# UNPURIFIED GAS FED INTO MAINS

Noxious Fumes Cause Portland Consumers Several Hours of Misery.

#### RESULT OF AN ACCIDENT

Company's Manager Explains That Sulphur Compounds in Crude Product Created the Trouble. Many All .but Suffocate.

Gas, mingled with poisonous impurities that was fed into the mains at the central gas plant of the Portland Gas Company last night by mistake, set the people of the city to choking and gasping for breath before the management of the gas plant discovered the mistake and corrected it. The accident that was the cause of the trouble occurred at a time when the maximum of gas was being used by householders. occurred at a time when the maximum of gas was being used by householders. The noxious fumes were noticed shortly before 5 o'clock, while dinners were being cooked and lamps lighted all over the city. The awful stench from the gas burners continued until nearly 3 o'clock, although out in the suburbs near the ends of the gas mains, the

so clock, although out in the suburbs near the ends of the gas mains, the had gas was noticed until a later hour. Indignant consumers of gas throughout the city kent the complaint department of the gas company busy for hours asking what caused the poor quality of gas. The gas company vouchasfed no information on this point, but sayised all patrons to keep their doors and windows open, saying that if this were done, there would be no danger. This advice was far from satisfactory, considering the cold night. Many dinners could not be eaten or in fact even cooked because of the choking fumes from the gas ranges.

Unpurified gas was fed into the gasholders last night, as a result of an accident at the works. This gas had not passed through the washers and contained a high percentage of a carbon-sulphur compound. Hydrogen compounds are always taken out of the

gas before it is let into the mains, but some of these poisonous combinations became mixed with the gas last night. The sulphur compounds that are usually sliminated by washing the gas caused most of the discomfort last wight.

#### Papst Explains Trouble.

All coal or oll on this Coast used "All coal or oil on this Coast used for gas-making contains a high percentage of sulphur," said Superintendent Papet, of the Portland Gas Company, last night. "An unfortunate accident at the works, while the purifiers were being changed, caused a quantity of raw or unpurified gas to find its way into the storage tanks. This was corrected as soon as the mistake was discovered. We are getting ready to install new appliances at the ready to install new appliances at the works, that will do away with these sulphur fumes to a greater extent than at present, and the foundations for the new apparatus are being put in. It was on this account that the accident

There was a storm of protest from all parts of the city last night over the seretched quality of the gas. Hundreds of people rang up The Oregonian to ask the cause of the trouble and what could

be done to escape the poisonous fumes that were pouring from gas burners in all parts of the city.

Louis Whiting, of the real estate firm of Whiting & Rountree, who lives at 119 Johnson street, reported that fumes from the burning gas was choking every-one in the house and that he had heard complaints from scores of people in his

o vacate inor rooms after being almost suffocated. One girl was so overcome that she could not speak. Mrs. J. J. Morgan, 506 East Alder street, complished that the stench from the gas, was something awful and could not be en-

Hill, said everyone in his neighborhood was taking the open-air treatment to minich as possible the injurious

### All Windows Left Open.

On Grand agenue last night all the doors and windows were wide open in order to get relief from the foul-smelling

effect, showing that the poison in the gas served to customers of the company last night was distributed into all the

downtown restaurants diners could

gered. In addition to the dis-is to be combatted, the ill each week from now on, and that 4000 overcome as well. Particularly are the had effects of the gas fumes noticed in cases of lung affections such as pneu-monia, had colds, influenza and grip, all

Wounds Three Men and Then Gives

Himself Up.

CLARKSBURG. W. Va., March 4 .-Frank Johnson, a negro murderer who took refuge in a barn on the Yates farm nine miles from here, early today she and wounded three persons. The injured: William Magheny, a school teacher: Harry Cork and John Ramsey, It is not believed any were fatally injured. The men shot were members of a posse. Johnson yesterday killed Mrs. Carl Martin, colored, because she refused to clope with him. Just as the posse was about to burn the barn this evening the surrendered on promise of protec-

SEND SCENIC PROTOS EAST. Read Sharkey's Sunday ad.



MISS GRETCHEN HOYT, OF NEW YORK CITY, WHOSE ENGAGEMENT TO HENRY LADD CORBETT WAS ANNOUNCED LAST WEEK.

