

STORM IN COUNCIL

Flood of Words Descends on Members.

STREET COMMITTEE ON TOP

Attempt to Withdraw Blanket Franchise and Oil-Tank Ordinances From Pigeon-Holes Is Defeated by Close Vote.

Several members of the Common Council diverged from their usual course of doing business yesterday afternoon when the oil-tank ordinance and the City & Suburban Railway franchise ordinance, which are now in the hands of the street committee, were withdrawn from that committee. Both motions were lost after a discussion that bore predictions of a storm.

The temperature of the Common Council chamber was about as chilly as the atmosphere outside the City Hall yesterday afternoon when the ordinance granting the City & Suburban Railway Company a franchise for a blanket franchise was withdrawn from the street committee, and the ordinance granting the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company a franchise on East Water street, with the amendments proposed by the Board of Public Works, was passed.

"I presume that I am one of the men who are engaged in this hold-up," said Mr. Bentley, slowly rising to his feet and speaking in a low, suppressed anger. "I am not," he continued, "holding up the ordinance. I am doing only what I think is right. On the Portland Railway franchise I insisted that the company come to our terms, and it did. As for only the name of the City & Suburban Railway Company, I oppose the franchise that the company wants to give to the city as little as possible. Manager Swigert has said that he does not care if the ordinance is passed or not. He does not want the franchise, and he can get along very well without it. But he will surrender his present franchise in exchange for a better one. He does not consider the wants of the city, but the wants of his company. As he does not care for the blanket franchise, we may as well give it over. To my mind," glancing at Fiegl, "there is undue haste on the part of some members of this Council. As for myself, I am willing to go slowly."

"Mr. Swigert," interrupted Councilman Sharkey, "has said that he does not want the blanket franchise. The only reason he asked for it was because one or two Councilmen had been running after him about it. He did not want to make the appearance of an obstructionist, and so he presented his application. Those are substantially his own words. Now, there are many things in the ordinance that should not be granted, and as Swigert did not make the application of his own volition, but because two Councilmen had run after him, and he would like the ordinance if it proved satisfactory to him, I see no harm in laying the matter over. The ordinance, if passed, should not force its franchise on people who do not ask for them, nor should it be deprived of its just dues. If the company will accept the blanket franchise, make the limit 25 years."

"I and others of the Council, and also some members of the Board of Public Works, went to see the officers of the City & Suburban Railway Company about this franchise," said Councilman Zimmerman. "I believed then, and I believe yet, that the city would be benefited by a blanket franchise." A vote on the motion to withdraw the ordinance from the committee was made, and on division Sigler, Sherrett, Albee and Fiegl voted aye, and Bentley and Sharkey no. The ordinance was not withdrawn. The other Councilmen present did not leave the committee. In explanation of his neglect to vote, Chairman Rumelin, of the street committee, made a brief statement. "When I adjourned the meeting last night," he said, "I understood, and so did the others present who were interested in the franchise, one way or the other, that we would take the matter up again at our next regular meeting a week from next Friday. So far as the new charter is affected by the ordinance, I will say that people outside tell me that some of the actions of this Council will not help to pass the charter. There is no hurry about the franchise. We may pass it any time. We should not get it upon it Friday, as some of the interested parties will not be able to attend, and others will be out of the city."

The ordinance was left with the committee. Fiegl made a second motion that the ordinance granting the Standard Oil Company the right to erect a storage tank for fuel oil at East First and East Madison streets be withdrawn from the street committee and laid before the Council. "I object to that," said Sharkey, a member of the street committee. "The committee has that and other ordinances under consideration." "But it does nothing with the ordinance," said Zimmerman, another member of the committee. "The Standard Oil Company is anxious to have something done with it."

"There has been no disposition to hold the matter up," said Rumelin. "We have simply delayed because we have also the Lithicum ordinance before us, also, and we must have time for consideration. Here is a report on fuel oil," and Mr. Rumelin read an account of oil as a fuel and as an explosive from an insurance journal. "We have a remonstrance against the location of the tanks in the Ninth Ward," said Sharkey, "and I wish to go on record as voting against the motion." "It is only just to let the ordinance stay in the committee," said Albee. Just then the fire alarm sounded, and George C. Flanders, special agent of the Standard Oil Company, and one of the few spectators present, looked out the window to see in what direction the engines were going. The Councilmen sat quietly. "Move we adjourn," said Sharkey, suddenly. "Second the motion," said Bentley. The motion met instant death, for there were eight votes against it. The motion to withdraw was next up, and Cardwell, Sigler, Zimmerman, Sherrett and Fiegl voted for it. Rumelin, Foeller, Bentley, Sharkey and Albee were in the majority. "The vote," said the Mayor, "and the chair votes no."

