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THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT

In an editorial article in the Post, we tried to make it plain that we were not opposing the granting of a franchise to the Electric Co., but were endeavoring to show that the charter provisions regarding the granting of franchises were fair, just and reasonable and were so drafted purposely to protect the interests of the city and its inhabitants. A few persons have seemingly misunderstood the intention of the article in question and imagine that we were attempting to prevent the Company from obtaining a franchise; such however is not correct.

In the first place, the Electric Co. is not at present asking for a franchise (although no doubt it will do so later) but the company now asks that the manner of obtaining a franchise be changed to suit them; this is what we are objecting to.

Below we give the part of the charter which the company wants amended exactly as it is to day. The words in italics are to be stricken out in the amendment and where the word "TWENTY" appears in the present charter, it is proposed to insert the word "FIFTY", thus allowing any franchise to be granted for a term of fifty years, instead of twenty, as at present.

As stated last week, the clauses providing for publication of all franchises and providing that such ordinance shall lie over 60 days before its final passage, are both wise and reasonable and intended to allow the people an opportunity of investigation before the same became effective.

Carefully compare the section as it is now with the proposed amendment and then vote as you think best for the interests of the city and yourself.

The Charter As It Is.

Sec. 86, Sub-division 33.—To provide by ordinance for the granting of franchises; provided that no franchise be granted for a period longer than *Twenty* years and before any grant, or any franchise or right to use any highway, avenue, street, lane or alley, or other public property, either on, above or below the surface of the same shall be made, the proposed specific grant shall be embodied in the form of an ordinance, with all the terms and conditions, including all provisions as to rates, fares, and charges, if any, which proposed ordinance shall be published in full at the expense of the applicant for the franchise, at least twice in a newspaper published in said city. Such publication shall take place and be completed not less than *twenty* nor more than *ninety* days before the final passage of such ordinance, and such ordinance shall require for its passage the affirmative vote of at least three-fourths of all the members of the council as shown by "yeas" and "nays", and the approval of the mayor, before it shall be valid for any purpose; *But if the same is vetoed by the mayor, it shall not become operative unless passed by a unanimous vote of the councilmen. No amendments to any franchise after publication shall be valid unless the ordinance as amended, shall be republished in like manner and for like time as the original. No franchise shall be granted or put on its final passage within sixty days of its introduction, and no franchise shall be granted which by its terms will not go into effect within one year after its passage. The council is hereby granted power to impose by ordinance other conditions and regulations for the granting of franchises and to revoke the same for violation of such ordinance or regulations.*

The Amendment.

SEC. 86, SUB-DIVISION 33.
33. To provide by ordinance for the granting of franchises to electric light and power, water, gas, railroad, and street railroad companies and other public service corporations; provided, that no franchise shall be granted for a longer period than *fifty* years, and before any grant or franchise, or right to use any highway, avenue, street, lane, alley or other public property, either on, above or below the surface of the same; shall be made, the proposed specific grant shall be embodied in the form of an ordinance, with all the terms and conditions, including provisions as to rates, fares, and charges, if any. Such ordinance shall require for its passage, the majority vote of all the members of the council as shown by the Ayes and Nays and the approval of the mayor before it shall be valid for any purpose. No franchise shall be granted which by its terms shall not go into effect within twelve months after its passage. The council is hereby granted power to impose by ordinance other conditions and regulations for the granting of franchises and to revoke the same for violation of such ordinance or regulations.

LOCAL NEWS

City election Tuesday.
W. T. Grieve was in Ashland Tuesday.
Circuit court was in session Thursday.
Capt. Ruch of Ruch was in our city Wednesday.
Jasten Hartman was a recent visitor at Central Point.
Dr. Shearer of Medford was avistor in town Tuesday.
Miss Mollie Ray of Ruch was in town Wednesday.
Miss Pearl Dox spent Sunday with Mrs. B. F. Mulkey.
Geo. W. Cherry of Medford was in this city Thursday.
Superintendent J. Percy Wells was at Ashland Tuesday.
R. B. Dow and Fred Colvig were at Medford Tuesday evening.
Mr. A. B. Cornell of Grants Pass was in our city Wednesday.
Mr. Harry Helms was in our city Sunday afternoon visiting relatives.

H. K. Hanna made a business trip to Medford Thursday afternoon.
Mr. J. Morcom and family spent Friday evening at M. E. Parsonage.
James Duncan a newcomer from Minnesota, was in town Wednesday.
NOTICE—All furnishing goods and notions at cost. Sid M. Nichols Store.
Prof. O'Gara of Medford was inspecting orchards in this vicinity Monday.
Gus Newbury and A. E. Reames of Medford were at the court house Thursday.
Porter J. Neff, Esq. of Medford was transacting business in this city Wednesday.
Mrs. Megley of Portland arrived Wednesday evening and is visiting sister, Miss Stella Levy.
Mr. and Mrs. Byers of Salem, who have been visiting friends in this city left for their home Monday.
A. C. Hough, of Grants Pass, attorney for the Rogue River Electric company was in town Tuesday.
Among those in from Ruch Tuesday

were Misses Rose and Kate Buckley, Mrs. James T. Buckley and Roy Venable.

Contractor Bade of Portland was in town Thursday on business connected with the construction of the water system.

LOST—A silver belt pin with initials M. S. on back. Finder please return same to M. E. Parsonage Jacksonville, Oregon.

Mrs. Benj. M. Collins of this city entertained the Ladies Aid society of the Christian church of Medford, at her home Wednesday afternoon.

Freda, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. Ensele who reside west of this city died early Friday morning of pneumonia. Funeral services were held to-day at the M. E. church.

Judge Dox the present City Recorder is a candidate for re-election, having been nominated by petition. Judge Dox has held the position about twelve years and is familiar with the affairs of the city.

St. Anthony's Mission Chapel car which is now in Medford will arrive in this city tonight and remain one week. The public are invited to attend the lectures and inspect the car. Lectures at 7:30 every evening.

BORN—At Buncom, Oregon, Thursday, February 29, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Silva—a son. Mother and child are doing well but Frank is worrying for fear that the boy will have a birthday only once in every four years.

Rev. Chas. H. Johnston delivered an interesting lecture on South Africa, to a large and appreciative audience in the U. S. Hall, Wednesday evening. The lecture was illustrated by stereopticon views made from actual photographs of the scenes.

A delegation from Jacksonville Lodge No. 10, I. O. O. F. attended the institution of the new lodge at Eagle Point Tuesday evening. They remained all night arriving home at about seven o'clock Wednesday morning. The new lodge starts out with 34 charter members and considerable funds in the treasury.

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