

BOARD OF TRADE MEETING

Demands Cheaper Gas, and Will Take Steps to Get It

A most enthusiastic meeting of the Salem Business Men's League was pulled off last night at the Board of Trade rooms, and the results of their proceedings may have some vital effects on the city's future. A good attendance was had, including the mayor and several councilmen, and many subjects of vital interest to the business interests of the city were considered. The most important matter brought up was the resolutions for a lower rate of gas, which will be presented to the next meeting of the city council, declaring the rate of \$2 per thousand feet, charged by the Salem Gas Company, for gas, excessive and exorbitant, and demanding that an ordinance be passed reducing the rate to \$1 per thousand feet.

If relief is not secured before January 1, 1908, the league pledges an appropriation of \$50 from its treasury to be used in advertising an opening for another gas plant, and that the business men of this city of 15,000 people will use their moral support to secure a franchise for same.

Several attempts have been made at council meetings of the past to secure the adoption of an ordinance to reduce and regulate the charges for gas, electricity, water, etc., but they have all failed for some reason or other. The question came up at last night's meeting of the Business Men's League, and was discussed at considerable length. It seemed to be the unanimous opinion of those present that the rates charged are exorbitant and unreasonable, and the resolution was finally adopted as the best means of voicing the league's sentiments to the public and placing itself upon record as being opposed to the present rates charged by the local company.

The local plant is owned and operated by the Portland General Electric Company, which absorbed it when the local street railway and electric light and power system was taken over. The full text of the resolution follows:

"Whereas, The business men and the citizens of Salem have for many years paid excessive and exorbitant rates for gas, and

"Whereas, Other cities, towns and villages on all sides of us have better rates than \$2 per thousand feet, and

"Whereas, There seems to be no immediate relief, therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the Business Men's League of this city request: the city council to introduce and pass an ordinance making the gas rate \$1.00 per thousand feet, and be it further

"Resolved, That if no relief can be obtained by January 1, 1908, that the sum of \$50 be appropriated out of any money in the league treasury to advertise to financiers of the country that the business men of this city of 15,000 people will use their moral support to secure one a franchise that will guarantee \$1.00 gas."

It was also the sense of the meeting, and a motion was made and adopted to that effect, that all of the business houses be requested to close upon Salem Day at the state fair, Wednesday, September 18th, at 11 o'clock in the morning.

A resolution was also adopted asking all business houses to decorate their stores fair week, and a committee, composed of J. L. Stockton and G. Stolz, was appointed for the purpose. All stores are requested to close on Salem Day of the state fair.

The matter of holding a bargain week sale for Salem some time this fall was brought up, and a committee, composed of H. D. Patton, M. O. Buren and E. T. Barnes, was appointed to look after the matter.

Another important matter taken up, was the subject of the league holding a banquet at Hotel Williamette early in October. All present favored this means of bringing Salem business men still closer together, and no doubt the matter will take shape in the near future.

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WOMEN TALK TO WOMEN About Pe-ru-na.



MRS. MCGOUGH. Depressed Feeling.

Mrs. M. McGough, 219 W. 53rd street, New York, N. Y., writes: "I gladly add my mite of praise to Peruna for what it has done for me. Two years ago a depressed feeling took hold of me. My back and sides ached continually. My stomach got out of order so that at times I could not hold a glass of cold water. I didn't like to eat, afraid that my stomach would get sick. I have been using Peruna for the three past months and now I feel as well as I ever did. My stomach is as strong as ever and my nervous troubles have disappeared. I keep recommending Peruna to my friends who are troubled as I was, and I have been thanked for doing so."

MRS. MOOERS. Headache and Backache.

Mrs. Wilda Mooers, R. F. D. 1, Lents, Ore., member Order of Washington, writes: "For the past four years I was a wretched woman suffering with troubles peculiar to my sex, causing severe backache and bearing down pains and leaving me so weak and weary that it was only with difficulty that I was able to attend to my household duties. I used different remedies and injections, but found no relief until I had tried Peruna. Within two weeks there was a complete change for the better and in less than three months I was a well and happy woman and all the praise is due to Peruna."

MRS. NELSON. Headache and Backache.

Mrs. Tressie Nelson, 609 N. 5th Ave., Nashville, Tenn., writes: "As Peruna has done me a world of good, I feel in duty bound to tell of it, in hopes that it may meet the eye of some woman who has suffered as I did. For five years I really did not know what a perfectly well day was, and if I did not have headache, I had backache or a pain somewhere and really life was not worth the effort I made to keep going. "A good friend advised me to use Peruna and I was glad to try anything, and I am very pleased to say that six bottles made a new woman of me and I have no more pains and life looks bright again."

The above testimonials represent actual experience of every-day life. They are the truthful utterances of women who have been ill and have found a reliable remedy in Peruna.

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The reader will note by reading these testimonials that in most cases other remedies were tried, doctors were consulted, and finally Peruna came to their rescue and made them well again.

Peruna is making such cures every day. It is the testimony of the people that has made Peruna so justly famous.

Suffered Thirteen Years.

