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DEFENDS HOLD-UP CONTRACT

Alderman Sims Replies to a Journal Editorial on Lights

Quotes Some Figures From Roseburg That Are Plainly Misleading

The Journal is in receipt of a pertinent communication on the subject of city lighting from Councilman Thomas Sims, which is printed below. Owing to the importance of the question, some pains have been taken to verify the statements made by this paper, which are contradicted in his article, and below is also appended some correspondence which explains itself. Taxpayers are requested to carefully con both sides of this controversy and be governed thereby.

Mr. Sims's Letter.

Ed. Journal: In your editorial of July 24, 1903, you criticise the five members of the council who refused to renew the proposed five-year contract of the Electric Light Company for furnishing lights to the city of Salem at $5.95 for each arc lamp of 1200 candle power, per month, and you further say that, "If it was a good contract at that time (meaning in 1898, when it was entered into), it must be a better one now, and yet it is turned down without giving any reason."

You were mistaken when you said we gave no reasons. Our reasons are well known to the Electric Light Company, which has not only become the owner of the electric light plant, but also the gas company's plant.

It is more than a year before this old contract will be out, and when it expires it is the intention of the members of the council, who voted as I did, to indefinitely postpone this proposed renewal contract for another five years, to fix the rates by ordinance for furnishing lights, either gas or electricity, not only to the city of Salem, but to the people of Salem, as well.

The council has the right, under our new city charter, to regulate these matters by ordinance, and to compel the company to perform their part of the contract, provided the rates fixed by the ordinance are reasonable.

You intimate in your editorial that this "soulless corporation" will demand even higher rates than they are now furnishing lights to the city, when their contract is out, because of the fact that the council refused to enter into this new proposed contract for five years at the present time. Well, if it should, it will find that it cannot do so, because it has admitted by its anxiety to have its contract signed up for five years, that it is not reasonably worth any more than $5.95 per month for each arc lamp used by the city.

When the question was up before the council to allow another electric light plant franchise in this city, the argument was used then, both in The Journal and Statesman, that it would be better to keep out competition, and allow one corporation to furnish all the lights, and regulate and control it in the matter of making reasonable charges for the service, and this is what we propose to do.

You say in your editorial that the present contract "is conceded to be the best on the coast."

I find that this statement in your editorial is quite inaccurate, and wide of the mark. I find that the people of Roseburg are furnished 1200 candle-power arc lamps at $2.50 per month, while the citizens of Salem and its citizens are paying $5.95 per month for the same kind of lamps. I also find that the people of Roseburg are furnished 16 candle-power incandescent lamps at less than one-half what the people of Salem have to pay for the same lamps. I have made an investigation and find that the fixed charges established by the electric company is a little higher than the flat rates in Roseburg for the same kind of lamps and when you add six cents for each 1000 watt hours, as charged by our electric light company, in addition to its fixed charges, any one can readily figure it up that our people are paying more than twice what it costs the people of Roseburg for incandescent lamps.

I also wish to state that I find several other towns and cities that are getting their electric lights, both arc and incandescent, for a great deal less than we are getting it under this old five-year contract, which you seem to think so much of.

I also wish to call attention to the fact that when our electric light company says it "gives the cheapest lights in Oregon," as it does, in closing its new schedule rates, that it is very much mistaken, as anybody can readily ascertain by making an investigation.

Every member of our city council wishes this corporation reasonable remuneration for its services to the people of Salem, but at least six of us feel that the people of Salem ought not to pay for their lights twice as much as the people of Roseburg have to pay.

Please give this publication in your valuable paper, and oblige,

THOMAS SIMS.

Salem, Or., August 3, 1903.

Since receiving the above the following letter was addressed to the city recorder of Roseburg, and the reply from that official is appended:

The Letter.

Salem, Or., Aug. 4, 1903.

City Recorder, Roseburg, Or.:

Dear Sir: Please inform us by return mail, if convenient, what price your city pays for its electric lighting service, how much per month per 1200 candle-power arc lamp, and how much for incandescents, and greatly oblige,

Very respectfully, HOFER BROS.,
Pubs. Journal.

