

COST OF ELECTRIC LIGHTS

AN ECONOMIC VIEW OF LIGHTING FOR CITIES AND TOWNS

Figures Which Show the Advantage of Municipal Management of the Electric System—The Average Cost \$98

The Legislature has drawn the attention of the authorities to the apparent advantages of the city furnishing its own light. It also proposed that councilmen ascertain whether the old water works could not be utilized as an electric plant. An electrician was employed to examine the property, and his report, submitted to council, showed that a station could be made, and that with the water power already there the expense for supplying everything would not exceed \$40,000.

The following is from the New York Independent, and concerns a report made by a commission of \$12,000 in the lighting appropriation, can learn that there is a possibility of furnishing electric light for less than \$27,000 a year.

Questions of an economic nature are becoming more and more topics for public discussion. The people are gradually awakening from that lethargy in which they were willing to allow anything to be done in their own name, regardless of the cost. The fact that now, in almost every city in the country, the supply of proper illumination of the streets is being neglected, is a sad commentary. Probably no one of the larger cities has yet done entirely away with gas for outdoor purposes, but all have, to some extent, made use of electricity for street lighting. From this, the importance of the question whether such lighting should be undertaken directly by the municipal authorities or should be left to private enterprise ought to be clear to every one. Consequently, any investigation which will present the light of general experience upon the matter should prove of great value and of general interest.

Some time last fall a committee of the city of Scranton, Pa., which had been appointed to investigate the matter of electric lighting and the differences which had arisen between the city and the company managing the electric system, "in order to deal intelligently with the question in hand, had deemed it wise to correspond with other cities in the United States, and to gather such data as they might have to furnish on the subject of their deliberations." The answers received as a result of this correspondence are tabulated in the accompanying report, and now furnish not only the most complete but also the most reliable statistics upon the subject which have been compiled up to this time. The following table presents the figures for those cities which are lights were supplied by contract with private companies. All lamps are 2,000 candle power.

Table with columns: Name of City, Population, Hours Lighted, and Cost per Hour. Lists cities like Annapolis, Baltimore, Boston, etc., with their respective lighting details.

One need not have much knowledge of the subject to appreciate the value of these figures, that the charges do not conform to the cost of production. The preponderance of even figures would point to an arbitrary number of lights being placed upon a charge of one hundred dollars seems to indicate a desire on the part of the electric lighting companies to keep their books in the same manner. Where an old figure is to be found, it may easily be inferred that the authorities and the company originally failed to come to an agreement. But the company, with great concession, must have granted a reduction or offered to "split the difference," to which fact may be assigned the frequent form of 21 or 22 cents per hour.

A great impulsion may be discerned in the relative charges for large and small numbers of lights. In the five cities containing the largest number of lights the average cost is far above that in the five cities containing the smallest number. That something is radically wrong must be apparent by the same manner. The capacity of the plant may be doubled without doubling the cost. This is the ordinary characteristic of a natural monopoly, and every business in which this state of affairs exists must necessarily be viewed as monopolistic in nature. Whether the fact that large cities using many lights are paying more per light than small cities using few, is the result of ignorance, imposition, or corruption, the fact still remains and the only remedy is enlightenment.

NICHOLAS DANNER DIES.

A WELL KNOWN CITIZEN OF PARADISE BREATHE HIS LAST ON SUNDAY.

He Retires From the Hotel Business Two Years Ago—A Prominent Democrat and Free Mason—His Career.

Nicholas Danner, one of the best known men in the eastern part of the county, died at his home in Paradise on Sunday morning at 8 o'clock. The cause of his death was a grippe and paralysis, although the supposition is that he never recovered entirely from a terrible accident which occurred to him about two years ago. At the time he was on his way to Pittsburgh, with Lancaster Commandery, to attend the state convocation of Knights Templar. When the train reached Lewistown he was standing upon the bumper of one of the cars and in going around a curve he was thrown off. He was very badly injured about the head and it was a long time before he fully recovered. His life was believed to be in danger at that time.

