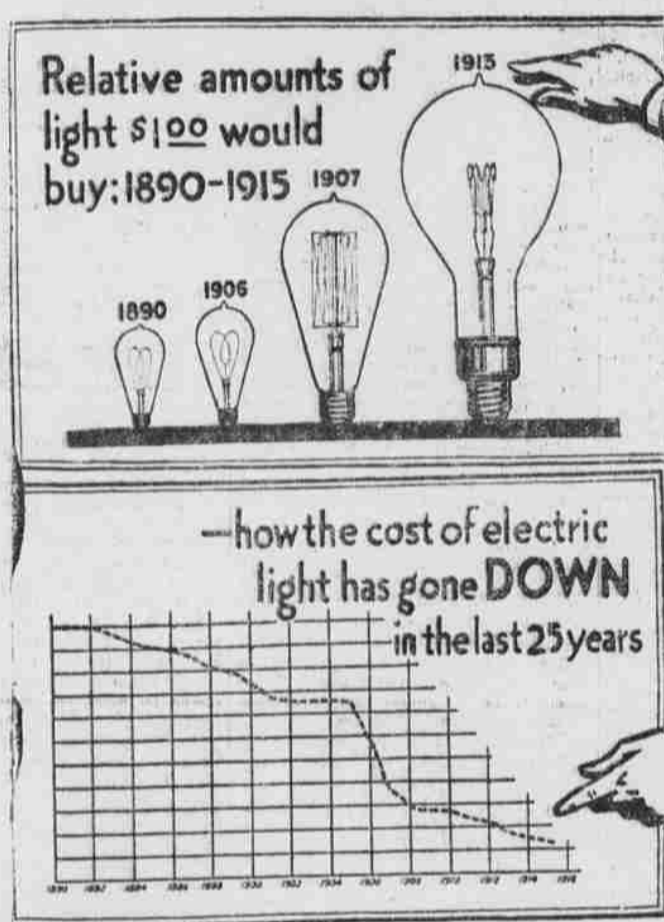


# Progress and Development in the ELECTRIC and GAS INDUSTRIES In Salem and Vicinity

## Electrical Progress

Electricity, operating in many ways has created comfort and happiness that have carried the world out the darkness of drudgery into the light of convenience.

The cost of electrical service has been steadily going down, whereas the cost of practically everything else, has been steadily going up.



The rates which prevail in Salem and vicinity are among the lowest in this country; and make it not only possible but very advisable from the standpoint of economy, safety and convenience that you

avail yourself of Electrical Service for *Lighting, Cooking, Heating and Power.*

## Gas Progress

Salem was the first city in Oregon to have gas service. Gas was first sold in Salem 46 years ago at \$4.00 per 1000 cubic feet. The price today is \$1.50. Open flame gas jet burners were used in the early days, giving 22 candle power for 3 cents per hour, while today the modern inverted mantle lamps give 100 candle power for 1-2 cent per hour.



The gas range has become the recognized modern cook stove, and automatic gas water heater, furnishing hot water day or night without attention. Gas service has revolutionized many processes of manufacturing. No modern home and few businesses can afford to be without gas service.

The following figures show the liberal policy of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, in providing additional facilities for furnishing Electric and Gas Service to the citizens of Salem and vicinity and for the improvement of the service. The figures also indicate the confidence of the owners of the Company in the future growth and prosperity of Salem.

Additional Investments made in Salem and Vicinity by the P. R. L. & P. Co. in 1915.

For Additional Poles and Wires . . . . .	\$14,759.96
For Additional Gas Mains . . . . .	9,751.00
For Additions to Gas and Electric Plants . . . . .	1,822.51
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>\$26,333.47</b>

Cash Paid out in Salem and Vicinity by the P. R. L. & P. Co. During 1915.

For Labor . . . . .	\$46,058.15
For Material . . . . .	15,729.65
For Taxes, Licenses, Assessments, etc., . . . . .	6,956.97
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>\$68,744.77</b>