1644 · 15. Sunday Service at 11:00 m. m. Sunday School at 10:00 a. m. Subject: "Reality." Wednesday evening Testimonial Rev. J. Alfred Nansen, Pastor. Meeting, 8:00 p. m.

Library Hall

Friday from 3 to 5 p. m.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. Thomas J. Owens, Minister.

Sunday, March 21. 9:45 a. m. Church School. 11:00 a. m. Morning Worship, the Rev. Herbert H. Rood will speak in the interests of the Anti-Saloon Lea-

6:30 p. m. Intermediate C. E. 7:30 p. m. Evening Worship. An outside speaker is expected, announcement Sunday morning. Wednesday, March 24th.

6:80 p. m. Supper for all the men 8:00 p. m Quarterly business meet-

ST. PAULS EXANGELICAL GROVE STREET CHURCH

The Rev. Wm. Grotefeld, Pastor

9:15 a. m. Sunday School. 10:30 a. m. Morning Worship. 7:30 p. m. Evening Worship. Recitation of Confirmands.

UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH OF EAST GROVE

Sunday School, 10 a. m. Preaching dervice, 7:45 p. m. All are welcome.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Rev. Eneas B. Goodwin, Pastor.

Sunday-8 a. m., Mass, reading of the Gospel and Epistle of the day, sermon; 10 a. m., High Mass, reading of the Gospel and Epistle of the day, sermon; 3:30 p. m., vespers, benediction, sermon; baptisms, 2:30 p. m. Week days-Holy Communion, 7 a.

m.; Mass, 8 a. m. Men's Sodality meets on the fifth Sunday of the month; Married Women on the first Sunday; Young Ladies on the Second Sunday; Boys and Girls on the third Sunday.

Holy hour adoration every Friday from 3 to 4 p. m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

9:46 a. m. Sunday School. . 11th a Mr. Monthly Worship. "

6:30 p. m. Senior B. Y. P. U. 7:30 p. m. Evening Service. At both services Rev. Gotcher of 8:00 p. m. Wednesday-Prayer

FIRST EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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friend. Be on time. 11:00 a. m. Morning Worship, Special music. Sermon by the pastor. Subject: "Christ in Us." 2:30 p. m. The Childrens Hour.

6:45 p. m. Senior Y. P. A. of Christian Endeavor. Subject: Every Day Courtesies." Leader: June Beidelman.

and Praise. Sermon by the pastor. Subject: "A New World War."

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The Rev. Hugh M. MacWhorter Priest-in-Charge

March 21st, 1920. Passion Sunday Fifth Sunday in Lent. 7:30 a. m. Holy Communion.

Church School. 9:45 a. m. 11:00 a. m. Morning Prayer and Sermon.

5:00 p. m. Evening Prayer and Sermon by the Rev. Charles L. Street. March 24th, 1920. Wednesday.

4:00 p. m. Litany and Instruction. 8:00 p. m. Litany and Sermon by the Rev. M. J. Van Zandt of S. Peters church, Chicago. March 25th. 19120. Thursday.

10:3\$ a. m. Holy Communion and

2:00 p. m. Woman's Guild.

4ETHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. B. H. Fleming, Pastor

Sunday, March 21st. 1920. 9:45 a. m. Sunday School. 11:00 a. m. Public Worship. Subject: "The Revolution of Christianity."

4:00 p. m. Intermediate Epworth League.

6:30 p. m. Epworth League. 7:30 p. m. Public Worship. Evangelistic Service.

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7:30 p. m. Evening Service. Song house into an uproar with their com- Vocal Solo-Armourer Song

Thursday, 8:00 p. m. A thirty ed difficult selections with perfect two in Jewish dialog. minute prayer service followed by technique and pleasing effect. Both It is to be hoped that North-Wesmember our slogan for this Lenten. The work of the bass soloist deser- concert again next year.

