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GAS COMES TO KLAMATH FALLS

Klamath Falls can now really boast of possessing all the modern conveniences of a larger city. Gas has come and with it comes the end of the housewife's drudgery and the dawning of an era of freedom from kitchen and household slavery.

While most of us who live in the smaller communities realize that they have their advantages, we understand, also, that until the advent of gas they have their inconveniences too.

It is not a far step to the days of the small town with unpaved streets; no sewer system, and when the farmer hitched his horse to the long post in front of the general store and went inside to talk over the news of the world that filtered in by mail from the far-flung corners of the globe.

How many of us can recall as youngsters that dreaded call of mother from the stoop of the front porch, "Johnny, come in and cut the wood." And Johnny—kidded by the other youngsters—dropped his bat and glove in the center of the street or on the corner lot and beat it for the backyard to do his duty at the woodpile.

Gas will change the whole structure of life in the smaller communities of the state, and Klamath Falls can well be proud that it is one of the first cities to be so selected.

The advent of gas has not only brought about a change in the community which receives it, but it brought about a change in the gas company. The day was when a gas plant was a detrimental factor to a community, because of its unsightly appearance and its unwholesome odor. Not

Modern Baths Are Lounging and Dressing Rooms, Too Soft Colors Decorate Walls and Floors in Contrast to Gaudy Patterns of Other Years

BY JULIA BLANSHARD NEA Service Writer

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—Bathrooms, dated 1931, promise to be epoch-making. In the first place, designs for 1931 models of this important room show that new ones will become dressing rooms, powder rooms, lounging rooms, instead of serving their single purpose of bathroom.

Second, they prove that the one vivid color scheme—with giddy, brilliant walls, floor, tiling, fixtures, curtains and bath accessories—all endeavoring to match each other exactly—is out. That is last year's model.

New, artistic bathrooms use neutral, softly tinted walls, a similarly neutral floor tone, and then by subtle nuances of color play up the beautiful sunken tub or the tub raised as if on a pedestal, and the other fixtures, and by use of many lovely delicate tones make the color scheme as delectable, varied and soothing as the multi-colored blooms in a carefully picked bouquet.

Just as it took automobiles a long time to get over being merely "horseless carriages," so has it taken the old-fashioned bathroom to evolve into the 1931 de luxe state. Stereotyped all-white bath gave way to the garish, one-color modern bath which in turn has developed into these spacious, artistically colored creations.

These trends are summed up in a bathroom design contest launched by the Standard Sanitary company for new floor plans, new color schemes, new ideas in beauty and utilitarianism combined. The thousands of competing architects and interior decorators—from all over the world—were united in the following characteristics of the model up to date bathroom:

1. More windows are needed in bathrooms, more windows to give light and sunshine, for this is the greatest use of water of any room in the house and therefore needs more light and sunshine. The new glass which sun penetrates is used in many of them to give you a sun bath while you are undressed.

The bath tub, lavatory and closet will no longer depend upon wall placing as of old. The lavatory may have windows to gaze out as you wash your teeth, the closet can have its own recess or



Three-in-one—solarium, boudoir and bath—is this luxurious 1931 model. The bath tub, lavatory and other fixtures are in a new Tang red, the concave ceiling and walls are ivory, the floor ultra-marine blue and the tiles by the tub and on the steps leading to it are gray-blue, and the curtains and chaise longue's upholstery is apricot. Built-in cupboards house toilet articles and supplies, and atop them marble figures flank a rounding mirror that reflects on both sides. (Photo from Standard Sanitary Manufacturing Co.)

above contained off from the rest of the room, and the tub may be placed in the center of the room, up a few steps or down a few.

2. The bathroom recognizes the need of built-in closets for beauty lotions, for supplies, for all the make-up paraphernalia women need. In efficiency, it will catch up with the well planned kitchen for convenience, for the height of fixtures, for comfort in using.

