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NATURAL GAS.

The Chamber of Commerce is making earnest endeavors to bring natural gas to that position whereby it can be of practical utility for the commercial interests of the city. The owners of the gas wells have shown sure faith in the value of the discovery by going to the expense of piping it to the centre of town, and thus far are deserving of commendation. The efforts of the Chamber of Commerce now are to reap the benefits for the municipality of the presence of the gas supply, so far as this can be done upon principles of business integrity and enterprise. The discovery of natural gas in quantities in this region was hailed with delight, because similar developments elsewhere had shown its great importance in furnishing cheap light and fuel, thus affording to manufacturers a stimulant the value of which hardly can be estimated in advance, as the effects are so far-reaching. If it should prove that a goodly measure of stability attaches to the supply now available, it will be a boon comparatively beyond price to this locality. Notwithstanding the fact that the gas wells have been open some years, there has been no determined effort made the present to bring their product into general use. In this work the Chamber of Commerce directors express themselves as confident of the large quantity and measurable permanency of the supply, therefore they are throwing their influence and energy in the way of developing the enterprise and furnishing the community with cheap fuel and light from that source. Of course they have met with serious obstacles owing to the financial stringency, but by dint of perseverance there now appears to be excellent prospects of success. Of Utah's resources generally it is admitted that wherever they are be utilized it should be done. Hence if we have an immense reservoir of natural gas close by, we should secure what profit and advantage there is in it, if the underground gas wells will operate so as to afford a constant supply, as much the latter.

WARFARE'S NEW DEADLY SMALL-ARM.

Of the new rifle, the Krag-Jorgensen, which has been officially accepted for, issued to, and is about to come into use by, the United States army, and which eventually will no doubt be the weapon of the national guard as well, a good deal has been said and written without conveying to the average civilian any accurate idea of its characteristics and effectiveness. For several months past the inspectors of the Utah militia in this city have been in possession of a specimen of the new gun, and while a good many have seen and admired it, very few have had the privilege of shooting it and actually testing its merits. The general reader may therefore be interested in hearing of the results of a recent trial made at the target range at Fort Leavenworth. It should first, of course, be remembered, that the war department's policy has been to keep the new weapon with this gun would have a monopoly in the future fight between the Kilkenny cats when a battle was over there would be nothing left but a second edition of twenty-two field pieces, with their limbers and, after the armies having been annihilated without ever having come within reaching distance of one another."

In the test at Fort Leavenworth the firing was at distances varying from 1,200 to 2,000 yards, but in long-range fire it is not so easily shown as the bullet would clear through nearly three feet (Indeed, we have not equal with most the mark for work. A 1,500 yards, which is very [illegible] [illegible] and after [illegible] the bullet rises [illegible] 2,000 yards, which is not [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] 2,000 yards, which is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]