

BURNED GAS IS DEADLY POISON

Fumes Overcome Two Women Who Are Rescued With Difficulty.

EXPERIENCE OF MRS. SEE

She Relates an Incident at Her Home Where Presence of Mind of Trained Nurse Saved Two Lives.

Danger, often unsuspected, but none the less certain, is faced by the consumer of the mixture of petroleum gas and air which is being transmitted to every part of the city through the pipe lines of the Portland Gas Company. Due to the impurities which it contains, the gas when burned gives off poisonous fumes which threaten the health and even endanger the lives of those who constantly breathe them. Many persons have testified to the insidious effects of these gaseous vapors and new names have been added to the list more rapidly as the quality of the article furnished by the company has deteriorated.

Victims of Corporation Greed.

The latest victims of the company's greed in selling inferior gas regardless of the high price paid, are Mrs. William H. See, her niece, a trained nurse and a maid, who reside at 423 East Twenty-fourth street north. While working over the gas, Thursday two of the women were entirely overcome and the other two made extremely ill by inhaling the fumes arising from the gas as it was consumed. Only the presence of mind of the trained nurse in administering remedies was the means of saving their lives, according to Mrs. See, and the women are still suffering as the result of their unpleasant experience.

Mrs. See was reluctant to speak of the incident for publication, but did so thinking that it might be the means of warning others who are facing the same danger. The maid, who spent much time working near the heater, had complained of intense headaches some time, but did not even suspect until Thursday that the gas was the cause of her suffering. Thursday the fumes were even more obnoxious than they had been previously, and the women who were working in the kitchen were taken deathly sick. Two of them fell to the floor, completely prostrated, and it was with difficulty that their companions rescued them from the room. Mrs. See is positive in her statements that the poisonous fumes came from the burned gas.

Only One of the Evil Results.

From the experience of Mrs. See and her companions, it is evident that a depleted pocketbook is only one of the evil results of the policy of the Portland Gas Company upon consumers, and possibly not the most serious one. It would be bad if Portlanders simply had to pay more than the residents of any other city on the coast for pure gas, but to pay the price and then have the company furnish a low-grade article, mix it with air and distribute it through the pipes in the houses, is an unnecessarily rapid movement of the indicators on the consumers' expense. It is decided upon the fact that the gas is so bad that when it burns, the escaping fumes endanger the health and life of the people near by, and it seems that the only remedy is to return to the policy of the consumer and the financial betterment of the company.

A GAS CATECHISM.

Some Pertinent Questions That Bring Forth Pertinent Answers.

- Contributed by a Victim.
- Who has heard that the Portland Gas Company is going to reduce the price of gas?
- Who has heard that the Gas Company is going to abolish the \$5 deposit system on gas meters?
- Who says the Police Department is going to arrest the men who use skeleton keys in order to read the meters in the basements?
- Who says the Gas Company is going to furnish its consumers with a better quality of gas?
- Who says the Gas Company has been using public money for private gain?
- Who charges \$15 per 1000 feet for gas that can be piped into the homes of their consumers for 60 cents?
- Who says the Gas Company will lose its franchise?
- Who gives the prepaid gas meter because it gives 12 cents' worth of gas for 25 cents?
- Who says the streets without regard for public safety?
- Who knows that the lucrative days of the gas graft are over?
- Who knows that 1906 will be an unfortunate year in the gas business?
- Who says the Gas Company.

ADAMS DECLINES TO ANSWER

President of Gas Company Will Not Discuss Questions of Public Interest.

Is the Portland Gas Company going to reduce its rates?
Is the quality of gas likely to improve?
Is the Gas Company going to abolish its deposit system?
What portion of the earnings of the Gas Company is usually set aside for the payment of pipe extensions?
What was the last annual dividend of the company?

Does the Gas Company regard its franchise perpetual?
Why do the gas bills of customers vary so differently from month to month?
How much cheaper is the cost of producing oil gas than the gas made by coal? Why is the gas of inferior quality?

