TOP BIDDER GETS IT

Best Offer Takes Electric Light Franchise.

CITY WILL MAKE STRICT TERMS

Deposit of $25,000 Must Be Made—Gross Earnings Tax Goes to Municipality—Other Provisions Decided On.

If the Oregon General Electric Company, or Richard Green, or Charles H. Baker wants to install an electric light plant in Portland, it is up to them, and to each of them, to show the City Council that they mean business. A franchise is practically for sale, and the person or company that offers the city the most advantageous terms will get it.

Consideration of the ordinance granting an electric light franchise to the one of the three applicants who should accept the terms of the city was completed by the Common Council, sitting in committee of the whole, yesterday afternoon. In committee session the ordinance was amended to the effect that the franchise should be awarded to the applicant who would agree to pay into the city treasury the largest percentage of the gross earnings. As reported back, the Council voted to lay the ordinance on the table until the applicants—the Oregon General Electric Company and R. Green, of Portland, and Charles H. Baker, of Seattle—could submit terms. As the Council goes out of existence at midnight Monday, these terms must be received by tomorrow at the latest, or they cannot be acted upon, for a special meeting must be called by a majority of the members or the Mayor and by publication of the call in the city official paper for two days. Immediately after the meeting three Councilmen said a special session was improbable.

The meeting was attended by a number of persons who were interested in the meat and milk ordinances. None of the applicants for the electric light franchise was represented. Every Councilman excepting Mr. Mulkey was in his chair. Mayor Rowe presided, and at his left Mayor-elect Williams was seated. Several members of the incoming Council were present.

Vote for Meat Ordinance.

The first business before the meeting was a communication from Mayor Rowe vetoing the ordinance providing for the inspection of meat. The communication stated that the executive appreciated the importance of the inspection of food products, but some of the provisions of the ordinance forced him to withhold his approval. The ordinance contained a number of blanks which would render it ineffective. It had evidently been the purpose to have it placed on passage after enactment of the milk ordinance, and it was so dependent upon that measure that the Mayor believed that it could not be considered except in conjunction with it. The Mayor objected to section 3, stating that it would at least have a tendency to create a monopoly of the meat supply of the city, and if so, would necessarily increase the cost of that article of food. A slight increase in such prices easily became a tax which was greater and more burdensome than any levy for governmental purposes. Such increase accrued entirely to individuals, and fostered and protected an evil which it should be the purpose of the law and the government to control or destroy. The conditions of the ordinance operated to the detriment of the producer, depreciated the value of his products, and laid restrictions upon him which would often deny him a market. The ordinance was not sufficiently in the interest of the producer and consumer, and the Mayor returned it without his approval.

The question was, Should the ordinance pass notwithstanding the veto of the Mayor? All the Councilmen present voted to sustain the veto, excepting Mr. Bronaugh, who was not acquainted with the provisions of the ordinance and who was excused from voting.

The veto and the action of the Council sealed the fate of the milk ordinance. No mention of it was made, and the representatives of the Dairymen's Protective Association, understanding that it would not be brought up, left the chamber. They intended to file a protest against it if it were placed on its third reading.

Light Ordinance Is Up.

After minor business had been disposed of, the Council went into committee of the whole to consider the electric light ordinance, and Mr. Gilsan took the chair. Two weeks ago nine sections were adopted, and the remaining four were taken up. To section 10, which provided that the grantee pay to the city annually 1 per cent of the gross earnings the first 10 years, 1½ per cent the second 10 and 2 per cent the last five, Mr. Bronaugh offered as an amendment that one-half of 1 per cent be paid the first 10 years, and 1 per cent the remaining 15. Mr. Bronaugh said he simply wished to see an ordinance passed which would be acceptable to the applicant and which would give the city the benefit of competition. His amendment found no second, and he presented another fixing the compensation at 1 per cent the first 10 years and 1½ per cent the remaining 15. The amendement was seconded by Mr. Branch and was lost, only Branch, Bronaugh and Nealond voting in its favor.

