

# GAS CO. EXTENSIVE PLANS REQUIRE HOLDING ACREAGE

## State Commission Hears Experts Tell Cost of Duplicating Present Plant Would Amount to \$758,446.

Temporarily omitting argument on the question whether gas rates fixed in the franchise of the Great Falls Gas Co. can be superseded in proper cases by an order of the state public service commission, the commission Wednesday began submitting to the commission its case in support of its petition for a 15 per cent increase in local rates. Expert testimony was given throughout the morning and afternoon sessions by Edmond Foster, appraiser and engineer, and J. Luick, assistant to the president of the company.

**Point of Law Postponed.**  
Walter Drew, counsel for the company, in a statement to the commission at the opening session, referred briefly to the law point involved in the franchise rate, and it was decided to postpone argument on this phase of the hearing until later. Mr. Drew stated that the commission in 1918, in ruling on a Great Falls case, held that with the creation of the public service commission authority to fix rates was reserved wholly in the state in instances of this kind.

A similar decision was made by the Billings district court and the state supreme court in a corresponding case, the attorney said. It is expected that H. R. Eickemeyer and J. H. Corcoran, counsel for citizens who are petitioning for a reduction in the Great Falls rates, will cite a Helena case in which a conflicting opinion was rendered by the supreme court.

**Physical Valuation Is Told.**  
Testimony given by Mr. Foster and Mr. Luick related principally to the physical valuation of the company's plant. Mr. Luick stated that the cost of reproducing the property would be \$758,446, or \$674,904 less depreciation. In estimating reconstruction costs he allowed 20 per cent for overhead expenses. He explained that the company's reason for now holding unoccupied land, which he stated, is kept for expansion of the plant when the city's growth makes new construction necessary. He continued that with the prospects for growth now be-

fore the city, the company's plans call for new construction in the early future.  
In his opening statement Mr. Drew asserted that the company's revenue is not a reasonable return on moneys invested, even though large returns are not expected during the initial period of business. He stated that a policy of assurance on the part of the commission would facilitate the acquisition of land when it is needed for expansion of the plant.

**Three Commissioners Here.**  
The hearing is being held in Judge J. B. Leslie's court room at the court house before Commissioners Lee Deming, Daniel Boyle and Samuel Ross. E. G. Toomey, counsel and secretary of the commission, and Engineer J. H. Bonner, are also in attendance. Mr. Toomey taking part in the examination of witnesses. W. A. Bertke, Great Falls manager of the company; Attorney Drew, Mr. Luick and Engineer Foster are representing the company. During recess the assemblage was referred as "the music center party." Mr. Drew is located at Milwaukee, and Mr. Foster, Mr. Bertke, Mr. Luick, Attorney Corcoran and William Baehr, president of the company, originally came from the Badger state.

**Citizens Ask Reduced Rate.**  
Citizens represented by Mr. Eickemeyer and Mr. Corcoran demand that the company's petition for an increase in rates be not only denied but that a reduction of approximately 11 per cent be ordered. This would restore the rate to the figure of 1917 and the people's attorneys take the position that this would be consistent in view of the present cost of materials and labor. The rate specified in the company's franchise is \$1.75 per 1,000 feet until the company's sales reach 2,500,000 feet a month, and \$1.50 per 1,000 when that mark is passed. Monthly sales now aggregate over 6,000,000 feet, it is alleged. Rates now charged are \$1.95 for the first 1,000, \$1.75 per 1,000 for the next 10,000, \$1.55 for the next 20,000, and \$1.30 for all over 30,000.

## Wrynn Is Named as Cheer Leader at High School

Frank Wrynn, senior at the high school, was elected cheer leader by the student body Wednesday in a general assembly. He will probably appoint several assistants to help him on the field during football and basketball games throughout the year.

Whether a snake dance will be held Friday evening before the Choteau-Great Falls football game Saturday has not been definitely determined, but it is thought probable there may be one.

The Rotarians during the coming year will have one meeting each month devoted to vocational papers. Two of these were presented yesterday; the first by Rotarian W. S. Sanford who exhibited an attractive candy punch bowl manufactured by his company and gave an outline of interest regarding the manufacture of candy and its value as food. Incidentally, and of especial interest to Rotarian and other husbands' attention was directed to the fact that October 8 next is National Candy Day at which time it is entirely appropriate for each male member of the community to present a box of candy to his wife or sweetheart as the case may be.

