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FOR AN ADEQUATE GAS SUPPLY

The gas plant of Salem, owned and operated by the Portland Railway, Light & Power Co., is inadequate for the summer needs of the city.

It is a good plant as far as it goes; better than the average plant in cities of Salem's size throughout the country, for a good deal of the equipment is new and of the latest patterns. But the capacity is not large enough for the needs of Salem.

The number of customers has been constantly growing—and there was a shortage last summer and the summer before.

The company, in the past few years, made two voluntary reductions in rates. Now, on account of increased costs, owing to war conditions, the revenue at the present rates is not sufficient to pay expenses and justify the expenditure of new capital in adding to the capacity of the plant.

An additional bench, or gas generator, is needed. It must be added, if the "peak load" of the summer season is to be successfully passed.

But the rates cannot be increased without the sanction of the public service commission, and this would have to be preceded by an investigation to find out what ought to be a fair schedule of prices to gas users.

The company, through its local manager, W. M. Hamilton, is asking the Salem city council to request such investigation and fixing of rates.

Mr. Hamilton says the company would, upon such action being taken, likely add the necessary new bench or generator, because there would then be a reasonable assurance that the city would abide by the decision of the public service commission, and not fight and hold the matter up indefinitely.

Surely, the additional capacity is a crying need. And, surely, the people of Salem, while expecting fair treatment, which they would not doubt get, at the hands of the public service commission, do not expect the owning and operating company to continue running at a loss, and to add further facilities, also to be operated at a loss.

It is an emergency case.

And, in face of the showing made, it would seem entirely fair and reasonable for the city to take the action asked for; showing a willingness on the part of Salem to have fair rates fixed, and to abide by the decision of the public service commission as to what are fair rates for gas in Salem.

Work is to be commenced on the paving of the road between Aurora and Salem, just as soon as the higher-ups at Washington give their O. K. to the approved plans. This is necessary, because it is to be a post road. The new paved road will surely be finished in time for next winter's travel. Everything is ready at this end—the state will itself do the work. The O. K. from Washington will start it.

Nicaragua is now in the war. There are a few little ones left.

The summer resorts will be hard hit, if the order of Secretary McAdoo against excursion rates holds.

"This war cannot be won with minimums. This is a war of maximums," are the words of Secretary McAdoo. Well said.

The number of Americans going to Europe this year breaks the record, and it is not tourist travel.

Something new in the way of germyanders has been discovered in the provision of the Prussian electoral reform bill that districts are to have representation in proportion to their "historic and economic importance."

Working at 90 per cent of capacity the mills of the United States Steel corporation are not slacking. Government orders should now be promptly filled. This country has the greatest iron and steel industry in the world and it should prove a big war asset.

When the recession sounds for the German army, the Crown Prince bridge, the Hindenburg bridge, and the Ludendorff bridge will all be very useful to the Germans in getting back to their own side of the Rhine if they have not been blown up by our enterprising airmen.

The statue of Frederick the Great has gone to the cellar of the War College, never more to return. But the figure of old Baron Steuben remains intact. He was another kind of German.

When we are passing around com-

FUTURE DATES: May 12, Sunday—Mother's Day. May 17, Friday—Primary nomination election. May 20, Monday—Red Cross drive begins. May 29 to 31—Second Red Cross war fund campaign. May 31 and 32, Wednesday and Thursday—War conference in Portland. June 4, 5, 6 and 7—State Grange convention in Salem. June 14, Friday—High School commencement exercises. June 20, Thursday—Reunion of Oregon Pioneers association, Portland. August 26, 27 and 28—Western Walnut Growers' Association to tour nut groves of Willamette valley.

were needed to nerve civilized countries to their utmost efforts, it is the revelation of the barbarous way in which Germany uses whatever science contributes to warfare.

TENNYSON'S PROPHECIES.

(Montreal Star).

Most people are aware that Alfred Tennyson predicted aerial warfare in his "Locksley Hall," but how many know that he also predicted the use of gas in warfare? The first-mentioned prediction is the well-known couplet:

"Heard the heavens fill with shout, Ing, and there rain'd a ghastly dew From the nations' airy navies grappling in the central blue."

The second prediction is the penultimate verse of the famous poem and is in these words:

"Comes a vapor from the margin, blackening over heath andholt, Cramming all the blast before it, in its breast a thunder-bolt."

But these are not the only prophecies of the late poet laureate. In "The Princess" he foreshadowed the women land workers when he said:

"The land, he understood for miles about was tilled by women."

