

PITTSBURG MEN SEEK FRANCHISE

Will Supply Heat, Power and Cold Storage for Portland.

STREET COMMITTEE ACTS

Recommends for American Investment Company Rights Which Banfield-Vesey Company Tried to Obtain.

FRANCHISE PASSES COMMITTEE.

An ordinance granting a franchise to the American Investment Company, alleged to be composed of Pittsburgh capitalists, was reported favorably by the streets committee of the Council at a special meeting last night, and will be acted on by the main body of municipal lawmakers May 15.

The measure is similar in its general features to the ordinance adopted for by the Banfield-Vesey Company, recently voted by Mayor Lane, but is supposed to be modified so as to meet executive exactions.

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Must Give a Bond.

It is provided further that the grantee shall give a good and sufficient bond to the City of Portland in the sum of \$25,000, conditioned that it will install the plant in accordance with the terms and conditions of the ordinance.

The company will have the right to charge and collect reasonable compensation from all persons, corporations, or whom it may furnish service, but in no case shall its charges exceed these rates for electricity:

1000 to 2000	Per K. W. H.	15 cents
2000 to 3000	12 cents	
3000 to 4000	11 cents	
4000 to 5000	10 cents	
5000 to 6000	9 cents	
6000 to 7000	8 cents	
7000 to 8000	7 cents	
8000 to 9000	6 cents	
9000 to 10000	5 cents	
10000 to 15000	4 cents	
15000 to 20000	3 cents	
20000 to 30000	2 cents	
30000 to 40000	1 cent	
40000 to 50000	1/2 cent	
50000 to 100000	1/4 cent	

For heating the charge is to be not more than \$1 for each 1000 pounds of condensed water, and not to exceed 25 cents a month per cubic foot for cold storage.

Backers Pittsburg Capitalists.

The American Investment Company is alleged to be composed for the most part of Pittsburg capitalists. L. Albert Verex, who has offices in the Falling building, being the local manager of the corporation. He stated last night that his people had ample funds with which to carry out the provisions of the proposed franchise, and that ever since the close of the Fair they have been on the lookout for an opportunity to make an investment here. At one time, he said, they contemplated association with the Banfield-Vesey Fuel Company, but for some reason or other negotiations fell through. Mr. Banfield preferring to operate independently in his application for a franchise.

As soon as it became apparent that the Banfield-Vesey Fuel Company had abandoned all effort in the direction of securing a franchise, declared Mr. Verex, his company seized the opportunity, although he denied that there was any present or prospective connection between the two corporations, as rumored.

Consideration of the franchise was asked for by the Pence Company, as well as that of the Mount Hood Railway, was postponed until further notice.

COLLINS WANTS FREEDOM

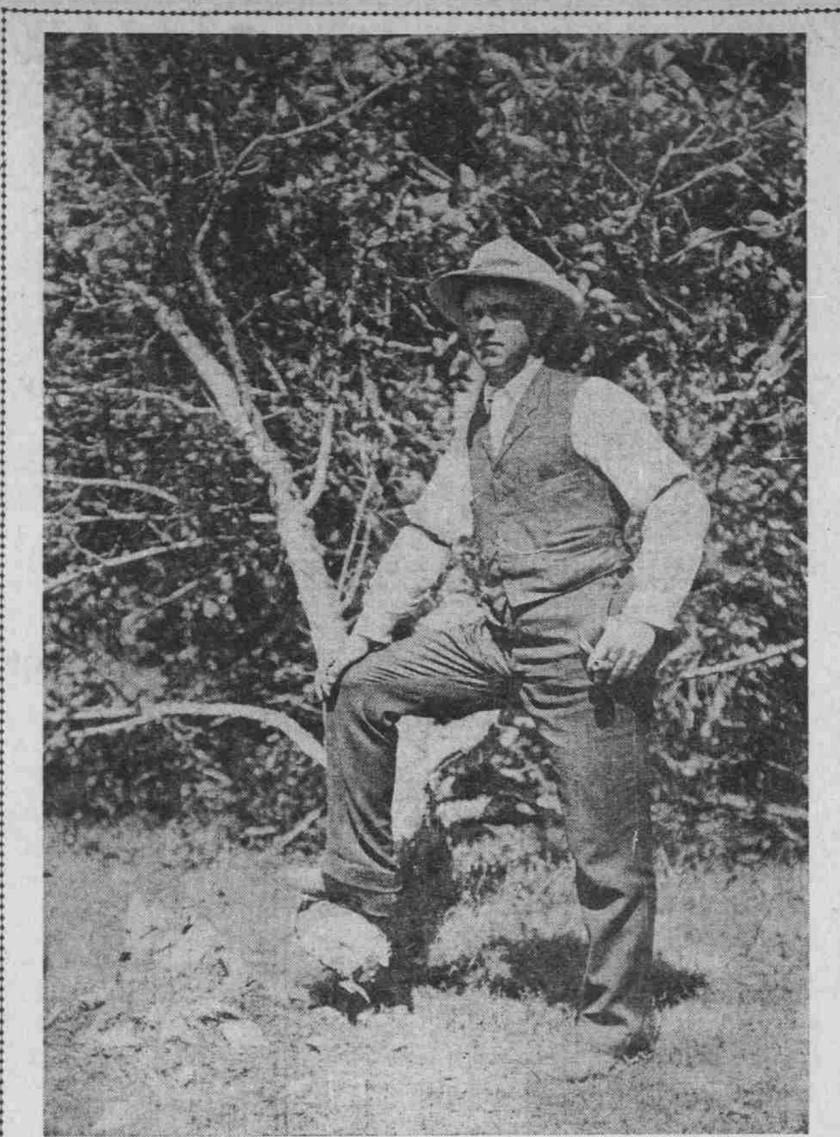
FILES PETITION FOR VACATING ORDER OF COURT.