Evangelistic period-"Every member ves special praise. He has an ex- The men were trained in Northwes-

a recital alone. The program follows:

Part I.

night in Dicke Theatre. Every num- Oh Hail Us Ye Free Glee Club the audience and enchores were multi- Milton G. Niergarth plied to the delight of all. The club Come O'er the SeaGlee Club showed in their splendid stage de- Quartet-From the Land of the Sky

> Joop. Baurenfeind, Haummerson, Vogel.

Part II. Quartet-America Triumphant

a heavy-weight title. Some baby-boy! In addition a comical act was in-The cornet and violin soloists play- serted before the beginning of part

tern Glee Club can be secured for a

mer chautauqua performers with a tig. The concert was arranged for The club will fill a three months' sumlarge chautauqua system. He is an here by the Rev. J. Alfred Nansen, mer engagement in eastern cities finartist and one would pay the price of pastor of First Evangelical church ishing their summer tour by six admission many places to hear him in under the auspices of the Y. P. A. weeks work in Canada.

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· To Consumers of Gas:

Realizing, as I do, the suspicion with which raises in rates by public utilities generally are viewed by many people, in justice to the Western United Gas and Electric Company and to its relations with the public, I, as president of the company, address this communication to the consumers of gas:

96s net per thousand cubic feet from | per cent. the ordinary consumer since 1913. So far as I am informed, it is the only raised its rates. While there was amof the Company felt that it would enhope that times would change and increases in rates would not be necessary. But conditions have become such that it has become necessary to make application to the Public Utilities Commission for increases.

Never before in the history of this Company have rates been raised; on the contrary, even without public utility regulation, it was always the pol ley of this Company to reduce rates whenever circumstances warranted reduction. Beginning with the 1898 the rates in Aurora \$1.20 net per thousand; in the rates were reduced to \$1.15 in 1904 when the Joliet, Elgin, La Grange and Aurora companies consolidated the rates were reduced to \$1.10 in 1905 to \$1.00; in 1911 to 95c and in 1913 to 90c, which last named rate has been maintained thruout the time of rising prices.

Reductions were made possible thru the growth of the Company and taking advancement in manufacture and distribution. For the past 15 years have been enabled to furnish gas to the public at rates so low that not over two or three companies in the State, Chicago included, could undersell us, and they were enabled to do this only because of denser populations which served to reduce investment and distribution expense

The Company now finds itself in the position where it must have more money. The raise in rate which it asks is 33 1-3 per cent. At the present time gas and electricity furnished by the Western United Gas and Electric Company is the only commodity in daily use which has not increased in price over the prices of four or five years ago. The house-holder pays more for meat, groceries, clothing, water, street car service, telephone service, and excepting only gas and electricty, for everything else that he

COST OF COAL AND SUPPLIES.

see less per thousand cubic feet than gas. it was sold in the year 1898. I also call attention to the fact that gas soal which sold in 1898 for \$2.95 a ton now costs us \$6.15 a ton, an increase \$5.40, now require an expenditure of \$60.00. \$10.50, an increase of 95 per cent. Purthe same time. The cost of pumping a practically impossible situation. gae has increased in the same time from 2 cents per thousand cubic feet | In all probability, due to the econ- has been the constant desire of the to 8 cents, an increase of 800 per cent. omic situation in the country today. Company to keep the service at 100 As opposed to this, the decrease in the Western United Gas and Electric per cord of efficiency. There have

AIM TO DEAL FAIRLY. The company in its relations to the gas company or public utility in the public in the past, feels that it has State of Illinois that has not to date been fairly treated and it in turn has attempted to deal fairly with the pubple justification for raising rates as lic. and I submit that no public utilimuch as two year ago, the directors ty corporation anywhere has had more cordial relations with the public deavor to stand the pressure in the which it serves than has this Company. There are those, however, who do not understand, and those who would seek to make political capital out of the mistertunes of public utilities, those who might feel that the rafse in rates this Company asks for should not be granted, or who will oppose it on general principles or for selfish motives.

It to my dealer to lay our case be fore the public.

