

GAS TRUST HAS NO ISLE OF SAFETY FOR EXTORTION VICTIMS

Doubles Its Bills in Every Section of the City with Entire Impartiality and Apparently Without Regard to Amount Burned—Complaints to Meter Inspector.

Justrow Alexander, State Inspector of Gas Meters, requests the Evening World to make it known to the public that he is doing the best he can and will inspect meters as soon as he can, but complaints are increasing at an enormous rate, and there has been no increase in the force of testers.

At the present rate of complaints the total number of meters complained of will be over 20,000 this year. Hardly any of these meters is strictly accurate and the variation in most cases is against the consumer, but is not enough to account for the doubling, tripling and quadrupling of gas bills.

Just Plain Hold Up. It also appears that the Gas Trust has no systematic system of increases, but goes on the theory that the public should pay so much a month and appropriate the amount to suit itself.

Mr. Alexander's jurisdiction is confined entirely to the testing of meters. He has nothing to do with the quality of the gas. Any one who desires to have a gas meter tested need only send word to the State Inspector of Gas Meters, at No. 1 Hanover square. The fee for the average meter is 40 cents. If the meter is proved to have been running too fast, the consumer is entitled to a rebate from the gas company and also to have his fee returned.

Some More High Bills. Here are a few more of the thousands of complaints which the State Inspector has received:

Since three or four months ago my bills, which at that time averaged about \$2.00 per month, have steadily increased from \$0 to 40 cents per month, until the last bill rendered calls for \$3.40. Inquiries made among other tenants in the building lead me to believe my bills are twice as much as theirs.

DENNIS A. LONERGAN, No. 87 Bridge street. The last two bills received from the Consolidated Gas Company for gas supplied at my residence, No. 33 East Sixty-ninth street, are so large and entirely out of proportion to any I have before received, that I am sure my meter is not registering correctly.

EDWARD S. BAYN, No. 33 East Sixty-ninth street. On the first of February the Consolidated Gas Company's meters in our factory building, Twenty-fourth street and Tenth avenue, were tested by the National Meter Testing Company, with the following result:

Meter. Condition. 23127.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23128.....8 per cent. fast. 23129.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23130.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23131.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23132.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23133.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23134.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23135.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23136.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23137.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23138.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23139.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23140.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23141.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23142.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23143.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23144.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23145.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23146.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23147.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23148.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23149.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23150.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23151.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23152.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23153.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23154.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23155.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23156.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23157.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23158.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23159.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23160.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23161.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23162.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23163.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23164.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23165.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23166.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23167.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23168.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23169.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23170.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23171.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23172.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23173.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23174.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23175.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23176.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23177.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23178.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23179.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23180.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23181.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23182.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23183.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23184.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23185.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23186.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23187.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23188.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23189.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23190.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23191.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23192.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23193.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23194.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23195.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23196.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23197.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23198.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23199.....1-2 per cent. fast. 23200.....1-2 per cent. fast.

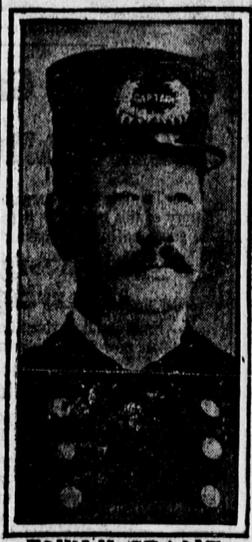
My bills are two to three dollars higher every month than they used to be. Kindly send a man to test my meter.

H. HERMELIN, No. 1023 Second avenue. My bills for the past few months have been outrageous, and I can see no reason, as we have not had any more gas this winter than before, and there is no reason why my bills should be so much larger.

I. S. MANDEL, No. 31 West Eighty-third street. We are using the same number of burners for the past year or two, yet in comparing our bills we find them to vary between \$5 and \$7.00 more per month than our old bills.

R. W. BLOOM & SONS, Nos. 788-785 Broadway. Less Gas, Higher Bills. My gas bills amounted to \$5. Then they jumped to \$7 when I was still con-

JOHN H. GRANT, THE FORMER INSPECTOR, WHO DIED TO-DAY.



EX-INSPECTOR GRANT IS DEAD

John H., Half Brother of Inspector Donald Grant, Who Has Long Been a Sufferer, Expired To-Day.

Former Inspector of Police John H. Grant, died of Bright's disease to-day at his home, No. 325 East One Hundred and Nineteenth street. He had suffered from the complaint for fifteen years.

