

INVESTMENTS BY THE PEOPLE OF SEATTLE

Brought Against the Gas Company Which Has Put the People of Seattle Up Against a "Good Thing."

To the Editor:
Dear Sir:—The friends of the gas company have made themselves ridiculous by their attempt to defend \$2 gas in Seattle. Every allegation made is sham and frivolous.

First, they say that Seattle cannot hope for cheap gas because the gas company has an excessive number of miles of gas mains as compared to the population.

FACTS—Seattle has a population of 48,000; has 22 miles of gas mains; gets good coal for \$3 per ton; sells gas at \$2 per 1,000 cubic feet. RICHMOND, Va., has a population of 51,000; has 77 miles of gas mains; pays \$3.50 per ton for coal; sells gas for \$1 per 1,000 cubic feet, besides lighting the city free of cost. It has municipal ownership. HAMILTON, O., has a population of 20,000; has 36 miles of gas mains; pays about \$3.50 per ton for coal; sells gas for 80c per 1,000 cubic feet, besides supplying the city free of cost. It has municipal ownership. MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., has a population of 15,000; has 140 miles of gas mains; pays \$3.40 per ton for coal; sells gas at \$1.30 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Second, they say we cannot hope for cheap gas, because Nature made Seattle hilly.

Only a Poor Little Pretense.

FACTS—SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., has hills; pays \$7.50 per ton for coal, and sells gas at \$1 and \$1.40 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Denver, Colo., has hills; pays \$3.10 per ton for coal, and sells gas at \$1 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Grand Rapids, Mich., has hills; pays \$3.30 per ton for coal, and sells gas at 80c to \$1 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Third, they allege that Seattle cannot have cheap gas, as it is entitled to have, because the predecessors of the present owners did some bad financing, which resulted in issuing about \$800,000 of watered stock, on which the present owners say Seattle people ought to pay dividends, for fear the shareholders might take offense and punish Seattle.

Why Favor One in This Case.

At the same time the gas company is said to have lost heavily, many of the people of Seattle also lost heavily. Who will make their loss good to them? During the hard times all of the people of Seattle were losing, yet at that time they were paying \$2 for gas, so that the gas company might use the money.

SUPPLYING THE CITY.

The friends of the gas company say that all of its wood mains were destroyed by the great fire. We hope that this is so for those mains were a nuisance, and in their burning the gas company was saved the expense of digging them up.

What J. D. Lowman Said.

It is said that J. D. Lowman suggested that the gas company own-

DEEDS OF MYSTERY

Another House Put Out From Second Avenue—A Tale of Action.

The house which for a month has been moving from Second Avenue north to Third Avenue and Union street, has gone into drydock and has been succeeded on that run by its sister ship. The original craft has been floating around the neighborhood ever since Dec. 2. After blocking the street car lines every morning, it was taken into Union street where it has been moored, except at intervals, when it climbed a few feet further up the hill or slipped back a few.

These movements were all made at night, and the people of the vicinity have grown used to discovering every morning or so that the building has shifted position a few inches. Nobody is ever seen in or near the house, its movements, small as they are, have the fascination of mystery. Now the craft is in drydock on Union street, near Third. It just filed a vacant lot there. The house which has been moving from Second Avenue north to Third Avenue and Union street, has gone into drydock and has been succeeded on that run by its sister ship. The original craft has been floating around the neighborhood ever since Dec. 2. After blocking the street car lines every morning, it was taken into Union street where it has been moored, except at intervals, when it climbed a few feet further up the hill or slipped back a few.

SR. RAINIER FROM FRISCO

Steamer Rainier, Capt. Hansen, arrived from San Francisco yesterday afternoon with 15 passengers. But that is not the rest of the matter. The ship has a cargo of general merchandise. Capt. Hansen reports several quantities of floating lumber, both going and coming, on his last trip. The weather was rough coming up.

HOTEL DILLER NEVER ROBBED

Manager Potts Says House Is Too Well Protected.