"Move we adjourn," said Sharkey again; but this time he lacked a second. "For voting with the negative side," said Mayor Williams, "I wish to offer an explanation. In the course of my parliamentary experience, I have learned that it is unusual to take a measure out of the hands of a committee unless there was a decision in favor of the measure. In the United States Senate we considered it highly disrespectful to take any act out of its hands."

"In this case," said Albee and Fiegl, "we were invited to be present at the session of the committee. We went there thinking that there would be a general discussion. And," Fiegl continued, with a look that evinced a desire to discuss the matter, "I believe that when we got there we were gently but firmly told that there was a meeting of the street committee."

"If there was any discourtesy to you gentlemen it was not intentional," said Rumelin. "As chairman of the committee I was chagrined because no action was taken, and so I declared the meeting adjourned. In the first place, we did intend to have a general discussion, and we did permit it, but the opinion of the majority of the committee was that other Councilmen participating in the discussion should not be allowed to vote. It was the sentiment of the majority, and the committee should not be censured."

"Bentley Answers Hot Shots." "It seems that all the hot shots are being aimed at me today," said Bentley. "At the meeting last night I tried to do right. I said nothing that would prevent any person from voicing his opinion, but I did object and object to promiscuous voting. I did not intend any discourtesy, but I thought that Councilmen not members of the committee should not be allowed to vote in it." "Well," said Fiegl, "reverting to the franchise, it is impossible for the street committee and the City & Suburban Railway Company to agree upon any terms. They will defeat that ordinance, and they know it."

"If the company," said Bentley, "will draft an ordinance along the lines of the one granted to the Portland Railway Company, it will have no trouble in securing a franchise. It must take such a franchise. When I ask more about the other company got, I refuse it; same treatment for one and all." "But," said Zimmerman, "you refuse to grant to the City & Suburban the corresponding increase granted to the Portland."

"The City & Suburban asks more than it should get," said Bentley. "They are trying to work a bluff on you on that franchise. Only a few days ago they offered \$250,000. Now they are willing to accept 30. I believe that if they were offered 25 years in a properly drawn ordinance they would accept it, and the ordinance would be granted." "Has such an ordinance been prepared?" asked Zimmerman. "I have one drafted," answered Bentley. The answer threw a chill over the Council, which was dispelled by a motion of Rumelin that the regular order of business be returned to. Like the previous question, that closed the discussion. In the regular order was a remonstrance against the granting of a franchise to the City & Suburban on East Water street from Lovejoy to Gilson. It was referred to the street committee.

PEACE FOR BOARD OF TRADE
Expert Bernard at Work on Accounts of Secretary Moore.
The war cloud which has been hovering over the Board of Trade was apparently scattered into thin mist yesterday, and there was peace for all the belligerents. Ex-Secretary Moore has shut up shop and turned over his affairs to an expert, and Secretary Shillock is now in full charge. L. J. Bernard has been secured to expert the books and accounts of the retired secretary; has gone over the work, and it is generally thought that it will be put out a few days to settle the business as to where any indebtedness stands. It is also understood that Mr. Moore will go ahead with his new organization, the Oregon Board of Trade, though just when he will incorporate is not definitely known.

NEW ORDINANCE SPRUNG

SALOONS WITH BOXES TO PAY \$200, MUSIC HALLS \$300.

Common Council Refers Measure to License Committee—Billposters to Pay \$200 Annually.

Instead of the Albee anti-saloon box ordinance, which was expected to cause an uproar at the meeting of the Common Council yesterday, the city fathers were faced upon a resurrected measure which was brought before them a few weeks ago and which they then refused to pass. This ordinance follows the one now in force, excepting that saloons maintaining boxes must pay an additional license of \$200 a year, and those conducting music halls or theaters \$300. The ordinance bore no signature, and surprised many of the Councilmen. "Who introduced it?" asked Bentley, when the reading was concluded. "I did," said Fiegl, "at the request of the majority of the liquor license committee."

"Then it is to be considered as the Fiegl ordinance?" inquired Bentley, who is a member of the committee. The other members are Sigler, Zimmerman, Cardwell and Fiegl. Fiegl answered the question with a nod and then moved that the ordinance be referred to the special meeting of the liquor license committee to be held this afternoon. "I am ready to vote on it now," said Bentley, curtly. "Vote now," urged Sherrett. "We can't, except by unanimous consent," protested Fiegl. "And I object," said Sharkey. "I am willing to have it read the third time, but I will vote against it," said Bentley.

