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TABLE DAMASK, NAPKINS, LUNCH CLOTHS, RUNNERS, SQUARES, ETC., ETC.

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50c Table Damask 58 inches wide Yd. 39c	\$1.00 Table Damask 64 inches wide Yd. 79c	\$1.50 Table Damask 72 inches wide Yd. \$1.20
75c Table Damask 58 inches wide Yd. 60c	\$1.25 Table Damask 66 inches wide Yd. 95c	\$2.00 Table Damask 72 inches wide Yd. \$1.60

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We carry a complete stock of Decorative linens in Japanese Drawn Work, Irish hand embroidered and Renaissance in all the newer effects—20 to 45 inches square—Reduced as follows:

\$1.50 Art Squares, assorted sizes \$1.15	\$3.00 Art Squares, assorted sizes \$2.25	\$4.50 Art Squares, assorted sizes \$3.35
\$2.00 Art Squares, assorted sizes \$1.55	\$3.50 Art Squares, assorted sizes \$2.65	\$5.00 Art Squares, assorted sizes \$3.75
\$2.50 Art Squares, assorted sizes \$1.85	\$4.00 Art Squares, assorted sizes \$3.95	\$6.00 Art Squares, assorted sizes \$4.60

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\$4.00 to \$5.00 Ladies fine Dress Shoes, Reed make \$2.65
 \$3.00 to \$3.50 Ladies fine Dress Shoes, Reed make \$1.85
 \$2.50 Ladies' Hand Turned Comfort Shoes, Rubber Heels, plain and capped toe \$1.65
 \$2.00 and \$2.50 Ladies' Fur Topped House Slippers, all sizes—Take Advantage \$1.35
 Children's \$1.25 to \$1.50 Shoes, sizes 5½ to 8. 75c
 Children's \$1.50 to \$2.00 Shoes, sizes 8½ to 11. 85c
 Misses' \$2.00 to \$2.50 Shoes, sizes 11½ to 2. 95c

Entire stock of Gents, Ladies, Misses and Children's Shoes, reduced—No exceptions. Get shod while you can buy cheap.

Ladies' Fine Dress Shoes ranging in price from \$3.50 to \$5.00. All the latest Fall Styles, in patent leather, kid and gum metal, short vamps, plain or fancy toe—Blucher Lace or Button, sizes 1½ to 7 and AA to EE. Reduced as follows:

\$3.50 Quality, any style	\$2.80
\$4.00 Quality, any style	\$3.20
\$4.50 Quality, any style	\$3.60
\$5.00 Quality, any style	\$4.00

Gents \$6.00 to \$7.00 Nettleton and Bannister Shoes \$3.75
 Gents \$4.00 to \$5.00 Popular Priced Shoes \$2.85

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BEST SERVICE IS THEIR AIM

OFFICIALS OF H. M. BYLLESBY COMPANY EXPLAIN TO MANAGERS POLICIES WHICH THEY WANT CARRIED OUT.

CHICAGO, Jan. 19.—The second annual convention of the officers and employes of H. M. Byllesby & Company, engineers and managers of public utility plants, opened here, at the Auditorium Annex hotel, with an attendance of 250 delegates. Forty cities in twelve western and southern states were represented.

Following an address of welcome by President Byllesby the convention, with F. H. Tidnam of Oklahoma City presiding as chairman, settled down to a four-days consideration of a program composed of professional and technical papers.

Mr. Byllesby said in part: "I hope I shall be pardoned if I refer to the marvelous development in the marvelously short time occupied of all the enterprises coming under the general term 'public service corporations.'"

"The men who had the courage and the faith to invest their own fortunes, great or small, and by sacrifices of every description to induce the investing of additional capital in the betterment of this business at a time when it was looked on as experimental and chimerical and unprofitable, I think these men deserve a fair hearing at the hands of the public and that alongside of their derelictions should be placed the overwhelming number of benefits they have conferred upon the community at large. Because some of the pioneers and prominent workers of the public service business, as the result of years of toil and conscientious industry, along with certain human errors and mistakes have amassed independent fortunes, we should not close our eyes to the fact that the great numerical majority died heart broken and in penury.

"It would appear that the world has advanced to a point where controversies should be handled in an advanced and enlightened spirit—where heartburnings and unfair advantages or arguments on one side or the other of the case should be avoided. It would appear monstrous that the policies of a mercantile association or corporation should be reviewed and governed by a board

composed of physicians, clergymen or lawyers. It would be perhaps equally inappropriate if the same mercantile organization were to have its affairs passed upon and rules made for its government by a board made up of public service officers and of farmers, and so on through the category.

"On the broad question of public service commissions I believe, speaking for all of my associates, there is no objection to the public service commission per se., but a very earnest plea is made that the public service commission should be composed of men of integrity and of ability, and men who have had a previous experience in the business in regard to which they are proposing, under color of a law, to pass regulations and rules.

"I believe a large part of the present unrest and antagonism between corporations and the commissions and law makers would disappear if the corporations appeared before bodies composed of, as we have previously briefly referred to, men of breadth of vision, free from favoritism and who had a working knowledge of the problems confronting the enterprises upon which they are passing."

Vice-President Arthur S. Huey, discussing the subject of "Franchises," said:

"To many the possession of a public utility franchise is only an opportunity for personal gain—to the conscientious man such possession means an opportunity of administering to the public welfare. A city in granting a franchise not only places in the hands of the grantee an asset of value but makes the grantee a trustee of the public good. The term itself, public utilities, implies being useful and therefore of benefit to the public. To attain this end that service must be competent. Along with this grant go certain legal restrictions and rights.

