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READ THE CHATHAM PLANET THE PAPER WITH ALL THE NEWS

CENTRAL OIL AND GAS CO.

Mr. Coste Says It Is In No Way Connected With Standard Oil Co.

ARE AFTER FRANCHISE

Mr. Eugene Coste, of the Central Oil and Gas Co., told a Planet reporter in conversation on the street last night, that if his company are fortunate enough to have their tender for supplying the city with natural gas accepted by the City Council, that they would have the gas brought up to the city and use before the snow flies this winter.

"We are not at all associated with the Standard Oil people," said Mr. Coste. "The Central Oil and Gas Co. is backed up by purely Canadian capital. In proof of this, I will name you our shareholders if you wish to publish them. They are the following gentlemen of Toronto, who are all well known in the financial world: Wm. McKenzie, D. D. Mann, D. B. Hanna, Z. A. Lash, K. C. By, E. Walker, Frederick Nicholas, E. R. Wood, myself and brother. All of these gentlemen are well-known. Some of them are bank managers, others are interested in railways, and all are men whose financial standing goes unquestioned. We have seven and one-half millions of feet of gas already, with a rock pressure of 615 pounds. We can supply this seven and one-half millions of feet of gas per diem, and we expect to have more. We will make it a point to supply this gas to the citizens of Chatham at the very lowest possible cost, and we hope that the Council will act at once in the matter, because if Chatham does not accept our offer soon we will have to make application elsewhere.

"Our plant in this city will cost not less than \$300,000, and the metres alone will cost in the neighborhood of \$23,000, not to speak of the expenditure which will have to be made in the field."

Mr. Coste has been in the oil and gas business for seventeen years and he is an old and experienced man in the business.

LIGHTS PUT IN

Manager Briscoe Has Installed Emergency Lamps in Opera House

"I hear that Ald. Potter has been complaining about the lighting in the Opera House," said Manager Briscoe yesterday. "I might say that I had installed emergency lanterns some time ago, but they were not in working order on the night in question. As far as the safety of the Briscoe Opera House is concerned, I am of the firm belief that if my Opera House were placed in the city of Chicago it would be found to comply with all the strict fire regulations of that city. I have had exits put in and lights placed over every one of them, and I have a staircase and hose ready so that the firemen could extinguish a fire on a moment's notice should one occur. Living up to all these regulations has been quite a bill of expense, and when the Alderman talks about having my house closed, I don't think he is aware of how well the regulations are being lived up to. The Briscoe Opera House has been made ready for any emergency in case of fire, and I think we ought to get credit for the amount of trouble we have gone to make it so."

Fire Chief Pritchard said this morning that regulations at the Opera House had been well complied with. The only fault which could be found was that with regard to the emergency lights not being lit on the evening when the Red Feather played here. This, the Chief said, would be strictly lived up to from now on.

Two new emergency lights, presumably for use in the corridors, were purchased by Manager Briscoe this morning, and they will be put in use at the Opera House this evening. These are for use should the electric lights go out.

PASSED AWAY

Miss Jane G. V. Noel, a much respected resident, passed away this morning after a short illness. The deceased for some time past had been living in apartments in the Victoria Block.

The funeral, which is to be private, takes place to-morrow to Maple Leaf Cemetery.

A WOMAN'S PAGE

On page three of to-day's issue will be found—outside of important telegraph news—a column of household hints which should interest every woman in Chatham. It is the intention to make this column a daily feature of The Planet. The latest seasonal recipes will be given, and other valuable pointers on the management of the home will be found in this department from day to day. At present the fruit season is full swing, and the subject for to-day's column will be noticed, "Pears and How to Cook Them."

GAS FRANCHISE WILL BE GRANTED MONDAY NIGHT

This is the decision of the City Council—Ald. Potter Objects to the Haste and Would Like to Know More Concerning the Different Propositions.

The gas franchise question is to be settled at the regular meeting of the City Council next Monday night. Such was the decision arrived at by the aldermen at a seven-minute special meeting, held to consider the question last night. Ald. Potter was the only member who seemed desirous of having any discussion on the matter. The others merely stated their votes on the matter, and the Mayor seemed to be of the opinion that the matter in hand should be dealt with as quickly as possible.

Those present at the meeting were—Mayor W. S. Marshall, and Ald. Austin, Scullard, Stone, Benson, Edmondson, Radley, Potter and Thompson. The Mayor opened the meeting by explaining the meeting before the Board. He said that at a meeting of the Gas committee, held during the afternoon, it was decided that the Council should not possibly deal with the question at once, on account of the fact that some of the tenders were in before others, and in this way some of the companies had the advantage of knowing what the others were tendering at before they put in their figures. Ald. Scullard then read the resolution which was drawn up by the committee at their meeting in the afternoon. It was to the effect that five tenders applying for the privilege of piping the city with natural gas had been received, but as none of the tenders had been in compliance with the specifications, it had been moved by Ald. Benson, seconded by Ald. Edmondson, that these tenders be opened to be finally dealt with at next Monday's regular session of the City Council.

Ald. Scullard, as chairman of the committee, moved that the resolution be adopted by the Council, and the motion carried on the following vote: Yeas—Austin, Scullard, Stone, Benson, Edmondson and Radley. Nays—Potter.