Smile? Of course C. F. Adams, president of the Portland Gas Company, smiled when yesterday afternoon he was handed the list of questions quoted above. It was a busy day for Mr. Adams. It was not one of his explosive days, for when the list of questions was handed him and he was asked to submit to an interview, he shook his head, smiled, and said: "I've nothing to say."

Mr. Adams glanced at the first three or four questions and he smiled through a sneer.

"I know who is behind all this persecution. I'll not discuss the matter today. What I have to say about the matter will be made at the proper time."

Then he smiled again, said good after-

SABBATH APHORISMS OF PORTLAND MEN NOW IN THE PUBLIC EYE



BILLY LADD.

HARRY LANE.

C. F. ADAMS.

Let the poor pay the taxes; the rich need the money. I owe my splendid success to honesty, integrity, probity, conscientiousness, generosity, a dash of religion—and, yes, dead men's estates and widows' and orphans' funds. I believe in closing theaters on Sunday and getting 'em any old time.

A public office is a snap. I hold one. Love me, love my bruin. It's a short Lane that takes advantage. Rah, for uncivil service! Wisdom and me shall die together.

A mefer in the house is worth two in the bush. Money extracted without pain; we use gas. The meter is mightier than the sandbag. In the midst of gas, we are in death.

soon very pleasantly to the interviewer and took up a bundle of papers from the pile off his desk, very carefully setting aside the sheet containing the list of questions which he refused to answer.

REFUSES TO BE OVERCHARGED

P. Collar's Bill Doubles and He Intends to Resist Payment.

P. Collar, of 283 Burnside street, is one man who will not tamely submit to overcharge by the Portland Gas Company. He intends to place his bill in the hands of an attorney.

POLICE STOP MARRIAGE

Arrest Couple as They Call at Residence of Clergyman.

As Ethel Thompson and Clement C. Courter, a soldier of the Seventeenth Regiment, stationed at Vancouver, Wash., were ringered the door at a minister's house in Woodlawn to have the matrimonial knot tied they were arrested by Policeman Patton last night and taken to police headquarters, where both were locked up.

Burglars on East Stark Street.

Burglars broke into the residence of J. R. Widmer at 68 East Stark street last night and after ransacking the place, stole a small sum of money. Entrance was gained by prying up a front window.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR STATE PRINTER



WILLIAM S. DUNNIWAY.

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 6.—(To the Editor.)—I shall be a candidate for nomination as State Printer in the Republican primaries to be held April 23, 1906. I solicit the support of Republicans generally, but especially do I ask the help of all who want reform in the State Printing Office. If elected, I pledge myself to a great reduction in the cost of the office. I propose to conduct it on business principles, not along political lines. (And the public may rest assured, if I am elected State Printer, that those who oppose me will take pleasure in helping me keep this pledge.)

The following questions, it seems to me, are proper to ask about a candidate who seeks a Republican nomination:

Has he the necessary qualifications?
Is he a Republican in fact as well as in name?
Has he given such service to his party's principles and purse-bearers as to deserve his party's recognition?
Unless the candidate's record will command affirmative answers to these questions, he ought not reasonably to expect favors of the party.

Believing that I am qualified by years of experience to fill the office of State Printer, and trusting that my personal record will be found satisfactory, I respectfully submit my name to the judgment of electors who desire economical and business-like administration of the State Printing Office. WILLIAM S. DUNNIWAY.

GREASED AIR GAS

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HOW IT LOOTS THE PUBLIC

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LOOTS THE CONSUMERS.

In Eastern cities the gas companies notify by mail each consumer of the amount of his bill for the preceding month, so that the consumer has warning of the bill, and if he is busy, he can arrange to pay the bill before it is due.

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From an Esteemed Contemporary.

Albany Democrat.

Great is the Oregonian as a newspaper, doing almost a million-dollar business last year.

FRANCHISE A GINCH

Gas Company Has Perpetual Control.

TERRITORIAL DAY RELIC

Only Ways to Amend It Are by the Initiative or by an Appeal to the State Legislature at Coming Session.

Using the streets of Portland for gas pipes, under a franchise granted by the state, the Portland Gas Company has privileges from the public that have no counterpart in the whole country.

