

ORGANIZE COMPANY

With Capital of \$25,000 to Drill for Gas.

WAS OPINION OF CITIZENS

Who Attended Mass Meeting in Council Chamber.

MUCH ENTHUSIASM SHOWN

And Steps Taken to Organize and Get to Work.

Wichita citizens turned out in good numbers last night to attend the mass meeting to take action regarding the prospecting for gas near this city. It was decided to organize a company, with a capital of \$25,000, with shares at a par value of \$1.00 each, and these are to be sold to the people of Wichita. A committee of five was appointed to draft a plan for the organization of the company, and next Tuesday evening a meeting will be held to organize and elect a board of directors.

There was much enthusiasm shown by those present at the meeting. The lower hall of the chamber was filled and quite a number found seats in the gallery. Everyone showed a marked interest in the discussion and it began to look like Wichita will have a gas well of her own at no late date. It was decided that the company should buy a drill and employ competent men to do the work. A drill will cost \$2,500, and it is proposed to drill several holes, and with their own drill the company can do this at a cost not to exceed 50 cents per foot, while if the work was done by contract it would cost one dollar or more per foot.

There is no doubt that the people of this city will soon raise the money to do this work. Only a small portion of the par value of the shares will be called when the subscription is made and as the people of Wichita have shown a disposition to do anything reasonable to help this city, there is little doubt that all of the stock will be subscribed in a short time.

Mr. C. L. Davidson called the meeting to order and announced that the council had advised to offer a reward for the first discovery of gas near Wichita and that the purpose of the meeting was to call to see what encouragement the citizens of Wichita could offer toward doing this work.

He stated that the capital was at hand for piping the gas to Wichita from points farther east, but the people would not advance the money unless there was an absolute certainty that there was no gas near Wichita. This question was one of great importance to the citizens of this city as fuel was high and scarce, and there seems to be a probability of the rates being made lower.

The purpose of the meeting was to see what steps could be taken looking toward the organization of two or three companies to prospect for gas, or all, that the proposition made by the council says that all oil or minerals discovered in the work should belong to the company doing the work and the company which first found gas, if there is gas under this section of the state.

The council has also offered to allow the drillers to use the land which has been leased by Mr. E. T. Allen.

Mr. Davidson said that the gas was up in the neighborhood of Reel and he found that it was difficult for the people in that section to find a well where the water could be used for domestic purposes owing to the oil and gas which was found in the wells.

Mr. Davidson said: "There has been much objection made to the city putting down any more wells. They say we have cut down several wells here and there was no gas or oil found or anything of value.

"This should not discourage us, however. Over at Elk City they put down six wells and found nothing and in the seventh well a great flow of gas was found.

"Another city put down a well and found nothing and waited eight years before they did any more work and now that city is quite an important manufacturing point. We must not let these things discourage us, but prospect the country further."

Mr. J. H. Stewart was called on for some remarks and he said that he had always found that the city that became great was the one where its citizens pulled off their coats and went to work to do anything that would result in benefit and the upbuilding of the city. He stated that he was one of the men who would do all in his power to help build up Wichita.

Mr. E. T. Allen was next called on. He stated that the purpose of the meeting was called to organize a company or companies to prospect for gas and oil and if any well or oil or gas was found some other mineral, the eastern people are in any event it would result in finding out just what was under Wichita and the country surrounding it.

He wanted a company organized with a working capital of at least \$25,000, that a well could be put down to a depth of 2,000 feet.

Mr. Rudolph Hatfield was the next speaker. He stated that he had had several conferences with eastern people and had found that the eastern fields were dying out. Cleveland, Ohio, had just finished a pipe line into West Virginia fields, a distance of 200 miles.

He had talked with a number of capitalists who were willing to pipe gas to Wichita, but they were afraid that gas might possibly be found in the territory between Wichita and the territory from which the supply is taken. In the event of this discovery the pipe line would be worthless and capitalists did not want to put their money in a game like this.

He was of the opinion that this section of the state should be prospected and if no gas was discovered then it would be possible to interest eastern men in building a pipe line into Wichita.

