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## GAS FOR DENISON

Proposition for Fifty Thousand Dollar Plant.

### SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL.

Commercial Club Appoints Committee to Examine Proposition and report As to Advisability.

Mr. W. W. Kelly of Evanston, Ill., representing a New York Gas Company rather took the town by surprise last week by making an informal request for a franchise to erect and operate a gas plant in Denison. At his request a meeting of the Commercial Club was called on Friday evening to consider the matter.

Mr. Kelly's proposition amounts simply to this, that his company will erect and operate a \$50,000 gas plant in Denison, providing the citizens would welcome such an enterprise and a suitable franchise be granted.

On account of the short notice the meeting of the Commercial club was not largely attended. Mr. Kelly stated his proposition. He said that he asked for no bonus, except good will and a fair franchise. He said that he would consider \$1.50 per thousand as a fair price and would ask for a 25 year franchise. The gas would be used largely for cooking purposes and the plant would be able to furnish power to others. The gas would be the ordinary coal gas, such as is used in the larger cities and would not involve the use either of gasoline or acetylene. The gas would also be used for illuminating purposes and in this way would come in competition with the electric light company to a certain extent.

A resolution was adopted favoring the franchise providing its provisions were safeguarded and the company was found to be as represented. President Geo. Naeve, on motion, appointed a committee to investigate and report at another meeting. The committee consisted of J. T. Carey, E. Gulick, H. Gebert, B. Brodersen and W. J. Scriver. We hope this committee will make a thorough investigation before making any report; 1st, as to the responsibility of the company to fulfill its contracts, 2nd, as to the conditions of the franchise and the safeguarding of the people's

interest, 3rd, as to success of other plants operated by the company, 4th, as to whether the \$50,000 means actual cash to be expended, or whether it means \$25,000 cash and \$25,000 water, on which dividends must in some way be paid by the people of Denison. This latter part of the investigation while difficult is of vital importance. A clause should be inserted in the franchise providing for ultimate municipal ownership if thought advisable at a later time, and if any such purchase were made the first cost would enter largely into the consideration. Again in the regulation of rates the question of first cost would arise. We would suggest that if necessary, funds should be allowed the committee for such investigation. There are many gas plants in towns of about this size and it should be very easy to obtain fairly exact estimates from different managers as to what such a plant should cost.

The Review does not wish to be opposed to the progress of Denison or to the investment of capital in our city, but it advises the council and the citizens to go slow. Denison has already had experience along these lines. A number of years ago an electric company asked and obtained a franchise. The company put in what was claimed to be a \$15,000 to \$18,000 plant. Denison men were later interested and the plant was purchased by them at approximately these figures. It was soon found however, that the machinery was inadequate, much of it worthless, and that the plant could not have cost to exceed \$5000. The Denison stockholders were primarily the losers, but in the end the loss will be paid out of the pockets of the citizens. We do not accuse the gas company of any such intent, but we would insist that the question is of sufficient importance that it demands careful investigation.

Were a private institution to come to Denison to establish a store or a factory, we recognize that it would be distinctly nobody's business what the purpose was, what the plant cost or what, if any, part of the capital was water. The law in regard to granting franchises, recognizes the fact that the people have a right to protection in the case of public utilities, and this is in fact the reason the law exists. The Review's position may be briefly stated.

We favor the installation of any

improvement to Denison, we would encourage the investment of capital, but in the matter of granting a public franchise we would urge the utmost caution.

The investigation urged by the Review is one to which no legitimate company could object and we understand that the gas company invites such investigation. The invitation should be accepted, a thorough investigation made and if the showing is satisfactory the gas company should be welcomed with open arms.

### INVOICE IS NOW COMPLETED

Bamford Stock Makes Good Showing—Will be Sold in Bulk if Possible.

Assignee E. W. Pierce has completed the invoice of the Bamford stock and in a circular letter addressed to interested parties he states that the goods invoice about \$7300 and the fixtures at a little less than \$800. The liabilities will amount to about \$5800. Although the goods are said to be in fine condition it is hardly possible that they will sell as high as the invoice price, but the creditors should receive all the way from 75 to 90 cents on the dollar. The stock will be held intact, up to and including February 7th, and bids for the purchase of the entire stock and fixtures will be received up to that time. If no satisfactory bid is received, the stock will be retailed through an assignee's sale.

### MAKES FINE IMPRESSION

Denison Speaker Is Well Received by Distinguished Chicago Audience. McKinley is held as model—Carl F. Kuehne, of Denison, law and business partner of Secretary Shaw, delivered the principal address at a memorial meeting of Carnation Lodge, Knights of Pythias, last night, at Masonic Temple, held in honor of President William McKinley. Tributes were paid by him to McKinley as a Pythian and as an ideal citizen.—Chicago Tribune.

From the above it will be seen that our townsman, Mr. Kuehne, delivered an address in Chicago before Carnation Lodge, Knights of Pythias. This lodge was named in honor of President McKinley, after his favorite flower, the carnation.

## MISS GARY WINS

Secures First Place in Declamatory Contest.

### WILL REPRESENT DENISON.

Florence Baker Wins in Humorous Class, and Allie Morris is First in Oratorical Class

The high school declamatory contest held on Saturday evening was one of the closest of all the contests we have had. The attendance was much smaller than usual but the program proved very interesting throughout. The music which was furnished entirely by high school pupils was exceptionally fine. There were but two entries in the oratorical class, Miss Allie Morris whose rendition of "American's Moral Heritage," was excellent, and Miss Erma Hillebrant, who spoke an oration on "John Brown" with much spirit. The judges awarded 1st place to Miss Morris.

