

Power Company Makes Reply To Complaints Before The Board; Much Business Transacted

The representatives of the South-
west Power Company Wednesday night
presented their formal answer to the
complaints of Rev. Robert L. Patter-
son and Mr. Thomas W. Alexander,
the first complainant having reference
to a charge of \$2 for gas meters and
the second to the minimum charge
for electricity.

The company, through Mr. W. S.
Lee, vice president and general man-
ager, set forth that at least ten days
would be required for the hearing of
the case and although the executive
board had not anticipated this, the
necessary time will have to be given.
The declaration of Mr. Lee that the
matters involved in the complaints
were such as would likely have come
up anyhow, and that therefore it was
just as well to thresh the matters out
now, indicating in part the attitude
of the companies involved in the
questions raised.

Vice President W. S. Lee, Mr. Z. V.
Taylor, president of the Charlotte Gas
& Electric Company and Judge F. L.
Osborne and Mr. N. A. Cooke, and
others, attended the meeting as rep-
resentatives or counsel for the com-
panies involved. The city attorney, Mr.
Chase Brenizer, stated that the com-
plainants had counsel to represent
them, and that he did not consider
that it was his duty to appear for
them, but as counsel to the board he
would sit as judges over the issues.

Dr. Patterson's Complaint.

Dr. Patterson having complained to
the board that he had been asked to
pay \$2 for the removal of a gas meter,
the company makes answer by
setting forth that prior to Octo-
ber, 1910, the company maintained
a rate of \$1.50 per 1,000 cubic feet
of illuminating gas and \$1.25 per
1,000 feet of fuel gas, the rate on
illuminating gas being subject to a
10 per cent discount if the bill were
paid before the 10th of the month
succeeding that in which the gas was
used. In October, 1910, the company
voluntarily reduced the price of il-
luminating gas from \$1.50 to \$1.25,
placing both kinds on the same basis,
and with the same discount remain-
ing as before. Formerly it had
been necessary to use two meters,
the consumer was informed that the
company would now substitute one
for two, making the change for \$2,
and making necessary a minimum
charge of only 50 cents a month. The
minimum is for the necessary ex-
penses of maintaining the system so
as to accommodate at all times those
who apply for gas. The company, it
is contended, loses money on every
connection from which the income is
not in excess of 50 cents a month.

This is the custom of all electric
lighting, gas and power companies.
The right to charge such a minimum
has been sustained in every court to
which the question has been carried.
The company alleges that its mini-
mum rate is as low as if not lower
than that charged by other com-
panies doing a similar business else-
where under similar conditions.
Wherefore, the company asks that it
be allowed to maintain a minimum
charge of \$1, or more than \$1 if it
be found that profitable operation at
that figure is not possible; and that
if compelled to make changes in the
pricing systems, the company be al-
lowed to charge this to the con-
sumer.

Mr. Alexander Answered.

In the matter of the complaint of
Mr. T. W. Alexander, the ground cov-
ered in the first answer is gone over,
and in addition some explanation of
a minimum charge of \$1 per horse
power per month for elevators, is given,
it being set forth in the answer
that the elevators are operated when
the load at the power stations is
heaviest, that is during stated hours
of the day, and that the motors are
operated at full capacity, though the
elevators may not be in operation all
the time.

Regarding the charge in the com-
plaint that the company would be-
come a monopoly, the answer filed
sets forth that the complaint does not
specify in what manner such a mono-
poly would result by virtue of the
contract and therefore the company is
unable to answer this allegation.

Miscellaneous Business Transacted.

Among the miscellaneous matters
disposed of by the board was a motion
ordering the purchase of about 200
shade trees to be planted in Elmwood
cemetery.

It was reported that about 200 had
been appropriated for fixtures for the
recorder's court room in order that
the room might be completed earlier,
the money being paid out on the in-
dividual consent of the members of
the board since the last meeting.

The salary of J. T. Manies, of the
police force, was raised to \$60, the
pay of a regular patrolman, Mr. Manies
being highly recommended as an
efficient man by Chief Christenbury
and others. Alderman E. S. Williams
made the request for the increase.

