

## Cooking Exhibit

### The Great Majestic Range

One Week Only

July 29-31, Aug. 1-3

A man from the factory will take range to you  
He will show the century's triumph,

### The Great Majestic

Even if you don't wish to buy, come and examine,  
the information may be of use to you in the future

We will serve biscuits baked while you wait and de-  
licious coffee. All Free.

You can't break a Majestic. It has 3 times the life  
of an ordinary range.

### The Price is Moderate

Its up to you Come in during the week

Everybody Welcome

Clarke Hardware Company, Inc.

## BUSINESS MEN DEMAND RELIEF

### Intense Dissatisfaction with the Electric Light Service

### Look to City Authorities for Aid

#### The Contract

The present contract with the Light and Power Company expires this December, and is subject to renewal then if the service is satisfactory to the citizens.

It is the opinion of competent lawyers that the city can refuse to pay its lighting bill, as one means of securing better service.

It is also claimed that the poles in the street could be moved, but the contract, expiring in December makes this hardly worth the while now.

The electric light service Saturday night was so remarkably wretched, and caused so much inconvenience, that the people of Hendersonville feel they have suffered long enough at the hands of the Hendersonville Light and Power Company, and through the city council they have demanded immediate relief.

The council will consider the matter on Thursday (Aug. 1) and adopt measures to afford relief. The business men of the city say they want electric lights and not promises.

The various amusements enterprises all suffered heavily last Saturday night. The drug stores the same.

It is said the city Rink for instance, refunded \$18.00 to its patrons.

Practically all the merchants say they lost money through the lights going out. The hotels were badly inconvenienced, as were the boarding houses and their hundreds of guests, and it seems to be the universal sentiment that Hendersonville's reputation as a resort will suffer irreparable injury unless the present deplorable condition is at once remedied.

#### What They Say

Following are a few expressions of opinion concerning the electric light service of the town:

One of the best known and most conservative men in town said the present condition was absolutely unbearable, and that the city authorities should certainly take immediate action, or be counted remiss in their duty.

S. F. Wheeler, Proprietor of the Hotel Wheeler:—Causes much complaint from our guests, causes us financial loss and is giving the town a bad reputation. We certainly must have relief at once from some source.

A. A. Gates, Proprietor of the Hotel Gates:—I think the patrons of the Hendersonville Light and Power Co., have depended upon promises until their patience is exhausted and their business interest effected. I for one am willing to join any movement that is practical to bring about an improvement.

J. H. Lollis, Blue Ridge Inn. "It is giving the town a bad name. The service could hardly be worse. The guests complain constantly."

Sam T. Hodges—The service is very unsatisfactory, and the City Council, if it has the power, should take some action whereby the interests of the city may be protected and the residents assured of satisfactory service.

J. D. Boyd—The present electric service is simply a nuisance, and the city authorities should take the matter up at once.

Hendersonville Mercantile Co. "Cannot imagine a town where the service is so poor."

Race-Flicker Co. "Consider it very poor indeed. Intend putting in gasoline lamps."

Harris and Trantham, Belmont Cafe. "Service is wretched and a disgrace to any town. We shall put in gasoline lamps. Am very glad we refused to sign a year's contract."

A. E. Shanks, proprietor Candy Kitchen. "Simply an unbearable nuisance."

The Red Store. "Am thinking of cutting them out entirely."

E. Lewis and Son. "Very poor service and city ought to remedy it at once."

W. H. Justus. "Unmentionably wretched service. Our business depends on good lights and we cannot get them. I am thinking of putting in some other method of lighting."

W. F. Dotson. "The lights are always dim, even when we have them. Authorities should take up the matter."

J. M. Stepp—"It's fine!" (and laughed.)

Wilson Mercantile Co. "We are obliged to keep oil lamps in readiness at all times. The poor service is a serious inconvenience."

A. R. Fite, manager Laurel Park Rink. "I suggest that Mr. Bangs be put in control of the company, and then we can have lights. The service is almost worse than none."

Rigby-Morrow Co. "We have no electric light service worth the name and have not had for some time."

W. A. Smith. "I hope Mr. Oats, with his characteristic energy" will soon get matters in shape to give us good service."

Charles Pless. "Service is wretched. City authorities should take immediate action to remedy it."

Hunter's Pharmacy. "Service is extremely poor and city council should take steps to make company pay a forfeiture every time the lights go out."