Referred to License Committee.
The ordinance was referred to the special meeting of the committee, and then Fiegl moved that the Council adjourn until 2 P. M. tomorrow, so that the report of the committee may be acted upon. The motion was carried by a vote of 4 to 1, with Rumelin, Foeller, Rumelin and Sharkey voting against it. The proposed ordinance, which is the same as the one which was defeated a short time ago, is in the nature of a surprise. When the liquor license committee of the Council met Monday, it was decided to approve the Albee measure, and so that no charge of discrimination could be made by the saloon men, it voted to include restaurants, Bentley and Fiegl were appointed a special committee to revise the ordinance, and by their revision it was expected that saloons and restaurants would either have to give up the box business or maintain boxes which were not encumbered with either doors or curtains. The only report of the committee was that the ordinance was approved. Bentley, from his statement, knew nothing. The four other members apparently knew something about it, and now the box question is in exactly the same position as it was when the ordinance was again before the liquor license committee.

Billposter Ordinance Passed.
The ordinance regulating billposters, which was framed by the license committee, was passed. Under it billposting companies must pay a license of \$200 a year instead of \$100 as at present, and they may engage in their work. The license of bills distributors is reduced from \$25 to \$10 a quarter, but they may employ no assistants. The distribution of obscene pictures, patent medicine cards or other prohibited literature is prohibited. "The officers of the Civic Improvement Association," said Bentley, "have asked that they be given a hearing before the ordinance is passed." The ordinance, said Sharkey, "has been before the committee for months, and although any amount of publicity was given to it, the association never sent a representative to the committee. I am sure that if they had done so, they would have been given a hearing. It is time for us to get it out of our way so that the city may refer it." said Rumelin, "the city will lose the additional license the first quarter. As to the association, I do not know who are in it, but I do know that some cities grant the billboard privileges of choice to their work."

TWO BOYS RUN AWAY.
Ben Gunn and Francis Graham Leave Aid Society Home.
Two boys took "French leave" from the receiving Home of the Boys and Girls Aid Society yesterday morning. As the Home is quarantined just now on account of several cases of scarlet fever, the superintendent, W. T. Gardner, is especially careful in the strictest yet regarding the children in the Home. The older boy, Ben Gunn, 13 years of age, has blue eyes and brown hair and wore a soft black hat, blue overalls, blue sweater and high top boots. The other boy, Francis Graham, 12 years of age, has blue eyes and brown hair, and wore blue overalls, red sweater and checked coat and cap. Any information regarding these boys will be heartily received by the superintendent, who can be notified by calling up East 5.

Aroused Over Imaginary Error.
A citizen and business man of 30 years' standing and of 40 years a capitalist as well as met by a reporter yesterday on his way to the Courthouse in a towering rage, determined to give the Sheriff and Assessor an unhappy day. He caused his name to appear in the delinquent tax list published in connection with pieces of property on which he had already paid the taxes, and which he had sold two and three years ago. In protest of tax receipts, he produced a handful of receipts, and asked the reporter to do him the justice to clear him of the imputation of being a delinquent, which he said he had been paying for months. It was told that the injustice done him would be explained, and that he might rest easy. Later in the day he hunted up the reporter to say that he had been mistaken, and that the Sheriff and Assessor had explained everything to his entire satisfaction, and he asked that they be spared any further attention. It is all in such cases to have imaginary mistakes investigated before getting excited about them.

Fins Furs From Alaska.
A man with a remarkably fine specimen of the skin of an Alaska sable, very dark in color and of the very thick, was going around town yesterday exhibiting it to fur-buyers, just to let them feast their gaze on it. When asked by a reporter how he had come by it, he said it was impossible to fix a price on it. It might bring \$20 or \$50, or even more, as it was a rare and fancy article, and some wealthy person who wanted to match his fur coat with it, was willing to pay for it. A lot of some 70 sable skins from Alaska was sold here a short time ago for about \$7 each, but none of them were like this one. The sable and the marten are in this region, the fur of which is lighter and yellowish, and the skins of which are spoken of by dealers as canary birds. It might be a money-making scheme to go to Alaska and start a sable farm.

