

GOT THE FRANCHISE

Electric Line to the Car Shops Will Be Built.

FOUR MEN OPPOSED ORDINANCE

They Want to Force the City Suburban to Pay for Street Improvements—No Objection to the New Line.

The Common Council yesterday granted the City & Suburban Railway Company a franchise for an extension of its line on Union avenue southward to Hood street, near the Southern Pacific car shops, four members voting against the measure.

All the members were present, and Mayor Row, being quite sick from the effects of a severe cold, failed to attend the meeting with dignity and dispatch.

Car Shops Franchise Granted.

An ordinance authorizing the City & Suburban Railway Company to construct and operate a street railway over and along the following named streets was introduced by the street committee: Beginning at Grand avenue and Ellsworth street, east on Ellsworth to Tenth, south on Tenth and Alder streets to and along Wall street to the Powell's Valley road; thence east to East Twenty-first street, and south on Twenty-first to Hood street, near the Southern Pacific car shops.

Merrill favored the amendment, and said he should vote against the ordinance unless it was inserted.

Branch favored the amendment. He said the company had not said that it would not pay what it owed the city, but had intimated that it will not unless the courts decide that it must.

Masters said the company should pay what it owes the city, but he did not feel justified in holding up the franchise and depriving that neighborhood of a railway.

An ordinance granting the City & Suburban Railway Company a franchise on Morrison street, from Front to the west approach of the Morrison-street bridge was passed.

An ordinance authorizing the City Treasurer to credit all moneys received from delinquent taxes to the general fund was passed.

An ordinance regulating the storage and sale of calcium carbide in the city was passed. It provides that calcium carbide shall only be handled in specially prepared and plainly marked "DANGERous IF NOT KEPT DRY," and that no more than 200 pounds shall be kept at one time in any store in the city.

An ordinance was passed granting the Chinese residents of the city the privilege of celebrating their New Year's festivities by exploding firecrackers at certain hours between February 11 and March 8, Sundays excepted.

An ordinance regulating the transportation of earth, sand, gravel, etc., through the streets of the city on street-cars was passed. It provides that the sum of 25 cents shall be paid for each carload transported, unless the material is for the repair of the line of the company transporting it.

Ordinances declaring the probable cost of improving the following streets and making appropriation for the cost thereof were passed: Schuyler street, \$12,322.28; College street, from Fourth to Tenth, \$261.54; Sacramento street, from Union avenue to East Seventh, \$124.15.

Ordinances providing for the time and manner of improving the following named streets were passed: Second street, from Morrison to Mason; Hancock street, from East Seventeenth to East Fifteenth; East Thirty-third street, from Belmont to East Salmon; Tillamook street, from East Twenty-fourth to East Twenty-seventh.

An ordinance declaring the proportionate share of the cost of constructing a sewer in East Eighth street from East Salmon to East Yamhill and appropriating \$720 therefor, was passed.

An ordinance to change and establish the grade of Keyes street from Falling to Shaver, was passed.

An ordinance to establish the grade of East Twenty-sixth street from East Stark to East Burnside, was passed.

Resolutions directing publication of notice of the improvement of the following named streets were adopted: East Thirty-fifth, from Hawthorne avenue to East Stark; Davis street, from Tenth to Twelfth; Eleventh street, from Couch to Everett; College street, from Tenth to Twelfth; Eleventh street, from Hill to College; Kearney street, from Fifteenth to Sixteenth.

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A communication was received from L. L. Hawkins asking the Council to make an appropriation of \$1500 for incidental expenses of the City Museum for next year.

A petition for the vacation of a portion of Twenty-seventh street, where it is too wide in East Twelfth block, J. Varnes's Addition, was referred to the street committee.

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Large Massive Round Top Golden Oak Extension Tables. Finely polished, five massive turned legs, regular price \$12.00; special at \$9.75.

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No mail orders filled for advertised specials.

WEATHER FORECASTS. Forecasts made at Portland for the 28 hours ending at midnight Thursday, December 27.

WEATHER CONDITIONS. The pressure continues slowly falling off the Washington Coast, and there is considerable disturbance central near the western portion of Vancouver Island.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT. PORTLAND, Dec. 19-6 P. M.—Maximum temperature, 50; minimum temperature, 40; river reading at 11 A. M., 7.0 feet; change in the past 24 hours, -0.2 foot; total precipitation, 5 P. M. to 8 P. M., 0.27 inch; total precipitation since Sept. 1, 1900, 13.59 inches; normal precipitation since Sept. 1, 1900, 16.27 inches; deficiency, 2.77 inches; total sunshine Dec. 18, 6:00; possible sunshine Dec. 18, 8:26.

MORTGAGE LOANS. For loans on most favorable terms. Municipal and school bonds purchased by W. H. Fear, Chamber of Commerce.

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