

The Piatt Electric Company advertises this week to raise the rates on lights, contrary to the franchise granted by the city. The company cannot legally do this without annulling its franchise; neither is it the proper way to go at it. If the proposition is losing money, as the company claims it is doing, it is up to the company to make a proper showing to the town, and also an effort to give satisfactory service. This trying to override the village in this manner should not be tolerated for a minute. The business men of Coopers-town are fair-minded and do not want any citizen to operate business at a loss, and would no doubt consent to a reasonable raise of rates if approached in the proper manner. We are of the opinion that the raise is too high, but are in favor of a raise to put the plant on a paying basis. There is a right and a wrong way to go about this, and in our opinion the company has started in the wrong way.