Is in Multnomah County Jail for Refusing to Produce Books and Records.

John J. Collins, of Albany, who has been abiding in the Multnomah County Jail since April 28 as a penalty for contempt of court, filed a petition yesterday for an order vacating the judgment of the court. The case will come before Judge Wolverton this morning, and will be hotly contested by District Attorney W. C. Bristol. Because of the connection of Collins with the land-fraud investigations, the case will attract unusual attention.

Collins is a member of the firm of F. Dorgan & Co., all of the principals of which were included in the grand-fraud indictment returned by the grand jury Saturday afternoon. He had been subpoenaed to appear as a witness during the grand jury proceedings, and, in addition, was ordered to bring with him the books and records of the firm to which he belongs. Upon his failure to comply, Judge Wolverton ordered that he be committed until such a time as he should produce the desired documents.

From the developments yesterday it is evident that Collins believed that if he should submit to confinement until the grand jury should be dismissed he would



FRUIT INSPECTOR REID, WHO IS ATTACKING DISEASED ORCHARDS.

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Collins is a man of means, and it is believed that he is also backed in doing the order of the court by wealthy men, who have been indicted with him and who fear the outcome if the books of the Albany firm are placed in evidence. It is thought that he will make a stubborn fight for his liberty, and, as he will be just as resolutely opposed by the District Attorney, the proceedings give promise of spirited action.

BRUIN CALLED DOWN.

Is a Source of Weakness to the Police Department.

PORTLAND, May 7.—(To the Editor.)—How long will this man Bruin be permitted to make a fool of the Police Department and the citizens of Portland?

The City Council and City Attorney and at least 95 per cent of the citizens of Portland believe that Bruin is a source of weakness to the Police Department, and still he is not suspended or removed by his superiors. That he is a source of weakness is a fact, and it is said that Mayor Lane is to blame, and he alone, if such is the cause of his being allowed to remain in the city. It is believed that Bruin is a source of weakness to the Police Department, and it is said that Mayor Lane is to blame, and he alone, if such is the cause of his being allowed to remain in the city. It is believed that Bruin is a source of weakness to the Police Department, and it is said that Mayor Lane is to blame, and he alone, if such is the cause of his being allowed to remain in the city.

LAST WEEK OF SKATING

The Exposition Roller Rink closes its doors for the season next Saturday night. Skaters are making the most of the ideal skating weather and enjoying to the utmost in this splendidly ventilated skating rink their final skating for the season.

"SEE AMERICA FIRST."

The Denver & Rio Grande has resumed observation care through Colorado's famous scenic scenery not found elsewhere in the world. For reduced rates. Apply via this route. For whatever information you may desire call upon W. C. McBride, 15 Third street.

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"I have a gun in my house, and it is loaded, too, and I warn Commissioner Reid to keep off my premises. I don't want him ever to come here again."

The foregoing is the significant remark made yesterday morning by T. R. A. Sellwood, of Milwaukie, part of whose prime trees were cut down Friday by order of the Commissioner to Fruit Inspector A. J. Lewis. The men in charge of the inspector cut down 31 prime trees in Mr. Sellwood's orchard Friday, but on being assured that the remainder would be sprayed in compliance with the law, Mr. Lewis ordered the destruction of the trees to cease. Mr. Sellwood was absent at the time the trees were cut down, but he returned that evening, and on ascertaining what had been done in his orchard during his absence he was highly indignant and considered the action as a high-handed and unjust proceeding, and at once laid it out against Commissioner J. H. Reid, who also lives at Milwaukie and who was fruit inspector before Mr. Lewis had been appointed.