Mr. Bronaugh moved that section 11 be amended so as to permit the successful applicant to erect poles and to string wires in the city when one-half of the line from the head works is completed. The ordinance prohibited the company from doing any work in the city until the wires from the head works reach the city limits. The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Bronaugh moved as amendments to section 12 that within 60 days after the ratification of the ordinance by the Board of Public Works the grantee file his or its acceptance of the contract and deposit $10,000 in gold coin or in United States bonds to insure the prosecution and completion of the work, the deposit to be forfeited if the provisions of the franchise are not complied with. As introduced, the ordinance read "within 60 days after the passage . . . by the Common Council," and required a deposit of $25,000. The first amendment was adopted without a dissenting vote. Speaking in favor of the second, Mr. Bronaugh said the bond he proposed was a reasonable one, and one that a business man would accept.

Is $25,000 Too Much?

Mr. Merrill said that $25,000 was a small deposit for a concern or an individual who expected to spend $3,000,000 in buildings, plant and other equipment. Mr. Green had told him that he would willingly make the deposit if Mr. Baker failed to do so.

After further discussion, the amendment was put to vote and was lost, ayes 5, noes 5. Bronaugh, Gilsan, Nealond, Nichols and Walker voted aye, and Branch, Holbrook, Masters, Merrill and Sherrett no. The section as a whole was then adopted, only Bronaugh, Nealond and Walker voting against it. Section 13, which provided for the forfeiture of the franchise and the deposit in event of the grantee failing to comply with the ordinance, was unanimously adopted.

Chairman Gilsan then announced that all that remained for the committee to do was to name the grantee. In his opinion the ordinance should not be passed in a blank form. Mr. Bronaugh moved that franchises be granted to each of the three applicants, but the motion, like his first one, was without a second. To get the matter before the committee, he then moved that it be recommended that the franbcise in the form approved be granted to the company or person who shall agree to pay to the city the largest percentage of the gross earnings for the privilege, the amounts stated in the ordinance to be the minimum and the name of grantee to be inserted in the ordinance by the Common Council. Mr. Holbrook seconded the motion. Mr. Branch said the committee should insert the name. The motion was carried, all but Branch voting aye.

The committee then presented its report, which was adopted by the Council. Mr. Bronaugh called attention to the fact that further action could not be taken until the applicants were communicated with in regard to the terms. The ordinance was laid on the table, and will remain there, unless a special meeting of the Common Council should be called by the Mayor or the members.

For More Sewers.

Among other business transacted by the Council was the passage of ordinances authorizing the construction of sewers in Borthwick and Prescott streets to the sewer in Shaver street, and in King and Main streets. An ordinance was passed transferring $159 54 from the general fund to meet the deficiency in the Hamilton avenue sewer fund. The appropriation was made necessary by the cancellation of a portion of the assessment of T. M. Richardson. Richardson had been assessed at $238 60, or at the rate of $39 70 a lot. He was willing to pay $79 54, and the remainder was canceled.

Resolutions were adopted authorizing the City Engineer to prepare estimates for the improvement of sidewalks on First and Second streets, from Davis to Jefferson; and Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth streets, from Glisan to Jefferson.

The petition of the Title Guarantee & Trust Company for the improvement of streets and the construction of sewers in Holladay Park Addition was granted.

The report of the committee on sewers and drainage recommending that petitions for sewers in Sellwood street from Kerby to a connection with the Sellwood-street sewer; in East Twenty-sixth street from Taylor to Belmont; in East Salmon from East Twenty-fifth to East Twenty-third; in East Twenty-sixth and East Pine to East Twenty-second and East Stark, and in East Stark from East Sixteenth to East Twelfth, and thence to East Washington, was adopted, and the City Engineer was directed to prepare plans, specifications and estimates for the same.

How About a Fire-Boat?

The communications of W. P. Fuller & Co. and Canning, Wallace & Co., urging the need of a fire-boat, were reported back by the committees on ways and means and health and police, with recommendations that they be placed on file. The first committee stated that the condition of the general fund did not warrant the transfer of any money for the building of a fire-boat.

Fire Chief Campbell called the attention of the Council to the fact that the fires of Saturday and Tuesday nights had caused the destruction of a quantity of hose, three hydrants and two alarm boxes. He requested that they be replaced, so that the department could give the best possible service. He also said that as some of the horses are crippled, it has been necessary to hire two teams. No action was taken.

