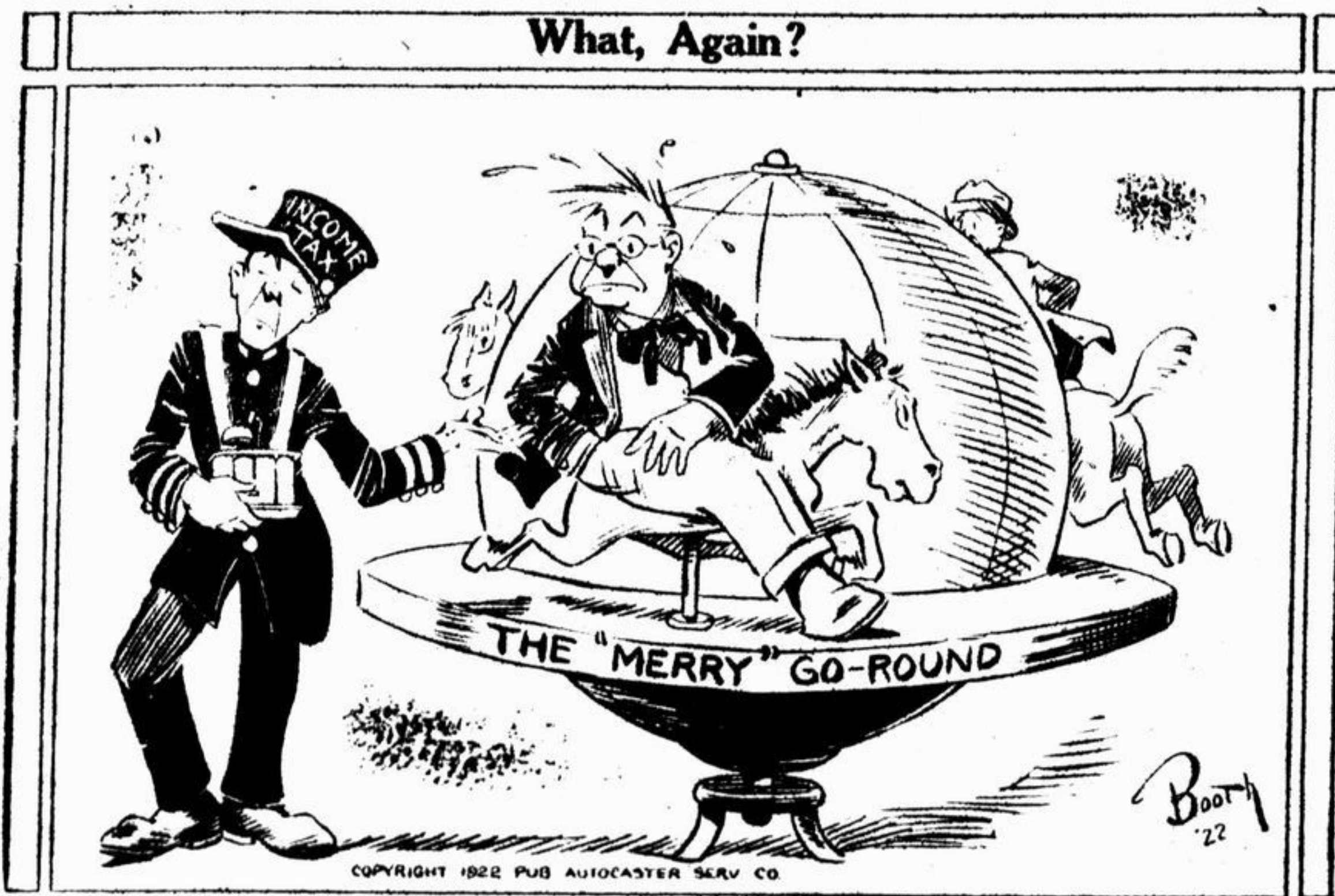


What, Again?



GAS COMPANY IN REPLY TO MAYOR REGARDING RATES

General Manager Stresses Fact That Company Has Always Been More Than Fair.

January 28, 1922.

Hon. W. C. Barber, Mayor of Downers Grove, Downers Grove, Illinois.