In the year 1920 the Western United Gas and Electric Company will require at least 2,000,000,000 cubic feet of gas to supply its customers. It now buys its gas from the Coal Products Manufacturing Company, which has coke ovens capable of producing ,600,000,000 cubic feet and the Gas ompany must manufacture 400,000. 909 cubic feet. The gas purchased from the Coal Products Manufacturing Company is socalled "coke oven gas." The Coal Products Manufacturing Company will require 320,000 tons of coal in 1920, at \$615 a ton, the present price, to make gas it should furnish the Western United Gas and Electric Company, a total rost of \$1. 968,000.00. Operating expenses at the present cost of labor and the price of materials will cost at least \$700,000 00 more, making the total cost of manufacture \$2,668,000.00. The most that the Coal Products Manufacturing Company can hope to obtain from the sale of coke, tar and ammonia, based on present day prices and the hest information as to prices obtainable for the future is \$2,516,000.00; but judged by past experience the Coal Products Manufacturing Company can not sell all of its coke and there is every indication that it will be impossible for it to do so this year, and such of its coke as it can not sell must be stored. The making of 409-000,000 cubic feet of carburetted water gas which the Gas company will be compelled to provide will cost at least \$220,000.00. If the Coal Products Manufacturing Company can not sell I have called attention to the fact its coke, production must necessarily that from 1913 to the present date gas be cut down, which will require the

has been sold in this community for making of more carburetted water In the operation of the plant it impossible to cut down production so that less than 240,000 tons of coal are used per year, which at \$6.15 a ton of 168 per cent. Pocahontas coal, will cost \$1,476,000.00 The labor and which then cost us \$2.90 a ton now materials in using this amount of coal costs \$5.60 per ton, an imcrease of 93 will cost at least \$650,000.00 at presper cent. Boiler coal which then cost ent prices. With this amount of coal us \$1.75 a ton now costs \$3.88 per ten, there can be produced 1,260,000,000 an increase of 122 per cent. Gas oil cubic feet of gas and 165,000 tons of which then cost us 2.6e per gallon now coke, and if all the coke, tar and amcosts us 7 %c per gallon, an increase of monia could be sold the income there-189 per cent. Steel pipe which then from at the outside would be \$1.665, cost us \$40.00 per ton now costs us 000.00 as against the cost of produc-\$93.00 per tem, an increase of 122 per tion of \$2,126,000.03. The Western cent. Cast fron pipe for which we United Gas and Electric Company then paid \$22.50 per ton now costs us would be required to furnish on this \$69.00 per ton, an increase of 208 per basis 800,000,000 cubic feet of carcent. Meters for which we then paid buretted water gas at a cost of \$440,-From past experience I know it wil

ifying material, which then cost \$5.50 be impossible to sell 165.000 tons of per ton, now costs \$11.00 per ton, am coke in 1920, so it will be very eviimerense of 100 per cent, and plant dent that the Coal Products Manufacand street labor for which varying turing Company will have to finance wages are paid, has been increased indefinitely at least \$500,000.00 and from 168 per cent to 174 per cent in perhaps twice that amount, in coke,

The Western United Gas and Elec- rate which the Company has received Company will be in a position where | been times when it was impossible to duce the cost of this gas to anything less than 55c per housand cubic feet.

RUNS NOW AT A LOSS. Coal gas today is costing the same as carburetted water gas to manufacture. In the past, due to ability to self coke, tar and ammonia, and because of good market prices obtained therefor, the public has been the ben effetary with respect to the price it has paid for gas. Under the contract between the Coal Products Manufacturing Company and the Western United Gas and Electric Company gas company has paid to the Products Manufacturing Company per thousand for the gas which it

have prevailed. Cost of distribution, maintenance. repairs, wages, interest charges and the thousand and one other items which a company of this magnitude

