

TENSE SESSION AT GAS INQUIRY

Exciting Meeting Is Expected at the Investigation Tonight.

PROBING INTO METHODS

How the Consumers Are Forced to Pay Interest on Dividends on Bonds and Stock of the Corporation.

FACTS BROUGHT OUT BEFORE GAS COMMITTEE OF CITY COUNCIL.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes items like 'Cost of gas to consumers', 'Price to consumers', 'Capital stock', etc.

How consumers of gas in Portland are compelled to pay interest on bonds and stock of the Portland Gas Company...

Actual Value for Dividends.

The investigation, headed by Henry E. McGinn, submitted to the committee last Wednesday night that the actual value of the plant was the only legitimate basis for dividend and interest charges on consumers...

When the committee comes to examine, said Mr. McGinn, "it will take the value of your entire plant, without regard to your stockholders or your bonded indebtedness. It will take what you have invested, what it can see, what it can estimate, and from that will allow you a reasonable return; but it is not to allow you a reasonable return on what you have and make the consumer pay your interest besides."

Tense Session Expected.

Exciting as was the last session of the committee, when President Adams lost his temper and gave vent to a torrent of abuse and profanity on the witness stand, tonight's session promises to be equally tense. The company then fought the endeavor to discover its high finance methods...

Questions Put to Adams.

In the Wednesday night examination, questions were put by Mr. McGinn and answered by President Adams from the witness stand as follows: Q.—What do you think the value of your plant is? A.—I think the plant is worth to the neighborhood of \$1,500,000.

Table with 2 columns: Year, Amount. Receipts for past years and responded as follows: 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936.

Disposition of Receipts. Q.—Will you kindly inform the committee what disposition was made of the receipts for last year? \$398,082.67? A.—We paid out \$250,919.19 under the distribution...

Q.—What became of the balance? A.—We paid out \$250,919.19 under the distribution, \$8,510.20 for running the stove and fixture department, \$2,402.66 for administration, and there are sundry charges amounting to \$2,266.94, and that makes a total of \$268,607.74, leaving a balance of \$129,474.93.

Q.—What has been done with that? A.—We charged \$20,000 for depreciation. We saved fixed charges of \$37,500.

Q.—What do you mean by that? A.—That is a charge of 5 per cent interest on \$750,000 of bonds.

LEAVES STREETS TORN UP

Gas Company Lays Its Mains, but Does Not Repair Damage.

The Gas Company is laying mains on streets in Brooklyn, on the East Side.

NAMED AS TRUANT OFFICER

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S. D. WHITE, OF THE MOUNTED PATROL, IS GIVEN THE POSITION.

Chief of Police Grizmacher yesterday assigned Mounted Patrolman S. D. White to duty as truant officer. This is in accordance with plans of Juvenile Judge A. L. Frazer, under whose direct supervision the new appointee will work.

Truant Officer White will assume his new duties this morning, pursuant to an order issued yesterday by Chief Grizmacher. White knew nothing of his selection for the important position until he reported off duty at headquarters with the day patrol.

Truant Officer White will work from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M., his special duty being to look after youngsters who "play hooky," and to see that the laws relative to children attending school are enforced. He is the first truant officer in Portland's history. The position is regarded as one of the most important having to do with the youth of the city.

During White's service in the Police Department, he has borne an excellent reputation, and has never been in trouble. He has been attached practically all the time to the mounted squad.

SAYS NOT DRUNK

Alice Davenport Declares She Was Slightly Intoxicated.

FOUND GUILTY BY JUDGE

Record of a Day's Proceedings With Petty Offenders in the Municipal Court and the Punishments Meted Out.

"This will undoubtedly prove to be a big case," said Clerk Frank Hennessey, when Alice Davenport, weighing 250 pounds, came forward in the Municipal Court yesterday morning and stood before Judge Cameron to be arraigned on a charge of drunkenness. She entered an indignant denial, and

and connecting with houses, but falls in every case to restore the streets torn up for these mains. Trenches are dug, pipe put down and covered lightly with dirt and gravel, leaving the streets damaged.

On East Ninth street a fine new improvement was put down at very heavy expense to the property-owners, because of the cost that was made, but it was an excellent pavement. Now comes the gas company and digs a trench on the west side for its pipe. The dirt was thrown back and the gravel piled on top.

A man went over the ridge and tamped it lightly, but the ridge, two and three inches high, is left between Beacon and Ellsworth.

On East Eighth street these ridges are left, and also when a trench is dug across the streets to lay pipe to the houses these trenches are left and become chock holes. Property-owners, who pay for the improvement of these streets, think that the Gas Company should be required to restore the streets to a good condition as they were in before they were torn up.

