

LET THERE BE LIGHT.

Gas to be Put Into Vegas Before August First.

As we anticipated, the franchise for putting in gas in Las Vegas has been granted and the contract let.

Hon. E. A. Fiske, as attorney for D. H. Irland appeared before the board of county commissioners on Monday evening and made application for a franchise, and the commissioners taking the matter under advisement, postponed definite action till yesterday forenoon, and just before noon the franchise was granted and signed by the commissioners. The following are the conditions under which it was granted:

That from and after the 15th day of December, 1880 until the full and complete expiration of fifty years, the said Las Vegas Gas and Coke Company shall have, and it is hereby granted, the privilege and right to erect, maintain and operate all buildings, machinery and other works which are, or may be necessary, for the manufacture and distribution of illuminating gas within the limits of the town of Las Vegas and its suburbs in the county of San Miguel and territory of New Mexico; to lay gas main and pipe under and along any and all the streets of said town and its suburbs, for the purpose of distributing said gas throughout said town and its suburbs, and to sell said gas to all persons, bodies and corporations desiring to purchase and use the same.

The county commissioners deserve great credit for the provisions for protection imposed in the franchise for the benefit of our citizens. At first sight, it might appear that they had aided in setting up a monopoly, by granting the gas company the exclusive right to control the manufacture of illuminating gas for the period of fifty years. But if it be a monopoly, it is one of the fairest monopolies that was ever built up, for the conditions under which it is established are the fairest that can be imagined.

First: The works must be built before July 31st, which precludes all possibility of delaying on the part of the company, and gives us the immediate benefits to come from the introduction of gas. Had no limit been fixed the company might have waited till it chose, to create a greater demand for it, and make its introduction conditional to its securing a certain number of subscribers.

Second: Not more than \$3 per thousand cubic feet can be charged for gas. It is only necessary to compare this sum with the price charged in other cities. In Denver, for instance, the price is higher, and the same in San Francisco, Washington and the majority of eastern cities, and is only twenty-five cents more than is charged in St. Louis, a point where the price of coal is very reasonable. Then, too, it must be borne in mind that much of the necessary expense, incident to the manufacture of gas, is no greater in large cities than it is in small places.

Third: The gas must be of good quality and not less than sixteen candle power. In this connection, it may be stated, that in Santa Fe, where this same condition was imposed, the company is furnishing about twenty candle power, and Trinidad coal can be made to yield twenty-two candle power. The principal advantages of gas are that it is much cheaper than coal oil and far more convenient, to say nothing of the greater brilliancy of the light and is far better to read or work by. It is less dangerous than coal oil, which is shown by the fact that insurance companies will deduct twenty-five per cent from rates on houses lighted by gas, from the same houses lighted by coal oil, especially frame houses such as we have in Las Vegas.

It is presumed that there will be more consumers of gas in this city than in Santa Fe and, whereas, they expected about six hundred subscribers they already have nearly twice that number. All in all, we have reason to be proud of the step thus taken, and Las Vegas is gradually taking to herself the privileges of a metropolis.

The amicable relations that have thus far been reciprocated by the officers of the Southern Pacific and the Santa Fe R. R. companies are temporarily broken off in consequence of a speck of a war cloud that has arisen. The former road made the first survey through Florida Pass but the Santa Fe road secured the right of way over this same course. The Santa Fe men commenced breaking ground over their course when they were ordered to desist by the chief of construction of the Southern Pacific. Chief Engineer Robinson sent forward a party of men with orders to stand their ground, when a detachment of Chinamen were put into the gap by the S. P. As everything is in favor of the Santa Fe road, it is more than likely that "the Chinese must go." It is not considered anything else than a little exhibition of spunk that sober second thought will tide over, as there is plenty enough room for both roads to lay track through the pass.

There can be no doubt of its success judging from the experience of the company in Santa Fe where the stock was readily gobbled up by a large syndicate and is now held at fifty per cent advance. This same syndicate stands ready to take our stock—if an opportunity is afforded it.

Mr. Irland has had considerable experience in this business and has already put in forty-four systems. He proposes to build works etc., to the capacity of thirty-five thousand cubic feet per day, which will be sufficient for Vegas for a number of years, even

if she develops as fast as her most sanguine citizens anticipate. The works are to be identically the same as are now so successfully operating in Santa Fe. He will begin at once to ship machinery to this city and gather material, which can easily be brought forward. This in fact is the only really difficult part of the undertaking, for with everything at hand the work can be rushed ahead. In Santa Fe he was delayed nearly three weeks waiting for one car load of material which was necessary before the works could be started up and it was then secured only after an outlay of over \$200 in telegrams and much diplomacy with railway officials.

In an interview with a representative of the GAZETTE, Mr. Irland stated that he confidently expected to have the works in good running order by the first of June, and by the middle of the month at furthest. This was, providing that he secured the contract at once, and, as he has met with no delay, we shall expect to see the work completed at least a month before the limit set by the contract.

