WHAT ABOUT NATURAL GAS?

A Well-Known Business Man Wants Light On That Question.

EXPORTED SALE OF BOXIE PIPE.

Franchises for Outside Companies, But Not the Slightest Encouragement for Home Enterprises and Capital.

"What about natural gas?" asked a well-known business man of a News reporter today. "This question," he said, "has been asked many times during the past few months. Nobody seems able or willing to answer. Rumors of new strikes are frequent and there is a general understanding that sufficient gas has been found to prove the fact. It seems much to Salt Lake City if the rumors are true. Cities developing up rapidly in the vicinity of other fields and manufacturing enterprises have multiplied in Indiana as a result of natural gas developments.

"The reorganized American Natural Gas company seems not remarkably active in new franchises about six months ago. They did what many people thought was a very favorable franchise. Colorado capital had been wanted to pick the development, and the council and people were promised that no company would be prepared to develop the gas district by the drilling of new wells, and that even if it was proved that a good supply of gas existed in the Salt Lake valley it would be piped into the city.

"Months have passed and no pipe has been down. Major Dixie, a rival for the control of the American company's stock came on and started another well and also stripped a bit of pipe and strung it along the line towards Western Park. He was disappointed at his failure to get a good well, and has abandoned the field. Rumor has it that he has been successful in selling his pipe to the Colorado men who are still drilling wells but who seem to be having hard row to hoe in the matter of piping the gas into the city.

"It is said by some that there is a deal on somewhere—possibly in connection with one of the applications for gas franchises now before the Council.

At the time the last franchise was granted the American company was otherwise asking similar privileges, principally some Indiana people who had put in considerable time prospecting the gas fields.

"Local parties who had expended a good many hard Salt Lake dollars trying to find gas, also asked a franchise, but the American company was alone recognized by the City Council on the theory that as new men had become interested and were putting their money into the work which some people were afraid to carry out it would be only fair to give them a fair show before granting additional franchises.

"Some sensitiness now feel that it is about time for the American company to show what has been done and what it intends to do as the continued postponement is not resulting to the advantage of the city. It is safe to say that if any other company should now ask for a franchise for natural gas there would be a lively scrambling at the American company's franchise given it the right to conduct natural gas to the city for fuel? only. If it is true that the American company is behind others at the applicants who are now asking for gas franchises for lighting purposes, then of course the delay can be explained.

"Natural gas in Salt Lake City will solve the fuel problem and will make it dull. Lake a great manufacturing city. Interest in this great factor seems to have been dropped in a certain extent, but it is safe to say that one of these fine days something will wake up to the fact that the discovery of natural gas is one of the greatest blessings that has ever come to the city and the additional fact will be found that our own people have been sitting around holding their hands while outsiders have come in and made the money from the gas developments.

"The people are anxious now to secure the advantages which the introduction of natural gas will bring to the city—and this is a good time to have the whole matter looked into by the strong men as well as the schemers of the city. If the gas is here let us have it brought in and if the people who have been given a franchise are sleeping on their advantages the City Council might to stir them up in some effective way.

"If they have good reasons for the delay no complaint should be offered of course, but now is the time for the people to know the facts. The copper interest having been aspect other industries will surely come and if gas can be brought into them without further delay it will assist immensely to advancing the city's interests during the next few months.

PROVO LETTER.

As to Judge Blackburn's Resignation.—Silk History.—City Council.

Special Correspondence of the News.

PROVO, March 14.—The attorneys of the city are somewhat stirred over a report which appeared in yesterday morning's *Tribune* to the effect that the bar of the First district was after Judge Blackburn's scalp, and that S. R. Thurman and E. A. Wedgwood had been suggested as candidates for the position. The News correspondent is informed by Mr. Thurman that at a private meeting of the members of the bar, it was stated that Mr. Blackburn had sent in or intended to send in his resignation, and on this statement the suggested candidates had been named. As to accepting the position of judge of the First district in such an event, Mr. Thurman declined making such a statement. He referred to the great responsibilities of the office, and thought it would be presumptuous on his part to accept it, but finally he partially admitted that if the bar, both Democratic and Republican members, were unanimous in urging his appointment, he might accept the office if it were offered him.

Deputy Marshals Clark, Sutherland and Rutledge went to Kanab at 4 o'clock on Monday morning. They returned last night and reported all quiet. Deputy Marshal Colvin left for Salt Lake City come down last night and held a consultation with U. S. Commissioner Dudley, as a result of which it is possible that a complaint, charging fraud, will be sworn out today against some of the union miners at Eureka. Truman Nelson, who is the city drilling miners for the Bullion-Beck co.

Mrs. Jacob B. Lee was in Salt Lake City yesterday undergoing an operation under the care of Dr. Pratchen for the removal of an ovarian tumor. The result has not yet been learned.

The sale of material of the iron foundry by Deputy Sheriff at the instance of the Utah Foundry & Engine Co. of Salt Lake, and R. S. Hyde of this city, was completed today.

H. B. Thurman, W. H. King, Mr. Wilkinson and a number of other Provo attorneys go to Salt Lake today to attend the session of the Supreme court.

The anniversary of the organization of the relief society is to be celebrated in the usual way on Friday afternoon and evening next.

A committee of the silk industry in Utah has been preparing for the silk exhibit to be placed on views with with beautiful hand painted borders, and so to be sent to the World's Fair.