Dear Sir: In the "Downers Grove Reporter," under date of January 20, there appeared an open letter addressed to the Western United Gas and Electric Company, signed by the Mayor and Commissioners of the Village of Downers Grove.

This letter discussed at some length the present price and quality of gas served to you by this company.

We desire to point out to you the fact that the quality of the gas is prescribed by state laws. The number of heat units per cubic foot specified in this law is the result of a great deal of experimenting and engineering skill, not only in this State but in nearly all of the States in this country and is supposed to be fixed at a point most advantageous to the customer after all elements entering into it have been given careful consideration.

If the standard heating quality were set at a higher point; that is, if the law required more heat units per cubic foot, the cost of manufacture would be more in percentage than would be the increase in heat units and an equitable price would result in a net loss to the consumer.

We are complying with the requirements of this law at present, the same as we have in the past.

We know that there is a tendency at the present time for price recession and are not surprised that you make the suggestion that this should apply to the price of gas. There are a few things about this that we desire to call to your attention.

During the long period of general price increase from 1915 to 1920 the price of gas was not changed in the territory served by this company. In 1919 prices of our raw materials did increase so materially that it was necessary for us to ask for an increase in price and an increase of 33 1/3 per cent was granted. Please bear in mind that this 33 1/3 per cent increase in price of gas over pre-war prices is to be compared with the increase in your other living costs,

which run from one hundred to several hundred per cent.

During the war we made what is called coal gas and in this process there are numerous by-products, such as coke, tar and ammonia. In the latter part of the year 1920 the market for these by-products, which had been used largely for war purposes, had decreased practically to the vanishing point, which made this method of manufacture what is known as carburetted water gas. In this process the cost of manufacture, even at the present cost of raw materials, is still higher than were the cost to make coal gas at the time the increased rate was granted to us.

We appreciate the desirability, not only on the part of our consumers, but for our own benefit, of reducing the price of gas whenever it is possible to do so and point you to our record in your own city.

The franchise you granted to us in 1903 specified a price of \$1.00 net. In the year 1911 we voluntarily reduced the price to \$.95 and again in January 1913 we voluntarily reduced it to \$.90. We sold gas in your city nearly eight years at a price \$.10 below the franchise requirements, which we frankly admit was good business policy.

You may rest assured that it will be the policy of this company to make such reduction as soon as the cost of manufacture and distribution will warrant.

Yours very respectfully,

W. M. WILLETT, General Manager

At Odds.

It is difficult to get self confidence and an empty purse to travel together. —Boston Transcript.

Women Have Changed Little.

Women who danced for and with the Pharaohs put on the war paint just as enthusiastically as the lady of today.

A collection of the vanity pots of an Egyptian lady of quality, rescued from the tomb which held her mummified corpse, has just been brought to London. In it, wonderfully blown glass took the place of the silver toilet necessary of the present time.

Some of the glass pots are beautifully iridescent due to the threads made on the pots by the acid in the silt with which they were filled, and with which the Egyptian beauty painted her eyelids, and eyebrows.

The collection included a henna pot still containing traces of the dye with which feminine Egypt of the period benched her finger nails, as London's smart set is doing this season.

DIVISIONS OF I. A. A.

There are now five divisions of co-operative marketing and six service bureaus in the Illinois Agricultural Association, according to the reorganization entered up March 1, the DuPage county Farm Bureau announces.

The divisions of co-operative marketing are: dairy products, fruit and vegetable, grain, livestock and poultry.

The service bureaus are legal, news publicity, organization, phosphate lime-tone, statistical and transportation.

President Howard Leonard, of Eureka, Vice-President S. H. Thompson, of Quincy, and Secretary George A. Fox, of Sycamore, will have charge of the 1922 program of work of the state farmers' organization.

Right Idea of "Drudgery."

The secret of success still lies in the same old word, "drudgery." For drudgery is the doing of one thing, one thing, one thing, long after it ceases to be amusing, and it is this "one thing" I do that gathers me together from my chaos, that concentrates me from possibilities to powers. —W. C. Gannett.

Our Oyster Beds.

There are oyster beds along the Atlantic all the way from Cape Cod to Mexico, but the bivalves are not found in the open sea. The oysters would have been exterminated if it had not been for the practice of planting the beds.

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