

## ***Worse than Limberger***

### THE OLD TAN YARD NO COMPARISON WITH CRUDE OIL SMELL

*The Merchants and residents in the Vicinity of the Gas Works Vigorously Protest — They Declare the Crude Oil a Nuisance — The Board of Health will be Petitioned to Abate it.*

The north, east and south breezes have no charm for the merchants on the south side of Washington Avenue between Ottawa and Ionia streets, these beautiful summer days, when it is usually a pleasure and a comfort to throw wide open doors and windows and permit the gentle winds to roam at will. But, on the contrary, they occasion the most rebellious thoughts, and outraged persons have set up a decidedly threatening howl. Instead of the refreshing and health giving odors which the

### FOUR WINDS OF HEAVEN

should bear. They are laden with perfumes that would cast well regulated tan yard into everlasting disgrace and cause the most aged of old cheese to turn green with envy. These dealers in the necessities and luxuries of life have been boiling hot for the past ten days and in their own language something must be done to relieve their perturbed spirits. The cause of all this distress is the crude oil which is being used by the Lansing Gas Light Co. in the manufacture of gas. The substance has been employed but for the past two weeks, a period sufficient, however, to demonstrate the fact that those doing business and residing in the neighborhood of the gas works will not rest until some method is employed to

### DO AWAY WITH THE RANK SMELL

emitted by crude oil. In conversation with the merchants in that vicinity the following expressions were noted:

Fred Shubel — The odor is distracting. The central part of the city is no place for the gas works. It is a nuisance and we shall appeal to the authorities.

J.H. Banghart — Ladies come in my meat market turn up their noses and walk out. They don't stop to investigate the horrible smell. It doesn't effect the meat but it does my trade. It is a cursed nuisance.

J. Herrmann, tailor — My tailors kick continually over the aggravating stench and causes me much trouble. I hope something can be done to relieve us.

John Higgs — Smell? Its worse than

### LIMBERGER CHEESE.

Why, when I got the first whiff of it I had my mouth open talking and it actually knocked two of my front teeth out.

Mrs. Eichele — The smell is awful. Sometime I can hardly stand it. I hope the city will stop it.

John R. Syn — Its a nuisance and everyone is kicking against it.

C.H. Sutliff — The stench has not been so bad for two days. For several days the back windows and doors had to be kept closed or the smell would have driven us out.

Mrs. M.E. Hasler — The odor is very annoying.

Miss Minne Schultz — It is a horrible smell. We have to keep our doors closed all of the time. Mrs. Schultz has been sick ever since the gas works started up the new system, made so by the odor.

Gilbert Harrison — The stench is pretty bad at times.

Mrs. Ellenor Horton — Doesn't bother us very much.

Joseph Gleason, in the post office — We have to keep our back doors closed. The smell is fearfully annoying at times. It is worse than a

#### DECAYING CARCASS.

Crotty Bros. — It bothers us all the time.

H.C. Hahn — Very disagreeable at times. When the wind is in the east, we are obliged to keep our doors and windows shut. It makes my headache.

J.J. Heath — Annoying at times. Bothers us a great deal.

N.F. Jennison — Ever been in a glue factory? Well its no comparison.

Chas. Newell — The smell is not wholesome I can assure you. When the wind is in the east we get the full benefit of it.

E.P. Newman — Asafoetida \* is delightful by the side of it.

At Mead's store — It's enough to sicken a dog.

\* Asafoetida gets its name from the Persian *aza*, for mastic or resin, and the Latin *foetidus*, for stinking. It is a gum that is from the sap of the roots and stem of the ferula species, a giant fennel that exudes a vile odor.

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