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WANTS FAIR PLAY FOR FRANCHISES

Mr. G. E. Dilley Presents Some Clear Views on Franchise Propositions.

Palestine, Texas, Dec. 13. Editors Daily Herald, Palestine, Texas.

Dear Sirs—Your editorial, "Those Gas Franchises," of December 12th, is timely, and should have the thoughtful consideration of not only our city fathers, but every citizen of Palestine having its future progress, the comfort and well-being of her people at heart. Palestine wants and actually needs GAS of the kind that can be UTILIZED, both for fuel and as an illuminant. We have had for some time the OTHER kind, and it seems to increase the nearer we approach the realization of our necessities. Why? You assert that competition is a good thing when it does not DESTROY, and in this declaration every DISINTERESTED, thinking and intelligent citizen agrees with you.

There is room in growing Palestine for an electric light and power plant, and also for an independent gas plant. One will stimulate the other to better service and insure reasonable and fair prices, which both are entitled to and should have, in order to live and give the best obtainable results.

About two years ago a company, represented by one Mr. Williams of Chicago visited this city, with the intention of securing a franchise for supplying Palestine with gas. Two visits were made by Mr. Williams with this object in view, but the idea was abandoned for the apparent reason that capital could not then be sufficiently interested. However, from that date—two years ago—to this the individuals comprising the membership of the Chicago company have had ample knowledge of the needs of our city. The writer has personal knowledge of the Chicago company, for he took a deep interest in the investigation at the time and aided, somewhat, their efforts. Why have they not since applied?

During the present year the Federal Gas company, through their representative, Mr. McGoldrick, have been persistent applicants for a gas franchise, through our city council, and knowing the great advantages that would accrue to our people, not alone in dollars and cents, but what is more to the point, in health, comfort and happiness, the writer has given considerable time seconding their efforts to secure the privileges asked for of our board of aldermen.

Now the fuel and illuminant, furnished by the Federal company, has been thoroughly tried and tested. Our committee to Texarkana—an honest, intelligent and capable one—have made their report; private investigations from a thoroughly reliable and responsible source, proves conclusively to the writer's mind, and aside from the splendid report of Messrs Ozment and Grant, that the Federal Gas is the superior of any other that has stood the test of time, and every consumer is not only satisfied but takes pleasure in testifying to the cheapness and excellence of the gas, both for fuel and as an illuminant.

A franchise has been granted the Federal Company—two other applications are now before our city council. If they are granted, the question is not will we get the BEST gas, but will we get any gas at all?

We have given Mr. McGoldrick a franchise—now give him a CHANCE, and not the knife.

"Competition is a good thing when it does not destroy." Two gas companies cannot live in this town. If there is a man in Palestine who will put a few thousands, nay, hundreds

into a gas plant here, with the knowledge that there may or will be two, let him speak out. If there are those outside of Palestine who would do so, why were they so late in applying when they might have had a clear field and no competition?

The writer is not, financially, interested in any gas franchise. He does not want, nor does he expect to own stocks or bonds in any gas company, but for the sake of his family and his fellow citizens, he does want to see a fuel and illuminant gas plant in Palestine, and that soon, and, as he has said before our Board of Trade on several occasions, if it is to be had in no other way, he stands ready to donate outright, two hundred and fifty dollars to secure what we want, what we need and what we should have had long ago, and by the "low line" of the Herald, and the help of our worthy city council what we are going to have
G. E. DILLEY.

Some Letters.

The Herald was today shown a mass of letters written the electric light people by Mr. McGoldrick of the Federal Gas company, and which are on file at the electric light office, and can be seen by any one interested. These letters do not coincide with statements made to the Herald by the gentleman relative to a proposition to sell out the gas franchise. In view of the attitude taken by this paper we feel that this much should be said, and we wish to further state that it is the opinion of the Herald that the electric light people are not in collusion with any of the gas companies. This statement is made after going over the matter thoroughly, and after reading this correspondence. Those interested should read these letters.

Will Argue Case.

Mayor J. H. Bonner of Tyler, Attorney R. T. Dorrough and F. M. Bell of that city, passed through Palestine at noon on their way to Austin, where the Cotton Belt general office case will be argued before the court of appeals tomorrow. This case has been before the court since last June, and resulted from an attempt of the Cotton Belt to remove its general offices from Tyler to Texarkana.

New Officers.

At its recent election the following officers were elected for the ensuing year for B. of R. T. No. 368:
Johnny Bryan, Master.
W. H. Rothbrock, Financier.
R. H. Johnson, Vice-Master.
L. P. Maynard, Secretary and Journal Agent.

Letters to Santa Claus.

A number of the little folks have asked the Herald if it intended to print "letters to Santa Claus" this Christmas, that the dear old Saint may read them. Yes, indeed; send the letters along, and the Herald will see to it that Old Santa reads them.

Operated On.

Mr. Bob Terrell and wife are in the city from Brushy Creek, bringing a four year old son to be operated on. The little fellow stood the operation yesterday, and it is pronounced a success.

Now State Agent.

L. P. Maynard has been made State agent of the Webb C. Ball Watch Co., makers of the Ball official railroad watch. He went to Jacksonville this morning for his company.

Weather Bulletin.

For Palestine and vicinity: Tonight fair and colder; Thursday fair. Temperature readings: Maximum 38, minimum 54.

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2.50 Skirts, Reduced to only.....	1.98
3.00 Skirts, Reduced to only.....	2.25
3.50 Skirts, Reduced to only.....	2.98
4.50 Skirts, Reduced to only.....	3.79
5.00 Skirts, Reduced to only.....	4.19
6.50 Skirts, Reduced to only.....	5.00
7.50 Skirts, Reduced to only.....	5.90
10.00 Skirts, Reduced to only.....	7.98

Ladies' Cloaks.

\$ 2.45 Ladies' Cloaks, Reduced to.....	\$ 1.98
3.50 Ladies' Cloaks, Reduced to.....	2.90
4.35 Ladies' Cloaks, Reduced to.....	3.40
5.90 Ladies' Cloaks, Reduced to.....	4.40
6.50 Ladies' Cloaks, Reduced to.....	5.00
9.00 Ladies' Cloaks, Reduced to.....	6.98
10.00 Ladies' Cloaks, Reduced to.....	7.98
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