He had found a plan that he would suggest be adopted. He believed that it was practicable. He wanted a company organized with a large capital, but with the par value of shares rather low, say about \$1.00. He thought that many people were not able to invest any great amount of money in this project, but he believed that every man in the city and country would gladly invest a few dollars and on up to \$200 to do some prospecting and see if gas was not to be found close to Wichita. He was heartily in favor of this plan and would do all in his power to help carry the plan out.

Mr. S. S. Ashbaugh, who spoke next, said that he was in favor of Mr. Hatfield's plan and would heartily support it. He did not like the idea of offering a reward for the discovery of gas, but wanted the people to go after it. He wanted the work to begin about twenty-five miles east of the city and if gas was discovered there, wells could be drilled.

Mr. A. G. Pearson was next called for. He has been interested in a number of geological prospecting schemes. He is also a geological student and had made some investigations of his own and was most sanguine in his belief that there was gas in paying quantities within twelve miles of Wichita. This could be found if the people went after it, but he would not give up unless compelled to do so.

Mr. Pearson has been quietly working on several propositions that would bring a company to this city and do some prospecting, and if the city would meet them halfway the capitalists would do some work here. He had his plans in such shape that he was ready to confer with the mayor and city officers and give them further details regarding the matter. He said that the leases on land as made by the city were not satisfactory and if gas or oil was discovered it would not protect the city.

Mayor McLean explained the offer made by the council and the purpose of the meeting and Mr. Stewart moved that a subscription paper be circulated and see what the citizens present thought about the matter.

In discussion of the motion Mr. A. E. Helm, city attorney, stated that he knew of a company that was to work laying a pipe line from the Carey fields and everything was in readiness, but a halt had been called because the company was afraid that gas would be discovered nearer Wichita than Carey and they would not go into it until the country around Wichita had been prospected. If gas was not found after diligent search nearer Wichita, this company would have been into Wichita within twelve months.

Mr. Helm's motion was in favor of Mr. Hatfield's plan because he believed the people of Wichita would gladly make the small contributions necessary to start the work. If there was no gas to be found, there would be little loss to any one individual as a company would have gas here within a year. If gas was discovered it would mean many thousands of dollars to every Wichita and Sedwick county property owner. The burden would not be heavy on any one if prospecting failed and there would be gas brought here at any event.

He was not in favor of hanging up a pipe line outside capital to some here and discover gas and wanted the well drilled by local capital.

After Mr. Helm's discussion Mr. Davidson put the motion which was passed unanimously.

Then came a short discussion as to how the company should be organized and how the money was to be paid in. On a motion by Mr. Helm, it was decided that the capital stock should be \$25,000 and the par value should be \$1 per share.

The company is to be incorporated and the board of directors is to be organized and these will decide what proportion of the par value of the stock should be called for at once so that operations could begin at once.

On motion, Mr. Hatfield a committee was appointed to draft a plan for the company and make such provisions as may be found necessary to conduct the affairs of the company. It was also included in the motion that another mass meeting be held in the council chamber on Tuesday evening when this committee would report the organization of the company perfected and the subscriptions of stock be taken.

Mr. Davidson appointed the committee as follows: Rudolph Hatfield, chairman; G. W. Robinson, J. H. Stewart, E. T. Allen, C. E. Potts.

The meeting adjourned until next Tuesday evening.

DEATH WAS AT HAND

From Asphyxiation When Geo. Brandon Was Discovered IN SMALL BATH ROOM

Burners in Heaters Went Out and He Did Not Know It.

George Brandon, a young man who has been rooming at the Iowa house at 116 North Main street, narrowly escaped death by asphyxiation last night. When rescued from the bath room in which the accident occurred he was unconscious and his body was rigid. He remained in a semi-conscious condition for over half an hour, when he was finally brought around by Dr. Walker.

