

TO-DAY'S ELECTION.

Some Diverse Views on the Electric Light Ordinance.

"DON'T STAND IN YOUR OWN LIGHT"

Some Hard Work Being Done Against Better Street Lighting and for a Bonus for the Electrical Company—Light on the Question.

At seven o'clock this morning the polls will open and by six this evening the question of the ratification of the electric light ordinance will be decided by the qualified voters of the city.

Opponents of the ordinance have raised money somewhere to pay workers at the polls to labor for the defeat of the loan to-day.

A South Side advocate of decent street lights has a large blue print of the plan of lighting the city displayed at his front door, with the words placarded on it: "Don't stand in your own light."

In another place in this morning's paper is the resolution on the subject of the loan adopted by the Council.

DEAR SIR:—We have your favor of the 27th inst., in which you desire that we should give you, either for publication or for personal use, an estimate on the cost of operation of an electric light plant of 400 lights of 2,000 candle power each.

In answer to the foregoing inquiries we can state from our experience during the past ten years in the electric lighting business, and in the construction and operation of the largest plants in the United States operated under the Wood system.

We have been informed that the Wheeling Electrical Company has stated in the public press that the operation of this plant will cost \$30,000 per year.

We will take, to begin, the cost of labor upon a plant of the Fort Wayne Wood apparatus, and if we desired we would be willing to guarantee to the city our figures would be correct.

Table listing electrical equipment costs: One electrician, per year \$1,200; Six trimmers, \$2 each per month \$720; One lineman, \$65 per month \$780; One dynamo man, \$35 per month \$420; One helper, \$25 per month \$300; One chief engineer, \$75 per month \$900; One helper, \$25 per month \$300; Two firemen, \$15 each \$360; Total cost of labor \$3,060.

We would also state that the figures here given are quite liberal in every department, and amply sufficient to operate this plant.

Now we will show why the Wheeling Electrical Company were so anxious to secure the contract at \$72 per lamp per year, providing the term of the contract should be ten years, and also with the stipulation that the city may have the option to purchase the plant at the end of ten years for \$80,000.

You will observe the \$72.52 per lamp per year, less operating expenses, \$38.49, would make a net profit to the Wheeling Electrical Company, in case this contract were awarded to them, of nearly \$14,000 per year, or 17 1/2 per cent upon their investment.

In conclusion, we call to mind that during the past two months bids were asked for and submitted to the city of Wheeling for an electric light plant, consisting of 400 lamps and the necessary steam plant and construction, and owing to the large size of this plant and the amount of money involved, the writer believes that owing to the spirit and competition existing in the electric light business to-day, your committee has received proposals for this plant, and from good people, any of which can construct your plant for the amount of money they have agreed to, but we believe that the Fort Wayne Company made the lowest and best bid, with the best apparatus known to the world to-day for street lighting.

With 1,200, a large portion of Chicago with 500 lights, Fort Wayne with 350, a large number at Milwaukee, Buffalo, Philadelphia, and investigate among these people the correctness of the statement herewith submitted to you, as to cost of operation and the care and maintenance of this system.

MARTIN'S FERRY. Sunday C. & P. Train—W. & L. E. Nearly Ready for Business—Minor Matters. The new arc lights are more satisfactory than the old ones.

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It may be considered impudent to offer a business like suggestion to our city dads at this late day, and I apologize for not offering it sooner.

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THE GLASS SHUT-DOWN. To-Day All the Factories Let Their Fires Go Out—The Wage Question. To-day all the glass houses in Wheeling and vicinity will let their fires go out for the annual summer shut-down.

CLIPPED from Canada Presbyterian, under signature of C. Blackett Robinson, proprietor: I was cured of recurring bilious headaches by Burdock Blood Bitters.

First Grand Base Ball Excursion To Steubenville and Brown's Island. "Red Cross Oil" and "Shamrock" Ball Clubs, of this city, Sunday June 28, 1891.