"Speaking for H. M. Byllesby Company, I say to you that our organization prefers to consider the spirit rather than the letter of the law, believing that if we administer our affairs as a public trust, we will seldom or never require defense of any legal rights.

"We, as managers and operators of electric, gas, street railway and telephone properties, prefer to retain our franchises by retaining the confidence of the people; to hold the privileges conferred by the public, not by right of law, but by right of merit.

"So thoroughly does our organization believe in this principle, and so anxious are we for its genuine application in all the municipalities in which we operate utilities, that I am

now making a special effort to deeply impress upon you its far reaching significance.

"In few other lines of endeavor do petty practices cost so dearly as they do in the operation of public utilities. It is suicidal to adopt a policy bounded by the straight-laced terms of contract and franchise, capsaheafed by the motto 'we don't have to.'"

"The 'we don't have to' spirit, gentlemen, has caused unmeasured woe to public utility corporations. It was one of the mortal sins of the old-fashioned operator, and we of the present day are still doing penance for its commission.

"Transact your business above board. Frame your policy and your projects honestly and stand pat. So you will increase respect for your occupation in the minds of your fellow men."

One of the matters of general interest to be considered is the establishment of an employes magazine. Tonight the delegates will visit the Chicago electrical show where the latest developments in applied electricity for lighting, power and cooking are on exhibit. A trip of inspection to one of the big plants of the local gas company is on the program for Friday.

Social features will consist of a theatre party this evening and a banquet Friday night to conclude the meeting.

WATCH MASTER'S BODY.

Faithful Canines Guard Oregon Man Even After Death.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 19.—Their master killed while hunting, two faithful dogs of August Long stood watch over his dead body during a raging storm until a searching party came to find him. Even then they could hardly be called from the side of their dead master and rescuers had to coax them away with strips of venison cut from the carcass of a deer the hunter had killed. Only in this way could the men gain possession of the corpse, over which the dogs kept guard. Long was a farmer of Columbia county and he died as the result of a fall while in the woods alone.

WILL BUILD FINE BRIDGE.

Costly Structure Will Have to be Built in Deschutes.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 19.—One of the largest and most costly structures of its kind on the Pacific coast will be built by the Deschutes railroad to carry its line across the gorge of Willow Creek on its way into Central Oregon. The bridge will be 1050 feet long, 260 feet above the water, and will contain 1,500 tons of struc-

tural steel. It will span Willow Creek at milepost 102.

Another big engineering work has been started on Lewis River, Wash., near the Cresap Ferry, eight miles from Yacolt, where a big log chute, 1,500 feet long, 80 feet wide and 16 feet deep, is to be built of solid concrete. A bridge across the river will also be constructed, the total cost being reported to be \$1,500,000. It will take two years to complete the work it is estimated.

MINE BORAX IN OREGON.

Large Deposit in Lake County Will Be Opened Up.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 19.—What is said to be the second largest deposit of borax in the United States is located in Lake County and will be worked extensively during the coming summer. The borax lies in the Albert, Summer and Alkali Lake valleys and there have been 3,400 mineral locations made within these districts. The borax is said to be almost pure and compares in value with the large deposits in Death Valley, Cal., and the Lake county beds are easily accessible at all times.

A company of claim owners has been formed and machinery will be brought in this summer and extensive development work carried on. A large force of men will be employed in mining the borax beds.

A Leading Citizen.

"Didn't you tell me Faro Joe was one of the leading citizens of Crimson Gulch?"

"Well," answered Broncho Bob, "he was. When he left town he led the vigilance committee by a quarter of a mile clean to the next county."—Washington Star.

Didn't Mean It That Way.

Willie—I say, ma, if dad was to die would he go to heaven? Ma—Hush, Willie! Who's been putting such ridiculous thoughts into your head!—London Opinion.

One today is worth two tomorrow. —Franklin.

Read the Times Want Ads.

Escorted Her Anyway.

While Robert Browning and his son Barrett were living alone in Florence the son gave one afternoon an exhibition of his new paintings in the family drawing room. To Mr. Browning was assigned the task of meeting the guests. Late in the afternoon, when the room was well filled, there appeared at the drawing room door a woman whose face was familiar. Yet Mr. Browning could not recall her name, and he judged from her appearance that she was not an invited guest.

There was embarrassment on both sides for a moment, and then the woman said eagerly: "Oh, please, Mr. Browning, I'm the cook. Mr. Barrett said as I was to come and see his pretty picture."

Whereupon Mr. Browning, offering his arm, showed her about the room with all the attention that he could have bestowed upon a reigning queen.

The Rat and the Bulb.

According to the French naturalist De Parville, a gardener planted one afternoon 250 tulip bulbs on a terrace, and next morning he noticed that the ground had been disturbed and that the bulbs had all been taken away. He was confident that rats had done the work, and, taking a spade, he began to dig in the hope of discovering their nest. Soon he unearthed a large female rat, which he killed, and after digging a few more minutes he discovered an underground chamber lined with hay and leaves and connected by a corridor with two holes, which were evidently used as storehouses, for in them he found the 250 tulip bulbs. This was remarkable, but more remarkable was the fact that they were neatly arranged in two rows and that not one of them had been gnawed or otherwise injured.

The Rhodum Sidus.

An amusing story told by Hood describes how a country nurseryman made a large sum out of sales of a simple little flower which he sold under the name of the Rhodum sidus. This charming name proved quite an attraction to the ladies, and the flower became the rage of the season. It was one of those freaks of fashion for which there is no accounting. At length a botanist who found that the plant was not an uncommon weed requested to know where the nurseryman got the name from. He elicited the following reply: "I found this flower in the road beside us, so christened it the Rhodum sidus."

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