Inspector Grant was a half brother of Inspector Donald Grant, now in charge of the Staten Island district, and was very popular while on the force, where he worked himself up from the street to an inspectorship during the thirty-six years he served. In that time he gained a record for honesty and fairness among his fellow officers.

John H. Grant was born Dec. 28, 1840, and was appointed to the police force Jan. 12, 1866. He was made a roundsman Nov. 3, 1870; a sergeant July 19, 1876; a captain July 15, 1882, under the Roosevelt board, and was promoted to an inspectorship Oct. 13, 1897. He held this last rank until he retired, Oct. 24, 1902, at which time he was in charge of the First Inspection District. He was influenced to retire by Bright's disease.

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KING'S BOARDERS CAUSE TROUBLE

Neighbors Complain of "Musical" Efforts of Panthers, Bears, Camels, Deer, &c., and Police Take a Hand.

Joseph King maintains a boarding-house at No. 108 King street, Brooklyn. Here is a list of his boarders: Four Siberian deer. Four camels (double-humped). Three panthers. One black bear. One grizzly bear.

Mr. King's boarders are musically inclined, but they have been badly rehearsed. During the winter they sang in subdued key. Mr. King admits that perhaps their pipes were frozen. Since the advent of warm, muggy weather they have been lifting up their voices in jangle song to the terror of the neighborhood.

A delegation of citizens called at the Hamilton avenue station last night and complained to Capt. Formosa of the operative efforts of the King boarders. They assert that their children were hiding in cellars and closets and that the women folk were afraid to venture out of doors. As additional cause of complaint they averred that the King boarders sleep in the daytime and devote the night to concerts destructive to sleep.

Capt. Formosa went around to King street and looked over the boarding house and placed the landlord under arrest, under the section of the sanitary code that prohibits the keeping of animals on household premises. Mr. King was arraigned in Sutter street police court to-day. No complaints appearing against him he was discharged.

He explained to Magistrate Tighe that he was keeping the animals for a circus, and promised to rid the neighborhood of them as soon as possible.

CROWDED TRAIN JUMPED TRACKS

Commuters on the New Haven Road Escaped Injury When Rails Spread, but Were Delayed by the Accident.

(Special to The Evening World.) MOUNT VERNON, N. Y., March 10.—A local train on the New Haven Railroad, filled with commuters, and due at Mount Vernon at 7.35 A. M. to-day, met with a peculiar accident while running into Pelham. When almost opposite the station, railroad men say, the rails spread and the engine suddenly left the track and ploughed up ties and roadbed.

The engine ran about three hundred feet on the ties, but was stopped without injury to any of the passengers. All along the line hundreds of commuters were gathered waiting for trains to Manhattan, but the derailment held up the road. The westbound local track was completely blocked and all trains had to be run on the westbound express rails.

When the trains drew into the Mount Vernon station men and women climbed over the fence which separates the express from the local track. The little rate used by employees became choked by commuters, and many had narrow escapes from being injured.

Between the trouble on the Subway and Elevated roads and the delay on the New Haven, suburbanites had a hard time reaching their places of business to-day.

Missing Brownie Is Found. BALTIMORE, March 10.—George W. Brownie, traveling agent for a pottery firm of East Liverpool, O., who disappeared from a New York hotel March 8 and for whom a general alarm was sent out, was found yesterday by the family, who reside in this city. A telegram stated that he was all right.

RING REPOSES IN CHILD'S TUMMY

Mothers are anxious, and children are under surveillance in South Orange to-day, for one of a number of children has swallowed a ring and no one knows who the child is.

The ring got into the midst of one of the South Orange children at a birthday party given to Lee Graves, the seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Graves, who celebrated his birthday on Tuesday last.

When the time for cutting the cake came, the children crowded about excitedly. Some of them wanted the ring and all of them wanted the cake. The cake made them forget all about the ring, and they ate ravenously. But the child swallowed the ring, and she then there was consternation among mothers.

Physicians are in readiness to go after the ring the first time a child shows symptoms of appendicitis.

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Our meats have a wide reputation for sweetness of flavor and positively shrink less in cooking and roasting than numerous other grades on the market— BECAUSE we buy only prime corn-fed cattle, which yield solid beef.

FURTHERMORE we buy all our cattle on the hoof and do our own slaughtering in New York City; this enables us to offer these exceptionally low prices.

