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Doth an eternal vigil keep;

No soothing strains of Mata's son  
Can lull its hundred eyes to sleep."

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## A GREATER GOLDSBORO

### Board of City Aldermen Grant Franchise for Modern Gas Plant.

A Great Stride Forward for the City's Physical Development and the Greater Convenience of Housekeepers.

Goldsboro made a great stride forward last night when our progressive and sagacious board of city aldermen negotiated a gas plant franchise whereby the city is to have within the coming year a modern gas plant, commensurate not only for the present demands of the city, but for those of forty years to come.

The construction of this plant, which is to be completed and in full operation within a year, means the expenditure in Goldsboro, in its physical construction alone of at least one hundred thousand dollars of outside capital, and this cannot be done without consequent large development in various avenues of enterprise that will make speedily and permanently for a Greater Goldsboro.

The personnel of the men who are behind this franchise is ample guarantee that the movement is no mere speculation, but is a bona-fide enterprise that will within the year be a tangible reality.

Here is the full text of the franchise as enacted by the board of aldermen at their adjourned meeting last night:

#### AN ORDINANCE.

Granting to William M. Crane, F. H. Sawyer and L. I. Moore, their associates, successors and assigns, for the full term of forty years from the date hereof, the right to erect, use, maintain and operate gas works in the City of Goldsboro, State of North Carolina, and for this purpose to use the streets, alleys, sidewalks, avenues and highways of said City of Goldsboro for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating a gas plant, and to locate, maintain and repair pipes, mains, conduits and service connections in and upon said streets, alleys, sidewalks and avenues in said City of Goldsboro.

Be it ordained by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Goldsboro, State of North Carolina:

Section 1. That permission and authority is hereby granted to William M. Crane, of the City of New York, State of New York; F. H. Sawyer and L. I. Moore, of the City of New Bern, State of North Carolina, their associates, successors, heirs and assigns (hereinafter called the grantees) to establish, construct, maintain and operate a system for the manufacture and distribution of gas for public and private use in the City of Goldsboro, State of North Carolina, for fuel, power and illuminating purposes, and to erect all necessary buildings, holders and other machinery for the purpose of the manufacture and distribution of gas to said city; and for that purpose the aforesaid grantees, their associates, successors, heirs and assigns are hereby granted permission to use the streets, alleys, roads, avenues and public places within the corporate limits of said city as same may be now incorporated or may hereafter during the continuation of this ordinance be extended, for the purpose of placing, replacing, taking up, repairing and installing gas mains, pipes and valves for the distribution of gas for the use of the citizens of said city, or other customers and for the use of the said city for fuel, power and illuminating purposes as it may desire and as may be required for its customers.

And the rights and privileges and franchise herein granted, if accepted and acted upon as hereinafter provided, shall be vested in the grantees, their associates, successors, heirs and assigns for a period of forty years from and after the passage of this ordinance.

Sec. 2. That the use of the streets, alleys, roads, avenues and public places hereby granted to the grantees herein mentioned shall be made with the least possible inconvenience to the inhabitants of said city. Wherever excavations shall be necessary same shall be lighted at night, and all sidewalks and pavements, streets and other places that may be used by said grantees shall be replaced by them at the expense of said grantees and in such manner as to restore said streets, sidewalks, roads and pavements and other public places to their former condition without unnecessary delay.

Sec. 3. That the location and putting of said pipes, mains, valves and other apparatus necessary for the purpose of carrying out the purpose of this ordinance shall be harmless from all liability for any damage or injury that may result to any person or persons by reason of injury or damage to property, growing out of the construction, maintenance and operation and repair of the work done under this ordinance, or from any defect or lack of repair caused to be performed by said grantees, their successors or assigns on any street, alley, sidewalk, road or public place which may be occupied and used by virtue of this ordinance. And if the aforesaid City of Goldsboro shall be sued by reason of any such injury to person or property, the aforesaid grantees shall upon request of said City of Goldsboro cause the proper defense to be made to such suit or action, and if final judgment shall be obtained against it, said grantees shall pay the same, together with the costs therein; and if the said City of Goldsboro shall be made to suffer any pecuniary loss from the acts of omission or commission on the part of the party or parties exercising this franchise, individually or as a corporation, then it shall hold said City of Goldsboro harmless.

