

OIL FINDS A HOME

Council Passes Bill Creating a District.

BLANKET FRANCHISE PUT OFF

New Grant to Oregon Water Power & Railroad Company Also Postponed—More New Streets and Sewers.

The City Council yesterday took action on the following important ordinances: Establishing a district for the storage of oil on the East Side; passed.

The blanket railway franchise which was expected to produce some excitement at the meeting of the Common Council yesterday afternoon met a better fate than a referendum to the street committee for further consideration, and a recommendation that it be further acted upon at an adjourned meeting of the Council to be held Monday night.

Written Proposal Wanted. The ordinance granting the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company a franchise on East Water street, not a horse reception. After it had been called for a third reading, Mr. Rumelin stated that the company had made a verbal proposition to furnish gravel to the property-owners along the street for the purpose of filling at the rate of 12 1/2 cents per yard.

Oil Ordinance Passed. In the absence of other excitement, the favorable report of the street committee upon the oil district ordinance furnished a wee bit. When it was read Councilman Merrill demanded a vote by rollcall for its adoption.

"And," he added, "I want my name spread upon the ordinance as opposed to the granting of a perpetual privilege for the creation of an oil district in the center of the city. In the past a single company situated in the proposed district has been considered a menace to the safety of the city, and with 10 companies coming into the same district, how much more would the menace be increased? The district should not be confined to a single portion of the city. Let them be scattered all over—wherever they are wanted."

"I should like to ask," said Councilman Sharkey, in whose district the district is located, and who has strenuously opposed it, "how many Councilmen attended this meeting of the committee on streets or the committee of the whole or whatever you wish to call it?"

"Nine" answered Merrill. "But how many voted? I understand that there were eight members present and that only one voted to make it a committee of the whole. If so the proceeding is irregular. A majority did not vote for the ordinance and I move that it be referred to the committee of the whole."

"It was not a committee of the whole," explained Mayor Williams, "for there can be no meeting of a committee of the whole except by agreement of the Council. This was simply a meeting of the individual members of the Council."

The meeting of the so-called committee of the whole Tuesday had been called by the street committee, and Sharkey pondered the ordinance, and Sharkey pondered the ordinance, and Sharkey pondered the ordinance.

is proposed to lay water mains and to construct sewers and then to improve the streets in the entire district. Cement sidewalks also will be laid. The streets to be improved are: East Nineteenth and Twenty-first from Multnomah to Weldier, Wasco and Clackamas from East Fourth to East Twenty-fourth, and Multnomah from the west line of Holladay Park Addition to East Twenty-fourth street. Sewers are to be constructed in Multnomah from Twenty-fourth to Fifteenth, and in Wasco and Clackamas from Fifteenth to Twenty-fourth. Another improvement ordinance was that including a portion of Portland Heights in the cement sidewalk district. This matter had been before the Council some time, having come up first in the form of a petition, and then as a resolution. It provides for the same penalties as the other cement walk ordinances.

"I wish it had been passed some time ago," said Mayor Williams, after a vote on the ordinance had been taken. "I own some property on the heights, and only recently I paid \$100 for plank walks. You know how hard it is to lay them out," said Councilman Sherrett. "This provides for the improvement only in the case of rotten walks."

Action on Ordinances. Other ordinances introduced were: Transferring \$178 from the unexpended portion of the street and sewer repair fund to the general fund; passed. Transferring \$2041 from the street and sewer repair fund to the general fund; passed.

Transferring \$10,275 from the general fund to the Fire Department fund; passed.

Appropriating \$10,078 from the Fire Department fund for the general expenses of the Fire Department; passed.

By Mr. Cardwell—Repealing the curfew ordinance; passed. (This ordinance was introduced at the request of the Fire Department officials. The curfew has not kept boys under the age of 15 years off the streets at night, but it has caused a great deal of wear and tear in the fire engine-houses, as the horses are called out by the stroke of the bell. After the ordinance is signed the curfew will not stick.)

