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DR. J. A. AUSTIN APPROVES CITY METER READER

Chairman of Executive Board Special Committee for Investigation of Rates Charged for Service Suggests Additional Safeguard for People.

Thinks Reading for Previous Month and Current Month Should be Left With Consumer at Time of Reading—Pleased With Progress.

"I have read the interview of Water Commissioner R. K. Blair on a city meter reader," said Executive Committeeman J. A. Austin today, "and I am convinced that this is one step toward the solution of the complaints concerning rates for public service. For several years I have advocated such a plan, at the same time there are difficulties in the way of putting it into successful operation that have not yet been overcome and I do not know that they can ever be evaded."

"For instance, if a meter reader is elected by the city of Charlotte this city should pay him for his service and it should not come from the companies whose meters are being inspected. You can easily see that if the companies pay the salary of the meter reader would, to a certain extent, be the employe of these companies, and this should not be the case. The reader should be paid by the city itself and not be subject only to the city. With the present state of the finances of the city it is well-nigh impossible to even consider the matter of an additional official, hence the main difficulty of putting in such a plan."

"I agree with Commissioner Blair that such a man would eliminate a great many of the complaints which are now made concerning overcharges and the like."

Another Suggestion. "But there is another way in which a check may be put on the companies which will eliminate a great many of the complaints, I believe, and that is to require the man who reads the meter to leave the reading with the householder or business man for his information so that the reading may be checked. To do this the reading for the former month should be shown on a slip upon which the current reading is shown, and both readings left at the house when the reading is made."

"It would do no good for the company to put the former reading on the bill when it is sent out simply because two weeks usually elapses between the time of the reading of the meter and the receipt of the bill. Therefore the man who reads the meter should leave both readings then and there so that the householder or other consumer may read his meter and compare it with the reading of a month before, and if an error is made, such as sometimes oc-

cur, he could notify the company at once and secure an adjustment. To learn to read a meter is no difficult matter. Any one can be taught to read his meter in just a few minutes and there is not a man in the city who would object to taking this little time to learn to read his meter so as to protect himself from false and erroneous readings. "I am glad this discussion has been occasioned and I believe that good will result therefrom. The meeting of the executive board and the officials of the Southern Public Utilities company last night resulted in a start being made to secure a more equitable basis of rating on electric lights and I believe that the investigation will be productive of relief especially for the man who uses only a small amount of current."

Mrs. J. P. Gibson Dies at Her Home on Bland Street—Funeral To-morrow

Mrs. J. P. Gibson died this morning at 8 o'clock at her home, No. 13 West Bland street, following a week's illness. Although she had not been in good health for some time, her condition was not considered serious until last Friday, when she suddenly became very ill, and continued to grow worse until her death this morning.

She survived by her husband and three children, three boys and three girls.

Mrs. Gibson came here from Statesville with her husband and children about ten years ago and has resided here since. She was esteemed as a woman of excellent character and kindly disposition by all who knew her. She was a devoted member of Chalmers Memorial Meeting House. The funeral services will be held tomorrow at the home on Bland street, at an hour to be determined, when friends at Statesville are heard from. The services will be conducted by Rev. J. W. Simpson, pastor Chalmers Memorial Meeting House, and interment will be in Elmwood cemetery.

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FRANCE MAY CALL MORE MEN TO COLORS.

Berlin, Dec. 17.—(By wireless to Sayville, L. I.)—The following press information was issued today by the German official press bureau: "Reports from Rotterdam say that the French minister of war will lay before parliament a bill calling out all Frenchmen fit for service between the ages of 18 and 52."

At a meeting of the deputies of the department of the Seine Deputy Lavalle is reported to have asked that measures be adopted with the object of securing for French commerce benefits resulting from the present situation, otherwise Great Britain would become the only gainer. "Prince von Buelow, the former German imperial chancellor, left Berlin yesterday for Rome."

"Telegraphic advices from Petrograd by way of Bucharest, Rumania, say that in addition to the socialists all the radical members of the Russian duma have been arrested."

New Telephone Directory Will be Ready for Issue at Early Date

Manager James Northley of the Charlotte Exchange of the Southern Bell Company, announces that the new telephone directory will soon be issued. The new list will be current up to January 1 and he states that those who wish to make changes in their listings or to have their names placed in the new directory should communicate with him at once. Those who are contemplating installing telephones in their homes or offices should act promptly in order that their names may appear in the directory. Manager Northley states that there will be a number of new names added to the list and that the growth of the exchange here is a strong indication of the progress of Charlotte.

SOCIAL

ONLY SISTER TO 7,000 BROTHERS.

To be the only sister of 7,000 brothers is the unusual distinction of Mrs. Laura Lynott, the only woman of the Phi Kappa Psi College fraternity, an organization with forty-four chapters in various American colleges and universities and with alumni members in every state in the union and on every continent.

Among the brothers of this unusual member are President Woodrow Wilson, James Whitcomb Riley, Herbert S. Hadley, former Governor of Missouri; Gen. Tasker B. Bliss, Gen. Warren Keifer, former Congressman James E. Watson, United States Senators Kenyon and Chamberlain, and Theodore Shonts, former chairman of the Panama Canal commission, and railroad builder.

Among the rest of the 7,000 men can be found missionaries, poets, farmers, athletes, business men, physicians and all other kinds of men. Mrs. Lynott happened to be received as sister of this illustrious organization solely because she was the daughter of Dr. William H. Letterman, founder of the fraternity, and the only daughter at that. He also had one son, Dr. William Gordon Letterman. He naturally joined the unusual fraternity. Since Mrs. Lynott is the only daughter of the founder of the organization, there is no doubt but that she will continue to hold the unique position of being a sister in a college fraternity to which men only are admitted.