Holly in Great Demand.
The holly, the holly, the evergreen, brightly lit, in great demand at present for Christmas decorations. There is ready sale for sprays with plenty of berries on them at a high price. There are but few such sprays for sale in the city. For those who are willing to pay a price for it, a lot of some 70 sable skins from Alaska was sold here a short time ago for about \$7 each, but none of them were like this one. The sable and the marten are in this region, the fur of which is lighter and yellowish, and the skins of which are spoken of by dealers as canary birds. It might be a money-making scheme to go to Alaska and start a sable farm.

for a sewer in East Twenty-fourth street was referred to the sewer committee. A remonstrance was received from Mrs. J. J. Peng, who was in possession of the southeast corner of Fifth and Washington streets, against the tearing up of the plank sidewalk and the laying of concrete. Mrs. Peng said that she would refuse to pay for the new walk. Bentley said it looked as if an injustice had been done, and at his suggestion the street committee decided to make an investigation. Resolutions were adopted for the improvement of Savier street from Fourth to Front and Denver avenue, and for the extension of Fifth street, and for a sewer in Factory street.

HOW PLAYS GET A HEARING

Edward Milton Royle Tells of the Trials of an Author.

"Practically but two ways are open for a playwright at the present time, to accomplish the success of a new play," said Mr. Edward Milton Royle, the actor and author of "Friends," at the Portland yesterday. "One of these is to make it 'go' as well as possible outside of New York, demonstrating that it can make money, and then to enable one of the big managers to view it. In this way a New York booking may be secured. The other of the two ways mentioned is for the author to interest sufficient capital to go to the New York manager and say: 'We want your theater for six weeks—here's \$12,000 for it, or \$15,000, as the case may be. You can't secure one of the big theaters for less than \$2000 to \$2500 a week. Mark you, these sums are exclusive of all other expenses, as advertising, salaries, etc. I paid \$2000 a week for just the four walls of the Standard, that city."

"A third way to get a play on the boards successfully is sometimes secured, when the author can interest or satisfy some popular star. Nat Goodwin, W. H. Crane and several others can take even a weak play and do fairly prosperous business. It is a different matter to write a play for a star—hard to strike just the right balance in the characters in the piece to that designed for the leading one. Stars will usually say that they like to have other members of their company have strong parts, but experience shows that they are not satisfied with much less than the meat and the milk, too, of the cocoon."

It was suggested that "Friends" had been such a successful comedy, Mr. Royle had been tempted to do other work in that line. "I have," said Mr. Royle. "My Wife's Husband is my latest work, and it will be produced next year. I may be in Portland with it then. It is a comedy which will prove entertaining, I think, yet realistic. It has a very suggestive title. "Yes," it deals with the story of a woman who has had three husbands and three divorces previous to her present marriage. It has a lively series of complications like a French farce, without the unpleasant or unwholesome aspects of the latter."

The Royle opened in Duluth for the present season, and are now progressing Eastward again. The next booking is at Salt Lake, the city where "Friends" was first produced some 16 years ago. "I wrote the play," said Mr. Royle, "during an interval of idleness, and a local stock company, made up of well-known people of the Utah metropolis, first played it. Governor Wells made a hit in the part of John Padden, Sr."

WELL-FED BEEVES SOLD.
Seven Carloads Brings Owners 41-2 Cents a Pound.
Seven carloads of well-fed beeves arrived here yesterday from Fayette, Idaho. Erwin & Short, the owners, received 41 cents a pound on foot for their cattle, which would have been considered an excellent price. The beeves were 3-year-olds, and averaged 1300 pounds. They had been fed with grain for four months and were in prime condition, and about 2000 were even sold. The cattle had been fed on grass and weighed about 1250 pounds. The cattlemen say that Idaho is short of cattle for the market at present, though there are numbers in the state not yet ready for shipment. They also declare that the Government free ranges in Idaho are now useless to stockmen as they are overrun by sheep.

Store Open Evenings Until Christmas. Meier & Frank Company Meier & Frank Company One of our "Willamette" Sewing Machines makes a pleasing gift to the housewife. Our line of men's Smoking Jackets and Bath Robes is so extensive every fancy can be easily pleased—Leather Goods for gift-giving, hundreds of useful articles at very reasonable prices.

Holiday Suggestions For those who like to make their Christmas purchases early, while stocks are complete and at their best, a few suggestions will be very acceptable. The advantages of selecting this week are so obvious that nothing more need be said.

Store Open Evenings Until Christmas. Ladies' Fur Scarfs, Boas, Muffs and Sets in very large variety.

Gifts For the Men



Are to be found here in very pleasing variety—Our men's furnishing section is filled to overflowing with new, desirable merchandise suitable for the holidays—We gathered with a lavish hand stocks so large and complete that there's not a fancy but what we can please—As Christmas draws near your generosity begins to assert itself, and the hundreds of useful articles here will be found to be of the highest grade. If a gentleman has a dress suit and not a dress suit protector there will be no gift that would be more acceptable—Our stock is very large and prices low. Your husband, friend or brother would appreciate as much as anything you could give him a stylish necktie, or two of these "Cluett" white shirts. Men's Umbrellas Men's Handkerchiefs Men's Silk Night Shirts E. & W. Collars, Etc. An order for a "Hawes" Hat. House Coats On the second floor you find our immense variety of men's Smoking Jackets and Lounging Robes in every grade and good style.