By the license committee—Revising the occupation tax ordinance so as to fix the quarterly license of telegraph companies during a business of more than \$5000 a year at \$5; less than \$5000 and \$1000 \$2.50; less than \$250, \$1; passed. (This is the result of the settlement which was effected with the Postal Telegraph Company Monday.)

For a sewer in East Pine street connecting with the sewer in East Twenty-sixth street, and appropriating \$2100 \$5; passed.

For a sewer in Sellwood street, and appropriating \$250; passed.

For the improvement of East Sixteenth street and appropriating \$1215; passed.

For the improvement of East Fifteenth street, and appropriating \$1100; passed.

Providing for the time and manner of improving East Oak street from East Twelfth to East Thirtieth, Denver avenue from Killingsworth avenue to Webster street, and McMillen street from Crosby to Main; passed.

Providing for the time and manner of constructing a sewer in East Water street from East Yamhill to East Alder; passed.

Adopting the report of the City Engineer on the opening, widening and laying out of Clinton street; passed.

By Mr. Aibee—Providing for fire-escapes on certain buildings; referred to the committee on health and police. (This ordinance follows the ruling of the Circuit Court declaring the present ordinance illegal.)

By the license committee—Amending the occupation tax ordinance so as to fix the license of mercantile agencies charging more than \$500 a year for information about the standing of persons engaged in mercantile pursuits at \$25; under \$50, \$12.

Resolutions were adopted directing the City Engineer to prepare estimates for the improvement of Monroe street from Williams to Gaston street, and East Twelfth street from Washington to Thurman, and Twentieth street from Savier to Washington.

Five petitions from property-owners on the East Side, asking that the city grant a franchise to the Portland Railway Company on East Salmon street, instead of East Taylor, as requested, were referred to the committee on streets. To the same committee was sent the petition for the improvement of East Main street from East Thirtieth to East Thirty-ninth. Petitions for the improvement of East Market and East Alder streets and East Thirty-seventh and Washington streets were granted. Applications for sewers in East Ankey street, from Buchel to East Twenty-fourth, and in East Pine street from Howell to East Twenty-fourth, were referred to the committee on sewers and drainage.

BLANKET FRANCHISE READY.

Terms on Which Portland Railway Company May Extend Lines.

Copies of the blanket franchise ordinance which will come up for final consideration at the meeting of the street committee tomorrow morning, have been distributed to the members of the Common Council and the Board of Public Works. The ordinance provides for the revocation of 28 franchises which had been granted by the City of Portland and the old cities of East Portland and Alhina, and in exchange the Portland Railway Company is to be granted all the franchises on East and West Side streets which it has asked for during the past few months. Most of these franchises provided only for extensions of the present lines, but a few are additions to the system. The company is also permitted to build upon First street from Couch to Jefferson, but the privilege shall not take effect until the expiration of the rights granted to Charles E. Smith, G. W. and Adolph Eckstein to maintain a railway on that portion of the street. Meantime, the company may continue to enjoy the rights obtained by it from Smith, Glass and Eckstein.

In the construction of lines authorized by the franchise the company must use steel rails weighing not less than 50 pounds to the yard and of a pattern to be approved by the city authorities. The rails on the existing districts it may use any rails which it now owns, if said rails weigh not less than 40 pounds to the yard. Upon all new lines the rails must be of a pattern approved by the city authorities. The rails on the existing districts it may use any rails which it now owns, if said rails weigh not less than 40 pounds to the yard. Upon all new lines the rails must be of a pattern approved by the city authorities. The rails on the existing districts it may use any rails which it now owns, if said rails weigh not less than 40 pounds to the yard. Upon all new lines the rails must be of a pattern approved by the city authorities.

"The city reserves the right, which it now holds, to grant a franchise to any other company to run cars over the Burnside-street bridge from Union avenue to First street. The remainder of the ordinance is the same as the ordinance which was thrashed over by the street committee during the past two months."