Typical of the new bathroom is one cylindrical one, with the tub in the center, sunk like an Italian garden. Another has a charming fireplace built into it, with a comfortable chair to sit upon while drying yourself. A third has its tub and lavatory up three round steps, with glass shelves behind glass doors, just like an en-

closed book case, where all the toilet supplies can be kept. At one side of this a dressing table—really a combination dressing table and writing desk—with a French phone attached for greater convenience.

SUGGESTED COLOR SCHEME

A handsome prize-winning bathroom (or 1931 uses the following color combination: The lavatory and bath are of royal Copenhagen blue, the ceiling light ivory, the walls three shades darker, the floor white-tiled with a border of black marble both in the dressing room end of the bath and around the tub; the furniture upholstery is golden brocade and the Venetian blinds, for the window of special glass that transmits the ultra-violet rays of the sun, are of gold

OPERATION OF PLANT IS TOLD

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is put into the gas, just as is done when the natural gas is served a community from a huge transmission line, rather than by the tank car system.

The second tank is the gas storage container, also of heavy steel construction, and equipped with a safety valve and a pressure gauge. This is designed for a working pressure of 100 pounds per square inch, although the plant is automatically equipped to never allow this pressure to rise above 75 pounds.

These tanks are painted with aluminum paint, which not only gives the entire plant a very neat appearance, but acts as a heat reflector as well. And the capacity of the plant may be easily increased by adding additional tanks as needed, with no major changes in the plant building.

OPERATION OF PLANT

The liquid gas goes through a pipe from the butane storage tank and passed into the plant at a pressure of some 20 pounds per square inch. Here it goes through a series of regulators which stop the pressure down and the line connects with a sealed type air intake, the flow of the vapor being controlled by a butterfly valve at approximately atmospheric pressure.

This mixture then enters the chamber of the compressor and thence into the surge tank, the odorization fluid is introduced and it passes into the gas storage tank. The entire plant property is surrounded by a seven-foot cyclone fence, with a minimum clearance of 12 feet, which not only offers protection to the public but makes it possible for the entire plant to present a very neat and attractive appearance.

The reason for this is obvious, in that throughout the communities in northern California, Oregon and Washington the temperatures vary considerably from season to season.

Gas served dry. The process of vaporization insures that all gas served to the consumer is absolutely dry and therefore eliminates any diffi-

A. E. Strong



A. E. Strong in charge of operations for the Natural Gas Corporation of Oregon and the Natural Gas Corporation of Washington is another official who will be present Thursday noon when gas is turned into the Klamath mains.

cuties arising from clogged and dirty appliances. The plant process developed by these companies and in use in all properties, serves to produce a gas which in addition to the qualities of dryness and cleanliness, is maintained at a practically constant BTU value. This, in itself, is of extreme importance to the ultimate consumer, who is assured of a steady, even heat at all times.

We feel confident that all residents will be more than pleased with this new fuel brought to this community, as it is proving exceptionally popular in all territories where it is now being served.

Biggest Roast Cooked by Gas In France, 1850

In 1850, Boyer, the master chef of France, roasted a 535-pound joint of beef in a brock oven heated with 218 gas jets, thus proving that gas could perform feats of cooking that were possible in no other form of fuel.

During the next 20 years gas made rapid strides. Gas stoves began to be manufactured with the result that in hotels, restaurants and many homes the kitchen chore of fire building was replaced with the clean, instant heat of gas.

Basel G. Eaves of the National Tuberculosis association thinks that 10 needless years would probably cut the tuberculosis death rate in half.

Hawk Hunt in Detroit Ended By Cop's Shot

DETROIT, Jan. 20. (UP)—The great hawk hunt is over and the wise old rascal of the wilderness who made downtown Detroit his hunting ground for weeks, has gone the way of all flesh.

The hawk was shot down today by Sergeant Max B. Wendlandt, crack marksman of the police department, from his ambush on the windy crest of the Eaton tower.

DISAPPOINTED CROWDS

The killer died as he had lived—swooping down, wounded, in a last desperate attack on a papier-mache owl, an effigy of his traditional enemy.

Now that he is gone the crowds which gathered for his death appear to be a little disappointed. Everyone had come to respect the crafty gray killer that chased pigeons in the windows of police headquarters and seemed to know just how far Sergeant Wendlandt's gun would shoot.