**Says Great Falls Music Center.**  
Allan McLean was the second vocational speaker and interestingly supported the claim that Great Falls is now considered "the music center of Montana." He reviewed the success of the Artists' Course during last year and outlined something of what will be done in the Artists' course this year. There will be five entertainments a box of four and there will be eight artists appearing of national reputation. Music Week will also be observed for the third time in this city when there will be a great many activities from the music center. Rotarian McLean's presentation was two selections given in unison by Mrs. Johnson with the violin and the Edison phonograph.

## HORSES ARE GONE; DRIVER IS SOUGHT

Rancher Seeks Man Who Stalled to Town With Load of Wheat for Market.

F. R. Potter, a rancher living 12 miles south of Great Falls, hired H. L. McVey about 10 days ago to help him in bringing his wheat to market. McVey started out early Tuesday morning with a load of wheat consigned to one of the local elevators. He never returned to the ranch.  
Potter judged that something had gone wrong so he started for Great Falls to investigate. About six miles out of the city, the rancher came across the load of wheat. The horses were gone and the harness was found on the ground near the wagon. Potter immediately notified both the sheriff's office and the police department.  
McVey is described as wearing lumberjack trousers, a high hat, and a mackinaw, and is a man about six feet in height, weight 170 pounds and dark complexioned. The man's trousers are white mares, both branded with double lazy S.

## Land Ordered Sold to Meet Mortgages

Two decrees, ordering sale of land to satisfy mortgages, were signed Wednesday by District Judge H. H. Ewing. W. S. Frary and J. M. Burdugane acted as plaintiff against Robert Charles Dunsmore and wife for \$1,164. Eighty acres of land is to be sold at public auction. Whatever interest the Nick Bantz Liqueur Co., and Cascade county has in the property is foreclosed by the decree.

Alice M. Kingsley was awarded judgment for \$358.29 against Otto von Barger, the decree authorizing the sale of 880 acres of land to satisfy the amount. M. M. Moore, the Catron county, and Ralph E. Bancroft, said to have an interest in the acreage, have these interests eliminated by the terms of the decree. Freeman, Thelen and Frary represented the plaintiff in both cases.

## Requisition Papers Asked for Fargo

The county attorney's office Wednesday prepared requisition papers for the return of Steve Fargo, who is being held in Superior, Wis., for Cascade county on the charge of child desertion. Deputy Sheriff Fred Huotari is leaving this (Thursday) morning for Helena to secure the signature of the governor to the papers.

A formal complaint against Fargo was filed in the Wilson justice court yesterday by Mrs. Fargo on instructions from Deputy County Attorney F. A. Ewald. The county attorney's office expects to prosecute the case to the limit, as Fargo left the state after terms of the decree. Fargo is a resident of the Fargo family. He has two children. The Fargos live in Tracy.

**BIRTH.**  
A daughter was born on September 28 at the Deaconess hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Lars Anderson of Raynesford.

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## BOARD MEMBER DISAGREES WITH KEENEY'S VIEWS

Says Dr. Fuson's Offer of Free Medical Inspection Never Before Unit Body.

Comment on the action of the county unit school board in employing a physician for the examination of students instead of accepting the offer of the joint health board to do the work gratis is made as follows in a letter to The Tribune from J. O. Selstrom, Stockert member of the unit board:  
"Referring to an interview given by Miss Jean Keeney, editor of the Tribune of September 11, in which she gives quite a few reasons why the school board of the rural unit accepted the proposal made by Dr. W. W. Wood, to do the health work of the schools at a salary of \$1,000, but refused that made by Dr. George Fuson when he offered the free services of the joint health board for the same work.

**Did Not Vote on Dr. Wood.**  
"As I am a member of the board and inasmuch as this action has caused general criticism, I wish to state that I was present at the meeting when Dr. Wood was hired, upon which occasion he was given a personal hearing, when he talked at length on general health work lines at considerable length, and his proposal to do the work for \$1,000 was voted upon and accepted. I refrained from voting on the matter because I agree with the people that such an action would meet with the approval of the people, as we believe that the health of our children could be safeguarded much better by sending this money for repairs and other pressing necessities.

"In her interview Miss Keeney suggests four reasons for her recommendations in the matter of hiring Dr. Wood. The board must of necessity get its information and details of matters pertaining to the rural school district from Miss Keeney, whose duty it is to find out these things, and so far as I have been able to see, the board has been showing a willingness to act upon her suggestions and recommendations, and my impressions are that Miss Keeney took part in the discussions and quite unmistakably expressed her views and preferences in the matter of hiring Dr. Wood, also.

