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Electric Light Rates.

While the public utilities commission is considering whether the Potomac Electric Power Company is supplying current to the Washington Railway and Electric Company at an unduly low rate, and what relation this fact, if established, has to the question of rates to the small consumers, the question of comparative rates in Washington and other cities may profitably be studied.

It may safely be assumed to start with that rates to large customers will not be too high, for the large customer is easily able to protect himself by manufacturing his own current.

The danger is that in order to prevent neighborhood competition the rate to large customers will be made too low at the expense of the small consumer who cannot economically produce current for his own use; and this is what apparently has happened in Washington.

The rate to residences in Washington is 10 cents per kilowatt hour for the "connected load" for 120 hours per month and 5 cents per kilowatt hour for any excess beyond 120 hours. A minimum charge of \$1 per month is made.

The rate in Chicago is 10 cents per kilowatt hour for the "maximum demand" for the first 30 hours per month, 5 cents for the second 30 hours and 3 cents for all over 60 hours.

These terms and figures are rather technical for the ordinary citizen, but to the utility commission they will be very illuminating.

It will be noted that the rate in Washington remains at 10 cents per kilowatt hour until 120 hours of the "connected load" is used.

In Chicago the rate for 120 hours use of the "maximum demand" would average 6 cents per kilowatt; that is, the charge itself is 66 2/3% greater in Washington than in Chicago for a light burning 120 hours a month, or for 4 hours a day for 30 days.

This does not at all measure the advantage that Chicago householders who use electric light enjoy over us in Washington.

The Washington rate requires 120 hours per month use of the "connected load," or installation, before the secondary rate is reached, and it will come as a surprise to many Washingtonians to know that a "secondary" rate exists, so few consumers use their "connected load" for an average of 4 hours a day.

The Chicago rate, on the other hand, is based on the "maximum demand," in other words the largest number of lights used at any one time during the month, and according to Chicago figures the "maximum demand" averages less than 45% of the "connected load."

Translated into plain English, this means that the average consumer in Chicago gets the benefit of the secondary rate and the tertiary rate with a consumption of less than half the current under the "maximum demand" basis, as compared with the "connected load" basis.

No comparison with Washington is possible until the public utilities commission ascertains what portion of the Washington users ever receive a secondary rate, but broadly this fact stands out, that based on Chicago averages the Chicago householder gets a secondary rate after using less than half the relative quantity for a quarter of the number of hours that would be required if Chicago was on the Washington basis, and after two hours' average daily use of the same quantity he gets a tertiary rate of less than one-third of the primary rate, which is the same as is paid in Washington for most of the current consumed in Washington for household lighting.

Japan seems perfectly willing to take care of anything in the line of ocean traffic that nobody else wants.

Germany is fortunate in the fact that its diplomacy is not regulated by some of the Berlin editors.

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There's a remedy so soothing and complete;
You can set a date for an investigation
And call on worthy citizens to meet.
They can deal with facts or matters inferential,
And for expenses take a modest toll,
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Appertaining to Fleas.

Profound gratitude is felt by the country for the practical suggestions of the Department of Agriculture. They are all valuable, some of them to one class of people, some to others. Not only the farmers gain benefit from the occasional bulletins and announcements from that most efficient branch of the government. One of the latest is calculated to help all humanity, that which tells about the flea pest and how to fight it. Every summer, Washington suffers in a comparatively mild though most unpleasant manner from fleas, little jumping fleas that get into the carpets and lie in wait in the rugs and the cracks of the floor and rise to every occasion that offers. It is needless to dwell upon the consequences, some of which are embarrassing in company. Now the department comes forward to the relief of flea-infested mankind. To keep the fleas off the person, it says, the surest way is to tie the sticky fly paper around the ankles and to sleep in beds that are isolated by water pans or fly paper from the surrounding terrain of the flea fighting ground. Washington having virtually exterminated the flies by swatting and trapping, sticky paper has not been much in evidence for a season or two, but this prescription by the Department of Agriculture will doubtless cause a return of the commodity, and perhaps in a short time expert advice will be given by the fashion censors as to the best and most artistic ways of wearing fly paper protectors. It is painful, however, to contemplate the result when humanity is closely assembled. Has the department anything to offer in the way of a preventive of public agglutination?