Mrs. Anna Munden, Hollygrove, Ark., N. H., writes: "I suffered with female troubles for thirteen years. "I saw an advertisement of your Peruna and bought one bottle and before I had taken it all I could get out of bed and walk about. "After taking three bottles I was as well and hearty as ever and gained in flesh. I would not be without it."

Headache and Deafness.

Mrs. Mary E. Sampson, Londonderry, N. H., writes: "I had terrible headaches, both ears run and I was nervous all the time, was deaf in one ear for thirty years. I took six bottles of Peruna and one of Manalin, and am happy to say that it is the best medicine that I ever heard of. I am not so nervous, my appetite is good, everything I eat agrees with me, and I am feeling better in every way."

A Severe Cold.

Miss Marie Calvin, 927 Main street, Cincinnati, Ohio, writes: "I caught a cold coming home from an evening party and as I did not pay particular attention to it, I quickly became worse and found myself in a serious condition. "I took Peruna and it brought me immediate relief. Within a week I was cured and now whenever I feel badly Peruna will set things right."

Cities Putting Wires Underground.

Insurance Engineering, which is a magazine devoted to "the science of diminishing dangers to property and life," has in its August number an article on "The Menace of Overhead Wires."

This reviews the status of overhead wires in all North American cities and their comparative obtrusiveness and menace, but gives special attention to Montreal, Canada, which, in the matter of overhead wires, is the worst sinner on the continent.

Twenty-eight photographs of as many different points in Montreal show what an overshadowing, disfiguring nuisance the overhead wire may become in a large city when allowed to multiply unchecked. We have had some pretty badly disfigured streets in Philadelphia in time past, when overhead wires had freer swing than now; but this city's worst exhibit of overhead wires was

modest and moderate compared with any Montreal street shown in these photographs.

For 20 years Philadelphia has made sporadic efforts to get wires underground and with some success. Wires in evidence has decreased, while wires in use had greatly increased. Montreal shows the increase without any attempt seemingly to keep them out of sight, and the result is a jungle of wires, disfiguring the streets of a great city and blocking the paths of the fire fighters far beyond what any other city is willing to endure.

This article recites that Philadelphia has 840 miles of underground conduit owned by ten different corporations and 83 miles belonging to the city. The latter are occupied by the city's wires and through lease by the wires and cables of ten different corporations. In spite of this the overhead wire evil is a substantial and serious one, but the wires do not appear on the principal streets west of Third, between Race and Walnut, except on Tenth street. This is a great advance, but only a first step in the great work of putting underground all the overhead wires that now afflict the city.

Baltimore, whose overhead wires crippled the fire-fighting service so severely in that city's great conflagration, has adopted and is putting into effect the policy of having all telegraph and telephone wires underground.

Boston has about rid itself of its overhead wires, except trolley wires, and New York, the old city, having never given hospitality to trolley wires, finds its task simplified. Nearly all wires of all sorts in the borough of Manhattan are underground, though Brooklyn and the Bronx are still afflicted by the system of overhead wires.

Overhead wires in a city are a mark of inferior administration. A city managed as it should be will have no overhead wires. There is no prospect at present of the abolition of overhead trolley wires in this city, but the policy of putting all other wires underground might well be pushed with much greater vigor. The menace of the overhead wires is a fire risk.

In the language of this article, "they increase the chances of fire from electricity and seriously ham-

per firemen in the work of fighting fires. They make it difficult to erect ladders to gain access to buildings through windows and to rescue persons whose escape to the street by the usual means of exit has been shut off by smoke and fire. They menace the lives of firemen."

They are frequently broken by storm and interrupt communication, while the fallen wires often carry death change of electricity to those who unwittingly come in contact with them. In addition they greatly mar a city's appearance and ought not to be endured. Montreal is an extreme instance of the toleration of the nuisance, while the old cities of Boston and New York are almost entirely free from it. Philadelphia should secure for itself like exemption from this municipal menace and offense.

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X-RAYS

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These 1000 Japs said to be organized in Mexico for the purpose of invading Texas should undertake the invasion with a lower case "b," when they discover they have landed the Rio Grande.

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cent troubles at Vancouver. The shying of a few bricks through a restaurant window by hoodlums in San Francisco is a matter for war, while the chasing of the Jap special envoy through the streets is "not a serious matter," according to the Japanese newspapers.

What the d—l has become of everybody, anyway. There are not enough common laborers, not enough skilled laborers, and now a shortage in school ma'ams is reported. Everybody but the horse editor and other small newspaper fry seems to have got into the automobile class, and refuse to work.

Fashion has decreed that the female form is to have the appearance of having no hips. There is going to be a shrinkage when the decree goes into effect, that will make present hip prices look like an anti-fat advertisement illustration.

Mr. Kikijiro Ishii, special agent, sent to the Pacific coast to learn and report upon the feeling towards the Japanese, has visited Vancouver, learned all he wanted to the first day of his arrival, and is sending in a continuous report commensurate with the non-intermittent vaudeville performance in the leading British city on the Sound.



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