

WOMEN VOTERS WANT U. S. TO GUARD BALLOTS

Proposal to Have Returns Sent by Mail Gains Favor.

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The League of Women Voters hesitates to say in so many blunt words that they do not trust the politicians.

But, if questioned closely, they will admit that when it comes to ballot boxes they prefer the integrity of the United States Postoffice Department. And if they want it and can handle it, postoffice authorities may have a new job offered to them.

The story starts in the committee room of the Senate chamber at the Statehouse. Representatives of the League of Women Voters have appeared before members of the Elections Committee to argue the merits of a bill having to do with reforms in the present primary laws.

The bill is the league's pet. They have worked for months, studying laws of other states and probing deeply into conditions in Indiana. They feel that the present primary setup has many faults and they are offering amendments designed to remedy them.

Chief among the proposed changes is an arrangement called the central count system. No one will argue that many queer things may happen to a ballot box and the ballots therein between the time the polls close and the votes are finally delivered to the canvassing board.

Often when the first few precincts indicate a close race it may take four or five days for final returns to trickle in from key positions.

Legislators Are Cynical

So, the league suggests that all hint of "stuffing" and other irregularities be squelched by requiring that ballot boxes be locked, sealed and immediately taken to a central spot where the boxes may be opened and the votes tabulated in public.

This, they declare, would help get Satan behind the precinct officials. It would help, the committee members conceded, but it still would be far from perfection. Taking an intensely practical, not to say cynical, view of the matter, they pointed out that "every man had his price and every lock a key."

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HOW NEAR-RECORD BLIZZARD BURIED FAMED 'CROSS-ROADS OF WORLD'



This is world-famous Times Square at the rush hour—during a near-record blizzard that piled almost 18 inches of snow on New York's great white way. Where thousands of persons and hundreds of automobiles usually battle for right of way, only two hardy souls braved the bitter blasts to pioneer paths through the drifts. Cars parked at the curb in places were nearly obscured by the snow.

In the Amusement World

Stravinsky, Dushkin and Musical Art Quartet Give Fine Performances Here

BY WALTER D. HICKMAN

MUSIC that is making modern history was played yesterday afternoon at English's by the composer himself—Igor Stravinsky, and Samuel Dushkin, violinist.

Mrs. Nancy Martens presented the composer-pianist and the violinist.

Playing the first part of the program in a sensational manner was the Musical Art Quartet, the second half being given over to Stravinsky and Dushkin.

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Paul Muni lends it a color and depth which makes it much more than just a picture.

Now at the Apollo.—(B. J. W. T.)

Lyric Offers Thrills
SPECTACLE and thrills galore in store for Lyric patrons this week.

The stage show "Spices of 1935" is excellently staged and although it lacks any particular outstanding performer, it is pleasant and entertaining because of its glamour.

Count Berni Vici is the master of ceremonies in the presentation which includes a good 13-piece all-girls band, and Bob Carney, an able comedian who does an exceptional "drunk" act working with Isabelle Dwan, dancing comedienne, and Joe Cowan, who bears a remarkable resemblance to Eddie Cantor.

Bobby and Mary, a dance team, perform smoothly in both combination and solo numbers, Bobby's tap numbers being a highlight of the show; and the three Stooges, Garner, Wolf and Harkin, are seen in a series of knockabout comedy and music which is cleverly done.

DeCount and Romaine, centering the production numbers, Mlle. Caroline, solo dancer, and Paul Sutton, who sings the show songs, make up the rest of the cast.

The "Human Fountain" number and the "Budda's Palace" number are beautifully staged by the chorus. The settings and costumes of the revue are lovely, and the double stage idea is a novel and practical one.

The picture on view this week is "Red Hot Tires," a racing story starring Mary Astor and Lyle Talbot, and showing a great many scenes taken at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

The theme is based on a crooked race driver who gets himself killed by one of his own tricks and thereby pins the blame for his death on the wrong man. Through an exciting kaleidoscope of events, the hero (Talbot) comes back and wins the heroine (Miss Astor).

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Lauds Speech Pupils
BY JOHN W. THOMPSON
Miss Berni Sanders Wright presented her Washington High School

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Three Bands, Orchestra, Three Dance Groups and Other Organizations Are Available.

Need a band to play at your civic meeting? Then get in touch with the FERA musicians' project, No. 216, which will furnish the crescendos of a 25-piece band, melodies from a 20-piece orchestra, dance tunes by one of three dance orchestras, string music, or selections played by such aggregations as a cowboy band or two Negro bands.

No charge is made for the service to social or civic groups that are non-sectarian and non-political.