Store Open Evenings Until Christmas.

Handkerchief Bargains That must interest those who are looking for holiday gifts at economical prices.

Ladies' plain all-linen hemstitched Handkerchiefs, also hemstitched and initial, 500 dozen of them at, 5c 300 dozen ladies' Swiss embroidered Handkerchiefs, handsome designs, 12c 20c value Fancy box Handkerchiefs, fan-shapes, includes 6 handsome handkerchiefs, \$1.50

Men's Slippers Many a foot wonders if good old Santa Claus will bring a pair of nice, warm slippers on Christmas morning. Some are little feet, some big feet, but all feet look alike to Santa Claus. He will bring them if you but give him the hint. Put "slippers" on your gift list, Santa Claus will do the rest. Plenty here to please everyone. Patent leather, vici, alligator, monkey and a dozen other—A hundred styles, 50c to \$5.00 Pair

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Silk Waists--Petticoats Toy Land Is bubbling over with enthusiasm these days. Merry crowds, young and old—The largest and best display ever shown in the West—Dolls, Doll Furniture, Tin Toys, Iron Toys, Wooden Toys, Woolly Toys, Fur Toys, Mechanical Toys, Coasters, Wagons, Sleds, etc.—Six times the variety, three times more space given to toys, games, etc., than by any other store—Holiday goods purchased now will be delivered at any time you desire.

Decided reductions on the entire stock—All new this season's styles in peau de cygne, crepe de chine and all-over lace effects—Evening shades, assorted colors and blacks—All sizes. \$14.00 values, each \$10.75 \$15.00, \$16.00 values at, each \$12.55 \$18.00 values, each \$14.20 \$30.00 values, each \$22.85 \$35.00 values, each \$25.00 \$6.00, \$6.50 values at, each \$4.95 \$7.00, \$7.50 values at, each \$5.85 \$8.50, \$9.00 values at, each \$6.85 \$10.00 values, each \$7.90 \$11.00, \$12.00 values at, each \$9.25 Ladies' novelty silk Petticoats in best styles, quality and colors at these reductions: \$12 values, each \$8.85 \$14 values, ea \$10.85 \$15 values, ea \$11.85 \$18 values, ea \$13.85 \$20 values, ea \$14.85 \$22 values, ea \$16.85 \$27 values, ea \$19.85 \$30 values, ea \$22.85 Quilted Japanese silk Dressing Sacques \$4.95 Quilted Japanese silk Bath Robes \$10.50 Ladies' Golf Blouses, plain and fancy colors, low prices.

Children's Department Children's Eiderdown Bath Robes and Kimonas—Ages 2 to 14 years—Best colors. Box and Monte Carlo Coats, \$14.00 values All Novelty Garments at special low prices. \$9.45 Meier & Frank Company Meier & Frank Company Meier & Frank Company

within reach. D. M. Dunn, Collector of Internal Revenue, was much put out yesterday because during the previous night some villain had invaded his premises and literally scalped a fine holly tree some 12 feet in height. He had been promising sprays of berries to friends, and says he will now have to strip the tree to protect it from thieves. The owner of a place on Fifth street, with his wife and daughter, were seen yesterday morning circling around a pretty little holly tree, trying to find where berry-bearing sprays might be removed without injuring the loved tree, but determined to secure "some" before a thief took them all. Holly trees which bear no berries are not in favor. B. Pape, on the East Side, has cut down a large one he has wrestled with and grafted for 15 years without being able to make it produce berries. There are many kinds of holly trees, but some of the trees will bear berries and some will not. Sprays of Oregon grape are a very good substitute for holly, and a well-known society woman says she has decorated her rooms and table at Christmas for years with such sprays, to which berries of sealing wax were wired without any one discovering the fraud. Those who cannot afford to pay the prices asked for holly can try this scheme, and thus save money, and exercise their artistic skill at the same time. Those who have holly trees with berries on them will do well to watch them closely till after Christmas. Articles of Incorporation. Articles of incorporation of "B. B. Rich" were filed in the County Clerk's office yesterday by B. B. Rich, D. D. Rich and S. S. Rich. The capital stock is \$20,000. The objects announced are to conduct cigar and tobacco stores, sell newspapers, magazines, etc. Printing, Lithographing, Embossing, Anderson & Dunway Co., 208 Alder street. Blank books to order. Both phones.