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Local Items.

Hon. E. A. Fiske after spending several days in Vegas, left for Santa Fe yesterday.

L. Sulzbacher Esq. went down to Socorro yesterday on business which will detain him till Saturday.

The county commissioners are busily engaged straightening up their affairs ready for a new deal.

The railway company has sent an artist to the Hot Springs to take several sketches for a new book on New Mexico.

We were pleased to meet yesterday Mr. J. T. Nieuwenhuisen, representing the Dutch Bend holders of the Maxwell grant. He has been in the territory a couple of months looking after their interests.

A little daughter of Joseph Reidlinger, Minnie, met with a serious accident by which it is feared that she will lose the sight of her left eye. Her brother Jakey let fly an arrow from a bow which he was handling and the dart inflicted a painful wound.

There will be a Rebekah degree meeting of I. O. O. F. on Thursday Dec. 16th at 7 o'clock p. m. at Odd Fellow Hall. All fifth degree members and their wives are invited to attend.

T. B. GARTBELL, N. G. THEO. RUTENBECK, Sec.

A writ of attachment has been served upon A. J. Crawford, the plaza grocer, and the stock seized to satisfy the demand of J. P. Campbell & Co. fancy grocers, Kansas City, who have given credit to the amount of \$800. An amicable settlement will probably be effected.

Maj. R. A. Eaton, of the national capital is in the city. He is special agent of the postal department and we hope he will carry the news of our mail dilemma back to the "powers that be." If the major can do anything to deliver us from our straight, he will be the most welcome visitor to the territory.

Judge Lee, of Colfax county was in the city yesterday. He was looking for a house for the purpose of removing his family here and becoming a permanent resident. We feel confident that this will be a central point for his extensive practice while it affords good society and good schools. We welcome him.

Dr. J. V. Noel, we are happy to announce, is quiet himself again. He has felt obliged to give up his proposed settlement in El Paso as his health will not permit of practice at his profession. He leaves for Topeka to-day and will probably take up his residence there. We are sorry to lose him but wish him God speed. We shall be glad to welcome him back again and hope that he will be neighborly.

Thomas Chavez, a ranchero, who has been subject to fits of insanity, created quite a hubbub in front of Otero, Sellar & Co.'s, commission house early yesterday morning. He was indulging in a little dress parade all by himself, his accoutrements being a hatched and several kitchen utensils and he made more noise than a band. He was taken in tow by a clerk, who summoned a posse of his brethren, and taking charge of him the lunatic became more nearly rational.

Self Convicted.

Last Saturday night a fine buggy cover that was exposed for show outside the store of M. Romero was secured by some sneak thief, who neglected to state to whose account it should be placed. As a reminder, Mr. Romero hung out another as a tempting bait, and on Monday evening, Miguel Romero saw someone gather that under his arm and start off. He gave chase, when the fellow taking to his heels dashed across the plaza hotly pursued. He was caught by the neck and downed just as he was leaping the aquia bridge, and when he realized that he was safely collared he piteously exclaimed, before any charge had been made against him: "I swear to God, I didn't steal the other one." His ruffled conscience was his worst accuser and when he came up before Judge Morrison yesterday, he was committed to jail for forty-five days. He gave the name of William Handrickson and said he had been employed as cook in the Pancha de country. He is supposed to be the same fellow who has been thieving around town.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

St. Nicholas Hotel.

W. G. Lockwood, San Marcial; H. C. Short, H. A. Frost, Topeka, Kansas; James A. Phillips, Chicago; C. P. Prindle, Boston; John B. Prindle, Topeka.

Grand View.

R. B. Dickinson, La Junta; John Doern, Oakland; W. P. Hines, Del Rio; Wm. Gilderman and wife, Fort Bascom; Judge Lee, Vermijo; J. T. Nieuwenhuisen, Holland.

LAS VEGAS AND ALBUQUERQUE.

NEW YORK CLOTHING STORE

ARE DOING THE LARGEST BUSINESS

In our line. Are prepared to undersell all others. Will take pleasure in showing our well assorted stock. And guarantee satisfaction to all our customers. Keep the latest styles. And never carry old stock. We invite attention to our

ORDER DEPARTMENT.

Are Agents for DEVLIN & CO., New York. Keep the Largest Line of Samples ever shown. Suits ready in fifteen days. Satisfaction guaranteed, and no C. O. D. business.

Go to M. Heise, on the south side of the plaza for fine wines, liquors and cigars. 253-4f

Stoves, till you can't rest, at Rupe & Castle's. 1-6

A car load of all kinds of stoves just received by Rupe & Castle. 1-6

A Prominent Question.