Seven ordinances providing for the time and manner of improving streets and constructing sewers in Wasco and Holladay Park Additions were passed. These additions comprise an area of 40 acres. It

THIEF TRIES TO ESCAPE

ACROBAT FRED REED ATTEMPTS TO BREAK CITY JAIL.

Man Arrested for Stealing Billiard Ball on Road to Freedom When Caught by Jailer.

"Professor" Fred Reed, acrobat, arrested for the larceny of billiard balls valued at \$75, made a daring attempt to escape yesterday morning from the upper portion of the City Jail, and nearly succeeded, owing to his surprising agility. The theft of the billiard balls had been reported to the police at 2:35 A. M. Reed was arrested by Detectives Kerrigan and Snow at 8:45 o'clock, he broke jail at 9 o'clock, and 10 minutes later he was captured by the police on the street. The larceny of the billiard balls took place from Blazer's saloon, First street, near Madison, shortly before the place closed, at 1 o'clock yesterday morning, and it is reported that several of the balls were seen acting suspiciously around the billiard tables. It was only when the place was being cleaned that it was discovered that nearly all the ivory billiard balls had vanished from the tables. Word was sent to the police station, and when Detectives Kerrigan and Snow came on duty they were placed on the case, receiving a good description of Reed. All places at which Reed might try to dispose of the billiard balls, were watched, and Reed was trapped when he tried to sell some of his plunder to a man on Third street, near Fremont. Several of the billiard balls were found in his possession, and he meekly accompanied the detectives to the police station. The prisoner appeared to be so much under the influence of emotion that even the hard hearts of the police were so much touched that they placed him in an upstairs cell kept for prisoners who are dubbed "nice."

"Reed didn't take kindly to his new quarters, for no sooner had the jailer turned the key in the lock than the prisoner began work to effect his escape. He tried his teeth on the iron bars guarding the front windows, but gave up that attempt in despair, although a physician had previously ordered iron to build up his constitution. He looked at the ceiling, and noticing there an aperture in a ventilator 12 inches high, he quickly turned his iron bed on end as a "booster" and sprang from the bed to the edge of the aperture, about two feet above him. By some means he got through the hole, he squeezed through the opening, crawled through a stovepipe lying across the garret floor, and dropped through another ventilator leading down to a room used for storage purposes by the matron, Mrs. Woods. The question was: How to get downstairs without the police knowing of it? But the prisoner suddenly found himself face to face with Mrs. Woods. "What are you doing here?" she asked suspiciously, looking at the man covered with soot.

"Ma'am, I've been cleaning the roof," he replied.

"I don't believe you, I think you are an escaped prisoner."

"If you alarm the police, I'll finish you," said Reed, desperately.

"Help," said Mrs. Woods, pushing the elevator bell. Reed saw that the game was up, and, with a parting lurch remark, he ran for a near-by ladder that is nailed to the wall and leading to the roof. Jailer Roberts heard the elevator bell and, guessing that something unusual had happened, he sprang into the elevator and caught sight of Reed as he was climbing the roof ladder. "Stop, there," cried Roberts, but Reed climbed all the faster. Roberts ran after him, and, on coming out on the roof, he saw Reed standing near the edge, apparently undecided whether to jump or not.

"Come here, or I'll fire," said Roberts, and, sheepishly enough, "Professor" Reed, acrobat, came back. He was placed this time in a downstairs cell, and heavy irons were placed on his feet. Afterward, he was taken before Municipal Judge Hogue, charged with the larceny of the billiard balls, and he said: "I don't want to be examined, I'm guilty."

"I'll hold you in \$1000 bail for the grand jury," remarked the Judge.

"It's up to me," said Reed, gloomily. Then he was hurried away to the County Jail.

MORE STRICT ACCOUNTING

Committee Finds It Necessary in City Health Department.

