TULSAN ATTACKS GAS CORPORATION

Says Company, Not People Are Responsible for System's Service.

AIR PUMPED INTO LINE

Says Okla. Natural "Fakes" a Portion of Gas and Takes Gasoline Contents.

Tulsa should not pay as much for its natural gas as some city located many miles from the source of supply; the city consumers should not be forced to pay for gas that escapes from the Oklahoma Natural Gas company's lines here when that company is responsible for the operation of its own system; consumers should not be forced to pay for air instead of gas and the gas company should be restrained from extracting the gasoline content from gas before it is used in Tulsa.

Tulsan Sees Board.

Those were the points brought out by C. B. Rogers, local attorney, who attended the hearing before the state corporation commission early this week, andtaomfiaoinpjtjtutp this week with City Attorney Frank E. Duncan and who made a brief report to the directors of the chamber of commerce at their weekly luncheon in the Kennedy restaurant yesterday noon.

Mr. Rogers' principal contention was that Tulsa should not pay the same rate as is charged in other parts of the state; that it is not equitable for the Oklahoma Natural Gas company to strike an average rate for operating its entire system and then force cities close to the source of supply to pay this average.

Rate Temporary.

The present rate of approximately 50 cents is only temporary, it was said, the period for its expiration being October 1, unless it can be shown that it should be either temporarily or permanently continued.

Rogers declared that the 50-cent rate is based on 100 per cent service and that 50 per cent service should be paid for on a 50 per cent basis, or strictly speaking, 25 cents a thousand cubic feet. Seventy five or 25 per cent service should be paid for on the same ratio, it was said.

It was the consensus of opinion at the meeting that the Oklahoma Natural Gas company is operating compressors to extract gasoline from the natural gas and thus robbing the gas of most of its heat units. There was also an intimation that the Oklahoma Natural is pumping air into its mains, thus forcing meters to operate as though they were filled with gas.

Conditions as they pertain to Tulsa will be taken up at a special meeting in Tulsa, presided over by the corporation commission. Before that time it is probable that full data will have been gathered and ready for submission to the commission's representative.

START KITCHEN FOR CITY JAIL

New Plan Is Expected to Reduce Cost of Board in Police Dept.

No more "boarding house chow" for city prisoners. Not that such restuarant grub isn't palatable, but because it costs too much and fails to leave a sufficient surplus in the police department's treasury.

So there is to be a police kitchen, operated in the same building as the city jail, and in which all food for city prisoners will be prepared. Fire and Police Commissioner J. M. Adkison said yesterday all plans had been made and work is now under way to make the kitchen a reality. According to Mr. Adkison, this kitchen will reduce the cost of meals very materially—almost 50 per cent, which is a considerabel item in the course of a year.

"Restaurants must make a profit, the same as everyone else in business," Mr. Adkison said yesterday. "But we have figured out that by using our own kitchen we will save this profit and credit it to the department. At the same time the prisoners will have no cause for complaint on the quality of food served."

J. S. Anderson, former chef at the Hotel Tulsa, has been employed to take charge of the municipal kitchen.

Chamber of Commerce Defers Action on the Street Railway Hike

Chamber of Commerce directors, as a body, neither upheld nor opposed the proposed increase in fares by the Tulsa Street Railway company yesterday when M. McGrath, local manager of the company, told of the plans and of difficulties which his company is facing.

A committee is to be appointed to investigate the proposal and report at a future date. It is possible that several changes in service will be asked before the chamber of commerce gives its recommendation to the corporation commission, if such sanction is given.

WILL ANSWER KATY DEMAND

"Unadulterated Nerve" Is Douglas' Opinion of Rail Suggestion.

Managing Director Clarence B. Douglas of the chamber of commerce was instructed yesterday by directors of the organization to let Receiver Schaff of the Katy railroad know the manner in which the chamber of commerce took his suggestion regarding the establishing of an oil train from Tulsa to Bartlesville.

Schaff had written to the chamber stating that if it would guarantee sufficient patronage to justify the new train, it would be put into operation.

"Of all unadulterated nerve, this takes the cake," the managing director told directors. "We asked the Frisco to provide proper accommodations from Tulsa to Fort Worth, and this was done; we asked the Midland Valley to provide Pullman service to the Louisiana fields, and this was done. Now the Katy comes along and wants taomfwtpp comes along and wants us to underwrite the proposed train. I want permission from the directors to answer Mr. Schaff as his letter deserves and see if I can find some way to get proper service into the new oil fields."

Want Sewer Extension.

A request from citizens of Cherokee Heights for an extension of the sewer system into their addition, was received by the city commission yesterday. It was referred to the city engineer for investigaton and report.

DRAW TIGHT LINE ON HEALTH LAWS

Crystal Confectionery Is Fined for Insanitary Food Conditions.

"All violations of state health laws occurring within the jurisdiction of the Tulsa county courts will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law," said Elton B. Hunt, assistant county attorney yesterday in commenting upon the decision in the case of Nick Rollos, proprietor of the Crystal candy kitchen, 315 South Main street. "We spare no pains and no money in the effort to clean up Tulsa and to keep it one of the cleanest and healthiest cities in the state. Appeals will be welcomed, as such will make the burden fall the heavier up on the violators."

Nick Rollos, who was given a hearing before Justice H. J. Gray a few days ago on the charge of violating rule 64 of the state health laws, was fined $50 and costs when Justice Gray rendered his decision yesterday. His counsel gave notice of appeal.

Mrs. Thomas H. Sturgeon, state health inspector, who caused the information against Rollos to be filed, testified that when she visited the Crystal candy kitchen she found numerous dead roaches in the soda fountain, flies in the fruits that were used on sundaes and all fruits and much candy unprotected by screens or cases.

Rotten meats, flour with weevil and peanuts with worms were a few of the other things Mrs. Sturgeon found. She ordered these destroyed at once, but upon her return a while later she found that the peanuts had been roasted instead and were being offered for sale. The defense was made upon technical grounds alone.

C. of C. Won't Accept Galloway Resignation

The resignation of Paul Galloway from the directorship of the chamber of commerce, presented at the weekly luncheon meeting yesterday, was not accepted. A resolution was adopted to this effect and a copy will be sent to Mr. Galloway, who is now at Fayetteville Ark., recuperating from a breakdown.

Duncan Explains Gas Situation to City Commissioners

City Attorney Frank E. Duncan explained the gas situation to the members of the city commission yesterday morning, and said he would go to Oklahoma City to attend the hearing next Wednesday before the corporation commission to determine legal points connected with the application for an increase.

The city attorney's office is now collecting valuable data that will be used during the hearing in Tulsa in the near future.

Two City Addition.

City commissioners at their regular meeting yesterday morning voted to include both Boswell and Schlump additions in the city of Tulsa. The Boswell addition is southeast, and the Schlump addition east of the city limits.

MAY SELL CEMETERY

City to Decide Whether North Part of Oaklawn Will Be Residence District or Burial Ground.

Whether the north part of Oaklawn cemetery will be sold by the city for residential purposes, or if it will be used as a burial ground will probably be decided at the second meeting of the city commission in September.

It was decided by the commission yesterday to set aside part of that session to hear from property owners and others who are or might be interested before deciding definitely on any plan. The meeting is to be held because of the apparent divergence of opinion regarding disposition of the small piece of land under discussion.