 inches wide, large range of colors, floral and conventional effects. Prices—\$2.00 to \$15.50 yard.

Display Draperies
Draperies made up for 3-foot windows, used in the department for display purposes. Taffetas, satins, cretonnes and velvets—the set includes shade, overdrapes and box or draped valance. For quick clearance—\$14.00 a window.

Lamps at Reduced Prices
Our entire stock of Floor and Stand Lamps have been reduced for Thursday. Also every Parchment and Silk Shade. The prices are exceptionally low, and range from \$10.00 up.

Third Floor

Friday in the Downstairs Store

Handsome, Full Size Wool Blankets \$10.95

In plaid designs, beautifully bound with ribbon, in pink and white, and blue and white.

Splendid Quality of Bleached Table Damask

Handsome designs; an unusual value for 95c yd.

Huck Towels
Heavy huck towels, hemmed ends, very good quality, 35c each.

Hemmed Crochet Bed Spreads
Heavy weight, good quality, full size, \$2.75 each.



Announcing New Arrivals in the Downstairs Store

Spring Suits \$25 and 39.50

Spring garments show variety in style to please every taste, and attractiveness is assured in every garment.

The care and correctness of the selection of these styles is an assurance of lasting satisfaction in wear.

Suits are made of splendid material and are trimmed in braid and buttons. Specially priced at \$25.00 and \$39.50.

Downstairs Store



Tussah Silk \$1.55

Tussah Silk with neat brocaded figures, in a large assortment of colors; a silk that will stand lots of hard wear; especially desirable for dresses.

Silk Poplin \$1.69

A beautiful quality of Black Silk Poplin—just the thing for your new Spring dress—36 inches wide, \$1.69 yard.

Fine Quality Shirting Percales

36 inches wide, neat designs, 49c yard.

Beautiful, Smart Gingham

In the newest plaids, checks and stripes, 32 inches wide, 59c yard.

A Very Special Sale Friday of Gray Enamelware 39c

An unusual opportunity to get these pans and basins at such a low figure— included in this lot are:

Lipped Preserving Kettles
Pudding Pans
Lipped Sauce Pans
Handled Bake Pans and Wash Basins

Downstairs Store

New Spring Millinery

February 15th means a New Spring Hat. You will find a wonderful assortment of the newest in dress and tailored effects at prices that are within the reach of all—

\$3.98, \$4.98 and \$5.98



Downstairs Store

Odd Lots oforgette and Crepe de Chine Blouses \$2.85

Odd lots of lovelyorgette and Crepe de Chine Blouses of white, flesh, bisque and combinations of colors in this lot, and sizes range from 36 to 46. An unusual opportunity even for our Downstairs Store.

Downstairs Store

Four Wonderful Bargains in Mina Taylor's Dresses and Aprons for Porch and House Wear

For the woman who cares to appear neat and dainty while doing her housework the Mina Taylor is ideal, prettily made, neatly finished and easily laundered.

Aprons at \$1.45
Mina Taylor Aprons, light or dark Percales, \$1.45.

Dresses at \$1.95
Mina Taylor Apron Dresses, Chambrays, Percales and Gingham, in plaids, checks, stripes and plain colors, trimmed in contrasting colors, \$1.95.

Dresses at \$2.95
Women's Mina Taylor Dresses in dark or light colored Percales, trimmed in contrasting colors; collar, belt, cuff and pockets, \$2.95.

Dresses at \$3.95
Mina Taylor Conservation Dresses, made of Chambray, finished with detachable collars and cuffs of White Pique. Colors—white, pink, blue and lavender, \$3.95.

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