The committee on health and police of the Common Council, which had been authorized to investigate the Health Department of the city and the expenses incurred by that department, made the following report to the Council yesterday afternoon:

"After careful consideration of the matter and a minute examination of the expenses, we find that the Health Department is not being run in a satisfactory manner, as there has never been a death at the hospital for contagious and infectious diseases, and so far as the Health Department has been able to learn, there has never been a complaint from any patient treated therein as to the care he received; that the numerous articles purchased for said department were of a character necessary, and the quantities do not seem to be excessive, but we find that in the purchase of said supplies both the Health Commissioner and the physician have almost wholly disregarded the law in the manner of issuing requisitions. It has evidently been the custom of each of those officers to get requisitions for supplies from several business houses, and at the end of the month, when they received their bills, to issue all requisitions for the several dates upon which purchases were made, said requisitions being strictly in accordance with the statement of the dealer. We also find that the City Physician frequently issues duplicate requisitions for supplies to duplicate statements from dealers. This custom destroys the whole purpose for which the law was intended, it leaves the city at the mercy of the dealer, and it makes any careful checking of accounts impossible. Your committee recommends that, in compliance with the law, each of those officers be required to issue an itemized requisition to get the goods, and that duplicates of said requisitions be filed with the Auditor weekly, and that the dealers submit their statements, with requisitions attached, directly to the Auditor, as the bills of other departments are submitted."

MR. TANNER IS MISSING.

Faithful Servant of Police Breaks Away From Seclusion.

The state of Dr. Tanner's health recently worried the police department so much that they sent him to eat grass and otherwise haze a gay old time on Ross Island, but somehow Mr. Tanner yearned for the society of policemen again and the perfume of the City Jail, and early yesterday morning he swam the Willamette River, got to the mainland, and at last accounts was seen galloping for the Police Station. Up to a late hour last night he had not arrived. Mr. Tanner is the leading horse attached to the patrol wagon, and has worked in the department for 13 years. There have been several changes of administration since that time, but Mr. Tanner had so much of a "pull" with different shades of politicians, that he has held his job, so far. He has even given a horse laugh when people wondered if he is to be kept in office, under the new chief of police.

Mr. Tanner has been dean of the police horse corps for so many years, and has trained so many other horses to run with

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TO CAPTURE STOCKMEN OREGON DELEGATES WILL GO TO KANSAS CITY. Determined to Have National Livestock Convention in Portland and Boom the Fair. A special meeting of the Oregon Livestock Breeders' Association will be held today in the office of M. D. Wisdom, in the Hamilton building. The main purpose of the meeting is to elect delegates to the National Livestock Convention, to be held in Kansas City in January, and to stir up enthusiasm in regard to this convention. The members of the association propose to make a great showing for Oregon at this time, and say that they expect to take many besides the delegates. "Enough to fill a train of Pullman cars," was the expression that was used by one of the enthusiasts in regard to the delegation. There is more than one purpose to be accomplished at this time. Not only the livestock interests will be looked out for, but the general welfare of Oregon. An effort will be made to secure the next convention for Portland, and to advertise Oregon and the 1905 Fair generally. The plans were well defined by F. E. Beach yesterday in a talk before the Irrigation Congress. "It is now being said that Oregon is waking up," said he, "and we want to show the people of the East that this is a fact. One of the things that we want is the next National Livestock Convention, and if we can go there with a large representation, we can get it. I would like to see every member of this convention a member of the party that will go to the convention at Kansas City. We want to have our own train, decked in colors that will show that we have come from Oregon. When we get there we want to have an Oregon dinner, in which the spread will be of Oregon products. We can have Oregon fish, Oregon fruit, and the table can be decorated with Oregon roses. "In January," said a delegate from Eastern Oregon. "Yes," he replied, "in January." "And we want Judge S. A. Lowell to make the speech and invite them to come

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