Mr. Danner was born in Saxony in 1833 and came to this country in 1854. He was a shoemaker by trade, having learned it in the old country, and after landing in New York he settled in Lancaster county and then went to York, where he worked for a time. From there he came to this county he worked for a time at Mechanicsburg for a man named Bonard. He also worked for a man named Ziegler, at the same place, and for Daniel Becker, near Griffith's Store. After working for a time with Christian Ulrich he started in business for himself at Spring Garden. From there he went to the White Horse, where he was married in 1856. He next purchased the Williams-town hotel, where he remained for four years. From that place he came to Lancaster and for a time he was a partner of Henry Copland in a restaurant under the Inquirer printing office. In 1874 he bought the Paradise hotel, which he kept until two years ago when he retired from business, renting the hotel to G. Henry Schmidt, of this city, who has since kept it.

Mr. Danner was quite a prominent Mason and belonged to Lodge 43, of this city, Chapter 43, Goodwin Council, No. 19, Lancaster, and York, and to the Knights Templar. He also was a member of the Knights Templar, No. 102, Knights of Pythias, of Paradise. Mr. Danner was the owner of a fine farm in Paradise township, besides a pretty residence in the village, where he lived very comfortably with his wife and eight children, viz: Albert John, Newton, Charles, Mary, Clara, Minnie and Mary. The deceased was always a popular landlord and gentleman. He had a very large circle of friends in this city as well as in the county, and he was respected by all. Mr. Danner was a staunch Democrat, and he was frequently a delegate to county conventions of the party. The funeral will be held at the residence of Mrs. Danner, at 2 o'clock, and Lancaster Commandery, Knights Templar, will attend in a body. The services will be held in the Paradise Episcopal church.

HE WAS FOUND DEAD.

An Old Citizen Dies Suddenly in Bed From Apoplexy and Heart Failure. Martin Rebnan, who resides at No. 42 Campbell alley, was found dead in bed this morning. The man had been troubled with heart disease and five weeks ago he had a stroke of apoplexy, which left him unconscious for two hours. He retired last evening about nine o'clock, after being called all day, and that was the last time he was seen alive. His daughter, upon finding that he did not get up at his usual time, went to call on him at 10 o'clock this morning. He made no response when she knocked at the door, and, upon going in she found that he was dead.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

A Lady's Clothing Catches Fire From a Parlor Match. There was a narrow escape from fire at the house of Joseph Mayer, a well-known leaf tobacco dealer, who resides at No. 214 North Prince street, this morning, and Mrs. Mayer made a narrow escape from being burned alive. The lady was in the front room, up stairs, and was about picking up some parlor matches, which had been spilled upon the floor last evening. She was standing by the matches, which struck fire and soon communicated to her clothing. In an instant her dress was in a blaze, but fortunately she was able to get to the bath room, where she turned the water upon herself. The lace window curtains took fire from the lady's clothing and Mrs. Mayer called for help. Her husband, George Consey, a neighbor, who lives almost opposite, ran to the house and helped to extinguish the flames. One of the curtains was almost destroyed and quite a large sized hole was burned in the carpet, but Mrs. Mayer considered herself very fortunate in escaping with her life, as she certainly was.

Successful Package Party.

The package party of Canton Lancaster, No. 25, I. O. O. F., was held in Doernson's hall on Saturday evening, and was a delightful affair. The party was well attended and the articles were disposed of in satisfactory manner by Auctioneer John Keenan. The following prices were drawn after the auction was completed: Doll, No. 24; 50 pounds Pillsbury flour, No. 1,736; hand-painted jugs, No. 1,603; pair of vases, No. 1,253; pair of vases, No. 623; table cover, No. 1,708; large set of mirrors, No. 1,060; fancy cup and saucer, No. 368; album, No. 2,457; toilet set, No. 369; 1 dozen towels, No. 176.