The ordinance which was introduced recently declaring a steam laundry located in block 131 a nuisance was reported by the health and police committee with a recommendation that it be not passed. The report was adopted.

FIELDS HAS UPPER HAND

Sure to Assume Office to Which He Was Elected.

Frank S. Fields, County Clerk-elect, visited the Courthouse yesterday, talked with friends, and walked around in the offices which he will take charge of on July 7.

The prevailing opinion among persons who are in a position to know is that it will be useless for any attempt to be made to prevent Fields from assuming the duties of his office, and that he now has everything his own way. The statute provides that a deputy in the office of the County Clerk can perform any act which his principal is entitled to perform, and consequently the election certificate issued to Fields is perfectly legal and of full force and effect.

The four Judges of the Circuit Court will undoubtedly recognize the certificate which Fields has, and also recognize the deputies appointed by him to serve in the various court departments, in preference to deputies who may seek to hold on and contend that the act abolishing the three offices and creating the office to which Fields has just been elected is unconstitutional. A mere claim of this kind can have no weight with the Judges, because every act of the Legislature is presumed to be constitutional and valid until it has been declared otherwise by the courts in some suit or proceeding in which there has been a full hearing.

The County Judge and County Commissioners will recognize Fields, and so will the Sheriff, and if Mr. Swetland and others attempt to usurp the office, or any part of it, and take possession of any of the rooms in the Courthouse, the County Board will order the Sheriff to throw them out, which the Sheriff will probably lose no time in doing.

The prevalent opinion is that Fields will take his office without opposition, and that it will remain for those who are opposing him, and who are out, to file a suit and secure a decision of the Supreme Court in their favor before they can get in again.

DEGREES FOR OREGONIANS

Two Portland Students Honored at Commencement of Yale.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., June 25.—Among the students who were given degrees at the annual commencement of Yale University this afternoon were: Joseph Adams Hill, degree of bachelor of science, and Frank Joseph Sladen, degree of bachelor of art. Both men are from Portland, Or. Sladen was one of the ranking men of his class in scholarship standing, and was given one of the commencement honor appointments for today. He was assigned to deliver one of the orations. Both men have been prominent in students' affairs at the university, and have won the esteem of their instructors and their fellow-students by their earnest work.

WEDDED IN PORTLAND.

Spokane Society Couple Married by Rev. E. D. Casey.

Spokane society circles will be surprised to learn that Lester R. Notbohm and Miss Gertrude Sweeney, both of that city, were married in Portland yesterday. Notbohm is superintendent of the Spokane street railway system and the bride is a daughter of Millionaire Charles Sweeney, the mining operator at Spokane. The parties were united in the bonds of holy matrimony by Rev. E. D. Casey, of the Catholic church, yesterday afternoon. The ceremony was performed in private rooms and only a very few close friends were present.

MORE CHEAP RATES TO COAST.

The O. R. & N. Co. has arranged for a special Fourth of July rate to all Long Beach points. The usual Saturday rate of $2 50 will be available Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 3, 4 and 5; good for return leaving the beach Sunday evening, the 5th. Get tickets and berths at O. R. & N. office, Third and Washington.

ARE YOU GOING EAST?

If you contemplate an Eastern trip, it will pay you to call at O. R. & N. office, Third and Washington, and get particulars regarding the greatly reduced rates they will have to offer the 1st of July.

Meier & Frank Company

Mason Fruit Jars in pints, quarts, and half gallons at lowest prices.

Wash Silks Handsome styles in checked Japanese wash silks at greatly reduced prices—Splendid patterns—Checks only—In good colorings, 50c grade, per yard 25c

Mattings Reduced 5000 yards of china mattings in carpet designs—Large variety to select from—The coolest and most serviceable floor covering for Summer homes, per yard 19c

Artistic Picture Framing done to your order—Large variety of new mouldings.

14,000 yds. Wash Fabrics

Last season was great wash-fabric season—This year has been a still greater one. It is only within a year or two that makers have realized the possibilities in wash goods; have dreamed what effective and stylish fabrics could be created in wash materials. Fashion has been quick to recognize their efforts, has inspired them to even better things. Today we place on sale some 14,000 yards of domestic and imported wash goods in this season's best styles at extremely low prices—An advantageous purchase enables us to make this timely offering.