About 8 o'clock last night Mr. Brandon went to a bath room in the hotel and lighted three gas burners for the purpose of heating water. When the water became hot he turned off two of the burners, but failed to close the third. The room was tightly closed and very small and after taking a bath he felt very sick, but did not detect the smell of gas. After putting on all his clothes with the exception of his shoes he became worse and started to leave the bath room, but after opening the door a few inches concluded to go back after his shoes. He picked them up and again started for the door, but fell before reaching it. His mind is a blank from the time he struck the floor until he was brought back to consciousness some time later.

It is not known how long he remained on the floor in this condition, but several persons who were in the adjoining rooms think it was about ten minutes.

It was only by chance that he was found alive, for the physician stated that had Brandon remained in the room five minutes longer nothing could have saved him. Two young ladies were passing along the hall when they noticed the door slightly opened by Brandon, saw him lying on the floor. They called help and in a few moments a young man came to their assistance and they dragged and carried him from the room.

A peculiar fact concerning the accident is that at no time during his bath or when he became sick afterward did it occur to him that there was gas in the room. Even after he had regained consciousness he could hardly believe that it was gas that had done him.

At last reports last night he had recovered from all serious effects and, beyond a severe headache, was as well as usual.

FAIR WEATHER TODAY.

Weather Man Says Temperature Will Be Moderate.

Some more nice weather is on tap for Wichita. The weather man has been having an easy time lately and his mind is filled with goodness. He is just boiling over with goodness and he wants to show the people in this city that he is a good fellow and likes to see them have as much pleasure as he is having just now.

Today will be fair and of moderate temperature.

BIG CHURCH EXCURSION.

Visited All Leading Cities in United States Last Night.

Those present at the Unitarian church last night made an imaginary tour of the United States in an equally imaginary Pullman car. Although the trip lasted only about an hour, they traveled several thousand miles and visited the following cities in rapid succession: Denver, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, Portland, Butte, Sioux City, Chicago; Boston, New York city, St. Louis, arriving in Wichita about an hour after their departure.

The lady in charge of the excursion was Mrs. Hoefford and the manner in which it was carried out showed how carefully it had been planned.

The lecture room was fitted up as a modern depot, even the penny-weighting machine was in evidence. On one side of the room was arranged a typical railroad lunch counter, where steaming coffee and ham sandwiches were dispensed. On several doors were the familiar signs, "Smoking Rooms," "Baggage Checked," "Gent's Toilet," and on the door of a closet hung the sign, "Ticket Agent," under which Dr. R. Matthews stood looking on.

"Wichita's Coaling Station"

Wichita people read about the great scarcity of coal all over the country. They were alarmed and made a run for Jackson-Walker's. As a result we've been rushed filling orders—and it was not a false alarm, for most dealers are out of coal and our supply is limited. Better give us your order today and take no chances. We will have coal—the best kinds, too.

PLANS FOR THE CAREY.

\$16,000 Will Be Used in Building an Addition.

Architect F. F. Parsons has almost finished the plans for the big addition to be added to the Carey hotel in the spring. The addition will be built on the west side of the present building, will be twenty-five feet wide, 120 feet long and five stories high. When this big change has been made the Carey will be one of the best equipped hotels in the state.

On the ground floor a fine store-room will be fitted back about fifty feet and will have a twenty-foot ceiling, thus giving room for a balcony. The four stories above will each have eight 12x16 foot rooms and a large lighted court. Sixteen of these rooms will have bath and toilet rooms of the most modern patterns. The billiard room will be doubled in size and the gent's toilet room will be moved into the new addition in order to make room for small private dining room. A new heating plant will also be put in.

These improvements are expected to cost about \$16,000.

WILL MOVE TO WICHITA.

Pond Creek Man Buys a Grocery Stock.

John F. Wheebe, of Pond Creek, O. T., has purchased the stock of groceries at the corner of Main street and Central avenue and will take charge in a few days. The price paid for the stock and business was \$1,000. Mr. Wheebe has had much experience in the grocery business and will move his family here at once. He is a progressive business man and will change the style and conduct the business on the most approved business line.

Doubtless...

You've bought Suits for yourself in your lifetime for \$12, \$15 or \$18. If you've bought them at different places, you've certainly noticed the difference in them.

You'll find a remarkable difference in the Suits that we sell regularly at \$12, \$15 and \$18 and those that you might buy elsewhere at the same figures.

