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PALESTINE, TEXAS, DECEMBER 12, 1905.

THOSE GAS FRANCHISES.

From the number of parties making application for gas franchises it would appear that Palestine is the most inviting field in the State. A few days ago a franchise was granted the Federal Gas company, after that concern had been working for about one year for it. This franchise was granted after a most thorough investigation by a special committee appointed by the mayor, which went to Texarkana, at the expense of the gas company, and made a thorough examination of the plant there, owned and controlled by this company. As soon as the franchise was granted the report was circulated that Mr. McGoldrick, the company's representative, had offered to sell to the electric light plant. This the gentleman vigorously denied to the HERALD men, to the councilmen, and again last night declared such a report was utterly untrue; that his company was an independent concern, and would build and operate a plant independently. Who started such a report and for what purpose? Now, since the granting of this franchise a Mr. Williams, claiming to come from Chicago, has filed an application for a franchise, offering as an inducement, much cheaper gas than the Federal Gas company promises. Still another concern butts into the field, the Texas Gas and Improvement company, represented by people coming from Houston. Incidentally it has been suggested by more than one citizen that Houston is the home of Col. Geo. W. Burkiit, and that the Colonel is the genius loci of the Palestine Electric plant, or in other words, that he owns the controlling stock, and that the electric light plant does not wish to see a gas plant installed in Palestine. Be that as it may; the HERALD does not make the charge. It only cautions the council to proceed with care, and before granting franchises to others weigh carefully the facts, and do not do a thing that may defeat the movement to give the city a gas plant. Alderman Ozment submitted a list of questions to be propounded these franchise seekers, at the council meeting last night. Some of them were quite pertinent, and should be answered to the entire satisfaction of the council before granting another gas franchise. While the resolution was under discussion two of the three aldermen composing the ordinance committee opposed this resolution, and when submitted to a vote the resolution was lost.

Competition is a good thing when it does not destroy. These matters demand the most careful and searching consideration.

The time of year is now rapidly approaching when we may expect to hear a great deal about good roads. The great need for them is never felt until these old red hills become all but impassible; then the need is very much emphasized.

In fixing the salaries of city officers for the ensuing year City Attorney Johnson's salary was raised from \$40 to \$50 a month. Even that is a very small salary for an attorney to fill such an important position. And Attorney Johnson is worth more money.

The Brenham Weekly Banner evidently believes in Tom Campbell. It says: "In the gubernatorial contest Tom Campbell stock appears to be gradually enlarging and expanding. Bold, fearless, plain and unassuming, he would make an exceptionally fine governor."

An exchange insists that nothing else in the world will take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men of talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated men who have been failures. Determination alone is omnipotent. "Press on" has solved and always will solve the problems of the human race.

The city council has again fixed the date for holding the election to determine whether or not Palestine shall issue bonds to the amount of \$20,000 for a new school building for the Fourth Ward, and for improving the other school buildings of the city. The date designated is January 18th, 1906. This is a most important matter, and Palestine citizens owe it as a duty to themselves and to the children of the city to see that this measure carries. It will have some opposition; that is conceded. But this opposition will not come from the friends and patrons of the schools.

THEATRICAL.

It is a high compliment in itself to say that Mr. Hanford did not disappoint the high expectations, but on the contrary, even surpassed them in his excellent and finished performance of the Shakespearean comedy. More than this it may be said in justice to Mr. Hanford that no other actor seen in Washington has so thoroughly realized the part of the adventurous and commanding Petruchio. His conception and interpretation of the role bore the impress of individuality. He interpreted the character with refreshing spirit and dash, and entered into full appreciation of its every mood. Much applause was aroused during the performance, and at the close, in response to insistent handclapping, Mr. Hanford appeared before the curtain and told the audience in an appropriate speech how highly he valued their hearty expression of approval.

Not only was Mr. Hanford's work of an excellent character, but that of every prominent member of the cast was thoroughly acceptable, and the entire performance proceeded with commendable spirit and vim. As the shrewish Katherine, Miss Drofnah shared the honors with Mr. Hanford, giving an intelligent delineation of the part and evidencing proper appreciation of its requirements both in the violent outbursts of temper and in her display of gentle, womanly qualities after the "taming" process had been completed.—Washington (D. C.) Evening Star.

Mr. Hanford is to present "The Taming of the Shrew" at the Temple opera house on Tuesday, Dec. 19.

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