

GAS RATE INCREASE IN PORTLAND ASKED

Minimum Rise of 46 Per Cent Suggested in Petition.

CRUDE OIL TAKES JUMP

New Contracts Must Be Made on Basis of 400 Per Cent Increase Over Market Five Years Ago.

Based upon statistics which show that the cost of gas production hinges upon the cost of crude petroleum which has increased in value to the tune of 400 per cent during the last five years—the Portland Gas & Coke company yesterday filed a petition with the public service commission asking for authority to increase the gas rates to the consumers by at least 46 per cent.

The exact increase necessary will be made known as soon as new contracts can be drawn up with the California oil companies for the coming year, according to the petition. The present five-year contract expires December 31, 1920.

The petition states that the price paid for the crude petroleum under the existing contract is 74 cents a barrel, whereas the market price for the crude oil is \$2.75. Portland consumers have derived the benefit from the "farsighted policy" of the gas company in acquiring oil at 74 cents a barrel during the last five years, with the result that the consumers have been saved no less a sum than \$2,500,000 during that period, according to the petition.

Future Costs Are Increased. At the expiration of the existing contract, the California companies will not enter into contracts longer than one year and at a price between \$2.50 and \$2.75 a barrel, according to the latest figures submitted by the California company, supplemented by advice from officials of the gas company who are at present in California negotiating for next year's supply.

The advance in rates asked by the gas company is based upon the increased cost of oil used in manufacturing gas by the 1000 cubic feet, which, under the present schedule of rates, is 74 cents a barrel, is 17.25 cents, according to the petition. At \$2.75 a barrel the cost of gas per thousand feet for the same quantity is \$1.75. The petition states that Portland is the only city in the United States which has been continuously served up to the present time with artificial gas of pre-war standard of quality.

Portland Gas Is Cheapest. To show the difference between the present average rate per thousand cubic feet of gas for the ordinary consumption of 2000 cubic feet a month in each of the cities of Seattle, Tacoma and Spokane, the following figures are cited: Spokane, \$1.62 (proposed rate \$2.40); Tacoma, \$1.76 a thousand, Portland, by comparison, pays for the same quantity of gas at a rate of \$1.75 a thousand, and the gas supplied contains 10 per cent more heating value to the cubic foot than the gas supplied in the above Washington cities, according to the petition.

In view of the emergency which will confront the gas company immediately upon the expiration of its present oil contracts, the petition requests immediate action be taken prior to the fixing of the value of the gas company's utility property which is now being valued before the public service commission.

Credit Would Be Impaired. "Unless the relief here prayed for is immediately granted, credit made effective by Dec. 31, 1920," says the petition, "and a sufficient increase allowed in applicant's rates to take care of the increase in the cost of oil after such date, applicant's credit would be greatly impaired if not destroyed, additional capital funds for improvements immediately necessary would not be obtainable, its present efficient service would be seriously crippled and its property confiscated to the great and lasting injury to applicant and the 60,000 or more consumers dependent upon it for service."

NUTS CONVENTION TOPIC

ASSOCIATED GROWERS MEET HERE NOVEMBER 17.

Feature of Gathering Will Be Report on Damage Done to Crop by Freeze Last Winter.

Nut growers of the northwest states will be interested in the facts brought out at the coming convention of the Western Walnut association to be held at the Hotel Vancouver in Seattle, Nov. 17-18, 1920. The association has made a survey of Oregon, Washington and California, and it is expected that the first definite statement of results gathered will be made public at the annual meeting in Portland, November 17-18, Imperial hotel.

Another feature of interest will be the address of A. A. Quarnberg of Vancouver, Wash., who made an extensive trip through Europe to study the culture and marketing of nuts. Mr. Quarnberg has been active in nut culture for more than 40 years.

Delegates to the convention will be guests of the Chamber of Commerce at a banquet the first day of the meeting, and the Ad club will entertain the visitors at luncheon the second day. A dozen varieties of nuts will be served at each spread, the nuts being supplied by Oregon growers.

J. C. Cooper of McMinnville is president of the association. The programme will be in charge of H. E. Hennemann and A. E. Wright of Portland.

SOCIETY NEWS

ONE of the most brilliant of the week's gaieties will be the subscription dance Thursday night at the Benson hotel. Armistice day will be marked with several parties, but this subscription festivity will be the most elaborate and formal. Patronesses will be Mrs. Henry Williams Metzger, Mrs. Ruth Schweitzer, Mrs. William Heller Ehrman, Mrs. Herbert Frank, Mrs. Lloyd Frank, Mrs. Roy Marx, Mrs. Joseph Rothchild, Mrs. Sanford Lowengart, Mrs. Jesse Eitelson, Mrs. Julius L. Meier, Mrs. P. M. Seiler, Mrs. S. Otzenheimer, Mrs. Charles F. Berg, Mrs. Jonah B. Wise, Mrs. Wilton Wurzwiler and Mrs. Harold Wendt.