30 inch Imported Dimities in stripes, dots, figures and plain colors—A great variety of the best styles to select from—Regular 25c quality .. 17c yd

6000 yards of handsome Madras Cloths and Oxfords—32 inch, all the best patterns and colorings—Regular 30c and 35c value at ..... 19c yd

36 inch Percales in light and dark colorings—Very best styles and quality—Your choice at ..... 11c yd

3000 yards more of the fine Lawns and Batistes in all colors and large variety of the best patterns at 9c yd

All our $1.75 grade of Embroidered Swisses in tan, gray, light pink and blue—45 inch, this season's very best styles, at ..... 92c yd

All our 75c and 85c Swisses, embroidered in dots and figures—Very choicest styles for Summer costumes, at ..... 49c yd

Silk and linen Tissue in tan, old rose, gray, and cadet blue—All the regular 65c grade at ..... 46c yd

Embroidered Silk Linens—Very stylish fabric in dots and figures—Leading shades—All the $1.25 grade at ..... 79c yd

Just Received—A new shipment of plain white Piques at prices from 25c to 75c yard

Parasols Reduced 25% to 40%

Our entire stock of Parasols, including the latest styles in silk and chiffron—White and colors—Beautiful creations reduced 25% to 40%. Children's Parasols at special low price.

New Veilings

Chiffron Veils in dots and figures—A very large shipment of new styles has just been received and very reasonably priced at 50c each.

Mercerized Madras 25c and 35c yard

Just received by express, 25 pieces of handsome mercerized Madras in plain colors and stripes—Tan, white, and black—Very stylish fabric for Summer waist or costumes.

"Rubdry" Bath Towels are superior to the ordinary Bath Towel because it absorbs the water quickly Big full size 50c

Neckwear Bargains

A clean up in the famous Keiser Neckwear for ladies—Some 20 dozen pieces all told, including P. K. and Linen stocks, Ascots and 4-in-hands—All this season's styles in handsome color combinations—Neckwear that always sold at 65c, 75c and 85c, your choice while it lasts at 39c

A great lot of Keiser turnover collars and cuffs—Beautifully embroidered in colors—Great value at .. 39c

Clothing Sale

(Second Floor)

The great June sale of men's and boys' seasonable clothing offers saving of one-third or more on every purchase—We're cleaning up stock now, instead of after July 4th—That's the cause of this remarkably low pricing—Economical men and parents will look to their wants.

See Fifth-Stree Window display

Friday Surprise Sale

Tomorrow, the 671st Friday Surprise Sale. The second great shirtwaist sale of the season—About 350 handsome 1902 waists in lawns, ginghams, linens, madras and plain white—Stripes, dots and plain colors, in mammoth variety—Tucked or plain styles, made up in the height of fashion—The great majority of them are $1.75 values—Quantity being limited, early shopping is advisable.

Your choice tomorrow only ..... $1.19 each

Meier & Frank Company Meier & Frank Company

WANTS TO BE AN ACTOR

Little Daphne Pollard Has No Use for Female Characters.

Daphne Pollard, the 7-year-old comedian who amused hundreds of people with her funny songs and still more funny comedy, is ambitious to become a great comedian. She doesn't like girls' parts. She has made all the hits of her two long years of stage career in either knickerbockers or long trousers, and she will have none of female characters.

The youngster is hardly more than two feet high, yet she knows more about acting than many women who have spent a century or more in the front row of the chorus, and there is no doubt that she will be great in due time if she continues on the stage, although she can hardly hope to be one of the funniest men on the stage. She delights in the games that other children enjoy, and plays them incessantly, but prefers stage plays, as a rule, and makes them up as she goes along, so as to insure herself fat parts. She is entirely unspoiled by her success, and her interest in her surroundings is very keen, while her fund of questions is even above the average for her age. Withal she eats peanuts like ordinary children, and likes them in large orders.

Arguments in Nome Contempt Cases.

NOME, Alaska, June 14, via Seattle, June 25.—The argument on the motion for a new trial in the contempt case against United States Marshal Frank D. Richards and J. D. Jourden was ended Thursday afternoon, and Judge Wickersham announced that he would render his decision Monday morning next at 10 o'clock.