And again:

"and close behind her stood eight daughters of the play, stronger than men; huge women, blowed with health and wind, and rain and labor."

DESPOITISM'S BEST FRIENDS.

German newspapers are beginning to express disappointment that the "campaign of education" waged in Great Britain through secret channels has not been as successful as that which led to the collapse of organized government in Russia.

Admissions made in leading articles of the German press reveal that the Bolshevik propaganda was in reality of Hun origin, a poison gas invented for use among the civilian populations of the allied countries.

Its purpose was to create Socialistic and anarchistic uprisings that would serve to weaken the war spirit of allied peoples. Viewed in this light, one cannot but wonder that the American government permits Bolsheviks to come to this country and preach the doctrine that led to the betrayal of Russia.

Volksstimme, a Chemnitz publication, warns its readers that "There is absolutely no prospect of bringing England to her knees as we have forced Russia to her knees. The main reason for this is that, despite the efforts of our propagandists, there are no serious signs whatever of anarchistic or Socialistic disintegration of the proletariat in England." This is plain speech. Socialistic preaching has been one of the most effective weapons of the Junkers.

Paid secret agents have been sowing the seed of the radicalist doctrines in the allied countries, trusting that the harvest may cripple their fighting force. It is an admission from the Germans themselves of the truth of the assertion made repeatedly in this country: Socialism and anarchy are the foes of democracy and the secret friends of despotism. They would subjugate the democracies of the world by inciting democratic nations to commit governmental suicide.

PAUL REVERE CENTENARY.

New England public schools and historical societies have arranged for a suitable observance tomorrow of the one hundredth anniversary of the death of Paul Revere, the famous Revolutionary patriot immortalized in Longfellow's poem of "The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere."

Beautiful floral offerings will be deposited today about the grave of the patriot in the Old Granary Burying Ground, Boston. Tomorrow there will be memorial exercises under the auspices of the local political and historical societies in the old Paul Revere homestead.

Few patriots of the American revolution have received a larger measure of fame than has fallen to the lot of Paul Revere. Born in Boston in 1735, of Huguenot descent, Revere was brought up to his father's trade of goldsmith. In 1766 he was a lieutenant of liberty, and was stationed at Fort Edward, near Lake George. On his return to Boston he established himself as a goldsmith, and acquiring, unaided, the art of copperplate engraving, was, at the outbreak of the Revolution, one of the four engravers then in America.

In 1776 Revere engraved a print emblematic of the repeal of the Stamp Act, which became very popular. In 1776 he published a print of "The Boston Massacre," followed several years later by another representing the landing of the British troops in Boston.

He was one of the grand jury which refused to act because of the action of parliament in making the judge independent of the people. In 1775 he engraved the plates, made the press, and printed the bills, of the paper money ordered by the Massachusetts provincial congress. By that body he was sent to Philadelphia to visit the powder mill there,

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Revere at once volunteered to warn the patriots. Arrangements were made with the sexton of the North church, which was conspicuously located on the Boston side of the Charles river, for the displaying of two lights from the belfry, if the British soldiers departed by water, and of one if by land.

Revere was rowed across the river and arrived safely in Charlestown, where he waited until two signal lights shone out from the belfry. He procured a horse and started for Lexington and Concord by way of Medford, alarming the minute men along the route. On his way he delivered his message to Hancock and Adams. When about half way to Concord Revere and a companion who had joined him en route were captured by British scouts, but in the excitement that followed they were released.

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IN A SOCIAL WAY

Among the new residents who are being welcomed in Salem are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ewing who have become domiciled at 1311 State street. Mr. and Mrs. Ewing have been passing the winter in Portland. They are former residents of Dallas.

Mrs. Keith Powell (Alice Birmingham) is expecting to join her husband, soon, at Camp Fremont, Palo Alto, California, where he has gone in the third officers training corps. She will be accompanied south by her small son. Since her marriage, Mrs. Powell has made her home at Lafayette, Or. Since their recent visit in South Dakota the Powells have been the guests of Mrs. Powell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Birmingham.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Gould, 2955 Elm avenue, are leaving Salem, with their little son Marvin, to make their home in Astoria. Preparatory to their departure they were given a merry farewell party by a group of their friends. A dinner was the early diversion, followed by dancing. Those present beside the Goulds were Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Walton, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Albin, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Flinn, Mrs. F. E. Peck, Miss Ruth Peck, Miss Gladys Albin, Guy and Lloyd Albin.