Miss Gretchen Hoyt, whose engagement was announced last week to Henry Ladd Corbett, of Portland, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reese Hoyt, of New York City. Miss Hoyt made her initial how to New York society two Winters ago, and since then has enjoyed great popularity in Gotham, being a brilliant and highly accomplished girl. She was a Portland visitor last year, having been a guest at the residence of Mr. Corbett's grandmother, Mrs W. S. Ladd, for a week prior to taking a motor trip with her parents through California. Mr. Corbett is president of the Portland Hotel Company and a director of the First National Book.

Canvasser Sent Out.

if voters of Multnomah County con one in the house and that he had leard complaints from scores of people in his neighborhood.

C. L. Mead, 125 Fourteenth street, said the smell from the gas burners was so of the primaries approaches 25,000 voters of the primaries approaches 25,000 voters will have registered when the books close to vacate their rooms after being almost suffoctable.

The United States, said Mr. Foster, of Denver, "I said the same thing up at Seattle the other night, but that was before I had visited Portland." The speaker then proceeded to detail the advantages of organization among the suffoctable of the primaries approaches and the same thing are the same thing and the same thing are the same thing the same thing are the same thing and the same thing are the day that the total number of registered voters this year will probably stand between 27,000 and 28,000, although he has some hope that it will go higher

dured unless the doors and windows of the house were left wide open. This remedy left everyone in the house shivering and was only less discomforting than the gas fumes themselves.

W. L. Lister, a greeryman on Nob will visit the large department stores, and if the plan works well Mr. Fleids and if the plan works well Mr. Fields says he will also send him to the factories and machine shops. Mr. Gaash will carry the following letter of introduction: To Whom It May Contern: This will introduce Mr. J. Earl Gaash, who is distributing registration cards. If you will kindly allow him to pass them around in your establishment the favor will be ap-

preciated.

Seattle registered over 15,000 voters, 30
per cent of whom voted at the election
there yesterday. Let's try to beat it.

Yours for 28,000, and all to vote.

F. S. FIELDS.

County Clerk.

If the cards are properly filled out be In downtown restaurants diners could hardly endure the fumes long enough to eat, even with doors and windows wide open and electric fans going. Cigar stores, drugstores, salcons and all places of business open at night that use gas were filled with a sulphur stench that dreve patrons to the open air. People everywhere complained of the sulphur fumes and feared poisoning by the gas. "These gas times are a rank poison, said one of the leading physicians of the city last night, "and their primary effect is to produce congestion of the lungs. They do not directly affect the heart. But the presence of the poison in such large quantities means that sick or delicate persons subjected to the fumes are endangered. In addition to the dissence that about County Clerk Schneider to the fumes are endangered. In addition to the dissence that about County Clerk Schneider to the fumes are endangered.

about 18,300. Up to Tuesday night it was 18,017. Deputy County Clerk Schneider estimates that about 2009 will register each week from now on, and that 4000 AT 11,425.

NEGRO FIRES ON POSSE primaries were as follows: West Side, Store country, Mal. Total, 21.171. When the date came for the genwhen the date came for the general election in that year the total number of vaters registered was as follows:
West Side, 19,273: East Side, 863: country,
228. Total, 22,463. The registration for asked to explain what he meant in a the city election last year was as follows: West Side, 12,534: East Side, 12,772.

# CREDIT MEN HOLD BANQUET

Secretary-Treasurer Meek of National Organization Honored.

Nearly 100 members of the Portland Association of Credit Men last night attended a banquet that was given at

WANTS TO BEAT SEATTLE

Bayley, vice-president of the Credit Men's Association, of Denver, Colo.

E. B. Rutherford, president of the local association, president as toast-master, and introduced Mayor Lane, who welcomed the visitors to the city, in presenting Mayor Lane, Toastmaster, Rutherford became facetious and told of becoming "Waymired" in the North End while undertaking to introduce the visitors to some of the manufacturing sections of the city. In responding, Mayor Lane humorously referred to the recent Circuit Court trial in which he was more than an interested spectator, and declared that while Portland is a

and declared that while Portland is a town modest in her claims, it is even a better town than it looks. "Portland is the greatest city of its

Other speakers were Mr. Meek and R. L. Sabin, secretary of the Merchants Protective Association, of this city. The banquet was one of the most successful that has been conducted by the local organization.

### BRIDGE CONTRACT IS LET

Local Firm to Build Sullivan Gulch Structure for \$61,500.

The contract for a reinforced concrete bridge across: Sullivan's Gulch, on East Twenty-eighth street, was awarded to the Northwest Bridge Works, a Portland firm, yesterday afternoon by the Exe tive Board, at an adjourned meeting.
The contract price is \$64,500, if the city puts in a double track for the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, but if the contractors are ordered to do the work, it will cost \$1900 more, ac-cording to their bid.