Specials for This and Next Week. VEAL, milk fed, shoulders and breasts... 10c. LEGS OF VEAL, milk fed... 12c. CANADA LAMB, legs of hind quarters... 14c. SHORT POSE QUARTERS OF LAMB... 8c. LOINS OF PORK, whole or half... 10c. HAM, fresh or smoked... 12c. BACON (Sugar-cured)... 11c. CORNED BEEF "Rumps"... 10c.

Fish Dept. (At all three stores.) During the Lenten season our Fish Department will be kept amply supplied with fresh Fish, Oysters and Clams—the same special prices will prevail that have always characterized this department.

Hotels, Clubs, Restaurants, Steamships and Institutions' Orders Solicited.

Groceries and Vegetables Prices at Harlem Market Only.

Grocery Dept. Butter, choice... 20c. Grated sugar... 10c. Flour, best... 12c. CANNED GOODS. Tomatoes, large can... 10c. Beans, fancy... 10c. ALL ARE THIS SEASON'S GOODS AND CROPS.

ADAMS DRY GOODS CO.

Misses' New Spring Apparel All Specially Priced for This Saturday.

Girls' Dresses, made in all the new models; fancy Russian, sailor and brownie styles; black and white checks, shirtings, mixtures, etc. sizes from 4 to 14 years.

School Dresses of Granite cloth, also red, blue and brown fancy mixtures; sizes 4 to 14. Very special at \$1.00 and 1.49.

Girls' Box Reefers and Coats of Cover, Cheviot and mixed materials; sizes from 4 to 14 years.

Misses' Box Coats in sizes 14 to 18; excellent quality; Cheviot; finely tailored, lined throughout.

Misses' Suits, Box coat style, trimmed with silk braid; also Blouse effects; sizes 12 to 18.

Walking Skirts, pleated and fitted at Cheviot, Panama cloth and mixtures; lengths 35 to 40.

SUNDAY WORLD WANTS WORK MONDAY MORNING WONDERS

PRESIDENT POTTER MUCH BETTER TO-DAY.

Hopes Are Now Entertained for Railroad Magnate's Recovery—Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis. The condition of President W. F. Potter of the Long Island Railroad, who has been seriously ill for a week past, showed decided improvement this morning and hopes are now felt for his recovery.

For the Housewife DIAMOND DYES

have been manufactured. They give fast, beautiful colors, and are prepared for home use. We have a special department of advice, and will answer free any questions about dyeing. Send sample of goods when possible. Diamond Dyes, Burlington, Vt.

WM. VOGEL & SON

The New Spring Suits and Overcoats for Men. We are done with Winter. Our concern is with Spring—or, to be more exact, with the clothes for Spring. For the event, we've been in preparation for months. Our organization of clever tailors have plied their skill with wonderful effect—every effort has been put forth to make this Spring showing of Suits and Overcoats reach a standard of excellence that could not be surpassed.

\$15 Spring Suits & Overcoats. There are six new models in short boxy Top Coats, made from double-twist coverts in the new shades, at \$15. Then there's a series of models in the Medium Length Overcoat, silk lined and silk lined to edge, made of black Thibet and Oxford, at \$15.

Also long, loose Rain Coats in plain black and fancy fabrics, at \$15. In single and double breasted sack suits there are six models of each style in plain blacks and blues and fancy effects, at \$15.

Other Spring suits and overcoats, \$15 to \$40. Every garment is made with our famous new "Concave" Shoulder and "Closefitting" Collar.

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Special Attractions for To-Morrow: MEN'S \$1 KID GLOVES, 60c. WOMEN'S \$1 KID GLOVES, 59c. GENTS' \$3 COATS, special at \$2.98. MEN'S NEW SPRING NEGLIGEE SHIRTS, 39c. BOYS' \$2 BOX CALF SHOES, sizes 4 to 6, \$1.50.

Great Sale of New Wilson Pianos \$165, \$1 Week. including stool and cover, saving you from \$150 to \$200. Delivered on \$5 Payment of \$5.

GET THE THRILL. There is a thrill in every line of a Sherlock Holmes story, unlike any other in fiction. Read "The Adventure of the Priory School" in The Evening World next Saturday. Get the thrill.

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Choice Selection of Men's Suits. These Suits are all of the higher type of tailoring. Fancy Cheviot and Worsted Suits. Nobby and bright styles; single and double breasted. All sizes fit you come early. Black Cheviots and Blue Serges. The values are so extraordinary in this offering that you must see the Suits in order to appreciate the opportunity.



HOPE COATS LIMITED! Saturday morning at 9 o'clock we will have a sale of Special Offerings. They are now on display in Windows 11, 13 and 15 Chambers St., East. Be here before that hour.

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