Our's fit neater, look better, retain their shape longer and wear better—that's the difference. And that's just what's most appreciable in a Suit, too, isn't it?

We're selling our \$18 Suits, for men, that are made as well in every particular and look as well as your tailor's at \$35, for \$14.85. Our \$15 Suits, that are equal to your tailor's at \$25, for \$11.85. And our \$12 Suits, neat fitting, well made and very desirable Suits, for \$9.35.

We're selling Suits and Overcoats for "little men" at reduced prices, too.

Herman & Hess

Where Quality Counts.

"THE HUB"

CHARLES YOUNGHEIM, Proprietor, 114 North Main Street, Wichita, Kansas.

For Sale

Would you buy a good suit—a suit put up in the same style as shown by local tailors to retail for \$25 and \$30. If you could get it for..... \$16?

Now, when we say "same style," we do not mean only its general appearance; but the linings and findings, the interlinings, the buttons, the very cloth itself—and more than this, we guarantee just as good and just as lasting a fit as in the made-to-order suits.

Hart, Schaffner & Marx

are famous for making clothes that fit the average American man. It is this line and others of excellent merit that are sacrificed at this sale. These suits are generally retailed at \$20 and \$22.50.

Advertising round-trip tickets at ten cents apiece and including lunch.

About 8:30 the porter entered the depot and sang out through a megaphone, "All aboard for excursion train; train on track one."

The passengers were helped into the car, which was the assembly room of the church, by Conductor Erwin Tart. With a final "good-bye" the train pulled out.

When they reached Denver, the train lecturer, L. A. Bone, described the city, giving its particular characteristics. The passengers were then asked to guess the name of the city. This was the order of events until the train finally finished the trip and pulled into Wichita again, when the hungry tourists were given twenty minutes for lunch.

After the trip the evening was delightfully spent in telling railroad stories. The meeting was one of the most novel church affairs ever held in this city and was a success from the start.

The S.M. 5 and 10 Cent Store

The Newest Thing in Pants

It isn't often we get enthusiastic over any new fangled notion, but here's one that we think will appeal as strongly to you as it has to us.

The Mentor Patent Infant's Pant is something for which mothers have been looking for a long time. It's something, too, for which they have heretofore made or bought substitutes of much less utility and convenience.

The Mentor garment is easy to put on and off, gives the needed warmth and protection, and by its elasticity adjusts itself to the form without undue pressure.

If it is made of the finest jersey-ribbed knit goods with best of sixteen bands, and will stand an almost infinite number of washings. It comes in four sizes and will be found an indispensable garment from the time the baby is born until it is large enough for children's underwear.

It is given the most hearty approval wherever used and has the unqualified endorsement of professional nurses everywhere. We'd like to have every mother see it; price..... 25c

Alteration Sale of Underwear at Half Price

Seasonable Underwear at half price is our unusual mid-winter bargain. At these prices it will pay you to lay in your next winter's supply. You'll not buy it so cheap again.

- UNDERWEAR FOR LADIES.
 - 50c Ecrú Fleece Union Suits 25c
 - 50c White Fleece Pants and Vests 25c
 - \$1.00 Natural Grey Pants and Vests 50c
 - \$1.00 Ecrú and Grey Union Suits 50c
 - 50c Brown Heavy Fleece Pants and Vests 25c
 - Men's 50c and \$1.00 Flannellette Night Gowns at 25c and 50c
- UNDERWEAR FOR MEN.
 - 50c Blue Ribbed Seal Fleece Shirts and Drawers, ea 25c
 - 50c Brown and Blue Flat Fleece Shirts, only 25c
 - \$1.00 Brown and Blue Ribbed Wool Shirts and Drawers, 50c
 - \$1.00 Natural Grey Union Suits at 50c
 - \$2.25 Natural Grey Ribbed Union Suits at \$1.25
 - Night Gowns at 25c and 50c
- UNDERWEAR FOR GIRLS.
 - 45c Seal Fleece Natural Grey Union Suits, each 25c
 - 50c and 60c Natural Grey Half Wool Pants and Vests, ea 25c
 - 25c Natural Grey Fleece Union Suits, each 19c
 - 25c Brown Flat Fleece Pants and Vests, each 19c
 - Men's and Boys' Working Shirts, Overalls and Jumpers at 35c

20 Years Ago Today the U. S. Civil Service Commission Was Appointed

THE SCHMITT AND MARTIN'S 5 AND 10 CENT STORE 207-209 E. DOUGLAS AVE. WICHITA, KANS.

