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## 85,000 REGISTERED HERE ON LAST DAY

Women Outnumber Men in Many Precincts of County.

With approximately eighty-five thousand men and women taking advantage of the last opportunity of registering for the coming election, County Auditor Leo K. Fesler today estimated the total registration in the county at approximately 135,000.

The outstanding feature of the registration yesterday was the large number of women who appeared and placed their names on the registration lists.

"All registration officers were impressed with the manner in which the women intelligently registered yesterday and all of us were pleased with the way the women reacted in the tremendous task," said Mr. Fesler.

"It takes no longer for a woman to register than a man," he added.

In some precincts yesterday the women registered in larger numbers than the men and this is shown in the Second ward, as follows: Second precinct, 593 men, 613 women; Fourth, 674 men, 307 women; Sixth, 826 men, 997 women; Seventh, 919, 946 women, and in the Eighth precinct there were 782 men and 837 women.

In the Fourth ward there were 519 men and 539 women registered in the First precinct; 634 men and 603 women in the Second precinct; 836 men and 877 women in the Fourth precinct; 533 men in the Thirteenth precinct and 497 women.

According to Mr. Fesler, the registration was the heaviest on the north side, with most of the south side precincts not going over the one thousand mark in each voting precinct.

As the county commissioners and Auditor Fesler had estimated the total registration in the county at 135,000, it will be necessary to use the Australian ballot as first intended.

The heavy female registration shows that the women of Indianapolis and Marion County are well versed in their duties under suffrage and are prepared to vote side by side with the men on the first Tuesday in November.

The registration is now closed and work will start at once on completing a list of the registered voters for the chairmen of the various parties.

## Eagles Would Boost Membership to 5,000

Plans to boost the membership of Indianapolis' Aerie No. 211, Fraternal Order of Eagles, to 5,000 were made at an open meeting at the Lodge home, 43 West Vermont street, last night.

Conrad H. Mann, Kansas City, Mo., and Frank H. Hering, South Bend, both past grand worthy presidents of the order, were the principal speakers.

The drill team gave an exhibition.

The Indianapolis Lodge of Elks will hold their social session of the season at the DeSoto Hotel following the regular meeting tonight.

Vaudville entertainment and addresses are on the program, to which all visiting Elks are invited.

## Three Are Injured in Monday Night Jams

Ross Smith, 17, of 638 East New York street, suffered a cut in his wrist when his bicycle collided with a large tile on Virginia avenue last night.

Mrs. Iva Dean, 439 East Vermont street, was slightly injured in an automobile accident at Capitol avenue and Tenth street last night.

She was in an automobile driven by her husband, John Dean, and the car collided with an automobile driven by William Renforth, 283 North Tremont avenue.

Mrs. Dolly Lila, 33, 1116 South West street, was hurt when she fell from a stockyard street car on Kentucky Avenue, last night. She was taken to the city hospital.

## Dr. Coble's Body Due From France

Relatives of Dr. Paul Coble, former Indianapolis physician, are expecting the arrival of the body from France at the family home in Frankfort today.

Dr. Coble, who was a major in the medical department, died at St. Nazaire, France, May 11, 1919, and was buried there.

Members of the Masonic Lodge and of the American Legion at Frankfort will participate in the funeral.

Dr. Coble was a partner of Dr. John F. Barnhill, Indianapolis, before he enlisted.

## Amos Butler to Talk at Prison Congress

Amos W. Butler, secretary of the State board of charities, will deliver an address on "The Present Status of the Intermediate Sentence and Parole System" before the 1920 Declaration of Principles before the American Prison Congress to be held under the auspices of the American Prison Association at Columbus, Ohio, Oct. 14 to Oct. 16.

A large number of Indiana officials will attend and are expected to fill committee assignments.

## GAS COMPANY PROMISES FAIL TO MATERIALIZE

Rate Boost to 60 Cents Not Met by Adequate Public Service.

### BY-PRODUCTS ATTRACT

Glaring inconsistencies between the promises by officials of the Citizens Gas Company of what would be accomplished in the way of service for the citizens of Indianapolis and the possible service commission granted in the rate to 60 cents per 1,000 cubic feet, April 28, 1918, and permission to sell securities with which to purchase additional equipment May 28, 1918, and the performances of the company since that date are apparent from an examination of records at Indianapolis, and the statements of gas officials before the board of public works last week.

Outstanding among these inconsistencies is the promise of representatives of the company before the public service commission in 1918 that an addition of forty, or even to the equipment of the gas producing capacity to a maximum of 15,000,000 cubic feet per day and the statement of James Steep, assistant engineer of the company to the board of works last Friday that the highest point of production was 12,000,000 cubic feet per day when 12,000,000 cubic feet was produced.

This morning the Rye Shorten storekeeper made a mistake and opened a box of crackers bottom-side up and Site Kilmer went and got checked eating one of them upside down.