The franchise comes not from the city of Portland, but from the State territory, having been granted in 1853. This city therefore has no control over the franchise; cannot amend it to conform with modern conditions, nor regulate gas rates, nor terminate the grant, nor admit a competing company unless the courts shall hold the exclusive monopoly, expressly conferred by the franchise, invalid.

Only Ways to Amend.

The one power that can reach the franchise, compelling the gas graft to reduce rates, is the State Legislature, or the initiative, by enactment of a law to amend the franchise or substitute for it a new grant conferring on the City of Portland authority to curb the monopoly and regulate gas rates to the satisfaction of consumers.

In order to secure the Legislative enactment to this end, at the session which will begin one year from this time, Portland will have to elect Legislators next June pledged to this reform. Two Senators will be elected by this county, one by Multnomah and Clackamas, and the other by Multnomah and Clackamas. Two Representatives will be elected by Multnomah, and one by Multnomah and Clackamas. Five Senators are holdovers—Dan J. Maloney, C. W. Hodson, F. P. May, Sig Sichel and C. W. Nottingham.

Framed in Early Days.

The franchise was framed for a period in the city's history, which, in modern day conditions, has been entirely outgrown. It would be utterly impossible at the present time for the gas company or any other public utility to secure a franchise with such complete and far-reaching concessions, for the gas company pays no compensation to the city for the grant; fixes its own gas rates as a monopoly which, by the express term of the grant, confers the exclusive right to lay pipes in the city, and will hold the franchise completely unrevoked. The present charter of Portland limits the duration of any franchise that may be made to 25 years, requires payment to the city of compensation for the grant and prohibits exclusive franchises on streets for pipes, wires or conduits of any sort.

It will be seen therefore that the state franchise to the streets of Portland, owned by the gas company, is far behind the times, and that it confers privileges which no municipality will grant in the present day.

ONE CHILD TOO MANY

BIG FAMILY DISCOURAGES SAN FRANCISCO MAN.

When the Ninth Baby Is Born John Fuesler Turns on Gas and Dies.

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Aunt Polly's Political Philosophy

"Say, Aunt Polly, who was it who wrote the Declaration of Independence?"

"Walter Toomey, I guess."
"Say, Aunt Polly, what will Ike Patterson do when his term is out?"
"Raise cornmeal, I guess."
"What will Jack Matthews do when Joe Whitney's term is out?"
"Work something off on the Portland Flouring Mills, I guess."
"What will Jack do when Ike's term is out?"
"Meet Ike somewhere else than in the Custom House, I guess."
"Do you think Rumelin will overstep himself when he wakes up some morning and finds Joe Simon runnin' things?"
"Rumelin will not overstep himself. I guess neither will Jack and Ike and Joe Whitney, for Ben Franklin said in my first reader that the early mornin' has gold in its mouth."
"Say, Auntie, Jonathan says he is goin' to quit cigarettes next New Year's."
"Yes, an' he had better wear his skin that button up around his neck, for when he gets back to the Senate, that tooty-tooty vest won't get many pines for the jetty, I guess."
"Say, Auntie, what is a Republican nowadays?"
"A ambulatory Republican, John, is a man what once ran for Congress on the Democratic ticket."
"Say, Auntie, they is havin' party hard time's about here, ain't they?"
"Tom Tongue always said 'The best boss win, I guess; an' my friend Huston beats him for the State Senate out in Washington County on the Democratic ticket."
"Say, Auntie, Hawley can write a bull lot in a two-column platform an' write a Fourth of July words can't he?"

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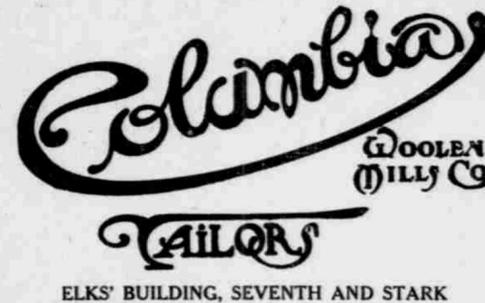
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We have an elegant line of the newest stripes and overline patterns. For wear and appearance these trousers cannot be excelled at any price. Tailors everywhere are making up these goods for \$10 and \$12. Come in and make your choice. We will make you the best pair of trousers you ever had for from \$4.00 to \$8.00.