The dramatic class showed the largest field of contestants and developed a closeness which made the decision a difficult one.

Miss Grace Schlumberger gave the pathetic story of "The Death of Poul Dombey," showing a sympathetic interpretation of her author and a high dramatic art. Miss Schlumberger labored under the disadvantage of a serious hoarseness and she showed real pluck in persevering in the contest. It is greatly to her credit that in the rankings she tied for first place and was but one point behind in the percentages. Miss Lydia Belle Kuehne delivered "A Second Trial," a selection well suited to her age and style of speaking. It was rendered with a simple sincerity and we predict future laurels for Miss Kuehne, should she persevere in this line. Hugh Nash, the only boy on the program, gave the selection, "John Brown of Ossawatimmi," with good effect and had his memory served him better he would have received better rank.

Miss Clara Strahan had perhaps the most difficult selection of the evening, "Helen Tharme." In spite of this fact she did excellent.

The next selection was given by the winner of the contest, Miss Pearl

Gary. Her selection gave opportunity for strong dramatic effects which were utilized to the utmost. Her appearance and gestures were very graceful and she is sincerely to be congratulated upon the honors won. Miss Gary will represent Denison in the District contest if the entries in the dramatic class not filled, otherwise Miss Baker will be Denison's champion.

The humorous class brought out a field of three. Miss Mabel Horton delivered "The Mourning Veil," doing very well, as did all in this class. "An Object of Love," being the story of an old maid's affection for her cat was splendidly told by Miss Florence Baker whose talent as a speaker of humorous selections is well known in Denison. She won first place in this class and second place in the entire contest.

The contest closed with the selection, "Helen's Babies in Noah's Ark," by Elsie Smith. She is an artist in "baby talk" and did excellently.

The twenty minute wait for the decision of the judges was filled in with songs, and the awarding of the prizes was greeted with applause. Below is the table of markings.

DECISION OF THE JUDGES.				
	Bevelges	Kies	Doughlass	Sum of Rankis
<i>Oratorical Class</i>				
Allie Morris.....	1	1	1	3
Erma Hillebrant.....	2	2	2	6
<i>Dramatic Class</i>				
Grace Schlumberger.....	1	3	2	6
Lydia Belle Kuehne.....	2	5	4	11
Hugh Nash.....	4	4	5	13
Clara Strahan.....	5	1	3	9
Pearl Gary.....	3	2	1	6
<i>Humorous Class</i>				
Mable Horton.....	3	3	2	8
Florence Baker.....	2	1	1	4
Elsie Smith.....	1	2	3	6

As will be seen Miss Schlumberger and Miss Gary were tied in rank. The percentages gave the decision to Miss Gary by one point.

Rev. Bryce will return next Saturday from his Kentucky visit.

Watch for the ground hog.

For Rent  
Meyers' cottage on Main Street.

### A CHARMING PARTY.

On Friday evening the Misses Kate and May Silletto were at home in honor of Mr. Stephen Thew. The parlors were decorated very beautifully in white carnations and fern leaves. The guests numbered about thirty and so delightful was the party that they considered themselves very lucky to be included. A game was played that was much enjoyed, Miss Hazel Laub capturing the prize.

Miss Edna Romans, Miss Elsie Smith and Miss Edna Raine gave readings which were much enjoyed. Music and informal fun made the evening all too short.

A very elegant two course supper was served. Mrs. Will Smith and Miss Jessie Goodrich assisting Mrs. Silletto in serving.

Misses Kate and May are charming girls with many friends glad to enjoy their hospitality.

P. E. O. was the hostess club to the City Federation and as Mrs. Laub aptly remarked these receptions are bright spots in club life. Miss Hazel Laub opened the program by a brilliant piano solo, and Mrs. Voss whose voice is too seldom heard, gave two solos that were sung with feeling and expression. Mrs. Laub then presented Dr. Wright to the ladies giving his subject as "Foods and their Value." Dr. Wright had paid the ladies, the high compliment of careful study of his subject and presented a clear concise and interesting talk on this practical subject. His talk was listened to with close attention and he received hearty applause and congratulation at the close of his address.

The ladies of the P. O. E. then served very nice refreshments and the conversation became a busy hum broken only by laughter.

On Wednesday evening Mrs. O. M. Criswell entertained her Sunday school class of girls, giving them a very nice supper and a jolly good time.

Will he see his shadow?

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Jones of Charter Oak, visited Denison relatives this week.

Thos. Ryan jr. of Vail, was sent to Knoxville by order of the court this week. He is the first person from this county to go to the new state institution.

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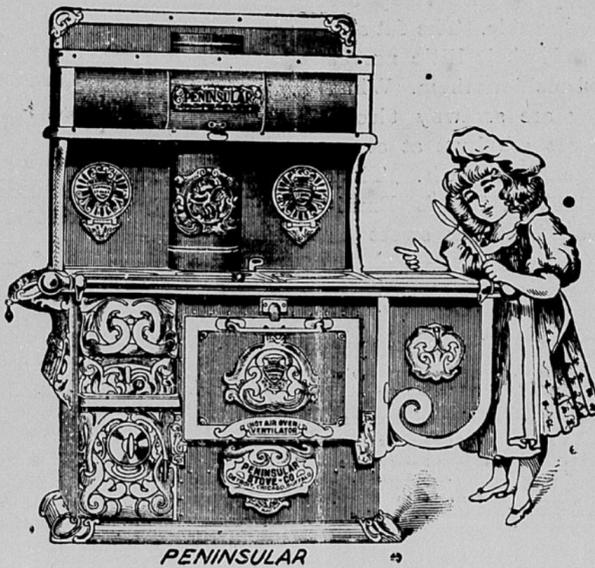
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