...A CONTINUOUS RUSH...

EVERY DAY

Crowds of Buyers Grow Larger Every Day at the HALF-PRICE SALE of the FULTON STOCK You'll Have to Hurry

FULTON'S OLD STAND

THE GOLDEN EAGLE'S SEMI-ANNUAL DUMP SALE

Continues to Draw the Crowds

Men's, Boys' and Children's High-Grade Suits, Overcoats, Hats, Caps and Furnishings are being dumped out at

A Saving of 30 Per Cent

See display and prices in our windows. You'll save time and money by attending this sale.

GOLDEN EAGLE

WICHITA'S GREATEST MONEY SAVING CLOTHING STORE.

Great Clean-Up

A line of our \$1.50 and \$2.00 Stiff Bosom Shirts, during our Removal Sale we will clean them out— At 75 Cents

All styles and patterns. Come in and See the New Style Spring Hats

Greenfield Bros

WICHITA, KAN. High Art Clothiers and Furnishers. Mail Orders a Specialty "The Fastest Growing Store in Wichita" Same Price to Everybody

"A TRAINING IN CLEANLINESS IS A FORTUNE." COMPLETE YOUR EDUCATION WITH

SAPOLIO

Daily Eagle, Delivered, 10c per Week. Daily Eagle, Delivered, 10c per Week.

Not Only Relief; A Cure.

ASTHMA

Many discouraged Asthmatics who long for a cure or even relief lack faith to try, believing a cure impossible. HIRMOR'S ASTHMA CURE is truly a grand remedy and possesses a virtue unknown to other remedies that not only instantly relieves but cures.

The late Sir Dr. Morrell McKenzie, England's foremost physician, used HIRMOR'S ASTHMA CURE constantly in his private practice. If you are discouraged send for a generous free sample. It will not disappoint you.

HIRMOR'S ASTHMA CURE is a standard remedy prescribed by many eminent physicians and sold throughout the world for over a quarter of a century. A truly remarkable testimonial in itself.

On the Run

Wichita people read about the great scarcity of coal all over the country. They were alarmed and made a run for Jackson-Walker's. As a result we've been rushed filling orders—and it was not a false alarm, for most dealers are out of coal and our supply is limited. Better give us your order today and take no chances. We will have coal—the best kinds, too.

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The Jackson-Walker Coal and Material Co. Phone 12. 22 South Market

Dry Kid Glove Cleaners

Per Cake, 10c

Ladies' Dressing Sacques

Of blue and pink daisy cloth; collars and yoke trimmed with white finishing braid. \$1.00 values; each 69c

Ladies' Kimonos

Made of teal and black herringbone cloth; price 95c

Alteration Sale of Men's Shoes and Overs at Less Than Half

You never heard of such prices on these goods, and you'll never hear it again. There's not so many of them; so don't be slow in getting here.

BEST RUBBER OVERS. Heavy Roll Sole, snag proof, 1 and 2 buckles, regular \$2.00 values; per pair 95c

MEN'S FINE AND HEAVY SHOES. Box calf, all calf, vici and colt's leather in fine shoes, and work shoes, worth \$1.50 to \$2.50. Choice, per pair \$1.99 and 98c

MEN'S DUCK COATS. Duck Vests and Duck Pants in small sizes only, each 39c

Men's 10c Fleece Lined Canvas Gloves, per pair 5c

Knit Goods Cut In Two.... Stylish Belts At Less Than Half

Scotch Wool Skating Caps and Toques, in assorted colors; 50c values, each 25c

50c Wool Hoods 25c

\$1.00 Wool Skirts 50c