

Grant Gas Company Time To File Data

The Southern California Gas Company, serving Torrance and 126 other cities, towns and communities in the southern part of the state, has been granted until June 6 to file its last data on the cost of its operating expenses, by an order made this week by the state railroad commission.

Upon this data the railroad commission is to be guided in asking a reduction of from 5 to 25 per cent in its gas rates. The move was launched by the commission last fall, at which time it ordered a temporary rate reduction pending a regular hearing on the case. The gas company obtained an injunction blocking the order, however, and the case now is coming to trial in the regular manner.

Stamp Sales Gain During Last Month

Stamp sales for January, 1933, at the local postoffice show an increase of \$157.14 over the total for January, 1932, announces Postmaster Al Gourdiere. The sales last month amounted to \$1590.89, as against \$1433.75 for the corresponding period last year. This is approximately 11 per cent gain.

Notes From Washington

By Charles J. Colden Congressman-elect, 17th District

Mark Twain, the eminent Mis-sourian, once said, "Everybody talks about the weather but nobody does anything about it." Here in Washington everybody in Congress talks about the depression but nobody does anything about it. Members bawl and bel-low, cloutie and orate, gesture gracefully and paw the air and pound the desks, prance up and down the aisles and lope around in circles, but like a frog in a well, they don't get anywhere. There is a criminal waste of words, energy and effort.

There are a number of bills in committee, good, bad and indiffer-ent, devoted to relief but they don't get before the House or the Senate. No doubt there are a lot of freak bills that should be killed but all should be sifted for the good grains that offer some sort of a way out of the present tragic situation.

Well, why doesn't Congress do something? The House has been very busy with the appropriation bills. That is the regular order in a short session. Every para-

graph of the appropriation bills is read and most of them discussed as far as the rules permit. Some-body wants to add an extra horse or mule here, a truck or a trailer there, or strike out a few dollars or put in some, and the result is that days and days are consumed over details that cost the country more for the debate than the item amounts to. Every session has some sticklers for fine points who overlook mountains to save a mole hill.

Part of the Republican member-ship follow the leadership of Presi-dent Hoover and some of them don't. The Democrats are looking to Roosevelt for leadership which can not be pronounced until after March 4. So the accord necessary for action is lacking on both sides of the House. If President Roose-velt has a definite and progressive program, there is hope for decisive doing. In future Congres-sional action, Senator McAdoo seems destined to play a leading role. He is a man of action rather than words and if the nation ever that. There was decision and ac-tion indicated by that statement. If prices can be fixed by law, why not wages and salaries?

In a short conversation with Senator McAdoo while he was in Washington, he remarked that he about the farm bill: "No man on the living earth can successfully administer the provisions of that bill as it has passed the House. If they are determined to fix prices, why in the h-ll don't they per them like we did during the war? There was decision and ac-tion indicated by that statement. If prices can be fixed by law, why not wages and salaries?"

Much stress is placed in Con-gress on the condition of the farm-er. The small home-owner and the small business man in the towns and cities who are being crowded to the wall seem lost in the shuffle. Their troubles appear to be overlooked. And the man without a home and without a job is not getting the attention that he deserves. The doubling of the price of wheat, cotton, pork, rice, butter and peanuts must fall upon him at least until the wheels of commerce and industry begin turning again.

Many of the members of the House are so absorbed in the prob-lems of their district that they fail to comprehend the needs of other sections. Some of them are prejudiced against other portions of the country. In the considera-tion of the appropriation bill for the interior department I was deeply impressed by the prejudice of a few members from the East, and also from the South, against irrigation projects of the West. This attitude is not limited to any one party but is an affliction among those members who are not familiar with the country at large or who permit their prejudices to override their statesmanship.

But we must remember that ours is a very large country. The cotton farmer is not familiar with the troubles of the wheat grower. The pork raiser of the Middle-West thinks that peanut growing is a garden pastime and an eco-nomic joke. The rice grower and the dairy farmer have their own troubles and the member of Con-gress is fighting for his constitu-ents regardless of whether the re-mainder of the country survives or perishes. When I was a boy in a country school and read from Mc-Claffey's readers, I thought one must be a statesman to get to Congress but I am disillusioned now. I am ready to declare right now that some of us will never achieve the honored title.

