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which controls thousands of acres of gas
streets, and has lately been able to advance
the price of firel to a point which makes the
consumer groun. In Toledo the situation is
substantially the same. That city slipped
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establishment of a consumer's pipe line, with
special reference to furnishing fuel at prime
cotto manufacturing stablishments. Toledo
has been driven to this by self-preservation,
and glass houses, which were intracted to the
natural gas region, were passing her by, and
were locating at Frindly, plowing Green and
other points in the natural gas bell, whose
far-seeing enough to retain the franchies of
the streets and the control of the gas for the
benefit of all.

A grativing trunking to the pecine overcently at Indianapolis, It is especially significant of the growth of intelligent sentiment in this direction. The Standard Oil Company, having obtained a foothold in the Indiana gas region, sought to secure a franchise which would give them the exclusive of Indianapolis. The people, however, declared almost unanimously that they would have no dealings with the Standard and that giant corporation, for at least once in its existence, was deteated and abandoned the field. A local company—which was proidertook to secure a franchise, but when it was found that the rases they proposed to charge were corolitant, such a pressure was brought to bear upon the Council that the franchise was refused.

Then it was that the idea of a people's company, for the benefit of the people, was advocated, and it took possession of the whole city in a day. Such a company was organized with a capital stock of \$500,000 in shares of \$20 each. The stack was the company and the company and the citizens are the citizens 'Company. All the stock was assigned to five trustees, to be hed and managed for the comman good. The understanding is that when all the debts of the commany conditions to the comman conditions that when all the debts of the comman conditions in the company. All the stock was assigned to the comman good. The understanding is that when all the debts of the comman conditions are considered to the comman conditions and the commandation of the commandation of

This experiment will be watched wit great interest by independent people every where who are not willing to throw up the hands in helpless despair whenever a grea monopoly demands that they shall surrende all their rights,

1888-08-20 Indianapolis' stand on Natural Gas and Standard Oil Co.

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