

CITY WILL NOT MAKE CONTRACT

As Rages & Co. Propose to Have It

BEFORE THEY DRILL FOR GAS

Council Met in Adjourned Session Last Night

The city council met in an adjourned session last night. Mr. Davidson, of the special committee appointed to make the contract for drilling for gas around Wichita, reported that in his opinion, the citizens of Wichita should not accept the contract as proposed by Rages & Co., on account of the word "wells." Mr. Davidson's idea was that the company if given the contract could dig half a dozen wells in order to get a low of half a million cubic feet of gas a day, while Mr. Davidson and the committee wanted it particularly understood that this amount of gas or ten barrels of oil was to come from just one hole and not a number connected together.

Another point was that the company wanted the \$10,000 subscribed by the citizens of Wichita deposited in the Winfield banks. This committee did not like this idea. They thought that the Wichita banks are plenty large and substantial enough to hold the money and they could see no benefit to be gained by either party by taking the money to Winfield.

Pursuant to this explanation Mr. Davidson presented the following motion: "I move that the chairman of this committee notify Rages & Co., of Winfield, that this city cannot accept that portion of their contract which permits them to mature the same with more than one well—that the total amount of oil or gas contracted for must be from one well and also that portion requiring the money to be deposited in banks in Winfield."

Mr. Lulling amended the motion to empower the committee to make a contract with other parties if Rages & Co. did not see fit to change their contract as the committee desired.

Both amendment and original motion were passed unanimously. A conference by telephone will be held today by Mr. Davidson and the company's representative, and if the company will accept the features asked by the city the contract will be signed immediately. There was no mention made of asking the company to find their gas in gas bearing sand, as this was not considered essential.

A number of communications were presented stating that the vapor lights lately installed, were not burning as required by the ordinance and the people to be benefited wanted the council to see about it. The communications were referred to the light committee and copies ordered furnished Bays Bros.

A number of maintenance bonds were presented by contractors and were referred to the finance committee to approve and when approved the warrants for the work completed will be issued as the money has been appropriated.

The ordinance authorizing the issuance of the bond to pay for the construction of the new sewer district No. 2, was passed. The entire bond is for \$915.65, divided into ten bonds, payable from one to ten years and bearing interest at the rate of 5 per cent, the usual rate for the long time bonds.

An ordinance was passed ordering the finance committee to issue an improvement bond to T. E. Burton, in the sum of \$93.11, to pay for the construction of sidewalk intersections.

Only one bid has been received for the building of the bridge across Chisholm creek on Seventeenth street, and on motion of Mr. Isely, the city clerk was instructed to advertise for bids to be in at the next meeting of the council.

DID A BIG BUSINESS

New Missouri Pacific Train is a Money Maker.

Sunday morning the new daylight passenger train from Klawas to Kansas City made its initial run. The business done on this train surprised everyone connected with the Missouri Pacific railroad in Kansas. It was a new train, the announcement that it would be put on was not made until a week before it started, but there was a good crowd traveling on Sunday and yesterday at 9:20 it brought in sixty-three passengers and the Wichita office sold over \$100 worth of tickets for the east.

The people in Wichita were simply surprised that the train would carry so many people on its second day. They did not realize how badly that train was needed until they tried it and there will be a big level if any one should even mention Kantonian II. The people southwest of Wichita appreciate it as was shown by the business done.

RULING MAKES APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Assis tants in His Work as Insurance Commissioner.

C. H. Lulling, elected state insurance commissioner last fall, yesterday announced the following appointments in his office.

Charles W. Barnes of Topeka, assistant commissioner.

Isaac Lewis of Stafford county, chief clerk and Mrs. Wadleigh stenographer.

Mr. Lulling has a number of other appointments to make in his office, but will not announce these until near the first of the year.

NOT ENOUGH PUNISHMENT

Was Meted Out to J. Dosier, According to S. A. Moffett.

J. Dosier was fined \$5 in police court yesterday morning for assaulting S. A. Moffett Saturday evening. Mr. Moffett did not think he got enough punishment to satisfy the injured one's feelings so he swore out a complaint in the city court and after paying his fine to the police Mr. Dosier will have Judge Harvey to face.

PLANS FOR KANSAS BUILDING

Elegant Sets Have Been Received by the Commission.

which was a card. Both envelope and plans were numbered and the envelopes are now locked in the safe of the executive department.

Some time before the first of the year the commission will meet and make their decision of the best plans, and the number of the envelope and plans will give the name and address of the winner.

The architect, whose plans are accepted, will become the supervising architect of the commission. The architect making the second best plans, will receive \$100 cash, the third, \$75 and the fourth, \$50.

ENDORSED SENATOR HARRIS

Chamber of Commerce Wants Him on Canal Commission.

The board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce met yesterday afternoon and passed a resolution directing the city attorney to prepare a resolution endorsing Senator Harris as a member of the Isthmian Canal commission. Senator Harris has been selected by the people of this city as a good member of the commission and the people and press has thoroughly endorsed him and the Wichita citizens will do all in their power to help him get the place.