Deaths of John Jordan, Jr.

John Jordan, Jr., one of the vice-presidents of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, and for nearly thirty years president of the Manufacturers' National Bank, Philadelphia, died on Sunday of paralysis in his 82d year.

Mr. Jordan, on the maternal side, was a descendant of the Hon. William Henry, of Lancaster, Pa., a colonel in the Revolution, and a member of the Second Continental Congress. In 1783 Mr. Jordan's father succeeded to the business of Jeffrey Hoga, an eminent merchant of his day, whose residence occupied the site of Conroy hall, Philadelphia. The younger Jordan did not enter his father's business house, but removed to the vicinity of Stroudsburg, Monroe county, where he erected the first furnace in Pennsylvania for the production of iron by means of anthracite coal.

This venture, it is said, had been successful, but the abrogation of the tariff on manufactured iron in 1847 obliged him to withdraw from it with heavy loss. Returning to Philadelphia, he became a partner with his brother Francis in the house of Jordan & Brother, from which he retired about 1850 to accept the presidency of the Manufacturers' National Bank. As a boy Mr. Jordan entered Nazareth hall, the Moravian school at Nazareth, Pa., and subsequently became an alumnus of the University of Pennsylvania. He was a man of fine literary tastes and his scholarship, and made many contributions to antiquarian research, being considered an authority on the subject of American history and genealogy.

He contributed nearly 10,000 volumes to the Historical society library, and among his last acts, previous to his illness, was the erection of a fire-proof building for the many treasures of the society.

While Mr. Jordan was a modest man, he was characteristically beneficent, among his charitable acts being the endowment of the Widows Asylum and Sister's Home, of Bethlehem, Pa.; the Clergyman's Home, at Nazareth, and other Moravian enterprises.

Mr. Jordan was one of the projectors of the North Pennsylvania railroad, and became a director at the time of its incorporation, in 1861, an office he held continuously since. He leaves a widow, but no children.

Nothing Left of Man and Team.

A man named Barr was blown to atoms and a mother and babe were instantly killed near Decatur, Ind., on Saturday, by an explosion of nitroglycerine. Barr's horses were also killed and his wagon torn into splinters.

Rawlinsville's Postmaster.

A. Silverthorn has been appointed postmaster for Rawlinsville.

SMILING IN DEATH.

A Girl, Whose Cheeks Were Kept Rosy Three Weeks, Thought to Have Lain in a Trance.

There was a quiet funeral in Northumberland last Tuesday, which was the closing scene in a remarkable case that had excited the long list of those who had been cured by the use of the 'Mist'.

The night of her death Miss Bost was attacked with an ungovernable frenzy, and would have nothing to do with any one but her mother. The frenzy was so violent that she would not play any of her usual games, and would not be comforted by the mother. She was taken to the parlor, and, supporting herself, had retired, went to sleep. The following morning at a late hour Mrs. Bost carried in the body of her daughter, who was lying in the parlor, and, supporting herself, had retired, went to sleep. The following morning at a late hour Mrs. Bost carried in the body of her daughter, who was lying in the parlor, and, supporting herself, had retired, went to sleep.

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DEATH OF GENERAL SCIENCK.