What can we buy for a Christmas or New Year's present? Go to the enterprising firm of J. Rosenwald & Co. and buy one of those fur sets, elegant dolmans, Matelass cloaks, stylish ulsters, seal skin caps, cardinal and white combs, elegant fans, easter driving gloves, fur top gloves, fur top mitts, six, and three button gloves, embroidered handkerchiefs, new style Crepe Lisse ties, lovely leaf scarfs, broad d. ties, white slippers, Persian rugs, velvet mats, "welcome" cocoa mats, "wipe your feet" cocoa mats, hand-ome faciators, seafoam scarfs, zephyr hoods, zephyr mitts, ladies' leggins, zephyr wristlets, lace mitts, beautiful India boxes, elegant Japanese cases, gloves and handkerchief boxes, velvet cabinet frames, velvet card cases, handsome dressing cases, scrap books, jewel cases, shell boxes, lovely silk handkerchiefs, new style silk ties, children's tea sets, dolls, marbles, accordeons, and many other desirable toys and presents too numerous to mention. Call and examine our stock before purchasing elsewhere.

J. ROSENWALD & Co.

Oranges at Bell, Craig & Co's.

COME TO STAY.

The increase in patronage bestowed upon our house the past few months necessitated an additional store room and a large increase of our stock of goods. Our arrangements have been made with careful regard to the wants of our customers, and facilities for inspection of goods, which we offer at REMARKABLY LOW FIGURES. We handle nothing but standard brands of canned goods. The choicest butter, apples, potatoes and everything kept in a first-class grocery store. Customers attend on extended to all visitors and goods open to inspection without any regard to purchase. Come and see

Bell, Craig & Co., The plaza grocers.

For all kinds of woolen goods go to I. Stern.

There are no better boots or shoes made than the Selz hand made, for which I. Stern has the exclusive sale.

Go and see T. Rutenbeck's new stock of gold and silver filigree jewelry and plated silverware and select a Christmas present.

Brick for sale in large or small quantities, at LOCKHART & Co's.

The boss Tom and Jerry at H. BRAMM'S. 1-w.

All the hot drinks of the season at H. BRAMM'S.

Just received. A full line of very choice staple and fancy Groceries, Liquors, Wines, Cigars and Condiments. C. E. WESCHE.

Way down prices on Cardigan Jackets, Comfiorters, Scarfs, Nubias, Fancy Knit Coats, and Dress goods. at WESCHE'S.

A line of Ladies' Coats at less than cost, for the next ten days C. E. WESCHE.

Santa Clause on Time. If you want to make a nice holiday gift go and examine the large stock of Watches, Clocks, Jewelry and Silver Plated Ware at SREWALD'S.

Buy your wife or daughter one of those new and elegant cashmere, silk, satin or velvet suits for a Christmas or New Year's present at J. ROSENWALD & Co's

Just received a new and complete assortment of men's scarfs, gloves, cardigan jackets and gents' furnishing goods at J. ROSENWALD & Co's

Cranberries at Bell, Craig & Co's.

Wisconsin creamery butter at BELL, CRAIG & Co's.

One of those zephyr shawls would make a very good Christmas present at J. ROSENWALD & Co's

Cottages to Rent.

Two new cottages to rent at the Hot Springs. Apply to the New York Clothing Store, East Las Vegas. 314-4f.

Indian Pottery.

The largest stock, in the United States, of Indian pottery, both ancient and modern, at M. A. Gold's Indian department, Santa Fe, N. M. 41-4f

Honey at Bell, Craig & Co.

Lots For Sale.

Parties desiring locations on which to build houses for business purposes or residences, would do well to call on the undersigned, who will sell lots at reasonable rates. All said lots are situated on the east side of the railway opposite the depot. For terms etc., apply to

M. SALAZAR. Office north-east corner of the plaza. 246-4f.

Choice Butter at Bell, Craig & Co.

I would respectfully call the attention of all persons going to and from the White Oak mines, and the public in general to the fact that I have removed our store from Tecolote to Antor Chico, where I keep a complete assortment of general merchandise and make a specialty of miners supplies, provisions ect. Antor Chico is on the direct route to the mines and I sell goods at the lowest rates. DAVID WINTERNTZ, Antor Chico, N. M.

Fresh eggs, at Bell, Craig & Co.

Lockhart & Co. have received a large stock of oils and paints; also "Holdens enamel paint" which is water proof and ready for use, is constantly kept by them. 50-4f.

Malaga grapes, at Bell, Craig & Co.

Clean towels and sharp razors at Judd's Barber Shop, Exchange Hotel. 1f.

Two good carpenters wanted immediately by FRANK OGDEN. 41-4f

Christmas Toys, at Bell, Craig & Co.

Another car load of flour, the best in town, received by J. GRAAF & Co.

Apples, at Bell, Craig & Co.

Something new! new! new! Self-raising Buckwheat flour at n831 J. GRAAF & Co's.