The imitation owl was posted on a stick atop the Eaton tower on the advice of John T. Millen, director of the zoo, who knows the psychology of wild things.

SHORTHLY BLAZES

The hawk, circling high above the skyscrapers, spied the owl and plunged down to the attack. Sergeant Wendlandt's shotgun blasted a long shot, 60 yards or more. The hawk, hit in the wing, fell 49 feet and then leveled off and sailed away.

A few minutes later from a totally unexpected quarter he came charging down again, wings stiffened high behind him, and talons outstretched for the battle. The shotgun spoke again. The killer crumpled in the air, and plunged down into Broadway.

Thousands of persons, attracted by the shots streamed into the street and police reserves had to be called to disperse the crowd.

Avalanches Kill Mountain Militia

TURIN, Italy, Jan. 20. (UP)—Avalanches on the frontier in the mountains resulted in one dead and several wounded, it was learned today. Four members of the fascist frontier militia were struck by an avalanche of snow on Sunday, while on their way to an observation post.

Federico Batarl was killed and his companions, Mario Franco, Giacinto Amprimo and Francesco Baronda, seriously injured. Two other militiamen going to their rescue, were struck by a second avalanche. One Giovanni Valentino, was badly hurt.

so with the gas which is coming to Klamath Falls. The gas company has erected a beautiful Spanish-type building upon a plot of ground to be later enclosed in a new wire fence, and flowers in the open spaces to beautify the view. It is indeed a change and one which will be welcomed by the people of Klamath Falls in more ways than one.

Pemperton Used Gas in Industry As Early as 1806

Gas was a help in industry as early as 1806, when Josiah Pemperton used it to solder buttons as well as to light the front of his factory in Birmingham, England.

Fifty years later Eisner said that there was practically no form of factory heating for which gas could not be recommended.

Instead of hauling wheat 13 miles to a rail line, several grain growers in Washington state are sending it from their farms to the railroad over a pipe line. The grain slides through the pipe to the railroad station where it is sacked for shipment.

Government Is Among First to Light by Gas

The United States government was among the first to make use of gas for lighting. Some few years after the discovery of gas at Fredonia, N. Y., some enterprising parties made a contract with the government to supply the lighthouse at Barcelona harbor with this fuel.

Using a barrel for a gasometer, they sealed it over a gas spring, then constructed a pipe line half a mile long running to the base of the lighthouse from which the gas was conveyed to the summit by an ordinary lead pipe.

In this way they were able to supply more gas than was required for the consumption of 144 burners furnishing a bright and steady light to this lighthouse for over 25 years.

Sixty-five per cent of the cigars made in the United States are from North Carolina.

Advertisement for RUUD Automatic Water Heater. Features a large illustration of the water heater and text: 'HOT WATER SERVICE', 'at a moment's notice, with RUUD Automatic Water Heater', 'GAS brings you this comfort and convenience', 'Visit our complete display and choose the model to fit your needs', 'Natural Gas Corporation OF OREGON', '721 Klamath Avenue', 'Phone 1685'.

Large advertisement for Natural Gas Corporation of Oregon. Features a large 'Gas' logo and text: 'Every Citizen of Klamath Falls Is Cordially Invited to attend the dedication of your GAS PLANT and the ceremonies incident to the "turning on" of Gas on Thursday, January 22, at noon.', 'Free Transportation From Our Office to the Plant', 'This community may justly feel proud that gas service is being supplied by Natural Gas Corporation of Oregon as no other enterprise could so manifestly prove this is a growing and stable community.', 'BIG ENTERPRISES DO NOT SELECT BACKWARD COMMUNITIES WHEN THEY PLAN DEVELOPMENT', 'The new "Era" is here—Let us make the most of it.', 'Gas for COOKING, Gas for HEATING, Gas for HOT WATER, Gas for ECONOMY', 'You only pay for what you use.', 'Natural Gas Corporation of Oregon', '721 Klamath Avenue', 'Phone 1685'.