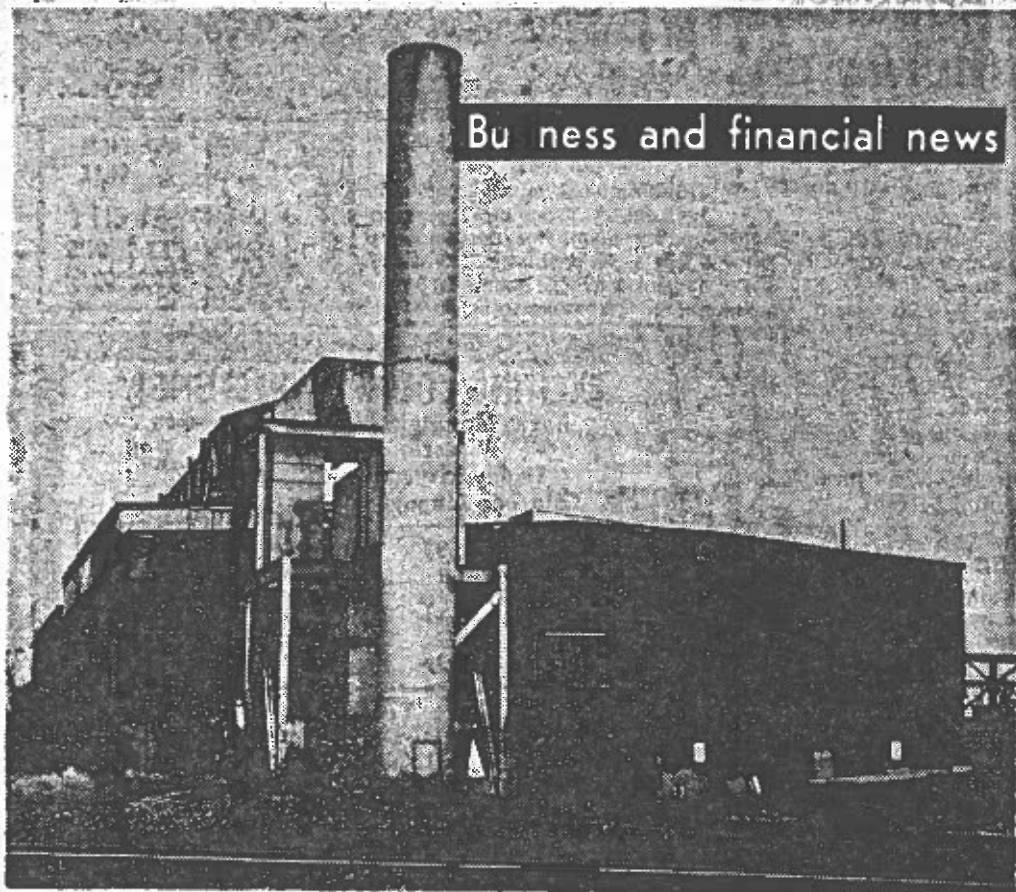




Business and financial news

Public Service Co.'s Denver Steam Plant located just north of Union Station at 19th and Delgany Streets is being razed to make way for a new steam plant to be constructed on the same

site. The old plant, a coal-burner built in 1879 by John W. Smith, supplied most of the steam heat for downtown buildings until 1949. The new plant will cost \$1.13 million, PSC says.

Old PSC steam plant to be razed

One of Denver's oldest industrial landmarks—Public Service Co.'s Denver Steam Plant at 19th and Delgany Streets—will be torn down to make way for a new steam heating facility.

The old plant, whose initial unit was built in 1879 by early-time Denver developer John W. Smith, supplied most of the steam heat for downtown Denver buildings until 1949. At that time the PSC Zuni plant at Colfax and the Valley Highway stepped in to provide steam as a by product of generating electricity.

The old plant, a coal-burner, was maintained as a backup source of steam for especially cold days until 1970.

The new steam heat facility planned for the

site near Union Station will cost \$1.13 million and is scheduled for completion Dec. 1, 1972, a PSC spokesman said.

The new plant will be the major part of a four-year, \$2 million PSC steam heat expansion program to handle increased demands anticipated from the Skyline Project and other development in the area.

Currently the steam heat system can provide about 435,000 pounds per hour, although the maximum demand on the system has been only 389,000 pounds per hour thus far. PSC expects its steam heat load to double in the next three to four years.

Generally the steam PSC produces is used for heating, although most of the new Skyline buildings will use steam for absorption type air conditioning as well.

PSC says the biggest advantage to the downtown buildings that are a part of its steam heat system is elimination of the need for a boiler or heating unit in the building. This, of course, saves space as well as doing away with the costs of maintaining a boiler room staff, the company says.

Besides the Zuni plant, PSC relies on the State Steam plant at 1341 Sherman St. for steam supply. The company operates that plant on a 30-year lease from the state.

PSC supplements its own steam with purchases from the United Bank and the Denver Hilton, which maintain their own boiler room.

The company's steam heat system serves approximately 55 square blocks in the downtown area, generally bounded by Speer Boulevard, Wazee, 20th, and Sherman Streets.

PSC nets \$24,712,500 in preferred stock sale

Public Service Co. of Colorado will realize \$24,712,500 on the sale of 250,000 shares of a non-cumulative preferred stock, awarded to a syndicate of underwriters headed by First Boston Corp., Salomon Brothers and Smith, Barney Co.

The underwriters paid \$98.85 per share and are reoffering it to the public at \$100. The non-cumulative preferred carries a dividend rate of 7.15 per cent.

The underwriting fee comes to \$287,500. The issue, first preferred by Public Service Co. since 1966, will finance construction and will be used to retire short term debt.