A full assortment of Homeopathic remedies constantly kept on hand at the Central Drug Store. 313-4f.

Fresh Oysters, at Bell, Craig & Co.

The little daisy excursion hat at the New York Clothing House. Everybody wears them. 1f.

Stern's store shows the finest display of carpets in the city. Lemons, at Bell, Craig & Co.

Clothing! Clothing! Clothing!!!

My second new stock of fine men's and boys' nobby suits, overcoats and ulsters just unpacked. ISIDOR STERN.

Pop Corn, at Bell, Craig & Co.

Fifty per cent saved by buying Cretonne, Torchon and Languedoc lace, fine embroideries and ladies' silk ties of Isidor Stern.

Cabbage, at Bell, Craig & Co.

New Goods! New Goods!!!

For staple and fancy groceries, good, fresh, and of the best quality go to Isidor Stern's.

For blankets come to I. Stern.

Turnips, at Bell, Craig & Co.

A heavy stock of fine wines, liquors and cigars at M. Heise's for the winter trade. 1f.

High ball at H. BRAMM'S.

New dress goods and fannels at J. ROSENWALD & Co's

All shades of zephyr and yarns at J. ROSENWALD & Co's

The strangest thing a-going now is to see the crowd of ladies going to Charles Ifield's to buy dolmans, ulsters and coats.

Wisconsin creamery butter at BELL, CRAIG & Co's.

One of those zephyr shawls would make a very good Christmas present at J. ROSENWALD & Co's

A new and beautiful stock of the latest styles of felt and p'ush hats for ladies and children received yesterday at ISIDOR STERN'S.

O. L. Houghton has a regular arsenal of fire-arms, the largest stock in all the west. It is not only for a retail, but for a wholesale trade that he is prepared. His advantages for buying enables him to sell this class of goods as low as they can be got anywhere.

To R. R. Employees.

Thanking you for the so very liberal patronage bestowed upon me in the past and assuring you that I will do all in my power to merit the same also in the future, I would herewith call your attention to my new stock of clothing, gent's furnishing goods, boots and shoes, which is now complete. Please give me a call and save money by buying of

ISIDOR STERN.

Oranges at Bell, Craig & Co's.

Go to Judd's Barber Shop and get scraped, Exchange Hotel. 1f.

Pickets for sale at Lockhart & Co's planing mill. 29-4f.

Honey at Bell, Craig & Co.

We are prepared to furnish all kinds of building materials for contractors. LOCKHART & Co. 21-4f.

Choice Butter at Bell, Craig & Co.

Wines and liquors of the best quality, and of the best brand at wholesale or retail at M. Heise's, south side of the plaza, Las Vegas, N. M. 353-4f

Holbrook's tobacco is the best.

Fresh eggs, at Bell, Craig & Co.

Malaga grapes, at Bell, Craig & Co.

Christmas Toys, at Bell, Craig & Co.

Apples, at Bell, Craig & Co.

For flannels, come to I. Stern.

For ladies' cloths and waterproof come to Isidor Stern.

Fresh Oysters, at Bell, Craig & Co.

Holiday Gifts.

I would respectfully announce to the public that I have just received a splendid assortment of books and Bibles suitable for Holiday presents, which I will have for sale the present week. I invite your patronage.

H. NEWBERRY, S. S. A. B. P. S. 1-w.

Lemons, at Bell, Craig & Co.

Pop Corn, at Bell, Craig & Co.

Christmas Gifts.

My new stock came in and will be ready for inspection in a few days. ISIDOR STERN.

Cabbage, at Bell, Craig & Co.

For ladies' woolen underwear come to Isidor Stern.

Goods retailed at wholesale prices at Isidor Stern's.

Buckwheat Flour at n831f J. GRAAF & Co's.

Turnips, at Bell, Craig & Co.

Theodore Rutenbeck has received a fine stock of gold and silver filigree jewelry and also a nice lot of silver plated ware for the holidays.

If you want a good Pocket Knife, a pair of scissors that keeps sharp, an elegant set of table cutlery, or a first-class razor, go to C. E. WESCHE'S.

Holiday Goods.

Autograph Albums, Photograph Albums, Picture Books, Novels, Games, Writing Desks, Dolls, Tea sets and other toys. C. E. WESCHE.

When the gentle summer zephyrs turn during the winter into cold blasts and humanity suffers, then is the time to go and buy the latest winter goods and beautiful fannels at CHAS. ILFELD'S.

The Adams Express Co. informs us that a whole carload of toys and holiday goods arrived yesterday for Mr. Chas. Ifield. We advise Sister Mary to call early.

A gentleman just arrived from New York and Boston declares that even in those large cities he has not seen such a fine display of holiday goods as are to be found at CHAS. ILFELD'S.

Cranberries at Bell, Craig & Co's.