President Davidson appointed the following chairmen of the committees to serve the coming year:

- Advertising—Geo. R. Pultz.
- Public gatherings—D. D. Leahy.
- Finance—W. R. Throckmorton.
- Freight rates—J. E. Howard.
- Implement houses—A. Van Zandt.
- Labor and labor organizations—Geo. F. Whitlock.
- Manufacturers—J. H. Stewart.
- Mills and elevators—J. M. Knapp.
- Railroads—G. M. Dickson.
- Retail interests—M. A. McClellan.
- Statistics—W. H. Isely.
- Wholesale interests—L. S. Naftzger.
- Memberships—N. Steffen.
- Immigration—James Allison.

ONE WEEK LATE

Salvation Army Has Postponed Its Christmas Tree Exercise.

The Salvation Army has decided that they will not give their annual Christmas tree on Christmas eve, but will give it on New Year's eve. This change in date was made on account of the Christmas dinner they will give the poor on Christmas day and with the tree the night before it will be impossible to make the preparation for the dinner. At the tree every grown up person is expected to bring one or a dozen children. Unless they bring some children or the address of a sick child, they will hardly be admitted. This tree is for the children and every child that presents him or herself at the hall will be remembered.

CHARGED WITH STEALING

Warrant Out for Arrest of S. M. Lumkin.

A warrant was sworn out in the city court yesterday by F. Vernum, charging S. M. Lumkin with stealing a whole lot of clothes and personal property from the latter on August 20. Mr. Vernum charges that Mr. Lumkin took a feather pillow, a pistol, some blankets, flannel bandages, shoes, underwear, trousers and a number of other articles to the value of \$50, and he wants Mr. Lumkin to return the goods or be punished for it.

PARALYSIS WAS CAUSE OF DEATH

Of Mrs. Elizabeth Baum at Noon Yesterday.

WAS 66 YEARS OF AGE

And Apparently in Best of Health When Death Came.

Without a moment's warning and while apparently in good health, Mrs. Elizabeth Baum, aged 66 years, mother of Mrs. Charles Bascom, was seized with a paralytic stroke yesterday at noon and died before her daughter, who was in the same room, could reach her, at the home, 707 South Topeka avenue.

Until two weeks ago, Mrs. Baum had made her home at Ft. Jefferson, Ohio, but since the death of her husband last September, she had worried a great deal and Mr. and Mrs. Bascom persuaded her to come to Wichita and make her home with them. Since coming she had improved in health rapidly and had been happier and better contented than for months. Yesterday she was even happier than usual, for the family were making preparations for a little family reunion Christmas day, and she was busily engaged in preparing little surprises for her two sons who expected to be with her Christmas. Then, to add to her pleasure, her brother-in-law, Riley Stubbs whom she had not seen for a long time, arrived yesterday morning from Dayton, Ohio. They had spent a happy forenoon talking of old friends and the old home in Ohio.

At the time of the sad death Mrs. Baum and her daughter, Mrs. Bascom, were in the kitchen of the Bascom home, making some dainties for the Christmas dinner. Mrs. Baum was sitting near the stove shelling peanuts, a pan of which she had in her lap. Mrs. Bascom was stuffing dates and gave her mother one asking her to taste it. Mrs. Bascom turned to her work and her mother remarked, "Why, those are just fine." Then, hearing the pan drop, Mrs. Bascom turned in time to see her mother gasp and fall forward. She rushed to her and pulled her away from the stove. The neighbors were called and a doctor was telephoned for at once, but to no avail for she was dead. She died instantly without pain.

Telegrams were sent to relatives last night and several are expected today. Her two sons, Fred and P. C. Baum, who were to be here Christmas day, will come today from Parsons, Kansas; also a grandson, Hume Baum, from Hutchinson. The family has the sympathy of a large circle of friends.

The funeral services will be held at the residence 707 South Topeka, Wednesday at 3:30 after which the remains will be taken to the old home at Ft. Jefferson, Ohio, for burial. Mr. Bascom will accompany the body east.

DETACHABLE BUGGY SPINDLE

Will Be Manufactured by D. Collins of El Reno, O. T.

Mr. Dennis Collins, a hotel keeper of El Reno, was in the city yesterday a few hours, getting patterns made for a new patented detachable buggy spindle.

IT'LL BE QUITE EASY

To select his neckwear from that gorgeous display that you'll see here. No, it makes no difference what he likes, the lively kind or the more subdued, you'll see it here in the most pleasing variety.

But if your mind isn't on neckwear you can't help but look with a very appreciable eye on some other of the many Christmas "things" we'll show you, you'll find so many things to select from.

And you needn't expect to be rushed around from one counter to the other when you come here, either. We'll be just as patient as mortals can be and you'll be perfectly satisfied with your Christmas shopping that you do here.

Herman & Hess

Where Quality Counts.

