

We have an idea that if Louis Bean took long rides on his own street cars to and from work that they would be better heated.

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WEATHER Tacoma: Occasional snow or rain tonight and Thursday, warmer tomorrow.

CHIEF LOOMIS AT LAST GOES OUT!

TACOMA CHIMNEYLESS CITY

THAT IS LIGHT PLANT'S VISION FOR 1920

BY E. A. PETERS

Tacoma will be a city of chimneyless homes by 1920 if dreams of the light department come true.

On the heels of a new domestic rate for electricity which took effect Jan. 1, and by which electricians declare that cooking and heating by wire will be cheaper hereafter than by gas or wood fuel, the city today began an educational campaign among housewives.

E. W. Rhodes, known as commercial agent for the light plant, but who is really floor walker, department manager and head salesman as well, has issued a pamphlet by which he explains clearly the new system of rates. He is using it to supplement personal interviews with housewives.

The electrical department, also through Rhodes' efforts, is planning to install a complete line of electric stoves, ranges and heaters at the city hall to sell to Tacomans at cost.

The new rates Rhodes declares are the cheapest of any city in the United States.

Besides a direct cut of 11 per cent on all electricity sold in Tacoma, the department has instituted a rate of one cent a kilowatt for anyone who desires to use more than his normal lighting load for other domestic purposes.

Figure It for Yourself

The new rate is confusing to the layman because of its technical terms and it is doubtful if more than a small number of customers understand it.

The minimum rate of one cent does not take effect until a certain amount of current has been consumed. This figure is reached through a compilation of the floor space in a home multiplied by an electrical factor, known as "40 watts."

During this work 300 homes were visited, the floor space carefully measured and the average light bill noted.

Any user of city current can figure out for himself just what the dividing line between the one-cent and five-cent rates will be in his own home. First a careful measurement should be taken of all the interior floor space, excepting basements, attics, outbuildings, clothes-closets and other rooms not served with lights.

These rooms, which would be more or less constantly served if current were used for heating or cooking, form the "working space" of the home. Other rooms, such as halls, bedrooms and bath rooms, form the "idle space."

Chimneys Will Go

Here is where the factor-figure—40 watts—puts in an appearance. The total area thus arrived at is multiplied by 40. This figure is now divided by 1000, giving the maximum number of kilowatt-hours for which five cents must be paid before the one-cent rate is effective.

To illustrate and simplify the rate, Rhodes furnishes dimensions of a typical five-room bungalow. The working space area is 486 square feet, and the idle space 360 feet. One-half the idle space, 180 feet, added to 486, gives 666. Multiplied by the factor-figure of 40, this gives 26,640 watt-hours, which, divided by 1000, equals 26.6 kilowatt-hours.

Thus the occupant would pay five cents for the first 27 kilowatts used in a month, or \$1.35, and one cent for all above that. He could use twice his present normal consumption of electricity, and his month's bill would be just 27 cents higher than at present.

Preliminary experiments have proved that Tacoma housewives can cook by electricity under the new rate for one-half what it costs for gas, according to Rhodes.

"It will not be many months," declared Rhodes, "before city light will be a formidable competitor of the gas company and the fuel dealers."

"As soon as the public realizes the practical economy and cleanliness of electric fuel you will see chimneys disappear from Tacoma homes."

FROST STAYS FLOOD

Chinook, the Snow Eater, was scoured away, at least temporarily, today by the coldest weather of the winter and the lowest temperature since Jan. 5, 1913, exactly three years ago.

From 5 o'clock last evening, when the thermometer stood at 29 degrees, the temperature fell steadily, until at 6:30 this morning it had gone down to 18.4 degrees.

For coldness Jan. 5, 1913, beat this by just four-tenths of a degree.

The lowest record for this winter up to today was on Dec. 30, when the thermometer registered 22 1-2 degrees.

Skaters are out in force on the lakes and ponds in and about Tacoma and are enjoying good old-fashioned winter sport. Drivers of autos and trucks are slipping their hands strenuously to keep from losing a finger.

Whether the flood threatening Snow Eater can be staved off long enough to allow the snow to melt gradually and prevent a disastrous flood in the valley, the weather man is not ready to say officially today.

By 10 o'clock this morning the thermometer had risen to 25 degrees and still going up. Nippy in Canada.

Tacoma may get another touch of snow or rain before evening. At 8 o'clock a light snowfall was reported at Tatum and other points on the coast.

Zero weather hit Spokane and also the middle western states. In Canada just north of Montana the thermometer went as low as 38 below zero.

Chicago struck a warm wave this morning at 54 degrees.

ON OUR STAFF



MISS JUANITA HANSEN.

The days of the stage-struck girl are past. Now they're all "movie-struck."

And a movie-struck girl with a real determination to act before the camera lacks certain of the advantages her sister of the stage used to enjoy.

Imagine yourself hustled before a clicking camera and told: "A rich uncle has returned from Alaska. Your mother can stop washing for a living. You'll have fine clothes. The future is rosy. Register great joy."

And you have to "register joy" and lots of it, or you don't have a chance even to learn how to become a movie actress.

