

The cessation of the Holly steam and the offer of Mr Gilmore to heat City hall in connection with his adjoining block suggests the feasibility of a new readjustment in the methods of heating the business sections of small cities in general, and this one in particular. The custom has been in the past, of course, to make the block the unit for heating, with a plant of its own. This is, of course, well enough in a mammoth metropolitan building, but in the smaller blocks like those of this city it seems wasteful of both apparatus and labor. The Holly steam had great advantages, apparently, at its installation, in the way of economy and convenience. It achieved the latter result, but it missed the former, and in addition made itself a nuisance on the streets. This was due to the impossibility of keeping its long stretches of pipes beneath the city streets in repair and the difficulty in reaching them when they gave trouble. But if the unit were made the city block, all this trouble would be done away with. The pipes could easily be made accessible, the heat could be furnished at far less expense than by private plants, and undoubtedly much cheaper than any central station with its long stretches of pipes to care for could sell it, and much valuable space could be saved in the central buildings of the city, where space is so especially valuable.