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ARRANGE SPELLING BEE
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CITIES JOIN IN MIDWEST WAR ON GAS RATES

Mayors of 11 Municipalities Meet in Columbus for Showdown.

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tration forces collected to support the move for an investigation.

Detroit officials, most active of all in the investigation, remarked that the reported \$100,000 ready for bribes was "mere chicken feed."

Mayor John W. Kern, Indianapolis, and other city officials were due here to attend the conference which may last two or more days.

Giants of Industry

BY VINCENT LYONS

Times Financial Editor

The Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, North American Co., Columbia Gas and Electric Corp., and the Cities Service Co., the four companies whose natural gas activities may be subjected to a Senatorial probe as a result of a preliminary investigation now being conducted by 11 Midwestern cities are among the largest of the country's corporate giants.

The Columbia Gas & Electric Corp.'s basic and dominating interest is in the production and distribution of gas, principally natural gas, in which field it ranks among the leading units in the industry. Total gross revenues for 1933 aggregated \$74,453,000, of which approximately 65 per cent was procured from gas.

Seven Operating Divisions
Properties of the system are located in the East and Middle West and are grouped into seven major operating divisions, six of which are centered about these cities: Cincinnati, Dayton and Columbus, all in Ohio; Charleston, W. Va.; Pittsburgh, Pa., and Birmingham, N. Y., while the seventh embraces the pipeline system connecting the gas fields in Kentucky and West Virginia with the Atlantic seaboard states.

Producing and gas reserve fields owned at the close of 1933 amounted to approximately 4,256,000 acres in West Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio and Pennsylvania. In addition, the company has large potential sources through its interest in a pipe line tapping the Panhandle areas of Texas and Oklahoma.

At the close of 1933 the United Corp., reputedly a Morgan company, owned 2,434,356 shares, or 21 per cent of common stock of the Columbia Gas & Electric Corp. Shares of the company are listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

Serves Wisconsin Cities
The North American Co., one of the largest public utility organizations in the country, in addition to providing electric power functions, serves gas in Racine and Appleton, Wis., and various other communities in the Missouri-Illinois-Iowa group.

The company, through common stock holdings, has a 19 per cent interest in Detroit Edison, which operates in Detroit and adjacent territory, and a 73 per cent interest in North American Light & Power, which serves Illinois, south central Iowa, northern Missouri and northwestern Indiana.

As of June 30, 1934, the consolidated balance sheet of the company showed total assets of \$885,022,006. Property and plant was valued on that date at \$672,643,427, including a 50 per cent investment in the Capital Transit Co. Total funded debt of the company and its subsidiaries aggregated \$317,791,000. Gross earnings for the year ended June 30, 1934, aggregated \$102,528,972, while net income came to \$10,713,049.

Gas Business Increasing
Although gas and transportation operations of North American Co. subsidiaries are relatively small compared with the electric business, they are increasing. In the second quarter of last year gas output expanded 8.23 per cent over the corresponding period of the year before.

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The Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, although for some time the leading domestic petroleum enterprise, has, in recent years, been

expanding in the natural gas field. This lately products, produced in Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia and southern New York, is transported and marketed in those states. Important interests are held in a number of natural gas pipe lines which take a large part of the company's production of this product.

Huge Cash Resources
At the close of 1933, Standard Oil had current assets of \$150,500,000, of which \$92,674,000 represented cash. Net working capital at that time totaled \$407,000,000. Net income for 1933 amounted to more than \$25,000,000, which was equivalent to around 97 cents on the 25,761,465 shares outstanding.

The Cities Service Co., 30 per cent of the voting power of which was held by Henry L. Doherty in 1931, controls comprehensive groups of oil and gas producing and distributing companies, an extensive group of public utility properties and real estate holdings. In 1931, it is stated, 24 per cent of the gross revenues of the company came from natural and manufactured gas.

In recent years, this company has made important additions to its natural gas properties. At the close of last year these included some 15,570 miles of pipe line and 191,000 producing mains, including manufactured gas mains.

Showed Profit in 1934
This system operates principally in Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Colorado, New York and Ontario, Canada. Holdings of the company also includes a 27 per cent interest in the Natural Gas Co. of America, which owns a 900-mile pipe line from the Texas Panhandle to the Chicago district.

Net income of the company for the first half of 1934 totaled \$2,970,000, contrasted with a deficit of \$317,749 in the corresponding period of the preceding year.

Total funded debt of the company and its subsidiaries at the close of 1933 aggregated \$467,210,853. The company omitted dividend payments on July 1, 1932, on all classes of preferred as well as on the common stock, and there have been no disbursements since.

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