In His Eighty-first Year—The Republican General and Soldier. General Robert Cumming Sciencck, noted as a diplomat, soldier and congressman, died at five o'clock on Sunday evening, at his residence in Washington. He had been ill for about two weeks, but no anxiety was felt until pneumonia set in on Friday night. His mind was clear to the very last. General Sciencck was born in Franklin county, Ohio, October 18, 1809. He graduated from Miami University in 1827, and after a post graduate course of three years he studied law with Thomas Corwin. He served two years in the Legislature as a member of Congress as a Whig and was elected, serving from 1843 to 1851, acting as the northern ship. President Fillmore named him member of the cabinet and in his two years' service there he negotiated several important treaties. He resigned private life, but on the outbreak of the war was commissioned a brigadier general of volunteers and commanded a small force in the skirmish at Vienna. He shared in the Gall River defeat and next served under General Rosecrans, distinguishing himself at McDowell and Cross Keys. General Fremont gave him military division, and, while leading a part of Franz Sigel's corps at the second Bull Run he was severely wounded in the right arm. He was made a major general and took command of the middle division and Eighth corps at Baltimore, serving in the Gettysburg campaign. In 1863 he was reappointed for Congress and served one term, but resigned from the army. He was elected to the two succeeding Congresses, and throughout these exciting times during which he was in the cabinet, he presided over the proceedings in the House. During his term he was chairman of the ways and means committee and leader of the House, succeeding Thaddeus Stevens, in command of the Republican party. He was elected to England in 1870, and in 1871 one of the Alabama claims commissions, relating to the Gulf of Mexico, was appointed. He resigned. He leaves three daughters, who were with him at the time of his death. He will be buried at Dayton, Ohio, in a military funeral, and owing to the diplomatic features of his case.

FIRE AT THE COUNTY BUILDING.

An Inmate Causes Great Excitement in the Prison Department. An alarm of fire was struck from box 72, at the county almshouse, on Sunday evening at the hour when people were going to church and it caused great excitement. Hundreds wended their way to the county property, but by the time they reached there the fire had been extinguished.

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Two Churchwomen Deaths.

CRUCIFIXION, Pa., March 24.—Mrs. Frances Simpson, wife of George W. Simpson, ex-deputy collector of the Sixth ward district, died at her residence on Friday, March 21, of consumption. She was a daughter of Robert Hill, of Chester county. She was a member of the M. E. church. She was a devoted wife and mother. She leaves to survive her husband and six children. The funeral will take place on Tuesday at 10 o'clock at the M. E. cemetery.

He Wanted to Shoot Him.

Frank Craig is the name of a rather long looking young fellow who has been acting as a "barker" of the exhibition of Prof. G. Williams, who has the "Sea Queen" on North Queen street. Saturday night he and the professor had a quarrel over his salary and Craig says that Williams threatened to prosecute him for desertion. The professor, and he had him arrested and taken before Alderman Deltot to answer a charge of surety of the peace.

Almost Dead From Poison.

A six-year-old son of William May, of Manor street, made a narrow escape from death on Saturday. The family had some pellets, which had been placed in a bottle about a year ago. There was a solution of arsenic in the bottle before that, although it was not known at the time. The little fellow got hold of the bottle and thinking the pellets were candy ate some of them. He came very near dying, and Dr. Kinard attended him. He is now doing well.

A Boy Who Won't Stay Home.

Frank Nostle, an Italian boy, was found in the school room on Friday night and was taken to the station house. Early on Sunday morning he was taken to his home, on Rockland street, where it was learned that he had run away from home and had been sleeping in stables and other out of way places for some time. He is fourteen years old.

Waived a Hearing.

Daniel Wenger, of Ann and Orange streets, made complaint a few days ago, at Alderman Hall's, against Harry Kauffholz and Harry Frey for malicious mischief in throwing mud at his door. The mud was only six some of the mud, but the boys were remanded and dismissed. The parents of these boys have faith in their innocence, and they want a vindication before a court and jury. To get it they waived a hearing and gave bail for trial at the April term of the quarter sessions court.

The Central Labor Union.

At a meeting of the Central Labor Union held on Sunday afternoon, the following officers were elected: President, E. E. Greenwald; vice president, William C. Wetzel; corresponding secretary, Charles H. Smith; recording secretary, John J. Boyle; financial secretary, Frank M. Deegan; treasurer, John McGeehan; sergeant-at-arms, Charles Drankart; trustees, H. A. Wambaugh, Frank Benner and Jerome A. Horned.