This can only be done by using a heavy street-roller, instead of sending around a man to tamp down the ridges gently by hand. It would cost more to do this.

Deputy City Attorney Fitzgerald called Patrolman Klenen to the stand. "Was this woman drunk?" asked Mr. Fitzgerald.

"She was," replied the patrolman, "very promptly."

"I was not drunk," swore Alice Davenport when she mounted the stand and attempted to seat herself in the democratic chair that has so long and faithfully served the purpose in this historic court.

"Not drunk?" exclaimed Mr. Fitzgerald. "Were you sober?"

"I was slightly intoxicated, but not drunk. I knew all the time what I was doing," she replied haughtily, as she shot a piercing glance at the inquisitor.

"I see, madame," replied Mr. Fitzgerald, as he glanced up at the ceiling. "You were only 'slightly intoxicated.' Now, what I want to know is, were you sober when you turned the water on upstairs in the women's ward and let it run until it soaked through the floor and dripped down into this courtroom; how about that—were you drunk then, or sober?"

"I never turned on the water," was the reply. "It is false, sir; I'm innocent to cause Judge Cameron to alter his opinion, and he found her guilty. She was fined \$23."

Alice Davenport is the largest woman ever appearing in the courtroom.

Robert Hayward, aged 15 years, astonished Judge Cameron by entering a plea of guilty to a charge of robbing telegraph boxes, when he was arraigned by the Deputy District Attorney. Sentence was not passed, however, as the court expressed a desire to have the prisoner's parents in the room when this was done, and he desired to ask them some questions.

Young Hayward was captured after a spectacular chase from a rooming house at 122 1/2 Union avenue, which is in East Portland, across the Burnside street bridge and down Second street, West Portland, by Philip Howard. The latter was but half-dressed, but knew he had an opportunity to capture a thief, and declined to give up the race. Special Policeman Wagon, of the Chinatown district, stopped the fugitive, and placed him under arrest.

Philip Howard, who put up the hot race for the young man, saw Hayward break into the telephone box in the hotel, take from it the contents and put them in his pocket.

Mrs. K. A. Fox, keeper of the Appleton Hotel, North Sixth street, caused the arrest of Sam Dashars, charging him with "defrauding an in-keeper," but when the case came to trial yesterday morning, the defendant, although fined \$10, "rot back" at his accuser by proving that he gave her a skirt, worth \$4. The woman was very indignant over the defendant's tale of the skirt, but she admitted she had one at the house, which, she said, he left there without her consent.

"Do you not think you had best accept that skirt?" asked Judge Cameron of Mrs. Fox. "You see, the defendant has no money to pay the bill with, and if he is fined, he will have to go to jail, and it won't do you any good."

"Indeed, I will not accept the old skirt; it's no use to me," she replied, replied Mrs. Fox. "He can get that skirt any time he calls for it, for I would not have it as a gift. I never accepted it, and he left it without my consent."

An investigation was begun by Judge Cameron into the financial affairs of Charles Wright, alleged vagrant. For the fortieth time, more or less, Wright has been before His Honor on various charges, and this time may expect to receive a heavy sentence, especially should it develop that he told some untruths to the court about debts.

"I went into a dark alley to lean against a building," said Wright, explaining how he came to be arrested. "You see, I knew I was going to be seized with a fit, and wanted to protect myself from falling from the pavement. I had it fit all right, and the policeman caught me. I knew every well that when I opened my eyes and saw the blue uniform bending over me that the game was up, and that it would be me to the jail, and here I am."

Judge Cameron then began taking down the figures relative to Wright's financial standing since last released on a vagrancy charge, and some discrepancies are believed to be forthcoming. The case was continued until this morning.

Warrants for the arrest of Louis Trummer and John Furey were issued out of the Municipal Court yesterday morning, charging Trummer with maintaining a saloon, 48 North Fourth street, where a stairs connects with the upper floor, in which disorderly women resort, and Furey with being a party to the business.

Hoquiam Plans for Chautauqua. HOQUIAM, Wash., March 1.—(Special.)—Work on the new tabernacle was commenced today and when completed Hoquiam will have one of the largest halls of this nature in the county. The old Hoquiam iron works

IT'S LADIES' DAY EVERY DAY AT THE Sale of Brigham's Fine Stock AT SEVENTH AND WASHINGTON STS. Under the direction of SHANAHAN, the man that gives real bargains. It behoves every lady in Portland to be one of the crowd to attend this great sale of the finest stock of Laces, Underwear, Corsets, Waists, Notions and Men's Furnishings as ever was placed on a sacrifice sale in the United States. Brigham's store is the home of the finest grades of merchandise, and the prices they are being sold at by SHANAHAN puts them within the reach of all. 65 Per Cent on the Dollar OF BRIGHAM'S LOW PRICES. YPSILANTI UNION SUITS, COLUMBIA WOOLS, P. D. CORSETS, CHILDREN'S VESTS AND DRAWERS, FURNISHING DEPARTMENT, YPSILANTI TIGHTS, AUSTRALIAN WOOL CHILDREN'S, EQUIPOSE WAISTS, LADIES' AUSTRALIAN WOOL, LADIES' SWISS RIBBED VESTS, LADIES' SWISS RIBBED DRAWERS, NUNN'S LAMBSWOOL SLIPPER SOLES.