The decision that the photographic trust is operating as a monopoly, in violation of law, does not hold out any especially hopeful prospects affecting the high cost of living. Artistic as America is becoming, the snapshot is not recognized as a necessity.

Having signified a desire that no action be taken by this country in advance of a hearing of the facts, Germany will doubtless give due notice to the submariners in the war zone to govern themselves accordingly and proceed with caution.

An extra session of Congress probably would not have simplified to any great degree complexities which will confront the regular session.

An investigation of the alleged Mexican lobbies in Washington would add a touch of novelty to a long series of official inquiries.

There is a sense of relief in the fact that the season that tempts large cities to overcrowd their excursion boats is about ended.

The Mexicans operating on United States soil do not show the frankness that defines their nationality by the use of a hyphen.

Belgium entertains no hope that any of the enormous sums raised in war loans will go into a conscience fund.

Less confidence is expressed in the theory that Haiti could be pacified with a brass band and a barbecue.

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SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

Gloomy Recollection.
"How did you get into politics?"
"Well," replied Senator Sorghum, "some influential friends came and told me I ought to serve my country."

"Were they unselfish?"
"I'm sorry to say some of them were not. Their idea of serving my country was for me to serve them with a very large slice."

"Politeness costs some men such an effort," said Uncle Eben, "dat you can't help wishin' dey'd settle back an' jes' act natural."

! Versus .
The good old exclamation point finds his importance out of joint. The hyphen as it meets his eyes now fills the reader with surprise.

Useful in His Day.
"Nobody mentions the sea serpent any more," remarked the reminiscence person.
"Yes," replied Mr. Growcher; "and I must confess I miss him. The sea serpent was one of our most useful animals."

"But they say he never existed."
"I don't care whether he existed or not. He provided conversation about the ocean that did not threaten international misunderstandings of any kind."

A Sense of Relief.
"Your husband is terrible excited over what he sees in the paper," remarked the neighbor.
"Yes," replied Mrs. Gladstoss. "An' I dunno but I'm glad of it. Of course, I don't want the government to have no trouble on my account. But it's a great relief to have him hangin' around the post office waitin' to get somethin' to read besides get-rich-quick circulars."

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AGAIN SATURDAY THE OPPORTUNITY TO BUY STATIONERY
At Savings up to Two-thirds of Real Value
Consists of Mills' Overstock and Salesmen's Samples
Writing Paper, Box, 25c
Correspondence Cards, Box, 25c
Values up to 75c a box. All well known makes. Cards in colored or gold borders. The paper in the latest shapes and shades.
Bargain Table—Street Floor.
Leave your orders now for Hebrew New Year Cards. Stationery Store—Street Floor.

Open 8:15 A.M. Close 5 P.M.
"THE BUSY CORNER"
S. Kann Sons & Co.
8TH ST. AND PENNA. AVE.
READY SATURDAY MORNING
Kann's Sealed
Victor Records for September
Come in and Hear Them—Victrola Parlors—Fourth Floor.

SATURDAY'S TEMPTING CANDY MENU
CHOCOLATE CARAMELS—Plain Chocolate, Nut and Marshmallow Caramels. A pound **29c**
MAYBELLE CHOCOLATE CHERRIES—Daintily put up in one-pound boxes. Special, a box..... **29c**
MILK CHOCOLATES, with Brazil nuts and cream. A pound..... **29c**
KANN'S CAPITAL KANDY, as delicious and as great a treat as Tomorrow, a pound..... **40c**
Candy Store—Street Floor.