Mrs. Forrest S. Fisher was unanimously re-elected president of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae at the annual meeting held Saturday at the University club, says the Portland Journal. Other officers elected were: First vice president, Mrs. E. P. Geary; second vice president, Mrs. William H. Thomas; recording secretary, Mrs. J. E. Withrow; treasurer, Mrs. W. L. Cooper; member at large, Miss Anna Hitchcock.

Annual reports of committee chairmen showed the past year to have been one of the most successful in the history of the organization. Mrs. Fisher has been untiring in her efforts along lines of constructive social and educational work and war service and in securing able speakers. The membership has almost doubled in the past year. Definite work along vocational lines in the grammar and high schools has been accomplished through committees and by members making personal appeals at parent-teacher meetings. The association was a strong factor in securing the promise of the school board to install deans of women in the high schools.

The third wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Pio was observed recently at their home, 470 South Fourteenth street, when a group of guests gathered with them for an evening of cards. Mrs. F. E. Peck and F. D. Moore won the high scores. A dainty repast was served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. E. F. Walton. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ben Drager, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Peck and daughter Ruth, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. James Kappahn, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Walton, Irwin Lewis and F. D. Moore of Dallas.

En route to her home in Pittsburg, Penn., Mrs. John R. Harbison has arrived in Salem for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Harbison, 1845 South Commercial, the visitor being the mother of the host. Mrs. Harbison has been a winter guest in California.

Illiee School Gives Very Successful Social. CLOVERDALE, Or., May 6.—The Illiee school gave a basket social Saturday evening. W. Wright acted as auctioneer. The school took in \$44.45. This is to go to the Red Cross. County Superintendent Smith and Supervisor Smith were in attendance and gave short addresses. A program was given by the school. Grant Farris came home Sunday from Portland, where he has been working for several months.

Norman Hamilton and family of Salem spent Sunday afternoon visiting with J. M. Hamilton. Several cases of measles have invaded this district again. Mabel Graybill is home from Salem with the mumps. Johnnie Craig, who has been working in Salem, spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. J. D. Craif. Ivan Hadley was in Salem Saturday.

Carl Wood, accompanied by several young folk, made a trip up the Columbia highway Sunday. The W. C. T. U. met at the home of Mrs. Hazel Elliot Wednesday.

Use this coupon and enjoy a pleasant afternoon at the BLIGH THEATRE. Three of these coupons of consecutive dates will be exchanged at The STATESMAN office for a ticket which will admit one person to any matinee, except Saturday and Sunday, by paying 5c. THIS COUPON IS DATED WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 1918.

Modern high-heeled footwear buckles the toes and produces corns, and many of the thousands of hospital cases of infection and lockjaw are the result of woman's suicidal habit of trying to cut away these painful pests.

For little cost there can be obtained at any pharmacy a quarter of an ounce of a drug called freezeone which is sufficient to rid one's feet of every hard or soft corn or callus without the slightest danger or inconvenience.

A few drops applied directly upon the tender, aching corn stops the soreness and shortly the entire corn, root and all, lifts right out. It is a sticky substance, which dries the moment it is applied, and thousands of men and women use it because the corn shrivels up and comes out without inflaming or even irritating the surrounding tissue or skin. Cut this out and try it if your corns bother you.

That big shipment of American telephone girls to France has arrived safely. There ought to be something doing from now on.

BIG DRIVE ON AT THE CLOSING OUT SALE

Table with 4 columns: Closing Out Sale of Embroideries, Closing Out Sale of Laces, Closing Out Sale of Dress Goods, Closing Out Sale of Women's Umbrellas. Lists various items and their values.

Economy Basement Specials. Waist values up to \$3.00 now 50c. Great values in Gorden Hats (Straw). Boys' Suits \$3.85. Stockton CORNER COURT AND COM'L STREET, SALEM.

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EXCELLENT WORK DONE BY SCOTTS MILLS COMMITTEE. SCOTTS MILLS, Or., May 7.—Although Scotts Mills had no quota assigned for the last liberty loan drive, it raised a total of \$5100 in the city and immediate vicinity.

THAT SUMMER SUIT. Don't swelter in the hot summer weather when you can get a light weight all-wool suit made to your personal measure at practically the price of good ready-to-wears.

SCOTCH WOOLEN MILLS STORE. 426 STATE STREET. We have a very large line of high grade suitings from which you may make selection. Let us show them to you.

BLUE BONNETS—A New Fabric with New Features. "Blue Bonnets" meet the needs of the woman who wants a beautiful, durable fabric that wears without wrinkling, creases and blunders perfectly.

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