Failure of a Plumber.

Two judgments were entered to-day against L. H. Bachler for \$1,039.15, in favor of Frank Pfeiffer, executor of an estate, issued on one for \$339.15, and Bachler's stock was levied upon.

Deaths of an ex-Superintendent.

Michael Remler, a well known citizen of Reading, died on Saturday, in his 81st year. Deceased resided at Marietta and for 26 years was superintendent of Myers & Benson's furnaces.

FOUR WANT TWO SEATS.

THE SENATE TO CONSIDER THE CLAIMS OF THE MONTANA CONTENTANTS.

Majority and Minority Reports of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, Reported by the Window Silver Bill is Reported to the House.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—In the Senate to-day Mr. Hoar, from the committee on privileges and elections, reported four resolutions in the case of the persons claiming seats as senators from the state of Montana—two of them declaring that Clark and McClintock were not entitled to the seats and the other two declaring that Saunders and Power were entitled on the merits of the case, to be admitted to seats. Resolutions from the minority of the committee, making opposite declarations, were reported by Mr. Gray, and all were ordered to be printed.

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HEROIC SELF-SACRIFICE.

Lake Shore Freight Agent F. E. Stone, of Springfield, was engaged in the hunting on Saturday morning along the bank of the lake. Seeing wild geese in the distance he took a boat and started out after the birds. He was about a mile or so from the shore when he heard cries of distress, and called toward an object whence the cries came. There he found Nicholas Fraser, an Ashabua Indian, lying on a log, crawling toward the shore. The man was in a pitiable state. Both hands and legs were badly frozen, and his knees and legs were torn from hanging to the log. With Fraser crawling on his back, he had gone out from Ashabua harbor on Tuesday. Being overtaken by a gale, they tried to make Connetquot harbor, but were driven back to the bottom of the craft. The wind was cutting, and chilled them to the bone.

Married in Camden.

A Baltimore dispatch dated March 22, to the Philadelphia Inquirer, says: The romantic elopement of Miss Minnie Kuntzieman, the sixteen-year-old daughter of a prominent merchant here, to a young carpenter, with Wiley Wanbach, a young carpenter, is the sensation here.

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Lost His Horse.

The horse of Street Commissioner Johnson succumbed on Sunday night. The supposition is that in attempting to lie down the strap of the harness became fastened around his neck, strangling the animal. He was valued at \$150.

A Peddler Licensured.

Thus, Meachin, city, was granted a soldier's license to peddle goods in the county of Lancaster.

THE OHIO VERY HIGH

IT CONTINUES TO RISE TWO INCHES AN HOUR AT CINCINNATI.

Dwellings Flooded and Railroad Closures Pelled to Abandon the Central Ohio Depot—Two Men and a Boy Drowned.

CINCINNATI, March 24.—At ten o'clock this morning the Ohio river measured two feet 10 inches and was rising at the rate of two inches an hour. With no more rain, a cloudy sky and a mild temperature the outlook for more rain is most serious aspect on affairs here. This mighty stream, within an hour or two, will have passed the extreme of the flood of a few weeks ago. The most active work is in progress to remove goods from the narrow straits of river which is subject to overflow. Cella has already been vacated and the first floor in many houses will soon be invaded by the flood waters of 1883, when the river reached sixty-six feet four inches, and in 1884, when its highest flood ever measured 71 feet 3 inches, shows that little damage may be expected. Cracks and stone stone structures are already being crumbled and foundations have been replaced by more substantial foundations. Of course all wooden buildings must float, but there are comparatively few of these that are within flood territory. Many families in the front will be compelled to go to the upper stories or vacate their quarters entirely. All the railroads except the Chesapeake & Ohio and Kentucky Central have been compelled to abandon the Central Ohio depot and to establish temporary depots at points which can be reached. Covington and Newport are cut off by the water now so far as street car travel is concerned. The former are cut off because they cannot find land points. The casualty list began to be made yesterday, when two men and a boy were drowned off Covington by the capsizing of a skiff. They were John Bur, Peter Koenig and a man named Kenney. Newport suffers more than any suburb is flooded. Quite a large district already flooded, and residents are pelted to vacate their houses.