These lame duck sessions are usually barren of results. This session vividly illustrates the reason. The Democrats with a slight lead in the membership of the House and with about an even break in the Senate are unable to carry through a decisive program. And the Republicans are just as bad off. Although they have the president they lack a few votes of being able to get measures through the House and not much better off in the Senate. But the Norris amendment to the Constitution has prevailed and lame-duck sessions will be eliminated and the country will bid a cheerful goodbye to the present spectacle.

Congressman McFadden of Penn-sylvania wanted to impeach Presi-dent Hoover the second time, but his resolution was tabled again in a hurry. Many of the members feel that the time of the president is short and that it would be a waste of time and effort to take the proposition seriously. If Con-gress took the stand requested by McFadden, the committee would scarcely be under way until the president's term would have ex-pired. McFadden appears to be quite anxious for an hour's time to make a speech but so far he has been blocked. He desires to explain the purpose of his im-peachment resolution. But one thing can be said for McFadden: he can fill the House galleries in competition to Senator Huey Long of the Senate.

There has been a real battle in the Senate over the Glass banking bill. The feature permitting na-tional banks to establish branches throughout the nation was the cause of most of the contention. Senator Long, "The Kingfish," lead

the fight and forced a compromise so that branch national banks may operate only in those states that allow branch state banks. The Kingfish had some powerful allies. Some of the western senators sup-ported him in the open. Some of the Republican leaders in the Sen-ate, among them Moses and Wat-son, are accused of supporting him for the purpose of widening the breach between the Progressive and Conservative Democratic sen-ators. And I repeat that the Demo-crats are ready threatened with a split between the two groups unless Roosevelt and McAdoo are able to bring the two factions to-gether.

If anyone dreams that Senator Long is not a fighter one should watch him in action. In my fre-quent visits to the Senate, he is always on the job. I have as yet not discovered his absence for a moment. Other senators are often absent and many times there are no more than a dozen present. The Kingfish is either beyond the floor making a speech, or if the floor is occupied by some other senator his voice is frequently in-jected. "Will the senator yield for a question?" And Senator Huey is not bashful in his interrogations, either. In the meantime he is bobbing about the Senate floor conferring with this senator and that. There was decision and ac-tion indicated by that statement. If he or a friend is speaking he makes the point of no quorum and the disturbed senators come scurrying in to answer the roll call. And do they love Huey? Not very much.

But what can you expect from the bad boy of the Senate? He is young, plump and strong, red-dish brown hair, mischiev-ous forelock. Some of the sena-tors burn him up once in a while but they never get under his hide. He gives them a snappy come-back and laughs at them. His col-leagues have tried to bribe him with dignity and saddle him with senatorial courtesy but he is im-mune to all their scoldings, baits and traps. And does he fight for the common people? He beyond doubt the spokesman for the fel-low who needs a friend. And the more I see him the better I like him. More power to the Kingfish.

Senator Glass is the opposite of Senator Long. He is rather small, hair decidedly gray, elderly and frail. But Senator Glass has a wicked way in speaking. He curls up the corner of his mouth and huris his logic and sarcasm from the corner of his lips like a Bowery tough. And how he can roast! His phrases are polished, his language polite but his tongue cuts like a sword and his words crackle like broken glass. But Senator Long's back and smiles or perhaps rises to ask a distur-bing question which always makes Senator Glass squirm and fume. What can you do with a fellow like the Kingfish? Well, the sena-tors do not know either. They probably would pay liberally for relief.

Senator Glass in his speech for branch banking made much of the telegrams he received in support of that section of his measure. The ones he read filled about six pages of the Congressional Record. He filled 12 pages with addresses of additional telegrams which he did not read, more than 2,000 in all. Senator Glass appeared to be convinced that the whole country was deluged with telegrams. The telegrams came from all sections of the country that do not now have branch banking. Many were signed by firms other than bank-ing. And Senator Glass stated that all these telegrams came to him unsolicited. It was an impressive argument.

