VILLAGE COUNCIL SAYS GAS IS HIGH AND POOR QUALITY

An Explanation to the Public in Ref. Downers Grove Reporters Go Wild erence to Complaints about the Quality of Gas and the Price Charged for it.

Aurora, Illinois. Gentlemen:

company. . The Village Council of Downers the three games of 143. Grove are of the opinion that the In the same game Mrs. Downer Gas and furnish a better quality of record. gas to its consumers. An "ad" recently appeared in The Reporter ask. to correct misunderstandings - avoid waste of gas- and get full efficiency of gas appliances," etc, better service will result "tomorrow" and "a year from now," is very indefinite. vague and meaningless to say the least.

In the first place the Council are of the opinion that pleasant and satisfactory relations between a Public Service Company and the public can only exist when the Company recognizes its duties and obligations based on contractual moral responsibilities. The Gas Company is successor to a franchise granted to the LaGrange Gas Company on October 13, 1903. which provided a rate of 1.05 with 15 of the month.

Since the granting of that franchise the Public Utilities Commission has been created by the Legislature and through its power, Public Service Companies have availed themselves of a legal way of breaking their original agreements.

The W. U. G. & E. Co. availed it self of this law and obtained an increase of 25 per cent. When its evi dence was presented to the Commission at the time an increase was being sought, Congressman Copley who is the principal figure in the Gas Co. and also represents us in Congress, stated that his Company was using the best known methods for manufacturing gas. Increase of labor, oil, coal, etc., was the reason advanced by the Company why an increase in rate should be granted.

Since that time, however, there has been a big decrease in cost of all these items, labor and oil especially. oil costing but little more than a third of what it did when application for increase was made. There is nothing in the law that would prevent the Gas Company in getting back to the confractural price for gas as provided by the franchise.

When two or more individuals make a contract for the renting of a' farm, the building of a house or any other thing, the law grants no relief, except for fraud to any of the contracting parties. The Council are of the opinion that the Gas Company has been fairly treated in Downers Grove and the Village has never blocked the Company in its material

Many complaints warrant the statement that the gas is of low grade. Howevive: complain of the long time required to cook with the gas. Com plaints have been made that air is forced thru the pipes in excesive amount, thus thinning the gas without stopping registration of the gas

The Council believes they are warranted in assuming the Company will correct the evils complained of and then "pleasant relations" will be the result. We believe that the Company are now warranted in reducing the price of gas to \$1.00 per thousand

This communication is not made because the Poblic Utilities Commission has reduced the price of gas in Chicago. The subject has been discussed before and this letter would have apeared two weeks ago but was withheld for minor changes in its phrasology.

W. C. Barber William Bende I. G. Heartt Charles Haller H. W. Bryce,

Mayor and Commissioners of the Village of Downers Grove A. B. Snow,

Village Attorney.

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MRS. NELSON GETS 202 TUESDAY IN

and Break League Records -In Second Place.

Mrs. A. P. Nelson smashed the local leagues: Downers Grove, Iil., Jan. 16, 1922 high mark for local women bowlers. and gave them all something to show Western United Gas & Electric Co., at when she hit the wood in a matel game Tuesday afternoon for a 20 count. Her big count came in th Herewith an open letter to the Cas last game following cores of 121 and 106, giving her an average fo

Western United Gas & Electric Co. counted 144 making a total for the should lower the rate charged for team of 620, which is also a league

Relations with the Public." it called Women's League by Mr. R. C. attention to the fact that it is "A Briggs. This is for the closing of LEGION FIVE IN Public Service Company." In part the schedule February 7, as originally it continues, "By working together planned. The women will keep on after this date, however, a new schedule, and probably a shirting of the teams, being made.

> In the Business Men's League last week the Downers Grove Reporter five went wild. They broke all the league records and hoisted themselves into second place by taking three from the Buschmann Movers.

C. H. Staats broke the individual game record and also the hearts of several of his opponents, when he counted 235 in the middle game. In this game the team -not 853 for league record, and came back in the next with 844. Their total for the 5 per cent discount if paid before the three games, 246; also topped the previous high three-game mark.

> Local bowlers fast the last three games of a six-game match to Lyons at Wm. Rusch's alleys in Cicero, last Sunday by 287 pins. The Lyons five were just too good in the aggregate for the locals, Nash, Albrecht, Mrkvicka, Bunning and Stump.

In the doubles Nash and Bunning

rolled Kase and Smith, losing the end of the second half and the locals come. Sufficient to say that the Lefirst three games by a very narrow lost in the extra time played to degion five is going some; that they margin but came back in the next cide the game.

Bunning giving Nash a little ride. of the Lyons outfit, and handed him playing and the score was 33 all, each Legion in the local gym. " trimming in a three game set-to team getting one free throw. Another before the large crowd of rooters from Lyons, Downers and Cicero.

Following are standings of the Business Men's League

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TWO HARD LUCK GAMES IN WEEK

Lost to Brookline Presbyterians and Naperville in Overtime Contests.

Playing in hard luck twice within a week is the record made by the local Legion basketball five. They lost to the Brookline Presbyterians, of Chicago, 41 to 34, last Saturday night in PHONE 189 the local gym and to Naperville 22 to 18. Wednesday night at Naperville.

Both of the games were tied at the

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the finish after Brookline had led at no stain on their record. Nash took or Jack, one of the star.; the half, 20 to 18. Five minutes extra five minutes and Brookline had won by the apparently one sided score of 41 to 34. 'Grumbaus Rogers and Shurte caged most of the baskets for the locals, while McKay ringed 'em for the visitors. He was responsible I for the victory of his team.

Wednesday evening at Naperville 20 the locals had the game all sewed up 21 and down as a win at the end of the ifirst half when they led the strong Napervillians by a 16 to 10 score. The second half was different, each of the 6 home men caging a basket and at the 7 close of the second half it was 18 all. Downers scoring only two free throws in this spasm.

The final score, 22 to 18 almost ing for "Cooperation" and "Pleasant be given to the winning team in the Jolly Five 6 21 accompanied the team, they claiming that the referee not seeing one of the plays was responsible for the final out

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