F. L. Piasance. "Have suffered severe financial loss through neglect of company to furnish proper service."

Climax Barber Shop. "Have just employed two girls to hold candles while our patrons are being shaved."

Burckmyer Bros. "Am obliged to depend on oil lamps a good part of the time."

A. Flicker. "The service has not been satisfactory, but as to who is to blame I do not pretend to say."

Hendersonville Wholesale Grocery Company. "We think it time something was done and look to the city authorities for relief."

Oriental Bazaar—The worst ever.

#### From Mayor Schenck.

Mayor Schenck, in an interview with a representative of this paper said:

"I have been asked for relief in this matter by many business men of the town, who were seeking a remedy for the present deplorable condition of affairs, but I feel that the authorities are powerless to act under the contract made with the Electric Light Company by the old board.

"That is, powerless except to annual the contract entirely and this course is open to several serious objections: First the ensuing litigation and then the physical impossibility of installing a new plant inside of two months at least.

"I have often said I am willing to call a special meeting to consider this matter, and through the Hustler I now repeat that offer. Any suggestions made by the citizens will then receive careful consideration, and I will gladly lend my fullest co-operation to any measure which promises relief.

"The next meeting of the council will

be on August first, and the citizens are urged to attend, if a special meeting is not called previous to that date.

"The present five-year contract with the company ends on Dec. 22, 1907, with a privilege of five years renewal if the service is satisfactory. The citizens will be heard on that point before a renewal is granted.

"In common with our citizens I share the indignation which the poor service has generally aroused.

"I also believe the unsightly poles in the middle of Main street should be removed. If we find we cannot remove them, at least they should be painted.

"In conclusion I hope some relief may be afforded, and that immediately.

#### Warm in Greenville.

Hendersonville has two well known business men who spend part of their time in Greenville, one, in fact is there most of the time, while the other visits the town at frequent intervals. They were in a Greenville hotel lobby, one of them trying to write a letter, and both of them suffering from the heat. This is their experience as related by the one who stays there most of the time.

"More ice, Bill, more ice! That last chunk on my head has done melted and its running down my back like an icy Niagara! What does that dogblasted thermometer register now? It don't register you say? Gone so high the blame thing can't register any higher I suppose. My, I wish I was in Hendersonville now. Here I am sitting on a cake of ice, and a bag of ice on my head, and two electric fans going and can't keep cool enough to think, I can't remember if Ed Brooks had one or two sets of twins at his house or if Bill Hewitt is president of the Anaulas club or only chief member, and I sure am going to live a different life once I get home again. Look at this puddle of water on the table. That's perspiration, man and, and this is the sixth sheet of paper I've spoiled trying to write this doggone letter. I've lost forty pounds in the last two days and there won't be anything left of this once proud shape unless I stop melting soon. Whew! but its hot, Bill. Say, man, lets get on the next train and get back to Hendersonville, else we'll need an introduction to our families when we do get there."

#### The Lake Meeting.

A well attended meeting of the stockholders of the Lake Company was held in the court house last Friday night. The proposition from the Southern Railway was submitted to them and resolutions adopted in reference to the proposition, which the stockholders believed could not be accepted. The Southern wants the local company to spend \$37,000 towards raising the Brevard tracks, etc.

A survey by a competent engineer, Major Strong, for the local company, is now being made. Armed with the data as to expense, etc., from this survey, a committee of three prominent citizens will go to Washington immediately and make a last effort to convince the Southern Railway that they are not doing just the right thing.

#### Twenty Dollars Reward.

O. M. Vernon, of Saluda, who lost a pocket book recently at Laurel Park, is a hustling, energetic young business man, not yet 21 years old. The pocket book contained between \$60 and \$70 and its loss is a very serious matter to him now, as he was about to pay it out for merchandise. He offers \$20 reward, and it is sincerely hoped that the finder will either return it to Mr. Vernon at Saluda or to the Hustler office and receive the liberal reward offered.

# DANCE

## LAUREL PARK RINK

FRIDAY NIGHT  
July 26th  
From 9 to 12

Given by

Prof. Chas. Babson Eaton

Everybody is cordially invited. The strictest order and decorum will be maintained by four private detectives who will be authorized and required to eject any person or persons behaving in any manner objectionable to the management.

Spectators 25 cents.

Dancers, One Dollar a Couple.