Sec. 4. That the aforesaid grantees, their associates, successors and assigns, shall have right to lay, re-lay, operate, maintain and repair under the streets, alleys, sidewalks, avenues and highways of the said City of Goldsboro, ducts, mains, conduits, pipes, manholes and drips, and such other necessary appliances for the purpose of maintaining and distributing there through and there under gas for the use of said city and the residents thereof, and to connect such pipes when so placed and laid with the necessary pipes to consumers, stations and other points where same may be desired, and in such manner and by such means and in accordance with the usual method and most adapted to the locality for the purpose of conveying gas in all its forms therein and thereunder. Such work to be done as hereinbefore provided, under direction of the City Council of said City of Goldsboro, or such other officer as it may select for this purpose, and after said work shall be completed, said grantees shall restore, at their own expense, that portion of the streets, highways, alleys, avenues and sidewalks which may have been disturbed to their original condition with the same kind of material.

Sec. 5. That said grantees, their associates, successors and assigns, shall not at any time make any unnecessary excavations or unnecessarily encumber or obstruct the passage of any street, sidewalk, alley or road longer than shall be necessary to properly perform the work contemplated in a proper manner, and when said pipes, mains and valves shall be laid in said streets, same shall be done so as not to encumber, obstruct and interfere with public travel thereon, nor damage or injure public or private property. And the aforesaid grantees whenever required so to do by the Board of Aldermen of said City of Goldsboro, will construct, lay down, maintain and operate mains, pipes and valves along upon and under any of the streets, sidewalks, alleys, roads and avenues within the corporate limits of said city as it is now and may hereafter be laid out, and will supply gas to consumers residing along such streets, alleys, highways and avenues, provided that no such extension shall be required, and the aforesaid grantees shall not be expected to make and extend their said pipes and mains under this provision unless the consumers to be supplied by such extension shall average at least one consumer to every 100 feet of additional main which may be required by said Board of Aldermen.

Sec. 6. That the aforesaid grantees, their associates, successors and assigns, utilizing the privileges under this franchise shall at all times have notice by the City of Goldsboro of its purpose to repair or lay sewer, water or other pipes and proceed to protect such pipes, mains and other works as it may have erected upon said streets hereunder without cost or charge to said City of Goldsboro and without unnecessary delay to the contemplated work.

Sec. 7. That said grantees hereunder shall furnish to the consumers of said City of Goldsboro gas of a good quality and in sufficient quantities for supplying said consumers, and shall furnish and install metres for measuring the same, and when said metres shall have been established as hereinafter provided, said grantees shall be authorized to charge a rate or price therefor which shall be fixed by them, their associates, successors and assigns, the maximum charge for which shall not exceed \$2.00 per one thousand cubic feet for illuminating purposes and not exceeding \$1.50 per one thousand feet for fuel purposes of gas consumed, payable monthly, or by pre-paid metres, and said grantees shall have the right to charge not exceeding \$1.00 per month for each metre where that amount of gas is not consumed through the metre. And said maximum rate herein fixed shall not be increased to the consumer without permission of said City of Goldsboro.

And the grantees hereunder shall make and establish and enforce such regulations for the protection of the plant and the distributing system as may be reasonable, necessary and proper to prevent wastage thereof, and to protect themselves against fraud and imposition, and may in their discretion refuse to furnish gas and cut off the supply from any customer who is in default in the payment of any gas bill rendered under the limitations herein imposed.

Sec. 8. That said grantees, their associates, successors and assigns, shall not at any time make any unnecessary excavations or unnecessarily encumber or obstruct the passage of any street, sidewalk, alley or road longer than shall be necessary to properly perform the work contemplated in a proper manner, and when said pipes, mains and valves shall be laid in said streets, same shall be done so as not to encumber, obstruct and interfere with public travel thereon, nor damage or injure public or private property. And the aforesaid grantees whenever required so to do by the Board of Aldermen of said City of Goldsboro, will construct, lay down, maintain and operate mains, pipes and valves along upon and under any of the streets, sidewalks, alleys, roads and avenues within the corporate limits of said city as it is now and may hereafter be laid out, and will supply gas to consumers residing along such streets, alleys, highways and avenues, provided that no such extension shall be required, and the aforesaid grantees shall not be expected to make and extend their said pipes and mains under this provision unless the consumers to be supplied by such extension shall average at least one consumer to every 100 feet of additional main which may be required by said Board of Aldermen.

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Sec. 11. This ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after its passage and its acceptance by the filing of the bond herein provided for, which shall be filed within ten days after the passage of this ordinance with the Clerk of the City Council, and if not so accepted it shall be null and void.

Incorporated by the Board: That the grantees herein shall have, use and enjoy the foregoing franchise for the term of fifteen years without franchise tax, and after the lapse of said fifteen years they shall during the remaining twenty-five years as consideration of said franchise, pay to the City of Goldsboro a franchise tax to be annually fixed by the Board of Aldermen of said city, not exceeding 1 per cent per annum of the gross receipts of said plant.