No Danger at Pittsburg.

PITTSBURGH, March 24.—The river receding slowly, the marks at 10 o'clock this morning indicating 22 feet, a fall of 10 feet and one-half since last midnight. Weather bright and clear, and no danger of a heavy rain. The danger of a flood is passed. A number of mills along the banks of the three rivers were closed down on account of water getting into the furnaces, but by to-morrow all will again be in operation.

Mother-in-Law vs. Son-in-Law.

Mary Morgan was heard by Alderman Halbach on Saturday evening on a charge of drunkenness and disorderly conduct. She was charged with being drunk and disorderly on Saturday evening, and was heard by Alderman Halbach on Saturday evening on a charge of drunkenness and disorderly conduct. She was charged with being drunk and disorderly on Saturday evening, and was heard by Alderman Halbach on Saturday evening on a charge of drunkenness and disorderly conduct.

Money Found at Johnston.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., March 24.—The banks are lined with hundreds of people waiting in the sand and mud looking for valuable gold relics which were thrown up by the high water. Among the things found were a \$20 gold piece by one man and a little girl picked out \$6 in sand and silver.

King's Trial Again Postponed.

PHILADELPHIA, March 24.—The trial of Henry W. King, prefect of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Blind, on charges of infamous and immoral conduct at the institution, had been set down for to-day, but on motion of the accused was postponed until public excitement over the case subsides. Counsel advised that the charges had been printed in papers, and his client had been held up to public scorn. The excitement, he said, was great at present to permit Mr. King to have a fair trial which the jury must be satisfied by talk and publication in some of the papers. The court granted the postponement, his honor advised that he himself was in no such case as a judicial condition of mind as would justify the accused man a fair and impartial trial.

TELEGRAPHIC TAPS.

John S. Farlow, president of the Cincinnati, Sandusky & Cleveland railroad, died suddenly at his home in Newbury, Mass., this morning. The dock laborers in Liverpool declined to enter into any negotiations with the men and a deadlock has resulted. The postoffice is serious. The next meeting of the Central Pennsylvania conference will be held in Scranton. The ministers gave \$1,800 toward the building of a new church in Carlisle. The supreme court of the United States to-day reversed the decision of the Minnesota supreme court in what are known as the Sprague cases. The Minnesota decision was against the contention of railroad companies.

The north bound cannon ball train.

The Louisville & Nashville railroad was into a misplaced switch at Lincoln's depot, Nashville, to-day, wrecking several freight cars and killing Alexander Stevenson and Benjamin Daley, both colored, and injuring several other people in the ruins of the fire in Seattle, Wash., have been identified as those of J. George Jones and N. C. Mays and wife, who arrived from Arkansas on Friday night and took rooms in the building.

At Fort Holmesdale, Ont., William McFadden shot and killed a man named Myers last week and she had been killed with Myers until the tragedy occurred.

General Crook was buried at Oakland, Md., with impressive ceremonies in the presence of a great crowd of people.

An epidemic of diphtheritis has broken out in Newfoundland, and Father Wagoner was zealous in attending to the cases, took the disease and died.

A daughter living at a distance from the scene of the tragedy has received a letter from Charles Carl, who with his wife was burned in their house at Anneton, Minnesota, a few days ago. The letter said that a few days ago he and her parents would find money hidden in certain places. The money was found, and it is thought that the old man was the owner of the house.

WEATHER FORECAST.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—To-day, winds shifting to easterly, warmer weather and rain on Tuesday.

Sold by the sheriff.

The personal property of John J. Meyer, Jr., was sold by the sheriff. The amount realized was \$1,000.