A report has been current today and since, that the hotel built by Robert Martell, who was recently arrested by the local police, robbed the Diller hotel about two years ago. Mr. Martell, who was arrested by the local police, confessed to a plot that had been formed to hold up the Diller and rob the safe. Nothing was done about the matter and the prisoner was released and told to leave the city. He has since been seen in the city, and it is said that he is now in the city.

POLICE NOTES

H. R. McTavish reported to the police that he had been robbed and that he had been taken to a saloon where several drinks were taken. He became unconscious, and when he awoke he discovered that he was in a boat moored on the waterfront in North Seattle.

MR. RANDOLPH WILL SPEAK

W. C. Randolph will speak to-morrow night at Socialist hall, 220 Union street. Subject: "Suicide of the Competitive System."

LABOR AT OLYMPIA

The fourth annual labor congress of Washington will be held at Olympia, Jan. 15. No definite plans have been made yet, but there will be a number of bills drawn up with a view to the betterment of the laboring class.

FLATTERING TO SEATTLE

Levi Ankeny Subscribes \$500 and Sends Words of Praise.

The following letter received by Secretary French, Chamber of Commerce this morning, voices the general spirit of friendliness manifested toward Seattle by all sections of the state with regard to the raising of the \$100,000 battleship fund. It reads as follows:

BRUTALLY ASSAULTED

Young Lady Waylaid and Insulted by a Mere Boy.

MARIETTA, O., Jan. 5.—Miss Nellie Morris, a beautiful and accomplished young lady of 19 years, was brutally assaulted at Hackney, Morgan county, yesterday. While returning home from the postoffice, Miss Morris was accosted by Walter A. Weinstock, a young man of 18, who lives near her home. The girl started to run, but the man drew a razor and cut her across the neck, inflicting a terrible wound. A struggle ensued, during which Miss Morris was terribly cut. Her cries of help attracted the attention of a crowd of people, who immediately seized the brute and bound him. The Art League intended to move headquarters for the Seattle Art League had recently been extended to May 1. He wanted to meet the labor commissioners half-way in their efforts to provide for the city.

MANY BIDS WERE OPENED

By Board of Public Works This Afternoon.

At the regular weekly meeting of the board of public works this afternoon bids are being opened for the following contracts:

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Cotton Flannels, the kind bought to sell at \$1.30; sale price, 75c; 54-inch Bleached Damask; slightly goods for the price, yard, 25c; 54-inch price, yard, 15c.

25 pairs Lace Curtains, Ecru and white; sold regularly at 75c; sale price, pair, 49c; Women's Fast Black Cashmere Hose, ribbed tops; the kind always sold at 45c; sale price, pair, 25c.

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Notice These Prices

21-inch	\$ 7.00
24-inch	\$ 9.00
27-inch	\$10.00

BUSINESS ON WEST STREET

A quantity of green stuff came in this morning by the San Francisco steamer. The supply of cabbage was plentiful, but the new demand was brisk. The stock is moving off rapidly.

No beads are on the street. Other green vegetables are doing well. There is not a great demand for lettuce. Some of the green squashes are on the market. The banana situation is improved. A stunning orange is expected. If the railroad blockade around Ashland, Or., is not broken up, broken up. Some damage to fruit in transit is reported.

One car of apples and one of pears were received. The car lots of potatoes are expected for a few weeks. In cereals there is a steady trade with a fair demand. No great business is expected for a few weeks. For feed there is an improving demand.

Price of corn for hay is firmer and a sharp advance in prices is expected. The lots coming in are of very good quality. Prices generally show little change from yesterday.

IN THE LODGE ROOM.

Foresters of America.

Court Excelsior, No. 17, held its regular weekly meeting at Forester's hall, 815 First avenue. The meeting was called to order by Chief Ranger Gus Witke in the chair. Four candidates were found in waiting and were duly initiated into the mysteries of Forestry.

On next meeting night the new officers will be installed, and a good time is assured all members who attend. H. L. Klein, the newly elected chief ranger, will have a number of prizes up for the members who bring in most candidates and has them initiated during his term of office.

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