M. W. Groeson Gets Franchise to Serve Mena With Gas.

Mena, March 6—M. W. Groeson of Preonct has been granted a franchise to supply the city of Mena with gas. The franchise, voted by the City Council Tuesday, is for a term of 40 years, provided gas is brought to Mena within a year's time. The pipe line to supply the city is planned to come from new gas fields in Logan County.
Olympia, Wash., Firm
believes There's Oil There
and Wants to Get Control
of 6,000 Acres.

Confident there is petroleum to
be found beneath the ground in
Dallas Valley, Black Brothers Oil
& Gas company is leasing land
in this area southeast of Mena.
The work of leasing has been
quietly going on under the direc-
tion of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Black,
who are representing the com-
pany, which gives Olympia, Wash.,
as its headquarters.

Local land owners are offered
$1 per acre for leases, provided
the company gets the expected
increase. Latest reports indicate
that the 6,000 acre block sought,
is nearly complete.

Mr. and Mrs. Black have office
rooms in the same building with
City Attorney W. N. Martin on
Mena street, and are kept busy
writing and checking leases.

As Mr. Black stated recently:
"we know there is petroleum here,
but how much can only be told
by drilling?"