This is the first bridge to be built in

the city on which the electric company has refused to pay its porthe city on which the electric railway the company, President Josselyn, of the Portland Rallway, Light & Power Com-

struction. City Attorney Kavanaugh gave P. M.

The total cumber now registered is about 18,300. Up to Tuesday night it was pay its share of the cost of the bridge. and suit will be entered in due time In order to collect, the city is oblige

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City Council committee, appointed to probe alleged "trusts" in Portland, which is scheduled to meet at 16 o'clock this morning, centers in the appearance of W. H. Beharrell, manager for Heyer of vaters registered was as follows:

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attended a banquet that was given at Richards' restaurant, in honor of Charles E. Meek, of New York, secretary-treasurer of the National Association of Credit Men. Other distinguished guests at the banquet ware A. C. Foster, cashier of the United States National Bank, of Denver, and Charles Co.'s drug store.

## ASH WEDNESDAY OBSERVED

SERVICES AT CATHOLIC AND EPISCOPAL CHURCHES.

Father McDevitt Preaches at Cathedral and Bishop Scadding Addresses Trinity Communicants.

until Easter at the same hour. Commun infili Easter at the same nour. Commun-ion service was held yesterday morning at 10 o'clock. It will be held also on the other Wednesdays of the season. Similar services were held yesterday at St. Stephen's Pro-Cathedral, and at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church.

### JUMPS INTO WILLAMETTE

# LETTERS ANSWER PASTOR'S CHARGE

Mayor Lane Makes Public Correspondence Regarding Fritz Case.

#### UNFAVORABLE TO BRUIN

Evidence in Writing That Both Mayor and Chairman Greene, of Police Committee, Gave Detective Free Rein.

Mayor Lane vesterday made public five etters, being the official correspondence that passed between himself, Captain of Detectives Patrick Bruin and T. G. Greene, chairman of the police committee of the Executive Board, relative to Fred Fritz' Burnside-street resort, last January. This constitutes a reply to certain statements made by Dr. J. Whitcomb Brougher last Sunday night, in his ser-

Brougher last Sunday night, in his sermon at the White Temple, in course of which he charged that a searching investigation should be made by the Municipal Association to ascertain who is standing in the way of convicting Fritz.

In making public this correspondence Mayor Lane says that he is in no wise criticising Dr. Brougher or any one else, but deems it justifiable to make known the efforts of his administration to force Fritz and others to obey the law. Neither does the Mayor desire portions of these letters to be construed as in any sense a reply to anything Captain Bruin has said since quitting the police department. The letters show that Captain Bruin, in his capacity as inspector of the police department. The letters show that Captain Bruin, in his capacity as inspector of the police department, declared to Mayor Lane January 17 that all efforts to secure a conviction of Fred Frits had met with failure. The officer virtually demanded to know how the Lane administration stood; he volunteered the information that unless he received the full support of the city government he would drop the case, as he said he-was making many enemies by his campaign. Mayor Lane replied the following day, in plain terms, assuring Captain Bruin that no resort in the city had any protection of any sort, and urged an aggressive fight against all violators of law.

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The Mayor also communicated with Chairman Greene of the police committee, and Mr. Greene's reply was emphatic in ordering strict compliance, with the law by Fritz and every other alleged violator of the law.

As a result of Captain Bruin's letter, under date of January 17, 1905, Chief of Police Gritzmacher and Captain Bruin were instructed to raid and raid again Fritz' resort and other establishments of the kind, every day in the year, if necessary, to compel obedience to the law. The only action taken by Bruin was to prefer charges against Fritz with the liquor-license committee of the City Council, but the charges were dismissed. Captain Bruin, in his letter to Mayor Lane, gives the impression that he is the only honest, courageous and fearless officer in the department, and charges that Fritz is receiving protection from some one. It was while discussing this Fritz matter that Dr. Brougher declared it was time the public was given the facts, so that they might know who was responsible for the failure to convict in the Fritz case.

The correspondence passing between

The correspondence passing between Captain Bruin, Mayor Lane and Chairman Greene is as follows:

Mr. Tomlineon admitted that the passageway was a violation of the law, but denied that a veribule in front of the theater, and connected with the saloon by a door, which is also the main entrance to the theater, was a violation of the city ordinance. This vestibule is about 30 by 40 feet and in it are two shooting galleries and several electrical slot machines, which by dropping a penty in the slot you may see several views. All these things, including the shooting galleries, are attended to by women.

wires over the bridge.