The board decided to make the im-
provements on the main street
through Seversville from the bridge
over Irwin's creek west, at a cost of
about \$1,700, as estimated by the
city engineer. The request has been
urged along by Alderman Klister. The
repair work will be done as soon as

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The resolution of the aldermen that
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on to Brevard, under the Southern
Railway, was taken up and the city
engineer ordered to prepare an esti-
mate. The matter of the subway will
be taken up with the Southern Rail-
way.

Upon the suggestion of Mr. C. A.
Williams, instructions were issued that
moving picture shows be required to
put in gas burners at every fire es-
cape exit. It was also suggested that
the Academy of Music be inspected as
to fire exits, etc.

A number of water hydrants were
ordered installed, though the board
agreed that it seemed that the water
board ought to pay for the installa-
tion, since the city had to pay an an-
nual rental of \$40 for these hydrants.
The law, however, does not so pro-
vide.

The board held some discussion of
the custom of the city officials going
out into the country, as for instance,
in aiding in the search for drowned
men at Lakewood pond, a private en-
terprise, and also in search of crim-
inals whose apprehension was the
duty of county officials and not those
of the city. Mayor Bland stated that
Chief Orr had gone to Lakewood with
his permission and that of Mr. Cham-
bers of the executive board. The
board discussed the recent attack
made in the county on an aged negro
couple and it was said that the fail-
ure of the county to take immediate
action to apprehend the guilty man,
had excited some indignation. It has
been more or less a custom for the
local police to take up these outside
cases, proffered a member of the
board.

Policeman J. M. House was regular-
ly elected a member of the police
force, and Mr. C. D. Austin was elect-
ed a special policeman and will be
sworn in soon.

INTERESTING DAY.

Photographers Have Best Meeting in
the History of Their Organization
at Asheville.

Asheville, Sept. 27.—The second
day's session of the Virginia-Carolina
Photographers' Association, which is
holding a convention at the Swan-
nanoo-Berkeley hotel here, was a
most interesting one.

This morning the convention hall
was given over to the use of the rep-
resentatives of dry plate manu-
facturers who are in attendance and
the delegates were given a chance to
see the actual working out of their
methods with their materials, nega-
tives being made and developed in
the hall.

The afternoon was in turn given
over to the various paper representa-
tives and their demonstrations were
seen.

Tonight a short business session
was held, and then addresses were
heard from S. G. W. Harris, president
of the American Association, on "Sys-
tem," and from M. W. Trye, secre-
tary of that association; also from
L. F. Hammer of the Hammer Dry
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death of Charles W. Allen, of Ken-
osha, Wis., Leather Trust director,
and brother of Nathan Allen, friend
of Mrs. Jenkins, whose smuggled
jewels were the talk of the country
for months. Allen, who had been
acted as a go-between for his brother
with Mrs. Jenkins, fell, jumped or
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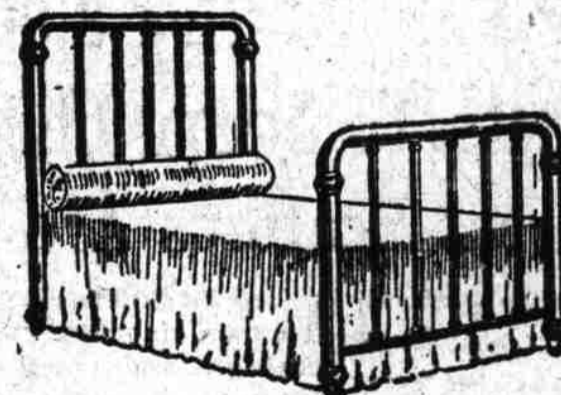
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moment. A decree of divorce was recently rendered by the Fourth
tribunal of the Tribunal of the Seine, dissolving the marriage of the Dan-
drige Spotswoods. This leaves the former Fraulein Katharine von Wolf
free to marry the man with whose name hers has been romantically link-
ed for almost a year.
Count von Schornborn is fifty years old and exceedingly aristocratic
appearance.