

ONE CENT--THE DAY BOOK--ONE CENT

SUIT AGAINST GAS COMPANY CONTINUED--MAY COMPROMISE

Chuckles and chortles of glee emanated from the office rooms that shelter the gas trust crowd.

No wonder they were gleeful. The city administration had just continued a suit that has had them scared half out of their wits.

The public utilities commission met in its offices today ready to proceed in its hearing of the suit of Mayor Thompson against the Peoples' Gas Light and Coke Co., asking enforcement of the ordinance fixing the gas rate at 70 cents. The commission had raked up some dope of its own on the matter and the quiet word that was being passed was that a grand expose was about due, in which the gas company would suffer severely.

There was a sensation when Wm. A. Bycher, attorney for Mayor Thompson, arose and asked that the hearing be continued on the grounds that a compromise offer had been made to city council and this was granted till Jan. 11.

This is exactly what the Peoples' Gas was playing for, it is said, when it made council the compromise offer that gas experts have already declared will do the city little good.

The Peoples' Gas is mortally afraid that the city ordinance reducing its rate to 70 cents will be made effective if it goes before a fair tribunal for decision. It played for a delay, and today it earned its play.

A SLOPPY FINISH

Oh! you snow! You beautiful snow!
Whitening things wherever you go!
Then comes a rain with a measly
thud—
And, beautiful snow, your name is
mud!

PROTEST AGAINST NAMING OF NICK HUNT

Mayor Thompson today received from the Hyde Park Protective ass'n a 3,500-word protest against the appointment of Nick Hunt to the office of chief of detectives.

In urging against the appointment of Hunt the protest gives instances in which it alleged Hunt, while inspector of the Hyde Park police district, did not enforce the law against gamblers, blind pigs and disorderly houses. Arthur Burrage Farwell, secretary of the association, terms Hunt's terms as inspector in Hyde Park as "25 years of contest."

BULL MOOSERS PLAN TO MEET IN CHI. AT G. O. P. TIME

Progressive party leaders are planning to hold their national convention in Chicago simultaneously with the Republicans, according to reports from New York.

Chicago Bull Moose leaders declared that the understanding decided upon at the recent New York conference was that the Bull Moose national convention should be two weeks later than that of the Republicans.

New York.—Dr. Rudolph A. Witthaus, 68, poison expert, dead.

CHICAGO GRAIN.—Grain up. Provisions down. Dec. wheat close, \$1.24.

NEW YORK STOCKS. — Market fairly active and strong.

WEATHER FORECAST

Snow or rain tonight; Wednesday probably fair; not much change in temperature; lowest tonight, about 28; gentle to moderate southeast winds, becoming variable. Temperature Monday: Highest, 22; lowest, 19.