**Would Have Favored Fuson Offer.**  
"Miss Keeney leads your readers to believe that the board refused the free offer made by Dr. Fuson. I do not remember that his proposal was ever placed before our board for its consideration. Had he been given a hearing also, had his proposition been placed before us and had I been given an opportunity to vote on it, I would have supported it, and I believe others of the board would have done likewise, on the grounds of economy and common sense.

"On another matter, quoting from Miss Keeney's interview, she says: 'The total cost of Dr. Wood's services was \$1,000. This was paid by the county and no allowance is made for his expenses.' The facts may bear out this statement, but I have always understood that Dr. Wood's best services have been costing us a great deal more than this amount yearly."

## Three Suits Started on Hail Assessments

Three actions to collect assessments on hail insurance policies were instituted in district court Wednesday by the Equity Mutual Insurance Co. John Dunn of Cartersville is one suit in which judgment for \$121 is Harry Patis of Plentywood would pay \$500.29 in a second suit, in which assessments on two policies, aggregating \$6,000, are involved. The defendant in the third suit is Henry Herstein of Ingomar, who is alleged to have defaulted in his assessment payment. The judgment sought is \$50.

## ROTARY NAMES COMMITTEE TO AID ALIEN WORK

Report Is Read of Accomplishments by Americanization Organization Here.

At the Rotary luncheon a request was read from Charles Davidson, chairman of the War Work Americanization committee of this city, asking that a co-operating committee be named by the Rotary Club as a matter of assistance in the routine activities of Americanization.

This War Work Americanization committee consists of Charles Davidson, chairman, Alex P. Geranios, Vincent Mullery, L. J. Molmuby, S. E. Peterson, Scott Leavitt and J. C. Reed, secretary.

Scott Leavitt, emphasizing the importance of the work, presented a report of what has been done by the Americanization committee from January 19 to September 30, 1921, as follows:

**Many Enrolled in Classes**  
"Eight English classes, with 118 enrolled, held 173 sessions. Three classes in civil government, with 75 enrolled, held 54 sessions. Thirty men and three women received private tutoring by volunteers.

"Aliens secured 553 first papers and 42 took out second papers. One hundred and eighty-two letters were written, 42 landing certificates handed, 765 personal conferences held, 66 addresses given, employment was secured for 18 and eight families were assisted. More than 80 garbages were given to needy families on home-steads.

"Sixty vocational conferences for ex-service men were managed through the aid of Mrs. Jean Ellis.

**Legal Advice Given.**  
"Twenty motion picture exhibits were given, with an attendance of 1828. Ten illustrated lectures were given, with 1080 attending. Two health talks had an attendance of 90; one social gathering was attended by 30; three aliens were taken to physicians for treatment and 14 to attorneys for legal advice.

"Classes in English and Civics will be started in Harry on October 1 and it is hoped that similar classes will be started at Stockert, Sand Coulee, Belt, and Tracy. Much work has been done and a number of towns visited, the outstanding effort in this work is to put American ideas into the minds of men who are becoming citizens."

The motion was made and carried that a Rotarian committee of three be appointed in accord with the request of Chairman Davidson and Vice-President H. Johnson who presided named Earl Bardwell, chairman; S. D. Largent and Frank Ewald.

**To Aid Teachers Convention.**  
Rotarian S. D. Largent spoke outlining the important state teachers' convention which will convene in this city on November 21, 22 and 23. He said that there will be an effort to have about a thousand teachers and school trustees in attendance. This convention met five years ago in Great Falls and in Billings last year. Ex-Secretary of the Treasury, Wm. McAdoo, was proposed to be present. Rotarian Largent asked for co-operating Rotarian committee and on motion, the following were named: J. R. Hobbins, chairman; Cal Hubbard and A. E. Wiggin.

**Musical Numbers Given.**  
The luncheon was enlivened and made pleasing by musical numbers. Mrs. H. Johnson, accompanied by Miss Olive Sorrick, gave a violin solo entitled, "Flower of Italy" by Dargostini. The cordial reception of this number secured an encore. Mrs. A. E. Barkemeyer, accompanied by Miss Gordon, gave two vocal solos, one entitled "Sacrament" by McDermott and one "Sing to Me, Sing" by Sidney Homer.

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