When a Western senator got this floor, he was quite surprised that he attacked the telegrams as hav-ing been inspired by New York bankers and a lobby which he stated was hanging about the doors and offices of the Senate. He pointed out that a small town located in one of the Dakotas had sent 12 telegrams all dated the same hour, reading practically the same and sent from the same tele-graph office, although there was another in the town. "A striking coincidence," he said, and I agreed with him. And he further related that he had private telegrams from independent bankers who protested that they had wired under pressure from big banks. Other wires in-formed him that their banker had requested the sender to send a telegram protesting against the filibuster and did not know it was in behalf of branch banking. So Senator Glass was badly shattered and his original branch banking section was overwhelmingly de-feated. It was a big victory for the irrepressible Kingfish.

You may expect a member of the House to discuss most any subject from mouse-traps to smok-ing mountains. One of them got me excited about a chapter in the Bible. I am one of the few who do not read the Bible as often as I should. But one of the members made a speech on the depression a few days ago. He referred to the hard times of the Biblical days. He told of the drastic law-making and the remedy of those ancient years. I found the chapter quite interesting. I am sure most of the voters who supported me are quite familiar with this chap-ter. But not wishing to discrimi-nate against those who voted otherwise, I respectfully refer them to the Fifth Chapter of Nehemiah. Now I wonder if I have spelled it correctly?

Well, anyhow, Fay Harris of the Graham News, Berle Maxson of the Watts Review, Mabel Hyde McFadden of the Co-operator, Miss Fraser of the Torrance Herald, Birda Paddock of the Lomita Her-

Per Capita Tax Levy For Cities Average \$50.62

Citizens Committee on Con-solidation Compares Local Rates

The per capita tax levy for Tor-rance and other cities of the county were quoted today by the citizens' committee for city-county consolidation, which is looking toward consolidation of all cities in the county under one general governing body. Per capita tax levy for all cities in the county, the committee stated, is \$50.62, and with the exception of Los An-geles city the average per capita tax levy is \$51.62.

Torrance per capita levy was quoted as \$95.03. It may be well to explain that this citizens' committee consolida-tion movement is entirely sepa-rate and distinct from the move-launched by the board of super-visors, which stated it would on February 1, announce the person-nel of a county-wide commission on which Torrance will be repre-sented by two leading citizens.

Aim of the board of supervisors is to eliminate only overlapping government services and expendi-tures. It was explained in the resolution submitted by Chairman Frank L. Shaw.

Explanation of the exceptionally high rate in Torrance lies in the fact that this is an industrial city with a number of manufacturing plants and a comparatively small population. The presence of the supply plants, such as the National Supply Company, Columbia Steel Company and others provides a high assessed valuation and a cor-respondingly high tax total, which when divided by the number of residents produces the misleading sum of \$95.03.

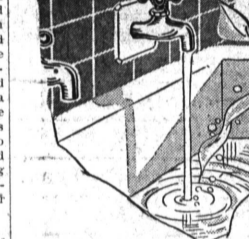
Yermon, another industrial cen-ter, with more plants than Tor-rance and a low population figure has the stupendous per capita rate of \$94.57. These sums are con-fusing to taxpayers, as it appears on the face of the statements that each individual may be required to pay. Actually the bulk of the taxes is paid by the large indus-tries, leaving the resident property owner to bear a comparatively small portion of the total.

Voters League To Listen To Debate On Outfall Sewer

LOMITA—Arrangements are being made to hold a debate on the outfall sewer proposition at the next meeting of the Voters' League, which will meet February 10 at the V. F. W. hall on Lomita boulevard. Chas. M. Smith is arranging for the speakers who have not yet been definitely selected.

At this meeting new officers to guide the league for the next three months will be chosen.