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We Handle No Ready-Made Clothing, but Make Your Clothes to Your Order at from \$20 to \$45 the Suit.



Worry Over Trouble Causes Insurance Man to Collapse.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—(Special.)—John A. McCall, ex-president of the New York Life Company, is seriously ill at his home. He has been confined to his bed ever since Saturday, December 29, when he realized for the first time that he would have to resign his office in the New York Life or face almost certain expulsion. The shock completely unnerved Mr. McCall who had never before had a serious illness in his life. Three physicians were called. It was found that he was suffering from a congestion of the liver and lungs. His condition continued most critical until today when he showed decisive signs of improvement. He is now declared to be out of danger, though it may be some time before he fully recovers his health.

What Sulphur Does

For the Human Body in Health and Disease.

The mention of sulphur will recall to many of us the early days when our mothers and grandmothers gave us our daily dose of sulphur and molasses every Spring and Fall. It was the universal Spring and Fall "blood purifier," tonic and cure-all, and, mind you, this old-fashioned remedy was not without merit. The idea was good, but the remedy was crude and unpalatable, and a large quantity had to be taken to get any effect. Nowadays we get all the beneficial effects of sulphur in a palatable and concentrated form, so that a single grain is far more effective than a tablespoonful of the crude sulphur. In recent years research and experiment have proven that the best sulphur for medicinal use is that obtained from Calcium (Calcium Sulphide) and sold in drug stores under the name of Stuart's Calcium Wafers. They are small chocolate-coated pellets and contain the active medicinal principle of sulphur in a highly concentrated, effective form. Few people are aware of the value of this form of sulphur in restoring and maintaining bodily vigor and health; sulphur acts directly on the liver and excretory organs and purifies and enriches the blood by the prompt elimination of waste material. Our grandmothers knew this when they cloed us with Sulphur and molasses every Spring and Fall, but the crudity and impurity of ordinary flowers of sulphur were often worse than the disease, and cannot compare with the modern concentrated preparations of sulphur, of which Stuart's Calcium Wafers is undoubtedly the best and most widely used. They are the natural antidote for liver and kidney troubles, and cure constipation and purify the blood in a way that often surprises patient and physician alike. Dr. R. M. Wilkins, while experimenting with sulphur remedies, soon found that the sulphur from Calcium was superior to any other form. He says: "For liver, kidney and blood troubles, especially when resulting from constipation or malaria, I have been surprised at the results obtained from Stuart's Calcium Wafers. In patients suffering from boils and pimples and even deep-seated carbuncles, I have repeatedly seen them dry up and disappear in four or five days, leaving the skin clear and smooth. Although Stuart's Calcium Wafers is a proprietary article, and sold by druggists, and for that reason tabooed by many physicians, yet I know of nothing so safe and reliable for constipation, liver and kidney troubles, and especially in all forms of skin disease, as this remedy." At any rate people who are tired of pills, cathartics and so-called "blood purifiers" will find in Stuart's Calcium Wafers a far safer, more palatable and effective preparation.

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ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—A contract for making some extensive im-

provements of the Tongue Point Lumber Company's property was awarded today to Ferguson & Houston, of this city. The work will consist of constructing on wharf 200 by 100 feet, another 100 by 50 feet, the building of a railway spur and several log booms. While the exact figures are not made public, the contract will amount to about \$30,000.

The object of making the improvement is to enlarge the yardage so that the capacity of the mill can be increased in the near future. Work on the improvement will be commenced in about two weeks.

RAISE PAY OF COMMANDANT.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Representative Hummels today introduced a bill providing that the commanding officer of the Puget Sound Navy-yard should draw the "sea pay" of his rank. It has been customary for the commanding officers to receive shore pay, which is less than sea pay.

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