Will Resume Probing Today.

Interest in the session of the special City Council committee, appointed to probe alleged "irrusts" in Portland, all, which is scheduled to meet at 10 o'clock this morning, centers in the appearance of W. H. Beharrell, manager for Heyword Brox, and the Wakefield Furniture of W. H. Beharrell, manager for Heyword Brox, and the Wakefield Furniture of W. H. Beharrell, manager for Heyword Brox, and the Wakefield Furniture of W. H. Beharrell, manager for Heyword Brox, and the Wakefield Furniture of W. H. Beharrell, manager for Heyword Brox, and the Wakefield Furniture of W. H. Beharrell, manager for Heyword Brox, and the Wakefield Furniture of W. H. Beharrell, manager for Heyword Brox, and the Wakefield Furniture of W. H. Beharrell, manager for Heyword Brox, and the Wakefield Furniture of W. H. Beharrell, manager for Heyword Brox, and the Wakefield Furniture of W. H. Beharrell, manager for Heyword Brox, and the Wakefield Furniture of W. H. Beharrell, manager for Heyword Brox, and the Wakefield Furniture of W. H. Beharrell, manager for Heyword Brox, and the Wakefield Furniture of W. H. Beharrell, manager for Heyword Brox, and the Wakefield Furniture of W. H. Beharrell, manager for Heyword Brox, and what he questioned as all feeling pain. He will be questioned with threatened bindiness, He had been a sufferer from eye trouble for over two declared, with the meaning by his recent letter to The Orogonian by 'an Heyword Brox, Heyword B

# LIFE-SAPPING PARASITES THAT WRECK HUMAN SYSTEM

the country during the past year, and has sold in such enormous quantities in leading cities:

"It is now a well-known fact that wherever I have introduced my New Discovery medicine, hundreds of people have brought internal parasites, or tapeworms, to me. In many cases these people did not know the nature of the parasite, and were consequently extremely nervous until I explained the matter to them. In some cities so many have bad this experience that the public generally became alarmed.

"I take this opportunity of explaining what those creatures are, and what I have learned about them in the past." Tapeworms are much more common that would be supposed. I venture to say that ten per cent of all thronic stomach trouble, or what is known as a rundown condition, is caused by them. An individual may suffer for years with one of these great parasites and not be aware of it.

grandle generation in the pit of the stomach.

"People' afflicted with one of these proof, and they tipe very easily. Lack of energy and ambition affect the body, and the mind becomes dull and sluggish. The memory becomes not so good, and the wind becomes all in purities, seems to be fatal to those great worms, and almost in mediately expects them from the system. I wish to assure any one with my preparation, that there is no cause for alarm in the matter, and that it will as a rule mean a speedy reforted to good health."

The Cooper medicines are a boon to stomach sufferers. We sell them.—The Skidmore Drug Co.; Huntley Bros. Co., Oregon City, Or.

The following remarkable statement was recently made by L. T. Cooper. It converus the preparation which has been so widely discussed throughout the country during the past year, and has sold in such enormous quantities in leading cities:

"Contrary to general belief, the appetite is not greatly increused—it only becomes irregular. There is a general feeling of faintness, however, and a gnawing sensation in the pit of the stomach.

among prominent citizans of this community and it I am not to have the full approval of the entire city government I will drop this case. My interest in prosecuting Fred Fritz is just the same as that which caused me to prosecute Erickson's, the Blaziers and the Faris House, the slot machines and the dives along Fourth street. They were all guilty, the same as Fred Fritz, and no more.

Going back to the Second and Clay street saloes, I do not see any good reason why any one setting up and maintaining a bawdy house in that part of the city should escape punishment if the case against him is proved, as I believe this case to be. Respectfully.

Captain and inspector of Police.

Reply of Mayor Lans.

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Mayor Lane replies to Captain Bruin as follows:

Very respectfully yours, HARRY LANE, Mayor.

Mr. Greene's Answer.

Chairman Greene replied as follows: Chairman Greene replied as follows:

Jan. 18. 1808.