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EVENING HIGH SCHOOL

By G. L. MOWRY  
The Torrance evening high school will open its second semes-ter Monday evening, February 6, 1933, at 7 p. m. The schedule of classes is given below:

Art and Crafts: Clay modeling, leather tooling, drawing and de-sign, handcraft, Monday, Wednes-day and Thursday.

English, Monday and Wednes-day.

Commercial: Typing, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday; book-keeping, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday; stenography (begin-ning), 8:00 to 9:00 Wednesday, (advanced), 8:00 to 9:00 Monday; calculating machine, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Shops: Woodshop, machine shop, Monday and Wednesday.

Language: French (beginning), Thursday, 8:00 to 9:00; (advanced), Monday, 8:00 to 9:00; Spanish (beginning), Wednesday and Thursday, 7:00 to 8:00; (advanced), Monday, 7:00 to 8:00 and Wednesday, 8:00 to 9:00.

Mathematics: Arithmetic, algebra, geometry, trigonometry, me-chanical drawing, Monday and Wednesday.

Physical education: Men (young), Monday and Wednesday; men (older), Thursday.

Clothing: Monday and Thursday. Drum and bugle: Wednesday.

The tuition fee of \$1.00 should be paid the first week after en-rollment. If this is impossible and you will call at the office, arrangements can be made to take care of it.

We have a splendid corps of teachers who are willing and anxious to serve you. The courses offered are not as varied as in some of the larger schools but we have tried to arrange for those which will serve the greatest num-ber.

We offer these opportunities to you with the hope that more will avail themselves of them.

In a time of stress, like the present, it behooves everyone to learn new things, to fit themselves for new lines of work so that as the new opportunities for work develop you may be ready for them.

There is no better way to spend a pleasant and profitable evening than in school, learning something new. Many are getting the "kick" out of our evening school that is helping them over the hard places in their lives. Come and try it out.

Whether you have definitely planned to enroll in a class or not, we would be very pleased to have you come and visit our school. The privilege of attend-ing classes will be extended to you the first week in order that you may find out whether that particu-lar class will appeal to you. If after you have tried out a class you do not wish to enroll, we may be able to suggest another one. If we can not interest you, we will not expect you to enroll perma-nently.

Our big ambition is to make it possible for Torrance evening high school to serve a larger number of people than ever this next semester. We can not do it un-less the people will come and give us a chance. Will you not be one to come?

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Mattoon Act Is Upheld By Court In Adams Case

Decision Rendered in Suit to Prevent Property Sale

Constitutionality of the Mattoon Act of 1925, for which repeal is being sought in the state legisla-ture, was upheld in a superior court decision entered last week in the suit brought by Omar T. Adams, property owner in the south Normandie avenue improve-ment district. The suit was being closely followed by property owners in Mattoon Act assessment districts, and especially in the Alondra Park district, between Torrance and Hawthorne.

Adams sought an injunction to prevent County Tax Collector W. O. Welch from causing his prop-erty to be sold for delinquent taxes, maintaining through his at-torneys, Lloyd and George Nix, that the provisions of the Mattoon Act amounted to "double taxation." It was explained that under the

Lomita Couple Are Joined In Marriage

Hurley James Dickenson, 25333 Pennsylvania avenue, and Miss Rosalie Wukowska, 2037 Redondo-Wilmington boulevard, both of Lomita, were united in marriage Saturday, January 28, by Judge John Dennis at his home, 1621 Amalola avenue. Witnesses to the ceremony were H. E. Day of the U. S. S. West Virginia, and Miss Lillian Martin of Lomita.

Mattoon Act when property own-ers become delinquent in their assessments the remaining tax-payers must take up this de-ficiency in order that the bonds shall not become delinquent.

Supervisor Judge Clement L. Shinn, who took the case under submission January 3, found for the defendant which action will permit the county tax collector to proceed, to sell Adams' property unless payment of back assess-ments is made. The district issued \$263,740.89 in bonds for the im-provement of South Normandie avenue. A temporary injunction granted by Superior Judge W. S. Gates last August 26 was dis-solved by the decision.

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