THE HUB

We are recognized headquarters for Swell Suits and Overcoats and carry the most complete line in the city; also hundreds of other suggestions for useful Holiday Presents that appeal to the eye.

Men's Smoking Jackets and House Coats, swell colors.

Men's Exclusive Furnishings.

Very complete assortments of Ties, Mufflers, Robes, Suspenders, etc., chosen with special reference to their use as gifts. The prices are, in every instance, materially lower than the exclusive haberdashers.

Complete line of Men's Swell Mufflers from 50c to \$3.00.

Holiday Neckwear, all styles and kinds, 50c to \$2.50.

Suspenders, with sterling silver buckles, put up one pair in a box, 75c to \$2.50.

For the Handkerchief you will need to fill out your shopping list come to Handkerchief headquarters.

Gloves for Gifts—Greatest variety of Dress Gloves in the city. We are exclusive factory agents for Luther's Hand-Made Gloves.

Ten Per Cent Reduction Sale on Men's and Boys' Suits.

"THE HUB"

CHARLES YOUNGHEIM, Wichita's New One-Price Clothing Store, 114 North Main Street

Sole Agents Luther's Hand-Made Glove. Special attention given to Mail Orders.

axle and is held in place by an arm and axle over the axle. The spindle may be detached at any time and a new one put on. It is a very convenient arrangement for placing the spindle when worn

out, as there is no loss of time, the parts are not disturbed and there is no blacksmith's bill to pay. As any person can do the work, the only tool needed is a good wrench.

Fulton Stock at Public Sale

The C. R. Fulton stock, consisting of Clothing, Hats and Furnishing Goods, estimated at \$35,000.00, will be sold in a lump to the highest bidder, for cash, at the store on December 29 at 2 o'clock p. m.

We will quit selling at retail Wednesday night, December 24th. Those who want some of the great bargains at retail "will have to hurry."

O. Z. SMITH, Administrator

Special Sale Today and Tomorrow

Smoking Jackets and Bath Robes

We will place on special sale today and tomorrow our entire line of House Coats, Smoking Jackets and Bath Robes at a DISCOUNT OF

20 Per Cent

We have them in all the newest, up-to-date garments and shades. This sale means one-fifth off on any smoking Jacket, House Coat or Bath Robe in our store.

Open Tonight and Tomorrow Night

GOLDEN EAGLE

WICHITA'S GREATEST MONEY-SAVING CLOTHING STORE

YOUNG BROS.

Special Sale of Cups and Saucers

From 5c to 75c

Nobody has sympathy for a fat man, though every real fat one needs it all the time.

"Now for another -retic explanation, and Fogg as he started on a search for his virtues.—Boston Transcript

FINAL CUT PRICES ON HOLIDAY GOODS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION

OPEN TONIGHT AND TOMORROW NIGHT

The S M 5 AND 10 Cent Store

Clearing the Xmas Merchandise....

We don't ask you to wait until after Xmas for liberal price reductions. The great clearing sale which we inaugurated yesterday will sweep away the immense stock of carefully selected Holiday merchandise.

An Immense Stock of Holiday Handkerchiefs....

You certainly will have no difficulty in selecting Handkerchiefs in our Ladies' Handkerchief department.

Ladies' Swiss Embroidered Handkerchiefs, at 10c, 15c, and 25c

Ladies' Plain White Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, at 10c, 15c and 25c

Ladies' Pure White Linen Initial Handkerchiefs, each 10c

Ladies' Plain and Hemstitched and Embroidered Silk Handkerchiefs, 25c

Ladies' Plain White and Colored Border Handkerchiefs, each 5c and 10c

Silk Waists for Presents

Peau de Sole and Taffeta Silk Waists, including the new military and Mante Carlo styles. These Waists are now displayed in the east window. They are well made and elaborately trimmed; are just the thing for smart dressers who want the very newest that is made.

\$7.50 Values

This Sale, each, \$5.50

Velvet Waists and Wool Skirts

Very special values in the Ladies' Ready-to-Wear department are offered for Xmas shoppers.

Velvet Waists, with white metallic dots, the most popular Waists this season; come in chocolate, cardinal, green and black; \$5 values; each \$3.95

Women's Dress and Walking Skirts of kersey and melton, in black, gray and tan; each \$3.99 to \$7.50

Silk Skirts, \$7.50 to \$18.00

THE BIG BOOK DEPARTMENT

We wish to call special attention to our very complete line of Holiday Books. The series include a great variety of standard literature, bound in cloth and silk cloth bindings, printed in clean, bold, black face type.

Picture A B C Series, six for 25

"Night Before Christmas," 10c

"Gulliver's Travels," 15c value, each 15c; 3 for 25

Child's History of Spain, 45c value; 3 for \$1.00

University Series, 15c book, each 15c; 2 for 25

"Black Rock," "Evangeline," "John Halifax," "True and Beautiful," etc.

Choice Out of the Lot, Each 10c

No Holiday goods exchanged or money refunded on same

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