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## ALMOST IMPREGNABLE

### Canal Will Be Defended By Greatest System of Fortification in World.

Congress at Next Session Will Be Asked for Appropriate Big Sum for Fortification of Ditch Across the Isthmus.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 16.—When the Panama Canal is completed it will be defended by one of the greatest systems of fortification in the world. Yesterday an American News Service representative saw the sketches and plans for the defenses of the greatest engineering work of modern times. It was learned that the plans for the forts and other means of defense for the canal were carefully gone over by Secretary of War Dickinson and Major-General Bell, chief of the general staff of the army, during their visit some months ago to the Isthmus.

The locations on which forts will be erected were inspected with great care, and the general plans of the fortifications for the canal discussed at length, and from every angle. The plans, which later were begun by engineer officers of the army, have been in process of formation ever since. Congress, at the next session, will be asked to appropriate an immense sum for the forts to protect the big ditch. These plans are very comprehensive, and provide for an outlay of more than \$7,500,000.

In discussing the fortifications and defenses for the canal a high War Department official whose name under the army regulations cannot be disclosed, said yesterday: "The ground was gone over thoroughly by Secretary Dickinson and General Bell. The plans decided upon are the most comprehensive. Of course they are subject to change. In fact, several changes have already been necessary recently on account of changes in the construction of the canal itself.

"The War Department is anticipating any action which Congress may take in the matter of providing for the defense of the canal. There has been discussion of some sort of an international agreement which would guarantee the neutrality of the canal. If such an agreement were made, of course there would be no necessity for building defenses for the canal. The State Department and Congress would have to decide that. There is little doubt, however, that the United States will prefer to have the canal so protected that it will be impossible to be successfully attacked by other nations in the event of war. If Congress provides money for the fortifications a special board will be appointed to have charge of the whole matter. Of course the actual work of beginning the work of fortification is a long way off, but the War Department will be ready with the plans long before Congress provides the money."

The plans provide for the expenditure of about \$4,000,000 at the Pacific mouth of the canal, and \$3,500,000 on the Atlantic side.

The plans for the Pacific side include powerful and extensive batteries of 12-inch guns on four small islands, lying off the mouth of the canal from five to ten miles. These are Flamenco, Culebra, Nagai and Tabago. In addition to batteries on these islands the plans include forts at Ancon and Colon, respectively on each side of the canal. The battery at Ancon would be adjacent to Balboa, the new name for the port to be located near the place where the canal will empty into the Pacific ocean. It is proposed to construct another great fort at Pedro Miguel, six miles inland. The great locks of the canal will be located at this point, and this fort would be for their immediate protection.

At Culebra, a point about half-way across the canal, the plans include the establishment of a large military post, which under the present plans would cost \$500,000.

#### NO GUESS WORK.

It is beyond experiment stage. Croup, Colds, Bronchitis, Pneumonia quickly broken up by Vick's great external Remedy, C. & P. Salve. Rub it on also for chaps, burns, bruises, itching piles, humors, etc. It's grand. 25, 50 and \$1.00. All dealers and druggists.

Indeed, a polite age when even the prize fighters refuse to hurt each other.

## HISTORICAL HALIFAX.

### Interesting Reminiscences of Men of Other Days and Incidents That Should Be Kept Green.

Rocky Mount Echo.

The tearing down of the old court house whose history reaches back almost to the days of the colonies and building of a magnificent judicial building of stone and iron that cost above fifty thousand dollars, marks the beginning of a new era, perhaps, in this famous North Carolina town that has slept seemingly unconscious of its glory here in the shadow of the giant oaks on the banks of the Roanoke. The old court house, now gone, to make place for the new one, is suggestive of the stirring times and strong men of other days. Here was the scene of many great forensic battles between such men as Congland, the great Irish lawyer; R. O. Burton, Jr., the bright son of the famous old Methodist preacher; W. H. Day, Thos. N. Hill, Spier Whitaker and the young galaxy of John A. Moore, W. C. Thorne, P. T. Hyman, David Bell and W. A. Dunn, now all gone.