Hon. Harry Lane. Mayor of PortlandDear Sir: Referring to your communication of this date regarding the report of
Captain Bruin under date of January 13
concerning the violation of certain or
dinances by Fred Fritz and by a salton a
Second and Clay streets, I beg to say the
as chairman of the police committee
have at all times and on every occasio
instructed the Chief of Police. Captai
Bruin and every other police officer with
whom I had occasion to discuss the matter to enforce the ordinances against Free

dresses Trinity Communicants; and Greene is an follows:

Yesterday, Ash Wednesday, was celebrated in all the Catholic and Episcopial churches of Portland with apecial services. It is the beginning of a season of a days' fasting and prayer, which will terminate on Ezater Sunday. The cason of the control of thermore. I think the Chief of Police about the requested to investigate, with a view ascertaining to what extent, if any, it patrolimen on the beats where these place are located, have reported concerning the same, and if it appears that such patrolimen have walked by guch places as the every day without attempting to bring them to justice said natrolimen should be given beats in the suburbs or reported to the police committee for trial. Your very respectfully. T. G. GREENE.

Charman of the police committee.

### . Gloses the Incident.

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Mayor Lane then sent a copy of Chairman Greene's letter to Captain Bruin, as is shown by the following:

Mr. P. Bruin, Captain of Police Department, Portland, Or.—Dear Sir: Again referring to your favor of recent date. I enclose herwith copy of a letter received from Mr. Thomas G. Greene, chairman of the police committee. Yours respectfully, MAYOR.

NOT AT BRUIN'S REQUEST

Spanish War Veterans Making Independent Investigation.

The Spanish-American War Veterans of Scout Young camp are continuing their investigations into the case of Captain of Detectives Bruin, who recently reof Detectives Bront, who recently resigned from the Police Department. A
committee, of which Comrade A. J. Sauls
bury is chairman, has the matter in hand
The members have already called upor
Chief Gritzmacher and Mayor Lane felative to the affair.

"The committee was named to make an
invariable invariant of the cause of

honor that what I have above stated are facts by having you visit the place yourself when it is running in full swing, or send some members of the police committee to look over the place.

By applying the law to Pritz I am making many personal enemies for myself before the committee and asked for his impartial investigation

version of the affair. A mistake was also made in a published statement, in which it was said that Comrade McCord was spokesman for the committee, as I am chairman and spokesman.

"We are investigating the Bruin matter on a strictly impartial basis, and will report at next Monday night's meeting. We will report on whatever the facts prove to be. If Bruin is at fault, we will censure him; if Mayor Lane, Chief Grizmacher or the Police Commissioners are to blame, we will censure them."

## COMMITTEES ARE NAMED

Organization Perfected by the Sunnyside Push Club.

Mayor Lane replies to Captain Bruin as follows:

Jan. 18, 1968.

Mr. P. Benin. Captain and Inspector of Police. Portland, Or.—Dear Sir. I am in receipt of your communication of the 17th Inst., in which you report that your effect to complete and a saioon situated on the correct of Scould and Clay streets, to obey the law, has met with failure owing to the fact that you are not supported in your communication I would say that no protection by other officials in the city semploy.

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In reply to your communication I would say that no protection of the said to these or any other places in the city by myself or by anyone clas with my knowledge or by my consult. The inference which I draw from your communication is that the City Attorney's office, the Minicipal Judge and the Chief of Police do not support you in your effort to enforce the law, more expecially against the "Frim" place.

I will refer your letter to the police committee and ask that these places be compelled to obey the laws or else to subject to every effort at our command to compel them to do so.

Respectfully.

Mayor Lane also addressed a letter to Chairman Greene, as follows:

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Jan. 18, 1908.

Mr. Thomas G. Greene, Chairman, Police Committees, City.—Diar Sir. I transmit to you a communication received feday from Captain P. Bruin. of the Police Department, and cony of my reply to film. If conditions are as he states it will be necessary for us of business. I would suggest that they be given 20 hours to get inside the law, and if after that length of time they do not business. I would suggest that they be given 20 hours to get inside the law, and if after that length of time they do not business. I would suggest that they be given 20 hours to get inside the law, and if after that length of time they do not business. I would suggest that they be given 20 hours to get inside the law, and

A. Bosserman, Charles Mautz, F. R. May.

Committees on tree-planting and
health were authorized, but the president postponed their appointment until
the meeting next Wednesday night.
The club decided to affiliate with the
United East Sife Clubs, and opened its
membership to women. Sewerage,
cleaning of streets, fire hydrants, fire
protection and street improvements
will be taken up at once. will be taken up at once.

Read Sharkey's Sunday ad.

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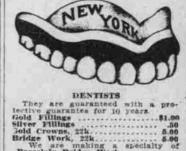
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