The Reply.

The contract we have with the water company reads as follows: Supply and furnish unto the second party and operate daily fifteen 450-watt alternating enclosed arc lamps and 22 sixteen-candle power incandescent lamps from dusk to daylight for the consideration of $125 per month.

Yours very respectfully,

D. S. WEST,
City Recorder.

It will be seen from the above that whoever furnished Mr. Sims the information relative to Roseburg is mistaken. Allowing $1.00 each for the 22 incandescent lights, this leaves a price of $102 per month for the 15 arc lights, which is practically $6 each for the arc light service. Now it will be noticed that these are 450 candle power, whereas Salem is contracting for 1200 candle-power, or nearly three times the amount of light, and that at less cost. On top of all this Salem is getting 2000 candle-power lights under its 1200 contract. Mr. Sims says this paper opposed letting in competition, which is, in a sense, possibly true, but what The Journal really opposed was such applicants for franchises as simply wanted to force other companies to buy them off. The old Anson franchise never materialized, and the Kurtz application would not have been worth much to the city, as it promoters slipped around to the old company and sold it out before they ever got it. If Mr. Sims, or anyone else, wants to get in some genuine competition, nobody will back them up any more heartily than The Journal, but it is opposed to turning down a good contract, when there is nothing as good in sight to take its place. The city cannot expect to get lights at less than the cost of production, and when the present contract was made by the citizens' council it was the result of a bluff, and the best business skill that could be secured anywhere. Now for the same citizens' council to repudiate its own first-class work, with nothing else in sight, certainly does not savor of good sense. This paper has stood for the citizens' administration as firmly as anyone yet when it comes to reversing itself it is free to confess that it is not ready to follow that process.

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JOURNAL X-RAYS.

Fossil specimens have been discovered at Walla Walla—and yet some of them are willing to help the Lewis and Clark fair.

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Sarto, in Italian, means the "tailor." And while it may take nine to make a man, it is probable this one will make a very good Pope.

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California had some fun at Oregon's expense when the pursuit of Tracy was on. Now it realizes the true inwardness of the joke.

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King Edward is said to be in love with his own wife. It is doubted though, if even the first gentleman in England can make his latest fad popular.

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Mary MacLane is said to have issued a new book, and yet the doctors say that one can't break out with the smallpox but once. Maybe this is measles.

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A New York lawyer has been sentenced to the penitentiary because he divided his loot with a client. He should not have so outraged the ethics of the profession.

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A lady writes to the Inter Ocean that in selecting a wife beauty should not be placed before brains. That may be true, but when beauty is so set, brains generally choose her.

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Now that hounds have been placed on the trail of the California escaped convicts, they should feel reasonably safe. In Uncle Tom's day a hound could follow a scent, if Harriet Beecher Stowe is to be believed, but wages have gone up so since then that now they can't even follow a quarter.

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The President has sent a check to Mr. Signet, because his wife has borne 20 children. It is probable the President would put up another hundred if Signet should get 21, but suppose, suppose, he should burst?

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Col. L. L. Hawkins has captured a bird which he calls the "Lewis Nut Cracker." From the description it is probably the Mountain Magpie, commonly known and hated by every prospector, under the name of "Camp Robber."

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Major-General Leonidas Wood two years ago was an assistant surgeon in the regular army, with the rank of captain. He has been jumped over the heads of 494 seniors, to be given the place—which shows that the proper spring-board will accomplish wonderful results.

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The statement which follows tells the experience of a resident of Salem. Incredulity cannot long exist about this testimony because it can easily be investigated.