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Special Request Ladies! During this sale we ask that those who can to attend this sale in the forenoon. The store, while spacious and well lighted, will not more than accommodate one-half of crowds that will endeavor to attend during the usual popular hours of the afternoon. Early patrons will find it to their advantage to be here before 10:30 A. M. DAILY.

We open at 9 o'clock; close from 12 to 1 for lunch and arranging of stock, and close at 5 P. M. On Saturday we close from 5 to 6 P. M. for lunch and arranging of stock, and keep open in the evening until 10 o'clock

PERSONAL MENTION.

George W. Hazen, attorney, returned home yesterday from a week's stay in San Francisco on legal business. He says he had many inquiries while in San Francisco about Portland real estate deals, which had been reported and that he believed that more Californians will come here to invest.

NEW YORK, March 1.—(Special.)—

Northwestern people registered today as follows: From Salem, Or.—R. T. Bishop, at the Grand.

From Spokane—J. E. White, at the Prince George; C. M. Youle, at the Fifth Avenue.

From Seattle—L. I. Hoffman, at the Cumberland; D. L. Weaver and wife, at the Vendome; E. E. Harvey, at the Park Avenue; F. M. Gordon, at the Breslin; D. H. Jarvis and wife, F. S. Stimson, at the Wolcott.

CHICAGO, March 1.—(Special.)—

Oregonians registered today as follows: Morrison—H. L. Allen, E. B. Jones, Portland.

Kalmer—J. A. Foster, Jr., Salem, Grace—J. H. Ricker, Jr., Portland, Sherman—H. G. Williams and wife, Salem.

Windsor—A. H. Boyland, Portland, Windsor—Clifton J. Freeman, Salem.

Portland Merchants Get Terms.

To enable Portland merchants to ship supplies to logging camps at Raymond, Wash., on more favorable terms than San Francisco merchants, who have been controlling the business by shipments by steamer to South Bond and thence by rail, the Northern Pacific will allow the 30-cent scale to become operative as far as Raymond, instead of the 25-cent scale as formerly. The rates on news and print paper in rolls, bundles or crates and wrapping and building paper in mixed cartons and lots, having a minimum of 25,000 pounds, to South ports from Portland, will be made the same from Vancouver, Wash. This change will be published in a few days.

Adams Tells of Receipts.

Here Mr. Adams was asked for his receipts for past years and responded as follows: 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936.

ALL MEN WILL BE BLIND

Specialist's Opinion on Ultimate Effect of Electricity.

CHICAGO, March 1.—Universal blindness is to be humanity's tribute to electricity, is the theory expressed by Dr. H. Preston Pratt, X-ray and therapeutic expert, in the trial of a personal injury suit in Judge Windo's court yesterday. The Union Traction Company is being sued for \$50,000 damages in behalf of Ruth Bostrom, who is declared to be partially blind and paralyzed from an electrical current which passed through her body April 10, 1922.

Eye specialists have been the first to discover the corroding effects of the electrical currents being generated by millions of dynamos in every corner of the civilized globe, explained the witness. Day or night we are never free from its influence, he said. The eyes, the most delicate portion of the human body, will suffer first. Dr. Pratt cited the increasing prevalence of falling eyelids. Later will come a gradual sensitizing and burning of the hands.

The wavering of the incandescent globe, the sputtering brightness of the arc light, the glaring white of the vacuum tube, were specified as the agencies which have already made the Americans a "spectacled and blink-

Good Hotel for Hoquiam.

HOQUIAM, Wash., March 1.—(Special.)—There is a movement on foot to give Hoquiam a first-class hotel. Business men are to form a stock company and erect a three-story brick building near the Northern Pacific depot. Hoquiam has been retarded a great deal owing to its lack of hotel accommodations, the majority of traffic stopping at Aberdeen. It is the intention of these men to construct and operate the best hotel on Gray's Harbor, thus securing them the best of this trade.

Clackamas Democratic Candidates.

OREGON CITY, Or., March 1.—(Special.)—Howard F. Latourette will become a candidate for the Democratic nomination for County Clerk. Mr. Latourette is the son of C. D. Latourette, a prominent Democrat of this city.

R. B. Beattie, of Beaver Creek, and H.

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