GIRLS! A SEND-OFF! To College—To High School—To Graded School—To Kindergarten THE MOST POPULAR COSTUME
MIDDY BLOUSES 6 to 20 Year Sizes
& MIDDY SKIRTS 18 to 34 in. Lengths
69c
In a Rousing Saturday Sale at, Choice.....
None Worth Less Than \$1.00—Many \$1.25
Middy Blouses Middy Skirts
Plain white, white with navy, red, cadet blue or blazer striped collars. Also the new Khaki and Palm Beach Blouses and the popular All Blazer Striped Model. Made in regulation middy style, of best Lonsdale jean. Also a few with navy serge collars in novelty style.
Bargain Tables—Street Floor.
CHILDREN'S DRAWERS, 25c
Special at.....
Knickerbocker or straight styles; lace and embroidery trimmed; sizes 2 to 17 years.
Little Folks' Store—Second Floor.
GIRLS' PETTICOATS, 39c
50c Value. Special.....
Good cambric, with flounces of lace, also embroidery ruffles and pin tucks; 2 to 12 year sizes.
Little Folks' Store—Second Floor.

SAMPLES! It Is a Magic Word When We Speak of NECK WEAR
Past Sales of Neckwear Samples Have Given Washington Women Reason for Expecting Big Values and Tomorrow's Offerings Will be as Great as Ever.
The assortment consists of Crepe de Chine Ties, Lace-trimmed Collars, Priscilla Collars, Embroidered Collars, Vestees, Black and White Collars, Pleated-back Collars, Colored Embroidered Collars and Collar and Cuff Sets. CHOICE.....
Values 25c and 50c.
14c
Bargain Table—Street Floor.
CREPE DE CHINE WINDSOR TIES, in black, white, Copenhagen, yellow, wistaria, brown, king's blue, pink, turquoise, apple green, Kelly green, melon, peach, Alice blue, lavender and light blue. 25c value, at..... **19c**
COLLAR AND CUFF SETS, embroidered in black, pink and light blue, with pleated backs. A set..... **50c**
FINE ORGANDY VESTEES, embroidered in pink, blue and black; at..... **98c**
Neckwear Store—Street Floor.
VESTEEES of embroidered and plain organdy; lace trimmed, with pleated back; flat or roll collar styles, at..... **25c**
LONG-SLEEVED GUIMPES in oriental lace and plain net, with pleated back and flat collars, in black, ecru and white. \$1.50 value. Choice..... **89c**
Neckwear Store—Street Floor.

MORE NEW MODELS ARRIVE
To Add to Our Line of Trimmed Hats
Advance Fall Styles At \$5.00
Consisting of Black Velvet Hats, with white satin crowns; All-velvet Hats. Shapes are mainly along the new sailor lines, which are so generally becoming. Also the new poke and high-crowned walking hats. The trimmings are flowers, fancy feathers and jet bead ornaments.
Millinery Store—Second Floor.

To See Our New Styles Is to Make You Want One of These Charming New Waists
Crepe de Chine, Georgette Crepe and Lace at \$3.95
The crepe de chine are in the trimmest and most chic new tailored models that the well-groomed woman will rejoice over; majority being finished with the two-in-one or convertible collar. There are also tailored styles of the popular pussy willow. Colors are navy and flesh, also black and white.
The Georgette crepes are filmy and beautiful, and trimmed with pretty new laces. In flesh and white chiefly. The laces are of white or cream, made up over flesh colored linings, or of black lace over white.
All sizes and all advance fall styles.
Waist Store—Second Floor.
NEW FALL MODELS IN LINGERIE WAISTS, novelty materials, organdies and voiles, in fancy or tailored styles. Exceptionally good qualities and styles, tomorrow at..... **\$1.00**
Bargain Table—Street Floor.

THIS IS WELCOME NEWS
Advanced Fall Styles High Shoes
Just at the right time. Your slippers have about done their duty—and now that it is almost too late to purchase another pair, we come out with this good news. A special purchase makes it possible for us to offer
\$3.00 and \$3.50
Values Tomorrow at \$2.15 Pair
They are in new button and lace styles, in dull and patent kid, with tops of cloth or kid. All made on the most popular new lasts. All sizes to select from.
Shoe Store—Fourth Floor.

