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PORTLAND, WEDNESDAY, JAN. 9, 1907. THE GAS COMPANY'S FRANCHISE.

Mr. Henry E. McGinn said last June, in closing his remarks before the committee of the City Council appointed to investigate the gas company...

for you, gentlemen, to decide whether or not these points are to be taken into consideration by the committee...

to derive this power from an irrevocable charter granted to the franchisee by the Legislature, together with a subsequent charter obtained from the Legislature of the state and a third franchise belonging to the first place to the West Portland Gas Company...

But it is not our purpose here to inquire into these legal technicalities, we do not deem them of prime importance in discussing the relations between the gas company, or any other corporation, and the public...

and individuals. If the company furnishes poor gas, the Council should forthwith order to furnish better gas. If it overcharges, the Council should set lower rates at once...

test. The sooner the issue is drawn and decided the better. The sooner we know whether the people or this mischievous lawless monopoly enjoys supreme power in Portland the better...

Meanwhile, the Legislature should make assurance doubly sure to the gas company's status before the public by repealing its franchise.

JUST A LITTLE HISTORY. A year ago or more many complaints reached the Oregonian about the methods of the Portland Gas Company...

when The Oregonian committed less violence against the associated franchisee than it has done in the past. Families of Portland, and printed the facts. The City Council decided to investigate, that it might ascertain if the public had any rights which even the gas company is bound to respect...

The public knows enough about it all now to understand perfectly what it means. It is a common sense, common sense service and bad gas, for the bold adventure in high finance made by the little inside circle of the gas company...

EDUCATION IN THE PHILIPPINES. The sixth annual report of the director of education in the Philippines is a suggestive and interesting document...

primary schools in the islands with an average of 100 pupils in each school. In these schools 700 American and 6224 Filipino teachers are employed. The teachers' institute, an outgrowth of our modern educational system, goes hand in hand with the study of the language...

While education, as touching the masses, has made more progress in the archipelago during the last decade of American occupancy than it made during the many decades of Spanish rule...

teacher, and this element, according to the report submitted, is steadily gaining in reliability, strength of character and moral purpose...

SUICIDE OR MURDER? The police have a perfectly patent motive for upholding the improbable theory that Dr. Johnson committed suicide. In the first place, could they tell the public into the belief that their action was actually a crime...

A few moments before the deed was committed he left the dwelling of his friends in high spirits. Upon the terrace which he usually crossed he was murdered and his body was hurled to the depths below by the thugs who committed the deed...

Apple, red and yellow, bearing on their burnished coats the glint of departed summer days, and in their juices the stored essences of the bright sunshine, timely moisture and balmy air...

HAZY INDUSTRIAL OUTLOOK. Some of the speculatively inclined individuals who frequent temples of chance are said to have a "system" which will win them the prize...

Mr. H. C. Atwell, of Forest Grove, will talk before the Horticultural Society today of "Apples for the Common People." The subject is one of general interest, and it is hoped that the speaker will make it plain that the apples for the common people are good, sound, clean, wholesome apples...

STRIKES ARE IMPOSSIBLE DURING TIMES OF DEPRESSION. It is only when there is a surplus of labor that strikes can be made successful. The big railroad systems which are now extending their mileage have at their command plenty of money...

When the Interstate Commerce Commission gets through with Hill and Harriman, their constituency at this end of the line will doubtless learn officially what has been known privately, or suspected, these several years...

Here is a question that every consumer is able to answer for himself: At the reduced rate of \$1 a thousand are your gas bills higher or lower than they were one year ago?

Our four-inch excess in rainfall since September means a better four feet excess in snow on the mountain tops—an important factor in figuring on next June's food...

TOO MANY RAILROAD WRECKERS. Remedies—From a Safe Time Schedule to Modern Block System. (Extracts from Eastern newspapers as to the recent collision on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad at Terra Cotta, D. C., when over 50 passengers were killed and about 60 injured.)

Can we say honestly that our attitude toward railroad travel has not given the railroads the excuse, if not the warrant, for reducing the factor of safety to the minimum in order to obtain the maximum factor of speed which is no destructive of human life every year?

Lack of Block Signal Appliances. In all instances where the accident would never have happened if the line had been fitted with up-to-date block signal appliances. The cause of the collision is told in the report received by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad...

Men—Not Bad Block System. The block system of road-bed, for much blame, because of the many accidents that have recently occurred where it is in use. The blame is wrongly attributed to the block system...

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RAISES STATE RIGHT BOG. Governor's Constitutional Objection to Child-Labor Bill. WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—In presenting his objections to the Senate to the pending bill for the regulation of child labor, Senator Overman, of North Carolina, went into an elaborate discussion of the doctrine of states' rights...

Overman held there was no limit to the power of Congress to deal with commerce which is interstate in its nature. He heartily indorsed recent measures exercising this control, such as the act which the pure food law and the meat inspection legislation, but there was a decided distinction between regulating interstate commerce and making regulations controlling commerce...

Experts Reminded German Treaty Will Need Legislation. WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—The State Department has indicated to the experts who were sent to Germany to confer with German experts and to compare notes relative to the complaints against the American tariff schedule that it would be necessary for the American government to enact a law which would be necessary by the fact that if any legislation is necessary to give effect to the recommendations of the tariff experts, at least one law will be required to perfect it...

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GIVES MESSAGE AND PRAYS. Governor Buchtel Inaugurated in Church Which He Built. DENVER, Jan. 8.—Rev. Dr. Henry A. Buchtel, Chancellor of Denver University, was inaugurated as Governor of Colorado at noon today, and for the first time in the history of the state the inauguration took place in a church. In deference to the Governor's wish, the oath of office was administered to him and he delivered his inaugural address to the Legislature in Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, which he aided largely in building while he was pastor of that congregation. The Governor concluded his address with a prayer, followed by the Lord's Prayer, in which many of the audience joined.

About 2500 persons attended the inaugural ceremonies, the church being crowded. Following the inauguration, the Governor and other state officers were escorted from the church to the Capitol by a military and civic procession, the senior class of Denver University marching alongside the Governor's carriage.

Kansas Governor Would Forbid Pikes and Protect Beet Sugar. TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 8.—The Legislature convened here today in biennial session. Governor Hoch, in his inaugural address, said that the weak parts of the National law, referred to in President Roosevelt's message to Congress, must be corrected. Nothing would be done to drive capital away from Colorado, but instead everything would be done to invite both capital and people to the state. The Governor characterized a local option law as the application of the principle of the square deal to the question of the open saloon.

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