

CITY TO FIGHT GAS COMPANY'S PETITION FOR RISE IN RATES

The city will "fight to a finish" the petition presented by the gas company calling for a revaluation of property with a subsequent rise in rates.

By a unanimous vote the council Monday night authorized the city attorney and the board of public works to prepare an ordinance calling for the employment of an expert engineer to appraise the gas plant, and ordered them to prepare all possible data with which the city may contest the proposed increase.

The motion to fight the rise was made by Councilman Waldele after the petition had been read by City Attorney Byram Robbins. Robbins said that the gas company "seemed to have an insatiable appetite. They are never satisfied, he said.

The attorney declared that the gas company had made a net earning of 16 per cent the year that the present administration came into office, nine per cent and a fraction the next year, and eight per cent and a fraction the next year.

Only Entitled to 7 Per Cent.

"They are entitled only to a seven per cent return on their investment" said Robbins. "The city did not contest the gas company's earnings because of the unusual conditions that prevailed but the time has come to call a halt."

Members of the council passed Councilman Waldele's motion without protracted discussion, although the sentiment of the city fathers as expressed in the meeting was whole hearted opposition to any increase in rates.

The city may abandon the proposed improvements on Ft. Wayne Avenue, South Fourth street, and on South E street from Sixteenth street to Twenty-Third and may rescind the ordinance providing for the purchase of an emergency fire truck in order to provide funds for the installation of the platoon system in the fire department.

The city adopted the proposed plan after City Attorney Robbins reported that the Public Service commission had refused to allow the city to issue bonds to cover current expenses.

Unless the platoon system is installed, many of the firemen have signified their intention of resigning.

On Duty 24 Hours.

At the present time all firemen are on duty 24 hours a day. The platoon system calls for two 12 hour shifts and would necessitate the employment of 13 more men.

The matter of abandoning the improvements and rescinding the ordinance for the purchase of the truck was referred to the city engineer, the board of public works, the ordinance committee, and the city attorney.

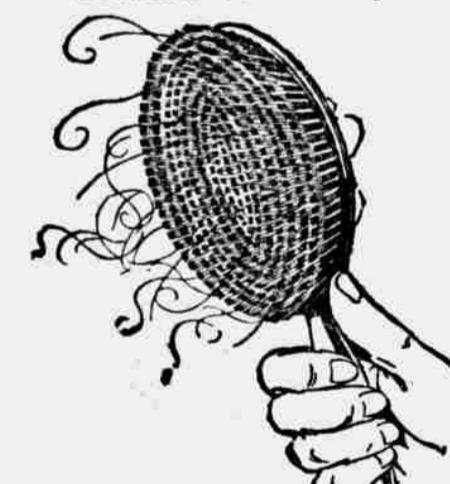
Fire Chief Miller said that he was heartily in favor of the platoon system and would favor satisfying the men before buying any new equipment.

News of the Counties

FAIRFIELD, Ind.—Rev. Godwin and family, Mesdames Alma Hinckle, Grace Hayward, Rose Ward, Mary Preston, Stella Snider, Estella McMahan, Roxa McMahan attended the group meeting of the W. F. M. S. at Blooming Grove, last Thursday. Mrs. Ed Snider delightfully entertained the Fairfield Home Economic Club at her country home last Wednesday. In spite of a steady downpour of rain twelve members were present. Mrs. Snider gave a well prepared paper on the subject "Birds" and an interesting

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discussion followed. Mrs. Frank White gave a humorous reading. Mrs. Fred Brookbank also gave a selection concerning the observing of Bird Week the first week of May throughout the United States. Mrs. Hinckle gave a few timely topics. The following officers were elected: President, Alma Hinckle; vice president, Lina Personette; secretary-treasurer, Mabel Jinks. A contest followed and Miss Blanche Cromwell received first prize. The hostess served delicious home-made ice-cream, cake and grape juice. The club will meet with Mrs. Brookbank in June.

FAIRFIELD, Ind.—Miss Angie Godwin, GreenCastle, Ind., deaconess of the Orphans' Home, visited with her brother, Rev. T. G. Godwin, last Sunday and preached an excellent sermon at the M. E. church Sunday morning, and at Blooming Grove in the evening.

Miss Godwin talked to the two older Bible classes Tuesday night in order that they might take a scholarship for a child at the home. The S. S. will give an "egg" shower next Sunday morning for the home. Each person is to bring any amount of eggs.