Chilly Days Turn Wise Women's Thoughts to Kann's August Sale
Fine Furs
At Prices That Make Early Purchasing Worth While.
\$42.50 RUSSIAN PONYSKIN COATS, new flare model; lustrous, beautifully marked skins; satin lining..... **\$24.50**
\$59.50 RUSSIAN PONYSKIN COATS, collars of beaver, skunk, civet cat or raccoon; moire marked skins; satin lined..... **\$33.75**
\$110.00 HUDSON SEAL COATS, finest soft skins; durable; lustrous; made in new flare effect, with brocade lining..... **\$67.50**
\$95.00 FRENCH SEAL COAT, collar of skunk or beaver; new flare model; finest skins; novelty lining..... **\$59.50**
\$29.50 GENUINE SKUNK OR BEAVER MUFF, to match collars on coats; new, round shape or plain pillow style..... **\$19.50**
\$75.00 FRENCH SEAL COAT, fine quality skins; new flare model; novelty silk lining..... **\$45.75**
\$72.50 AMERICAN BLACK FOX SETS, plain or trimmed muff; solid animal scarf or lined shaped scarf; finest skins..... **\$44.75**
\$75.00 POINTED FOX SETS, plain or trimmed muff; animal-shaped scarf; fine quality skins; fashionable Sitka shade..... **\$46.50**
Fur Store—Street Floor.

WHAT! HAVE NOT PURCHASED A SPORT SWEATER
From Kann's Superior Assortments Yet?
If you would not be called out of style you had better hurry down tomorrow and make your selection. All of Washington's smartest dressers and fashion leaders are wearing them. WHY NOT YOU?
Our Line at \$5.00 **Our Line at \$12.50**
Includes Sweaters of Mercerized Silk, made with facings, pockets and covered buttons. Choice of two-tone effects in black and green, blue and gold and plain blue, and old rose; also all white.
Sweaters of Fiber Silk, in choice of emerald with gold trimmings, emerald with white, male with Copenhagen and pale yellow with silk trimmings of same.
Sweater Store—Second Floor.
Beautiful Silk and Wool Sweaters, made with striped collar, band, cuffs and sash; in rose, Copenhagen, white with black, white with blue and white with yellow.
Others with pure silk trimmings, pockets and sash; choice of American beauty, rose, azure, yellow, pure white and black and white.

"Take Them at Your Own Price—The Quality Is Limited"
That's the Answer—and the Reason We Can Say
Tomorrow—Manufacturer's Samples
WOMEN'S HANDBAGS
To Clear at Half Price and Less
To get such values at our own price—that is where the big surprise comes in—just at the time when we thought it next to impossible to get any more big reductions. This manufacturer held off longer than the rest—but we got his samples after all and they are beauties. Black and colored styles, of genuine leathers.
LOT 1—BAGS Worth up to \$1.50 **59c**
LOT 2—BAGS Worth \$2 and \$3 **\$1.00**
Come early for choice—Bargain Table—Street Floor.
LOT 3—BAGS Worth \$3.50 to \$5 **\$1.50**
LOT 4—BAGS Worth to \$8.00 **\$2.00**
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You Can See What Beauties They Are OUR ONE DOLLAR CHARACTER DOLLS
Choice, Tomorrow, 48c
As illustrated the Dolls are named— "Infant," "Miss" who is 12 inches tall—and very fascinating. "Mr. Jumbo" is 18 inches tall—and quite comical. Both are well dressed and made with unbreakable heads. Get the Little Folks one of each tomorrow—the offer is only good for one day at 48c.
Toy Store—Fourth Floor and Bargain Tables—Street Floor.

New Coats and a Clearance of Wool Suits and Wash Skirts
Will Focus Your Interest in the Garment Store Saturday
THE COATS are novelty chevriots and smart Balmacaan models. New chic styles, at..... **\$7.95**
THE WOOL SUITS are chiefly blue and black, in late spring styles, suitable for early fall wear. Worth to \$39.75. Choice..... **\$16.95**
THE WASH SKIRTS include every model formerly selling up to \$5.95. To close at..... **\$1.98**
Garment Store—Second Floor.

Saturday Sale TOILET ACCESSORIES
Each Item of Interest to YOU—Read this List of Specials:
Snowberry Floating Bath Soap, 4 cakes for..... **10c**
Physicians and Surgeons' Soap, per cake..... **5c**
Manson's Witch Hazel Soap, per cake..... **5c**