

CHURCH NOTICES

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST
Library Hall
Sunday Service at 11:00 a. m.
Sunday School at 10:00 a. m.
Subject: "Reality"

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 League.

ST. PAULS EVANGELICAL GROVE STREET CHURCH
The Rev. Wm. Grotfeld, Pastor
9:15 a. m. Sunday School.
10:30 a. m. Morning Worship.
7:30 p. m. Evening Worship.

UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH OF EAST GROVE
Sunday School, 10 a. m.
Preaching service, 7:45 p. m.
All are welcome.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Rev. Eneas H. 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.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
9:45 a. m. Sunday School.
11:00 a. m. Morning Worship.
7:30 p. m. Evening Service.

3:00 p. m. Junior B. Y. P. U.
6:30 p. m. Senior B. Y. P. U.
7:30 p. m. Evening Service.
At both services Rev. Gotcher of Chicago will be the speaker.
8:00 p. m. Wednesday—Prayer Meeting.

FIRST EVANGELICAL CHURCH
Rev. J. Alfred Nansen, Pastor.
9:45 a. m. Bible School. Bring a 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.
7:30 p. m. Evening Service. Song and Praise.
"Sermon by the pastor.
Subject: "A New World War."
Mid-Week Service:
Thursday, 8:00 p. m. A thirty minute prayer service followed by Bible study led by the pastor. Remember our slogan for this Lenten Evangelistic period—"Every member of the church in the mid-week service and a family altar re-established in every Evangelical home." Go forward with Christ and the church. "Your whole life will be better if you plan the end from the beginning."

S. ANDREWS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
The Rev. Hugh M. MacWhorter
Priest-in-Charge
March 21st, 1920. Passion Sunday.
Fifth Sunday in Lent.
7:30 a. m. Holy Communion.
9:45 a. m. Church School.
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 Zanit of S. Peters church, Chicago.
March 25th, 1920. Thursday.
10:30 a. m. Holy Communion and Meditation.
2:00 p. m. Woman's Guild.

METHODIST 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.

NORTH-WESTERN GLEE CLUB CONCERT A SUCCESS

Perhaps no entertainment given in Downers Grove in recent years received more applause than the concert which was presented last Friday night in Dicke Theatre. Every number brought rousing response from the audience and encores were multiplied to the delight of all. The club showed in their splendid stage deportment and in the quality of their rendition of all chorus numbers the results of a long period of careful training under the leadership of Professor Attig. He was present and appeared with the boys on the platform in their closing number singing a baritone solo to the accompaniment of harmonic humming of parts by the boys.
The quartette numbers carried the house into an uproar with their comical encores featuring Winfred Haumerson, the blushing contender for a heavy-weight title. Some baby-boy! The cornet and violin soloists played difficult selections with perfect technique and pleasing effect. Both are artists in the field of music.
The work of the bass soloist deserves special praise. He has an exceptional voice. It is no wonder that

he is one of the most popular summer chautauqua performers with a large chautauqua system. He is an artist and one would pay the price of admission many places to hear him in a recital alone.
The program follows:
Part I.
Oh Hail Us Ye Free...Glee Club
Cornet Solo—Sing, Smile, Slumber...Milton G. Niergarth
Come O'er the Sea...Glee Club
Quartet—From the Land of the Sky...Blue Waters
The Moon Drops Low...Joop. Baurenfeind, Haumerson, Vogel.
Violin Solo—Kuiwiak...Clarence Dissinger
Heart of a Rose...Glee Club
Part II.
Excelsior...Glee Club
Quartet—America Triumphant...Glee Club
Lost Chord...Glee Club
Vocal Solo—Armourer Song...Victor Vogel
Group Songs...Glee Club
In addition a comical act was inserted before the beginning of part two in Jewish dialog.
It is to be hoped that North-Western Glee Club can be secured for a concert again next year.
The men were trained in Northwestern College at Naperville, Illinois,

under the direction of Professor Attig. The concert was arranged for here by the Rev. J. Alfred Nansen, pastor of First Evangelical church under the auspices of the Y. P. A.

of Christian Endeavor of his church. The club will fill a three month's summer engagement in eastern cities finishing their summer tour by six weeks work in Canada.

News for Shoe Buyers

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Why Raise Is Asked in Price of Gas

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:

The Western United Gas and Electric Company has received for its gas 90c net per thousand cubic feet from the ordinary consumer since 1913. So far as I am informed, it is the only gas company or public utility in the State of Illinois that has not to date raised its rates. While there was ample justification for raising rates as much as two year ago, the directors of the Company felt that it would endeavor to stand the pressure in the hope 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 policy of this Company to reduce rates whenever circumstances warranted reduction. Beginning with the year 1913 the rates in Aurora were \$1.20 net per thousand; in 1913 the rates were reduced to \$1.15; in 1914 when the Joliet, Elgin, LaGrange and Aurora companies consolidated the rates were reduced to \$1.10; in 1915 to \$1.00, in 1917 to 95c and in 1918 to 90c, which last named rate has been maintained throughout the time of rising prices.

Reductions were made possible thru the growth of the Company and taking advantage of every new and modern advancement in manufacture and distribution. For the past 15 years we 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 23 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 electricity, for everything else that he uses.

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Company will be in a position where it will have to make carburetted water gas in far greater volume and it will be a practical impossibility to reduce the cost of this gas to anything less than 55c per thousand cubic feet. RUNS NOW AT A LOSS.

Cost of distribution, maintenance, repairs, wages, interest charges and the thousand and one other items which a company of this magnitude must pay, have made up the difference in cost.

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 shown a deficit in operations of about \$150,000.00, and if it does not receive more for its gas in 1920 its deficit will approximate \$225,000.00. This condition continued could lead to but one conclusion, a receivership and a loss by the stockholders and bondholders of the money 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 the Western United Gas and Electric Company shall pay for gas to the Coal Products Manufacturing Company 45c 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 Utilities 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 feet less than the cost of manufacture, and the difference must be made up out of sales of coke, tar and ammonia as has been done in the past two years.

This necessitates the proposed increase in rate. Gas is 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 1920 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 \$60,000.00 higher than they were in 1919, and of the Coal Products Company, approximately \$6,000.00 higher. The gas which the Western United Gas and Electric Company must manufacture, as above pointed out, will cost it 55c 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 Electric Company is but a public servant. The public desires good service and should have good service and it has been the constant desire of the Company to keep the service at 100 per cent of efficiency. There have

been times when it was impossible to do so, due to inability to get coal, and when coal was obtainable the inability to get the right kind of coal. Coal such as is used in our process of manufacture must come from West Virginia and car shortages and labor troubles have made their effects manifest in the conduct of our business.

A public utility corporation operates on an entirely different basis from any other manufacturing corporation and in that thru public regulation and control the amount of money which it may make is limited by public authority and I submit that altho the return on investment allowed by our Commission is approximately the same that could be earned by buying securities offered in the market without the risks attendant in investment in an enterprise such as ours at the same time to give efficient service sufficient money must be earned to enable the Company to properly function. There is constant demand on the Western United Gas and Electric Company as there is on all other going concerns for extensions and additions to service, and these demands should and must be met but to meet them requires additional capital expenditures. New money must be invested in the property but to make investment in such property attractive to the investor requires a successful operation of the property. This successful operation can not be conducted if the company loses money.

The Western United Gas and Electric 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 maintain 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 after it has made the thorough 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 continue 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 rates. 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 opposition voiced before the Public Utilities 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 hereinabove made.

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



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