Salem Barlow, our eminent banjo picker, can now sing and play at the same time. We don't know whether this is a good idea or not as the two noises together drown out each other.

### EVERY CENT RATE INCREASE TO PRODUCE \$186,000.

In April, 1918, officials of the company told the commission that the grant of an increase of 5 cents in the rate would mean an increase in revenue of approximately \$186,000.

Before the board of public works Alfred Potts of the board of directors stated that the increase of 30 cents, which the company believes is necessary for its proper program, would add \$300,000 to the annual income.

Mr. Potts offered before the commission in April, 1918, was to the effect that the maximum production of the company up to that time was approximately 11,000,000 cubic feet per day.

Language of the order of the commissioners granting the increase to 60 cents, setting out the reasons upon which the increase was predicated, is as follows:

"Where the addition of forty coke ovens will double the producing capacity of the plant providing for present demands and for the industrial needs of the community during the war period, insuring better and more even pressure, and a higher average of heat units, and enabling the company to continue to operate in emergencies, the operation of a water gas plant which is run at a less slow rate, the proposed increase was approved."

### COMMISSION LED TO BELIEVE 60 CENTS SUFFICIENT.

Further evidence that the commission was led by the gas company to believe that the 60-cent rate would prevent gas shortages for many years, is found in a summing up of the evidence, which reads, in part, as follows:

"The petitioner is unable to meet all requirements for service; that it is desirable that said facilities be increased by the addition of forty ovens, thereby doubling its coal gas production capacity and raising the total maximum capacity of petitioners' generating facilities, including its water gas plants, to more than 15,000,000 cubic feet of gas per day; that the new facilities will enable the petitioner to render service to the community, the demand for which is increasing, for domestic, industrial and war order purposes, except for the substitution of said gas for coal for general house heating; that the enlargement of facilities, as stated, will result in more satisfactory service to all patrons; that said additions will make possible a more even pressure and the maintenance of a higher average of heat units."

In the face of these promises the board of works last winter fined the gas company some \$2,200 for failure to produce gas of the 600 British thermal unit standard and continued precarious service resulted last Wednesday evening in an order to the gas company to the effect that houses throughout the city and their diners demanding service for domestic, industrial and war order purposes, except for the substitution of said gas for coal for general house heating; that the enlargement of facilities, as stated, will result in more satisfactory service to all patrons; that said additions will make possible a more even pressure and the maintenance of a higher average of heat units."

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INCREASE GRANTED.

### FOR EFFICIENT SERVICE.

Time after time in the order granting the increase to 60 cents it is pointed out that efficient service to both domestic and industrial consumers might be insured and yet the gas officials before the board of public works contended that \$1,250,000 authorized to be borrowed by the commissioners in May, 1918, to finance the improvements was spent on the forty coke ovens, other equipment being permitted to remain so unmodern and inadequate that the full gas producing efficiency of the ovens can not be utilized until further improvements, cost approximately \$2,500,000, are made.

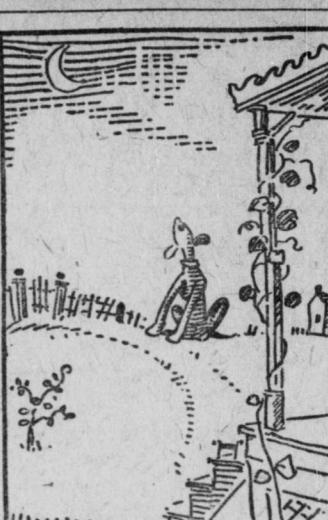
This is pointed out by persons familiar with the situation, emphasizes the admissions of gas officials that the gas company is interested in producing highly profitable coke and other products from gas, secondly.

Otherwise, these reasons upon which the company would have spent part of the \$1,250,000 raised two years ago, on equipment which would enable it to store and transport the greater quantity of gas which, as company engineers point out, necessarily must be produced in direct proportion to increased production of coke.

NEW MAINS MAY BE ORDERED.

The franchise requirement which gives the company ample warning of the increase in gas service which it must make

## DOG HILL PARAGRAPH



## HAYS CLAIMS ALL IN SIGHT

Ade's 'County Chairman' Advised Followed by Leader.

Optimistic predictions concerning the outcome of the coming election were made by Will H. Hays, Republican national chairman, who is visiting Indianapolis. He declared that the Republicans will carry all of the Eastern States, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky, Wisconsin, Illinois and every State west of the Mississippi River except Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas.

He said there is also a chance that the Republicans will carry Tennessee and North Carolina.

In discussing the League of Nations issue Mr. Hays said that no American can be simultaneously for the Constitution and for article 10.

WABASH TAXI MEN HIT.

WABASH, Ind., Oct. 5—A new tax ordinance, which became effective in this city Monday, forced five small lines out in the front yard and bark all night long at nothing. Poke Easley says the cost of the bonds would amount to more than they can make a year.

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