Miss Juanita Hansen was a high school girl two years ago. Gifted—yes, with good looks and a blond complexion that "registers" well, and a knack for acting. Today she is a much-heralded new star.

She has written a series of articles for the benefit of the movie-struck, showing just how a person may "get on" as a film actor, and how success may be attained. The first of the series is published on the movie page of today's paper.

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TACOMA HAS A REAL ICE RINK

By Edgar C. Wheeler

Those artificial ice skating rinks such as they have in Seattle may be all right, but—

Tacoma today has a real old-fashioned skating pond, the kind father used to make, right in the heart of the city, fashioned out of a few summer tennis courts and a garden hose.

Say, there'll be some rollicking skating there tonight.

The Tacoma Lawn Tennis club did it. "What's the use of all this going to waste?" they said, as they looked over their barren courts at Sixth and Tacoma avenue.

So when the bottom of the thermometer fell out and earmuffs became the thing they got out the hose and flooded the whole business.

Then the snow came and temporarily buried their brightest hopes. For who wants to skate in seven inches of snow? But today the last drifts are being cleared away and by night the shining ice will be ready for high-stepping couples.

So everybody get out your skates and your two-bit pieces. They're going to have a crackling fire in the clubhouse for too warming. Now all that will be needed is bright moonlight.

What's the matter with our park board? Why aren't they on the job? Doesn't the park board own any sprinklers?

Or have its members arrived at the gouty old age when the glint of the ice ceases to lure? The park board has its tennis courts on 9th and J. They could be flooded in a few minutes.

Maybe the park board will wake up and turn on the hose by the time the thaw sets in, make a swimming pool for ducks or other recreational feature.

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Talk o' the Times

Just as we told you would happen: All the papers at last have discovered that there is gripe in Tacoma. Now they are busy proving it. They seriously tell about the deaths that have occurred, the pupils kept out of school and the rest of it. For those who read The Times it must seem like receiving a batch of magazines containing the news of last month.

Seattle reports three deaths from "liquor famine." One woman died of the d. t. s. and two men of over-indulgence in wood alcohol. We see the liquor part of it, but where does the "famine" come in?

How the mighty have fallen! Romeo Hagan made to shovel snow off the city hall walks!

Good morning, have you called up Bean to ask for warmer street cars?

The street stalls had to move after months of stalling. How nice to be a bachelor this year!

FLASHES

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What's Doing Today

Lecture on "The Relation of Mental Efficiency to Moral Character," by Prof. I. E. Mortenson, C. P. S. chapel; 8 p. m.

Rev. J. W. Baker begins two weeks' evangelical services at Pine Street Christian church, 56th and Pine.

First meeting of year of Pierce County Women's Republican club; Tacoma hotel; evening.

Lecture by President Henry Suszillo, University of Washington, on "The Development of Education;" auspices Central Labor Council; 849 1/2 Market; 8 p. m.

DOC WALL, GRIP PLOTTER, SHOWN UP

By D'Loss Sutherland

If Doc Wall has the crust to insist still that there is not gripe, after what we're just about to show, why then there is no hope for him—unless he should get a touch of the stuff himself. Of course nobody would be mean enough even to think of such a thing.

Would the Doc kindly turn to the January number of American Medical Journal. We will quote in part extracts from an article by that famous grippist Dr. Geo. Mather, M. D., of Chicago.

Here's the Explanation. In reference to the present gripe epidemic which has put several thousand of the good citizens of Chicago on the blink, he says, "By the laymen (and some physicians) the gripe is often mistaken for a cold. It is impossible to tell the symptoms from those of several other diseases unless very careful analyses are taken and a close study is made. Even then the gripe might be mistaken for something else."

The current epidemic of respiratory infection of the naso-

We're slipping and a-sliding, All around the bloomin' town, A-skating and a-gliding, And you bet we're falling down. We're sliding on the thoro fare, We're sliding on the street; You'll see the people everywhere Who take a sudden seat. One among us tho is jolly, As he wanders up and down; He's a giant big, by golly, And he's bossing all the town. He's snorting and a-ripping, And he has us on the hip, And everybody's slipping But Old Man Grip.

pharynx, larynx and larger bronchi can not be underestimated in connection with public health. (In other words, the gripe is no slouch of a disease.)

Catch These Words. "Bacillus influenzae, micrococcus catarrhalis and pneumococcus are often described in connection with the disease," he continues. But the germ that does the dirt is the "hemolytic streptococcus." These little animals live in translucent colonies of blood agar surrounded by a zone of hemolysis. They are often mistaken for the coryzae contagiosa streptococcus, which is nothing more than erysipelas and should not cause worry."

Any family with a small case might take cultures from the pharyngeal mucosa and after incubating the result at 37 C it will be easy to determine if the children have the pip or the gripe. If the bugs are in chain form, Doc Wall is incorrect, but if they are red the poor little sucker has the T. B. and should be sent to school in Ariz.

Informal inquiries at Vienna indicated that the Austrian government had asked for assistance to determine the nationality of the submarine that sank the Persia.

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