purchased, and for that reason

enabled to sell at the low rates which

But In the year of 1919, due to this low price which the Western United Gas and Electric Company has paid. the Coal Products Manufacturing Company has showed a deficit in aperations of about \$150,000.00, and if it does not receive more for its gas in ership and a loss by the stockholders and bondholders of the moneys they have invested. I do not believe that any fair minded person would care to precipitate such a situation. We believe we can work out the situation by making the contract price which he Western United Gas and Electric Company shall pay for gas to the Coal Products Manufacturing Company 43c per thousand cubic feet an increase of 25c, and a contract has accordingly been made fixing on that price, said contract having heretofore been filed with the Public I'tillties Commission in accordance with the law. This price to be paid by the Western United Gas and Electric Company it will be noted, is actually about 12c per thousand cubic fee: ! eas than the cost of manufacture, and the difference must be made up out of sales of coke, tar and ammonta as

has been done in the past two years. This necessitates the proposed increase in rate. Gas in delivered by the Coal Products Manufacturing Company to the Western United Gas and Electric Company at its holder at Joliet. There is loss in distribution. due to condensation, leakage and various other causes, of approximately one-seventh of the volume of gas. Labor costs in 1926 with the two companies will be approximately 10 per cent higher than in 1919; due to increases in wages. State taxes alone of the Western United Gas and Electric Company in 1920 will be approximately \$40,000.00 higher than they were in 1919, and of the Coal Products Company, approximately \$6,600.00 higher. The gas which the Western United Gas and Blectric Company must manufacture, as above pointed out, will cost it 85c per thousand cubic feet, 12c more than the new contract rate at which it is to buy gas from the Coal Products Manufacturing Company. These costs must be met and they can be met from only one source,-from increased revenue. IS A PUBLIC SERVANT.

The Western United Gas and Electrie Company is but a public servant. The public desires good service and should have good service and it

tric Company has received for its gue has been an actual decrease of 25 it will have to make carburetted wat- do so, due to inability to get coal, and or gas in far greater volume and it when coal was obtainable the inabiliwill be a practical impossibility to re- ty to get the right kind of coal. Coal such as is used in our process of manufacture must come from West Virginta and car shortages and labor troubles have made their effects mantfeet in the conduct of our business

> A public utility corporation oper ates on an entirely different basis from any other manufacturing corporation In that thru public regulation and control the amount of money which it may make is limited by publi authority and I submit that altho the return on investment allowed by our Commission is approximately the same that could be earned by but ing securities offered in the market without the risks attendant in intest ment in an enterprise such as our at the same time to give efficient ser vice aufficient money must be earned to enable the Company to properly function. There is constant demand on the Western United Gas and Elecmust pay, have made up the difference | tric Company as there is on all miles going concerns for extensions and additions to a rvice, and these de mands should and must be met but to meet them requires additional cap ital expenditures. New moneys must be invested in the property but to make investment in such property attractive to the investor requires a This successful operation can not be

> > The Western United Gas and Eletric Company will not profit one penny by the increase which it finds necessary in its rates; its sole desire is to be able to maintain its standards of service and operation and to main. tian its net revenues of the past. If the Public Utilities Commission in its wisdom authorizes the establishment of the rate which we have proposed. and I submit it will do so aft. or it has made the thorn investigation of this company's affairs which it always makes in such cases. the Western United Gas and Electric Company and the Coal Products Manufacturing Company will conlinue to exist and serve the public in the same efficient manner as has been done in the past, better I hope, because of hoped-for improvements surrounding labor conditions and car service in the coal mining industry, but to deny the increase, in addition to the disaster that must follow to the companies the public must be the ultimate sufferer because of either impaired, interrupted or discontinued service.

And I want to say in conclusion that as and when times improve, the policy of the Western United Gas and Electric Company in the future will be identical with its policy in the past; as rapidly as rates can be reduced, they will be reduced, and it will be unnecessary for any consumer or any public official to initiate proceedings to bring about reduction in rate. The Company will always be the leader in this direction.

While I reasonably anticipate, judged by experiences of other utility corporations, that there may be some on position voiced before the littliffer Commission on the hearings on the application filed, and I do not question the sincerity of those who may be heard to oppose, I have every confidence that the facts produced at the hearings will support in every particular the statements by me herein-

Respectfully submitted. 1. C. COPLEY, President Western United Gas and Electric Company