The new court house will be finished by January 1, 1909, and in every detail so far as the funds set apart for the purpose will afford, will be a model of its kind. The courts in the meantime are being held in an old store house down on Main street. It was a curious sight this week to look on the court being held there. Perched upon an improvised platform behind an old table, sat his honor, the judge, near the old doorway hoar with age, behind sundry desks and tables, always nervous, alert and smiling, was Sterling Gary, the clerk. Sheriff House first in one way and then out another constantly impressing his aged deputy "Sheriff Green" to keep the crowd out of the windows and of the shelves and "keep order in court." The lawyers as usual had provided themselves with all the chairs to be had and appeared to be well content with themselves and all else, except when an occasional pass with Judge Peebles would disturb the serenity and peace of it all.

We say the new court house possibly marks the beginning of a new era—an epoch, if you please—and we hope it will take in hand the preservation of some of the historic memories of Halifax town. To save from utter decay and ruin the old chapel by the street leading to the river and some attention to graves of former distinguished citizens of the county and State who lie buried near by would be a Christian and patriotic service. The old tombstones and monuments, bearing on their legends of the birth and achievements of men who have been dead for more than a century, have sprawled around on broken masonry and in some cases actually far removed from the place where the dead sleep whose virtues and abilities they commemorate. Here met the Provincial Congress, the General Assembly of the State, and times without number in the hour of public peril the great and good men of the Old North State have come to this town—a classic in the heroic and civic memories—to take counsel, devise action and create thunderbolts of State and national history. We do not want to be a town alone of the past, but from this time onward to take on more life and accomplish more; at the same time we ought not to permit the evidences here of the town's and State's achievements to perish from the earth.

## THE WEATHER.

### Forecast for Goldsboro and Vicinity.

Unsettled weather with probably showers tonight or Friday.

## YOUNG MEN.

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## TONIGHT'S SOCIABLE.

### St. Stephen's Guild Invites the Public to Participate.

Whenever St. Stephen's Guild undertake a social function it means that every essential for complete enjoyment is provided.

Tonight at the Parish House, adjoining the church, these ladies will give a chicken salad supper, which means a menu of superior excellence and an evening of unalloyed social enjoyment.

The charge is 25 cents, and this covers all the expenditure of the occasion.

You are cordially invited.

## CHAT ABOUT YOUR FRIENDS.

Mrs. Louis Hummel is visiting relatives in Mount Olive.

Miss Mabel King, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. B. R. King, left this morning for Raleigh, to enter St. Mary's School.

Miss Lillian Fountain, of Asheville, who has been the guest of Miss Mabel King, left this morning to enter St. Mary's School.

Mr. L. H. Castex, who has been on an extended business trip North, making purchases of fall goods, has returned to the city.

Miss Emma Jeffreys left this morning for Blackstone, Va., where she will spend the year in study in the female seminary of that town.

Mr. John M. Robinson, who has been taking law at Chapel Hill, left this morning for New York, to enter the law department of Columbia University.

Mr. George A. Norwood, Jr., left last night for Greenville, S. C. to visit his venerable father, who, we are sorry to learn, is in precarious health.

Mr. Ben R. King, the popular traveling man, who has been looking after his trade in Baltimore for several weeks, arrived home last night, for a vacation of ten days.

Our talented young friend and townsman, Mr. Mack Wilson, left this afternoon for Hillsboro, where he has been elected principal of the high school of that town.

Dr. George W. Butler, Jr., and bride arrived in the city this morning, and are the guests of the groom's grandmother, Mrs. M. O. Humphrey, on William street south. The Argus and the groom's hosts of friends here wish him and his young bride the fullest measure of life's unalloyed joys.

## "DAUGHTERS" CONCERT.

### Date Fixed for Friday Night and Elaborate Program Prepared.

The musical, before referred to in these columns, to be given in the Woman's Club rooms under the auspices of the Daughters of the Confederacy, will be rendered on Friday evening of this week, and the program published herewith evidences that it is to be an event of unusual merit.

Every number on the program will be in itself worth the full price of admission, and it goes without saying that the occasion will be so favored with patronage as to tax the capacity of the hall.

An admission of 50 cents for grown people and 25 cents for children will be charged.

The following is the program that will be rendered:

#### Part 1.

Piano solo—12th Rhapsodie, Liszt; Miss Hattie Brinson.  
Vocal duet—"See the Pale Moon," Campanie; Mrs. Wm. Douglas and Mrs. Ehrlich Smith.  
Violin solo—"Die Meistersinger," Wagner; Miss Lucia Privett.  
Vocal solo—"Aria" Die Freichutes, Wagner; Mrs. Wm. Douglas.  
Piano solo—"Silver Spring," Mason; Miss Annie Lee Davis.  
Vocal solo—"In Wauverschenen Monat, Mai Hammond; Miss Pearl Brinson.  
Flower Song, Faust; Mrs. Ehrlich Smith.