Olof Johnson who is a gardner by ocupation living at the corner of 15th and B streets, North Salem, says: "Kidney complaint is no new thing for me. I have been bothered off and on from a disordered condition of the kidneys for ten or twelve years. I did not suffer so much from backache as most people do who have kidney complaint but the principal annoyance was a weakening of the kidney secretions, which was both distressing and aggravating. There was a scalding sensation in passing and a heavy brick-dust like sediment appeared after standing in the vessel over night. I had attacks of dizziness in my head and ofttimes a blurring would appear before my eyes and I could scarcely see. I tried numerous remedies but all in vain until I saw Doan's Kidney Pills highly recommended for just such troubles and procured them at Dr. Stone's drug store. Now I don't want to tell the people something that is not true but I will say that in all my exeperience with doctor's prescriptions and different kidney remedies nothing has given me the amount of relief that I have received from Doan's Kidney Pills.

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Vags Must Go.

Two of the three men held as vagrants yesterday were ordered out of town, and they went. The proposition of the officers is to float the third man today. It is the intention to order all worthless characters, who have no visible means of support, out of the city, and rid Salem of an undesirable population.

Trib for sale by all druggists.

Notice to the House Wife.

Branson & Ragan can supply you with the choicest of groceries. They give special attention to 'phone orders. Just ring them up and see. d

Salmon Run is Immense

There has been a persistent rumor about the streets today that the run of fish had slackened up, but a tour through the canneries and cold storage plants failed to confirm it. Comparatively few gillnetters were out last night, and those who did go out did not fish long, and it is a fact that the south channel, near the mouth of the river, showed not hany fish, but in the north channel a new run was discovery, or rather the beginning of one. These new fish do not average quite as large as the former one, but their general character is the same. The catches by the seines have been enormous. Miller's sands yielding 40 tons at one haul, and if operation had been continued over 100 tons could have been taken during the day. The price is still nominally 4 cents per pound, but the catch is still so great that the surplus is sold at nominal figures. This afternoon M. P. Pomeroy bought several tons for Portland parties at 50 cents apiece, and nearly all of them were large fish. Seufert is paying 3 cents, and is sending as many to his cannery at The Dalles as he can secure cars for. What is begining to tell now on the work is that the help at the canneries and cold storage plants are getting tired and worn out, and won't be able to work much longer at the rate they have been doing for several days.—Astoria Budget.

Big Crowds at Shield's Park

With these delightful summer evenings the crowds are filling Shields Park to witness one of the best vaudeville bills ever presented here. Tonight and tomorrow night will be the last appearance of the current company, as an entire new bill will be presented Sunday night. Manager Shields promises another strong aggregation of vaudeville performers, among whom are Morris & Walton, the comedians, who will be seen in their laughing absurdity, "A Tip at the Races." Miss Marjorie Mandeville does a very neat contortion act, and will meet with immediate favor on her first appearance. The Thompson sisters, a duo of dancers, who have made such a hit on Shields' big circuit, will also appear, and add greatly to the bill. Simms, "The Cartoonist," will create all kinds of fun, and will please all who are fortunate enough to attend the performance. Two new illustrated songs will be introduced by Jos. Thompson, while the polyscope, with its attractive group of moving pictures will close the show. With these warm evenings the Park is bound to play to capacity, as the perforances are fully worth treble the price asked for admission.

Rich Ore in the Golconda

A Sumpter dispatch Thursday says: Manager Howard, of the Golconda mine, came in from the mine Sunday with about 200 pounds of the ore from the new strike on the 300-foot level., which is as handsome rock as ever was shown in this camp. It runs $490 to the ton.

For weeks the miners were drifting on this vein, which was narrow, when suddenly it widened out to about four feet, making a splendid showing for the property. There is another breast in one of the lower levels 10 feet wide, where the value runs $88 to the ton.

Five tons of rich concentrates were shipped from the Golconda this week.

Bed Time

I take a pleasant herb drink, the next morning I feel bright and my complexion is better. My doctor says it acts gently on the stomache, liver and kidneys, and is a pleasant laxative. It is made of herbs, and is prepared as easily as tea. It is called Lane's medicine. All druggists sell it at 25c and 50 cents. Lane's Family Medicines moves the bowels each day. If you cannot get it, send for free samples. Address, Orator Woodward, LeRoy, N. Y.