Two years ago at a convention in Chicago Mrs. Lynott was a guest of honor at the banquet of the fraternity. Brought into a great banquet hall where a thousand men diners were assembled, she was much surprised to be admitted. It was not her intention at all to enter the banquet hall, but she called at the door and was invited in.

She was forced to respond with a speech. Toasts were drunk in her honor and in honor of her father. The Phi Kappa Psi was organized in 1852 by Dr. Letterman, then a student at Jefferson College, near Pittsburg, Pa. The college is now known as Washington and Jefferson University.

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MR. REID DELEGATE TO S. A. E. CONVENTION.

Mr. E. S. Reid, jr., is home from Chapel Hill, where he is a student at the University of North Carolina. Mr. Reid leaves Friday for Chicago to represent the University Chapter, S. A. E. at the S. A. E. convention to be held in that city. He returns home Xmas day. Mr. Reid is the only representative from Carolina, a tribute to him personally and fraternally.

MISS GRAVES WILL GO HOME FOR XMAS.

Miss Cary Graves, physical director of the Y. W. C. A. will spend Xmas at her home in Virginia.

THINGS OF INTEREST AT THE "Y. W."

Rev. Dr. McLarty will speak at the vesper service on Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the Y. W. C. A. The Misses Mosely will furnish the music. An increasing number of people are finding that attending the vesper service is a pleasant and profitable way to spend a part of Sunday afternoon. Tea will be served and a quiet social hour will be spent around the open fire after the service.

The plans for a Christmas tree to be given on Christmas day by the club girls to some children in the city whom Santa Claus might otherwise neglect are progressing well. Invitations will be sent to the children. Every member of the Camp Fire and Blue Bird groups is asked to be present on Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock to complete the decorations, etc., that they are making. Each one is asked to bring a toy for the tree. A number of dolls will have to be dressed and if any one can volunteer for this service, Miss Graves will be glad to have it reported to her at the Y. W. C. A.

MRS. LONDON CARD HOSTESS.

Mrs. H. A. London very delightfully entertained the Wednesday Afternoon Card Club yesterday in the lovely "big room" in her house. The guests were: Mesdames Hery B. Fowler, Ralph Van Landingham, Paul Chatham, J. E. Kavanaugh, Simmons H. Jones, Walter S. Liddell, John M. Scott, Robert M. Miller, John R. Van Ness, Robert C. Moore, H. A. London, Jr., and Miss Matt Dowd. Mrs. Moore substituted for Mrs. H. S. Bryan.

Mrs. Van Landingham won the prize.

WOMAN'S CLUB.

The board of directors of the Woman's Club will meet tomorrow afternoon at four o'clock with Mrs. Charles C. Hook at her home on East Morehead street.

The board of health of the Woman's Club, Dr. Annie Alexander president, will meet this afternoon at four o'clock at the Y. W. C. A.

MUSIC AT HUNTERSVILLE.

The music department of the Huntersville High school delightfully entertained a large audience yesterday afternoon by a splendidly rendered program of choruses, quartettes, duets and instrumental solos. Miss Cora Colson, of Norwood, is the director of this department. The program was as follows:

Hear the Bells and Whispering Hope—Chorus Class. First Voice—Eunice Dunn. Little Neighbors, duet—Mary and Reba McCoy.

On the Plantation—Tessie Kidd. Spring Song—Girls' Chorus. Dause Semplice—Mary Glyn. Mozurka—Edna Williamson. Over Hill and Dale, duet—Marguerite Alexander and Lois Steele. Parisiana Voice—John Choate.

'Twas a Glorious Hour, quartette—Eunice Dunn, Tessie Kidd, Christine Smith, Annie Barkley. Dollie's Dream—Elizabeth Blythe. Rose Petals—Mordecai Fite. Melody of Love, duet—Eunice Dunn and Ethel Bost.

Hunting Song—Annie Barkley. Purple Pansies—Grace Cochran. New Year's Day—Sara Alexander. Bingo—Quartette—Tom Stenhouse, Ralph Knox, Harry Dunn, Wade Cashion.

TO VISIT IN ARKANSAS. Mrs. John Caldwell Davidson and young son, Master Govan Davidson, leave in a day or so for Helena, Ark. Mrs. Davidson's old home, where they will spend Xmas. They will visit in New Orleans and other cities of the far South.

DANSANTS AGAIN.

The Saturday afternoon dansants, which were such delightful social week end events at the Selwyn last spring, are to be revived, the first to be held Saturday. The proceeds, as heretofore, are for the Old Ladies' Home.

Playground Goes into Winter Quarters Resumes March 1st

Independence Park Playground will close for the winter months, reopening March 1, 1915. This action might be deferred until later, but on account of the needed recreation survey of the city, the time of the director will be taken up with that. Mr. Wright's survey will supplement that of the field secretary of the Recreation Association of America in case the temporary committee on juvenile recreation decides to bring to the city. If he does not come a survey will be made under the auspices of the Park and Playground Association.

The association has been highly complimented upon the field work done, and is eager to do more. "Their forethought in seeing that a survey should be made is excellent," said Mr. Dickinson, of the Recreation Association of America.

The association has established a temporary office in that of the Associated Charities, and the work of the survey will be conducted from that point.

Copenhagen, Dec. 2.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)—Germany is sending large numbers of Russian prisoners to Schleswig-Holstein to work in the reclamation and cultivation of marsh land.

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