At last night's session of the city council, the following business was transacted: William Grover tendered his resignation as a member of the council, assigning as a reason that he expected to move to Heber. His resignation was accepted.

A bill providing for the establishment of a paving district, the side streets of which will be graded with brick pavement for the present, passed the first reading.

A petition was received from residents of the western part of the city against the application of James Gray to use pipelines of irrigation water, and it was asked that Walter Scott be appointed to the position. The matter was referred to a committee.

The rival aqueduct and waterworks companies have agreed to pay Mr. Hardy who is to be a member of the fire department, and must sleep in the Provo's hall.

S. J. Nelson and others asked that the following ordinance be repealed: Grade First street, east of A street, said street being in a very bad condition. Repealed.

Henry Jones, superintendent of waterworks, was appointed and confirmed as collector of water rates.

It was reported that an agreement between Provo and five other cities of Utah county had been entered into to compile their ordinances making provision in relation thereto to be by ordinance of the Legislature. The expense of the pages, the other five cities are to pay two-thirds of the expenses, leaving the expense each of the pages, William Creer and E. A. Wedgwood are employed to prepare the compilation and are to receive payment for the Thurman and Sutherland will review the work and render legal assistance.

S. W. BEKERMAN KILLED—COTTONSOUTH VICTIMS—NOTES.

PUEBLO, March 15.—Another brakeman was lost his life by coupling his foot between the main and guard rails. Fred Seguiler, a Hot Springs Western brakeman, is the victim this time. The accident occurred yesterday afternoon at Springville. Details are uninteresting, he remains being brought to a neighboring station.

At last night's session of the city council, the treasurer submitted a report showing the disbursements of the board of education during the months of January and February and Mr. De Moss, the businessman member of the board, announced that $2,000 per month, night and day, has been expended since the present board came into office.

The bishop of one of the ecclesiastical wards in the city reports that about $50 will attend the Temple endowment from his ward. As this is one of the smallest wards in the city, it is probable that the total abundance of the city will be but less than 1,000.

Trustee Tanner of the board of education states that a pupil of one of the lower grades of the district school has fifteen books and utensils for his studies, and he reckons that at the average expense of books required, in a few years the average pupil will need a jackass and a pack saddle to carry the books to and from school.

A license to marry has been issued to James B. Scully and Augusta Hydberg, both of American Fork.

On Thursday evening next, a musicale will be given at the B. Y. Academy by Miss Musser and her pupils at the B. Y. Academy.

Deputy Marshal Cardwell came over from Eureka yesterday morning and went back in the evening. He reports that the excitement is not greater than for several days past, but Mr. Carter's day is looked towards with apprehension. It is possible that the mayor may issue a proclamation for the closing of the saloons on that day.

SUGAR COMPANY AT MONTROSE.

What Utah Men are Quoted as Saying to Be Said to Be Building in Colorado.

The news has reached here that an enthusiastic meeting of the Uncompahgre Valley Beet Sugar association was held in the court house Monday afternoon at Montrose for the purpose of electing officers and discussing the prospect of securing the erection of a sugar factory at Montrose.

The object is to thoroughly test the soil of the valley as to the growing of beets, and thus demonstrate to capitalists that sugar beets can be successfully grown in the Uncompahgre valley. About 125 of the farmers have agreed to experiment with one acre each. The following officers were elected: President, W. H. Dyer; vice president, F. E. Colling; secretary, Aaron Walters; treasurer, Jesse Bell; executive committee, L. F. Williams, J. W. Dunham, Geo. Finch, C. C. Crosby and Ali Cochran.

The office is given out that the farmers of Montrose county should not hesitate about putting in as many acres of sugar beets as they can well care for and cultivate. Taking it for granted that they will not get rich in the crop that the rest of population, this year, we feel confident that if the experiment succeeds beyond any doubt that the beet can be grown here to sufficient quantity, there will be a sugar factory erected in this valley the year following, and that means prosperity to us all. The merchants of Montrose are busy and willing to assist in the line outlined by the raising of the crop this year, so the farmer can readily see that there is no intention on the part of the town people to take advantage of them in any way, shape or form. Think it up! The government from Utah, thoroughly posted on the conversion of sugar beets, say that we have enough of some of the best soil for beets that we have in the most productive climate, a convenient one of water, and a great many other advantages not possessed by the farmers who have been for the Lord, Utah, industry.

They also say that each in the section of the U. P. beet district in value during the past ten years and that some farmers have raised $200 per acre for and water rates were added, now have purchased for $40. In fact, and encouraged sufficient to be able to see for themselves that there is more money to be made out of anything else in this country, and we ask them to ponder over the matter seriously, say to assist in bringing the enterprise to a successful issue. We appeal the movement in direction can somebody, and go to work with a will to make it good and, upon a sound of our beets the coming summer will be their power too. We are confident that they will never regret it.

Dismissed.

The following appeals were dismissed yesterday:

Sally I. Moyer et al. vs. William Grossman et al. (two cases.)

Gilham Manufacturing company vs. William Grossman et al. (two cases.)

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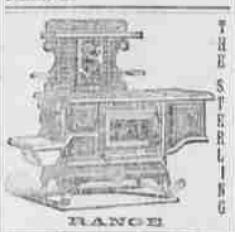

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