Inspector Lewis and Commissioner Reid were on hand at an early hour yesterday morning at Mr. Sellwood's home in Milwaukie to see if the agreement to spray the remaining fruit trees was kept. They found Mr. Sellwood in no amiable frame of mind, but he was busy spraying the trees, as the inspector had left word that he would order the entire orchard cut down if he did not start work Monday morning.

Makes It Personal Matter.

When it was ascertained that the trees were being sprayed, Inspector Lewis and Commissioner Reid had no more business about the premises, but Mr. Sellwood gave Mr. Reid to understand in the foregoing language that it would not be safe for him to go on his premises.

"I warned Mr. Sellwood," said Inspector Lewis, "that he was using very serious language in telling Commissioner Reid that he had a loaded gun in his house, and I warned him not to repeat the language or I should have to lay the case before the District Attorney."

"Mr. Sellwood makes this a personal matter with me," said Commissioner Reid yesterday, after he came away from the scene. "It is simply a matter of enforcing the law against infected trees. We cannot afford to show Mr. Sellwood any more favors than anybody else in carrying out the law. The Oregonian's editorial this morning stated the case exactly."

In justice to Mr. Sellwood, it should be said that he is a good citizen, a well-known and highly-respected pioneer, and his threatening remarks yesterday may be attributed to excitement and not to any intention of carrying out his serious intent. He will probably recognize the fact that the law for spraying must be obeyed and that Mr. Reid was only doing his duty.

Minthorn Trees Are Destroyed.

Most of the infected trees in the Minthorn tract have been cut down, and what is left will be cut down as fast as

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ASSURANCE OF SUPPORT FROM EVERYBODY.

Window-Dressers Will Compete With One Another to Make the Best Displays.

Assurances of the fullest co-operation of the window-dressers of the city for the success of the "Made in Oregon" exposition were given the Admen's League at its regular semi-monthly meeting in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce last night. A dozen or more active members of the window-dressers' craft were present at the meeting, principal for the purpose of securing information from the league with reference to plans for window decorations, but several of them took an active part in the proceedings, offering valuable suggestions along various lines.

Among the speakers of the evening Tom Richardson, manager of the Commercial Club, was prominent, and made a decided hit with an extemporaneous tribute to the Oregon cow.

Naturally Mr. Richardson went from cream to strawberries and eulogized the luscious product of the Oregon strawberry field in a style that brought smiles to the faces of his hearers and made the mouths of the admens water.

Among the other speakers were George W. Alexander, Paul E. Palmer, Miss M. Bull, Miss Blanche Roark, H. S. Harcourt, H. C. Whittier, Emil Held and George L. Hutchins, R. M. Hall, C. C. Chapman, C. A. Postern, E. H. Friedlander, D. C. Freeman, secretary of the joint committee on the "Made in Oregon" exposition, reported progress, stating that up to date 25 different manufacturers had applied for window space to the committee, while the committee was informed that still others had made arrangements with individual firms for similar accommodations.

It was decided that all members of the league should participate in the grand parade during the progress, stating that assessment to pay the expenses of a suitable number of carriages was levied.

On account of the fact that the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce cannot be had on the regular meeting nights of the league, the first and third Mondays of every month, it was decided to change

ARION CONCERT.

Benefit for San Francisco Sufferers Will Be Given Tonight.

The Arion Society will give one of its popular concerts for benefit of the San Francisco sufferers in Arion Hall, Second and Oak streets, tonight at 6 o'clock. The entire receipts of this concert will be turned into a fund for relief of the San Francisco sufferers. Mr. Louis Dammsch, director, has given positive assurance that no part of the expense of this concert will be charged against receipts of the evening.

The Arion Society is able to boast of one of the best drilled musical organizations of the Coast. The programme this evening will be made up of numbers that will appeal the strongest to the popular musical taste. Mr. Dammsch has devoted a great deal of his time to work of preparation for this event. The concert will be liberally patronized by the Portland people.

Will Resume Their Old Runs.

Montavilla and East Ankeny cars operated by the Portland Railway Company will resume their old runs today by way of the Grand avenue fill, which has taken the place of the old trestle. Because of the filling of the gulch at that point the cars of these two lines have been routed over the Burnside bridge since November 17, when work began. Hereafter they will cross by the Morrison bridge as formerly.

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