The argument for the defendants was made by Attorney Albert Fink. Mr. Fink spoke about three hours, reviewing and analyzing the testimony in a comprehensive manner. Mr. Fink was followed by Attorney Jaffreys for the prosecution, and he in turn was followed by Assistant District Attorney McGinn.

Fink, in closing, said there was nothing in the record to show the truth of the statements made by the prosecution. He had been criticised by counsel for the prosecution because of his reference to the conduct of the trial Judge. He said he had simply discussed the case in his client's interests, and made no unfair criticism of the trial Judge. If he had, it was an error of the head and not of the heart. There was absolutely nothing to implicate Richards, and there was equally nothing to show that Jourden was guilty.

Then the court stated that he would determine the matter next Monday.

"IN TOWN" TONIGHT.

Pollard Opera Company to Appear in a New Bill.

"In Town," one of the brightest operas in the repertoire of the Pollard Opera Company, will be given by them at the Baker Theater this evening. The comedy affords a fine opportunity for tiny Daphne Pollard to display her wonderful talents in comedy, and her performance of the part of Shrimp, the call boy, is by far the most notable thing in any of the operas or musical comedies the company puts on.

The number of cremations in London in 1901 was 273, as against 301 in 1900, according to the Cremation Society.

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329 WASHINGTON ST., IMPERIAL HOTEL BLDG.

Ladies' white duck hats 49c
Three-piece garden sets 15c
Seaside bucket and shovel 5c
Croquet sets, maple balls and mallets, a good article for outdoor exercise, per set 89c

This is the last week for the matted pictures free with every $1.00 purchase. Avail yourself of the opportunity. It is your gain, and our compliments.

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FRIDAY SPECIALS

Tomorrow morning we place on sale for one day only.

Summer Corsets
A good, worthy article in the line of Summer corsets; light and cool for home wear; excellent for bathing and beach use; well braced, correct models, made by the Royal Worcester Corset Co. Price for Friday only 32c

Belt Buckles
A large assortment of popular style Belt Buckles; values to 35c each. For Friday only, extra special, each, 10c

Sewing Machine Oil
Best quality Sewing Machine Oil, tomorrow only, per bottle 3c

Side Combs
Regular price, 15c; tomorrow only, special, per pair, 7c

Envelopes
Patent wire-end Envelopes, regular price, 5c a pkg. Tomorrow only, 2 pkgs. for 5c

Paper Napkins
For picnics and lunch use, fancy borders, per 100 .... 7c

BARGAINS FOR THE WEEK

Black Taffeta Silks
Full 36-inches wide, regular $1.25 quality, per pard... Regular $1.35. $1.09. 99c

Lisle Union Suits
Women's fine white lisle Union Suits, Oneita style, V neck, short sleeves, knee lengths, well made, neatly trimmed, slight imperfections in knitting, but not hurt in the least for wear; regular, $1.50 a suit; special, while they last... 65c

Colored Dress Goods
The remainder of this week every piece of colored dress goods in stock is offered at way-down prices; this is the clearing week for this department; you should not miss its advantages.

Portland Woolen Mills Blankets
If you intend to buy any blankets during the next year, buy them now. You cannot do better. Every price reduced this week.

New White Lisle Gloves, 50c and 75c pair.

Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

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True economy combines good quality with little prices. That's the attractive combination presented by these offerings of seasonable, well-made, first-class Hosiery and Underwear.

2000 pairs Ladies' Lace Lisle Hosiery
In an exceptionally attractive assortment of newest patterns in black, blue and red, special, pair 27c

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Ladies' Richelieu Ribbed Cotton Vests—low neck—no sleeves—white only—special value 18c

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Naval Recruits From Albany.

ALBANY, Or., June 25.—Lieutenant J. P. Morton and corps of assistants closed their recruiting office in Albany tonight, after securing four recruits for the United States Navy, who left for San Francisco tonight. They were Will S. Harris, as baker, at $25; George A. Schneider, as painter, at $30, both of Albany; Zenas M. Chase of Salem, as hospital steward, at $60; Eli Heater of Newberg, as landsman, at $16.