The Farmers' association held a business meeting last Tuesday night in which they decided to pool their twin's of the association at 14½ cents per pound.

BROWNSVILLE, Ind.—The Brownsville township commencement exercises were held at Brownsville M. E. church Saturday, May 15, at 1:30 p. m. Rev. E. L. LaRue, of Liberty M. E. church, delivered the address. The Smith orchestra, of Connersville, furnished the music. John C. Maze, one of the graduates, gave a reading. Superintendent C. C. Abernathy, in a short speech, presented the diplomas. Benediction by Rev. Brown.

The following were the graduates:

Elizabeth Teegardin, Dorothy Green, Ralph Montgomery, Ralph Winters, Mary Breen, Helen Clemens, Joseph Sawyers, Daniel Paddock, William Leonard, Cleo Bera, Mary Norris, Anderson Setser, Glen Snyder, Dorothy Norris, Clark Pollitt, Silvia Russell, Wilbur West, Floyd Russell, Frankie Earle, John C. Maze, and Frank Redd.

The instructors were: Elizabeth Wallace, Nelson Wright, Mabel Sherman, Lulu Dener, H. C. Newman, Maude Huntington, Trustee, Samuel Fisher; advisory board, Walter Snyder, David Clevenger and Joseph Maze.

Masonic Calendar

Tuesday, May 18—Richmond Lodge, No. 196, F. & A. M. Called meeting. Work in Master Mason Degree, beginning 6:30.

Wednesday, May 19.—Wells Lodge No. 24, F. & A. M. Stated meeting.

Thursday, May 20.—Wayne Council No. 10, R. & S. M. will confer the Super Excellent Degree on a large class of candidates, beginning 7:30. Banquet. Visitors welcome.

Friday, May 21.—King Solomon's Chapter No. 4, R. A. M. Called Convocation Work in Mark Masters degree.

Saturday, May 22.—Loyal Chapter No. 49 O. E. S. will give a basket supper and social to the members and families. All visiting members are welcome.

INDIANA ENGINEER KILLED
ZIONSVILLE, Ind., May 18.—Philip M. Ahl, of Indianapolis, Big Four engineer, was instantly killed and Walter Fessot of Lafayette, fireman, seriously injured in a freight wreck on the Chicago division of the Big Four here at 7 o'clock this evening.

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Rebekahs Hear Reports at State Meet; Stratton Named

The Rebekah Assembly, I. O. O. F. of Indiana, in session for its thirty-sixth annual meeting Tuesday and Monday in Indianapolis, concluded its program for Monday with a reception at the Hotel English. A bazaar, to which thousands of articles have been donated by members throughout the state, was held in connection with the reception, for the purpose of raising funds for the erection of a chapel at the Odd Fellow home at Greensburg, Ind. Nearly \$500 has been raised so far through the sales.

A feature of the reception was the musical program, presented by the ladies' quartet.

Reports of officers of the assembly, given at the Monday afternoon session showed a very satisfactory increase in membership and in general a very successful year.

In the report of the secretary, Emily E. Wedgewood, it was shown that the 547 lodges now established in Indiana have a total of 47,145 members, an increase of 3,046 over last year. A balance of \$3,332.17 in the treasury was reported by Mrs. Kimmel, treasurer.

Several Richmond and Wayne county persons are delegates. One Stratton, of Richmond, is a member of the committee on unfinished business.

INDIANA CONVENTION OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES OPENS

More than 300 ministers and delegates are in Vincennes, Ind., to attend the annual state convention of Christian churches, which opened at the First Christian church Monday night. The principal address at the evening session, which followed a brief meeting of the State Ministerial Association, was given by George W. Campbell of St. Louis, who used as his subject "The Martyr and the Microbe."

The Rev. L. E. Murray and Mrs. Charles Roland are delegates.

The Theatres

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he found himself when his wealthy uncle telephoned him that he had received the marriage announcement and would be on hand to inspect the lucky lady. Of course, Doc hadn't been wedded at all and was using the subterfuge of the fake announcement to an endeavor to recoup his falling fortunes. But it resulted in a pretty girl being thrown across his path, and another.

But you will have to see "Mary's Ankle" at the Washington Theatre Tuesday. Douglas MacLean, the brilliant new Ince star, has the role of Doc, and Doris May is the girl. The new picture is a jolly comedy made from May Tully's well known stage play. Lloyd Ingraham directed, and it is a Paramount Aircraft picture.

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