For the laying of the corner stone of St. John's Catholic church at Benwood, Sunday, June 28, the Baltimore & Ohio will run a special train, leaving Wheeling at 2 p. m.

Half Rates to the Northwest via B. & O. R. R. On account of the Convention of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor at Minneapolis, Minn., July 9th to 12th, the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company will sell round trip tickets to that city from all stations on its lines from July 6th to 8th, inclusive.

King of Medicines. Scrofulous Humor—A Cure "Almost Miraculous."

It is understood that a new schedule will go into effect on the Cleveland and Pittsburgh railroad early in July and two Sunday trains will be run, one up early in the morning to be run as No. 40, and one down in the evening as No. 39.

Mardi Gras Parade Wagons. The Bodley Vagon Company shipped twenty wagons to San Antonio, Texas, on Thursday, to be used in the Mardi Gras parade in that city.

NOTES ON NAVIGATION. Stage of Water and Movements of Boats. The River Intereats.

The river was still falling last night, with 9 feet 6 inches in the channel.

The reports from above were: Warren—1 foot 5 inches and falling. Weather clear and warm.

Morgantown—4 feet 10 inches and stationary. Weather clear and warm.

Brownsville—5 feet 9 inches and falling. Weather clear and warm.

At 8 a. m., Sunday, the Batchelor will pass down from Pittsburgh to Cincinnati.

On her regular trip to Pittsburgh to-morrow the Keystone State will leave at 7 a. m.

The following boats will leave to-day: The H. K. Bedford is bound for Pittsburgh at 8 a. m.—At the same hour the Andes will pass down for Cincinnati.

The schedule for Sunday is as follows: The Lizzie Bay and the Ben Hur are due to leave for Pittsburgh at 6 a. m.—The Parkersburg packet, the Courier, will get away at noon.

The Matt F. Allen left for Pittsburgh yesterday at 6 a. m.—The Ben Hur got away for Parkersburg at 11:30 a. m.—The Batchelor and the Courier passed up for Pittsburgh, the former at 4 p. m., the latter at 10 p. m.

You can never know till you try, how quickly a dose of Ayer's Pills will cure your sick headache. Your stomach and bowels need cleansing, and these pills will accomplish it more effectually and comfortably than any other medicine you can find.

LADIES' fine turned Button Shoes \$2.25, worth \$3; fine kid Oxford ties 75c and \$1, worth \$1.50 at

STONE'S CASH SHOE STORE. Mr. Clark, to the Public. I wish to say to my friends and the public that I regard Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy as the best preparation in use for colic and diarrhoea.

W. L. DOUGLAS SHOES. \$5.00, \$4.00, \$3.50, \$2.50, \$2.25, \$2.00. W. L. DOUGLAS'S \$3 SHOE.

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Hammocks, Cotton and Manila. Four distinct lines of leading makers. Prices from 50 cents to \$3.75.

Julip Straws for hot weather beverages. Large bundles \$5.

One-Prong Games, as Lawn Tennis, Base Ball, Foot Ball, Croquet, Fishing Tackle, &c., &c.

Paper and Cloth Novels at reduced prices.

Stanton & Davenport, 1301 MARKET STREET.

ELECTRIC LIGHT! WILL STOP NO OTHER IMPROVEMENT!

"WHEREAS, A number of statements are being circulated by interested parties opposed to the ratification of the Electric Light Ordinance to the effect that its adoption will prevent the completion of other needed improvements, therefore be it

"RESOLVED, That this Council assures the people that the ratification of the Electric Light Ordinance, TO BE VOTED UPON ON SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 1891, will in no way interfere with any other public improvement, will not increase taxation, and, in our opinion, will result in great and permanent benefit to the whole community."

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of a preamble and resolution adopted by the City Council on Tuesday, June 23, 1891.

THOS. F. THONER, CITY CLERK.

SILK AND DRESS GOODS. WANTED. Agents to sell the Palace Cloth.

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