Watermelon Social.

The good ladies of the Central Congregational church will give a social on the lawn of the T. D. Jones residence Friday evening, August 7th. Watermelon and cake will be served for 10 cents. Everybody come and have a good time. 8-7-2t*

CATARRH OF THE STOMACH.

When the stomach is overloaded, when food is taken into it that fails to digest, it decays and inflames the mucous membrane, exposing the nerves, and causes the glands to secrete mucin, instead of the natural juices of digestion. This is called Catarrh of the Stomach. For years I suffered with Catarrh of the Stomach, caused by indigestion. Doctors and medicines failed to benefit me until I used Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. —J. R. Rhea, Capell, Tex. Sold by F. G. Haas, 96 State street.

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Newberry Succeeds Graham.

The trustees of Willamette University have elected Prof. Frank Newberry as principal of the piano department of the College of Music, to succeed Prof. L. S. Graham. The new head of the department is a graduate of the Chicago Musical College, well trained in his work, and has had considerable experience as a teacher. The College of Music considers Mr. Newberry an excellent acquisition, and one that will result in great good to the school and to the students.

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On May 1st, 1902, the son of R. C. Pell, the manager of the Pacific Coast Biscuit Company of Second and Folsom streets, San Francisco, was declared by the family physician to have chronic kidney disease and incurable. Another physician was called in and confirmed the diagnosis. The whole body was swollen with dropsy, and a fatal termination looked for. The Fulton Compounds were then turned to as the only hope. On September 15 the dropsy had disappeared and the boy was well, and after double examinations the physician declared the recovery complete and gave Mr. Pell a written report which he now has.

Judge G. A. Cabaniss, the Police Judge of San Francisco, also attests the recovery under his own observation of a friend of his who also recovered when the case (chronic Bright's Disease of the kidneys) was well known to be incurable according to all medical authorities.

Up to the advent of the Fulton Compounds medicine knew nothing that would cure kidney troubles after they became chronic. About nine-tenths of all cases are now curable, even after they have developed into the dreaded chronic forms of Bright's Disease and diabetes. No statements are published or invited except from chronic cases that, like the above, are incurable by all other known medicines. If your kidney trouble is recent Fulton's Renal Compound will cure it quickly. If it is of ever eight to ten months standing it is the only thing known that will save your life. John J. Fulton Co., 409 Washington street, San Francisco, sole compounders. Fulton's Renal Compound for Bright's and Kidney Diseases, $1; for Diabetes, $1.50. Free analysis made for patients. Send for pamphlet. We are the exclusive agents in this city.

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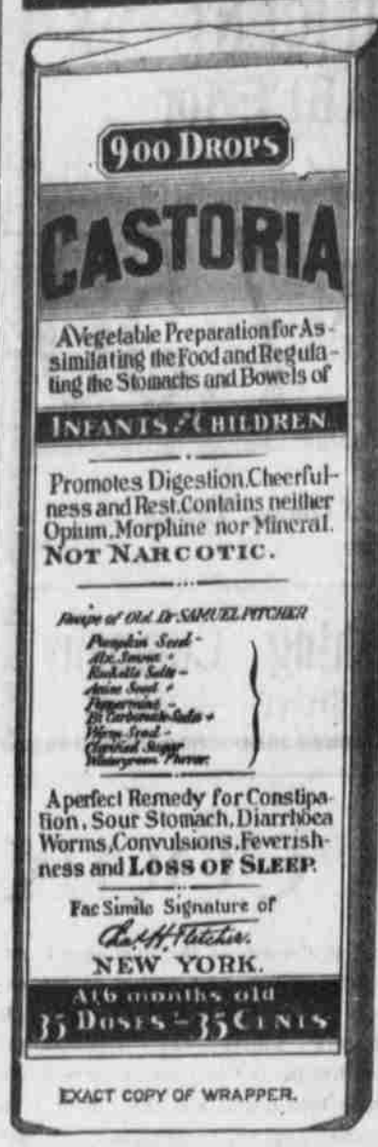

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