Ald. Potter seemed to think that next Monday was too soon to finally deal with so important a matter,

which the Council knew so little about. I, for one, he said, want a little more information on the subject in hand before I cast my vote for or against. I am not a member of the Gas committee, and perhaps that is the reason why I am not fully informed on the question, but at the same time I do not care to pass final judgment on so all-important a question till I know whether we are making a bargain possible under the circumstances. The consideration of the franchises has been in good hands, but I see by the resolution that the tenders must be in and finally dealt with next Monday evening. What is the reason of all this haste? Why are we not giving a week's time for the various companies to get their tenders ready, and I don't think it would be at all advisable under the existing circumstances. We will not be in a position to vote intelligently on the matter by that time, as we have not a knowledge of the field from which the gas is to be brought or how much should be charged by the companies for supplying gas to the citizens. Would it be fair for us to take such hasty action? We should make the best bargain we can for the city, and if there are other companies who would be likely to tender, I think that they should be given a chance. If we accept any one tender next Monday night, it means that the matter is settled for all time, as we have not a week's time to come, because every alderman at the Board will agree with me that there will only be one tender accepted.

AN IMPORTANT CHANGE

An important change has been made in the specifications for gas franchises. This is to the effect that each company tendering must state what special rate they will give the city for supplying gas to Harrison Hall, the three city schools, the College Institute, the Free Library, the market building, the fire hall, the market hall and the police court. The companies are now also asked to put up \$10,000 bonds. This \$10,000 registration will have the effect of freezing out the smaller companies.

WOODS IS STILL GAME

Says He Will Spar With Parties Named For Any Amount Of Money

ANSWERS KID MITCHELL

In answer to the "Kid" Mitchell interview, published in The Planet, relative to the prize fight that did not come off, Mr. Woods, one of the prospective contestants, contributes the following letter:

To the Editor of The Planet:

Dear Sir,—In reply to the gentleman giving his name as "Kid" Mitchell, of Detroit, in your paper of yesterday, I wish to say that the "Kid," as he calls himself, had nothing whatever to do with the match, which was made by Wm. Bates, the East End Cigar man. He put up of the \$140, the balance was put up by Bates' friends; while I put up my own. I offered to pay Mr. Bates' and his man's expenses to a point in Michigan; but they said they had interviewed the police and were told not to, and they must have back their money.

Mr. Vanfalkenberg \$10 if he would put the gloves on with me, but he still showed the white feather.

In conclusion, I will say that I will spar Mr. Bates' man for anywhere from \$100 to \$1,000, and bet him on the side another \$1,000, at any outside point he will say. Furthermore, I will bet I can beat his man in any other sport he can name. Thanking you for your space, Mr. Editor.

Yours truly,

C. WOODS.

WAS DELIGHTED

My son, said the strict mother, at the end of a moral lecture, "I want you to be exceedingly careful about your conduct. Never, under any circumstances, do anything which you would be ashamed to have the whole world see you doing." The small boy turned a handsome spring with a whoop of delight. "What in the world is the matter with you? Are you crazy? I demanded the mother.

No'm, was the answer. I'm jee so glad that you don't 'apee me to take no baths never any more! — St. Louis Republic.

TO ADVERTISERS—All changes of advertisements, to insure insertion must be handed in to this office the day before intended for publication.

HOW TO RUN A PAPER

Ald. Austin Joins the Ranks of the Multitude of "Free Advice" Artists

MUST SAY NICE THINGS

Ald. Charles Austin read something in last night's Planet which did not please him, and he took the trouble to tell a reporter so at the conclusion of the Council meeting last night. In passing it might be remarked that Ald. Austin is a gentleman who reads the papers closely and keeps himself in touch with all that is going on in his city, and all that is of interest to it outside.

Ald. Austin did not like the article about the gas franchise business which he said insinuated that some of the Council must be grafters. He thought that such things should not be published, as he claims that they hurt the city. He thinks that the papers should only tell the people about the beautiful things going on around and about us, and that the muck-rake should be hung up and forgotten. He said that anyone reading the article in last night's Planet would come to the conclusion that some members of the Council were getting "something out of it" by hustling the gas franchises through. "Tell the people about the bright things you see," he advised the reporter. "Don't be always raking up scandal. It gets around to outside places and it only injures the city in the long run."

Mayor Marshall, who was sitting nearby at the time, apparently doesn't read The Planet as carefully as Ald. Austin. He gave out the impression that he had not read the article in The Planet at all, but nevertheless he seemed quite interested when the topic was brought up. He wanted to know from Ald. Austin what The Planet had said about any of the Council.

"Why," said Ald. Austin, "they tried to make out that we were going to rush these gas franchises through for some purpose. The article insinuated that one member of the Council is rushing the matter through, and that the Standard Oil people who are backing up one of the concerns had agreed to furnish this member with gas for his premises free of charge. There is only one member of the Council that the article could hint at," and Ald. Austin looked at Mayor Marshall.

"I am the one who wanted the matter dealt with as quickly as possible," remarked Mayor Marshall, and he said something about not caring what the papers said, anyway.

From Ald. Austin's remarks, it is apparent that he wished the papers to publish only that and of news that would please everybody, and wouldn't seem nasty to anyone. Papers according to the Austin theory should only contain nice things about everybody.

As a matter of fact The Planet did not try to make out anything. They published the fact of the rumor going around the streets. The members of the Council should know what is common gossip.

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KILLEE IN TRAIN COLLISION

Minneapolis, Sept. 25.—Six persons are dead and a score or more injured in a rear-end collision on the Minneapolis and St. Louis Railroad about noon yesterday at New Prague, Minn. The southbound passenger train leaving Minneapolis at 9.35 a. m. crashed into a freight train, which was on a siding, splintering the first three cars on the former and derailing the entire train. Both engine crews were killed.

The busy press agent seems always to have a pressing engagement.

In a game of cards you can't always turn your luck with a spade.