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Richardson and small daughter Ruth left Friday for a several months' stay in Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Chambers entertained Saturday in their new home on Portland Heights in honor of their daughter Evelyn. Among those present were Misses Helen Coplan, Phyllis Coplan, Harriet Hendricks, Beulah De Well, Margaret Hughes, Virginia Lincoln, Jean Maccau, Frances Miller, Josephine Miller and Effie Wagner; Messrs. Gordon Bennett, Oscar Bryan, Miller Chapman, Holt Dietz, Robert Gardner, William Hart, William Honeyman, Spencer Houghton, Raymond Rankin, Albert Rinicke, Allen Schmeer, William Swindell and Jack Wells. Miss Alicia Maria Kennedy, their guest from Chicago, assisted in serving.

Saturday afternoon Mrs. Ross E. Gearhart entertained at "500" in honor of Mrs. J. De Witt Wiele, a society sister of Mrs. Gearhart at Stanford university. Those present were Mrs. J. De Witt Wiele, Mrs. Hanson, Mrs. G. A. Henderson, Mrs. Neal Murray, Mrs. Wilbur Barnhart, Miss Tomene Fetz, Miss Olive Kincaid, Miss Alvina Harry, Mrs. Otto Goldman, Mrs. Katherine Post, Mrs. Lowell Paget, Mrs. G. A. Robertson and Mrs. Thomas G. Donah.

The Disabled Veterans society has made extensive plans for its benefit dance at Cottillion hall tonight and invites the public to partake in the evening's entertainment.

An interesting supper was given last Friday night by a group of girls formerly known as the W. C. A. Campfire girls, at the association building. The honor guests were Miss Artie Moore, who recently returned to the city from Philadelphia. The hostesses were Miss Frances Simpson, Miss Amy Turner, Miss Allice Schroeder and Miss Florence Hunt.

The Atwood club will meet with Mrs. Elliott Nabers Tuesday, afternoon. Mrs. Noble Wiley Jones is the president of this club.

An event that will claim the interest of society will be Davis cup exhibition tennis matches at the Pacific-International show ring tomorrow evening. Society is reserved for a brilliant audience as well as an exceptionally interesting attraction will characterize the affair.

Miss Ann Webster, J. C. Ainsworth, Hamilton Corbett, Prescott Cookingham, Kurt Koehler, Ralph W. Wilbur, Webster, J. C. Ainsworth, Raymond Wilcox, Rogers MacVeagh, Norris Gregor, A. D. Norris, Dr. Otis Wright and H. T. DeWitt of Hood River.

Mrs. J. B. Curren, 762 East Couch street, will entertain St. Ann's society Thursday. The meeting will open at 2 o'clock. The society is doing a vast amount of good work among the poor and needy. Those who attend the meeting should take Muntavilla cars to East Twenty-fourth street.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Buehnell of Seattle are visiting here and have been joined by Mrs. Buehnell's mother, Mrs. Hugh Herron of Corvallis, who will go with them to Seattle for a visit when they leave the latter part of the week.

In compliment to Representative McArthur and Mrs. McArthur, Ludwig Pokorney entertained last night at a dinner in the Benson hotel. Covers were placed for ten. This is the second of a series of three dinners Mr. Pokorney is giving for groups of his friends. Last Monday he entertained for six and on Saturday will have a dinner of ten covers.

Mrs. W. C. Hann (Clair Oaks), who came to Portland for a visit, last week, plans to sail about December 1 for Honolulu where she will spend the winter with her mother, Mrs. A. M. Oaks.

Marriage License Issued. HOQUIAM, Wash., Nov. 8.—(Special.)—A marriage license has been issued at the courthouse in Montesano to Robert J. Kelley and Genevieve Whitson of Portland, Or.

Phone your want ads to The Oregonian, Main 7079, Automatic 550-95.

Mrs. Eversat Babcock was hostess on Wednesday at a luncheon at Waverly Country club honoring Mrs. F. J. Cobbs, who left on Saturday for the east.

Mrs. Leroy H. Parker left last week to spend the winter in California.

Simon Benson was host Friday night at a dinner party in the Benson hotel, honoring his bride-to-be, who then was Mrs. Harriet B. King.

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Chairman Benson Names List of Assistants to Help in Fund Campaign.

Pledges of \$3 of Portland's pharmacies to aid in every way possible in the fourth annual membership drive of the local chapter of the American Red Cross, have been received by H. E. Witham, roll call manager. These pledged players will participate in the rally at the Elks building, Thursday, Armistice day, in accordance with the policy of decentralization adopted for the drive. The neighborhood drug stores will be the rallying places of the Red Cross workers and the downtown stores also will receive membership dues and contributions. Virtually all of the pharmacies in the city will give special display windows to the Red Cross during the drive, which will last until November 25.

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and it is not thought the canvass will determine any change from the original reports given out, though two precincts have so far been unreported. The clerk expects to have the work completed Thursday.

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