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Blanket Franchise Would Be Unlimited by Amendment.

COMPETITION SHUT OUT

How the Portland Consolidated I Endeavoring to Make Its Monopoly Complete for Down-Town Business District.

In order to secure new car franchises in downtown streets on the same terms as the "blanket" franchises, and to secure immunity from limitations placed on such grants by the present charter—all with a view to shutting out competitive lines-the Portland Consolidated Railway Com-pany wants the "street railway fran-chise" amendment adopted by the people in the election next Monday.

The charter now provides that no street-car franchise shall be granted by the Council "for a longer period than 25 years," and also that no such grants shall be allowed "without fair compensation to the city therefor"; and further, that the Council shall have power to compel one company to yield the use of its tracks to a competing company "for any distance not exceeding five blocks over said street." But these provisions in the charter are not contained in the blanket franchises. and cannot avail against them, for the franchises were granted before the char-ter went into effect. Franchises granted since the charter went into effect, more than two years ago, are, however, hedged by those limitations. The proposed amendment removes those limitations.

In Interest of Consolidated.

Consequently, it is in the interest of the Fortland Consolidated Railway Company that the amendment should be adopted, for then the company would have opportunity to secure new franchises on valuable streets without paying the city therefor, and to hold them exclusive against other companies. The life of the blanket franchises will run yet 27% years; therefore, should the 25-year limitation of the charter be suspended, the Portland Con-solidated could get a franchise whose dur-ation would be 2½ years longer than alowed by the charter.

Should the amendment be adopted, it will be possible to make the franchises cranted thereunder just as if dated back before the present charter, when the franchises were allowed to the City & Suburban Railway Company and the Portland Railway Company; for the amendment provides that franchizes granted under its terms "shall in all reets be deemed embodied in and an in tegral part of such grant, as though ex-pressly embodied in and made an integral part of the ordinance granting such

Blanket Franchise Extension.

The blanket franchises were granted under the old charter instead of the new, because the street-car companies desired more favorable terms than the new char-fer would have permitted. And now, by the proposed amendment, the new charter restrictions would avail no more than before the charter went into operation.

The ostensible purpose of the amendment is to facilitate franchise grants to car companies for track extensions not more than 1300 feet long, and for connect-ing tracks. Since the two big street-car systems were united, the consolidated company has desired to connect the tracks of the one with the tracks of the other in the business district, and to that end to lay tracks in streets now unoccupied. and here would come the hardest rub to the city. The consolidated company has almost a complete monopoly in the busi-ness district already; the amendment would open opportunity to make the monopoly more exclusive; for, by throwing exclusive tracks into new streets, the consolidated company could bar out com-

THE CARNIVAL OF VENICE

Kiralfy's Great "Trail" Attraction Is Now Ready for Opening Day.

When the gates of the Exposition are thrown open at noon Thursday the principal amusement enterprise within the grounds. Kiralty's wonderful spectacle, "The Carnival of Venice," will be complete and ready for the entertainment of the pleasurescekers. It is beyond ques-tion the greatest production of its kind ever seen in the United States and will pale into ineignificance "America" and "Louislana," hitherto the greatest ever attempted. The entire company of 500 noted performers has completed rehearsals and is awaiting the opening performance. It will be open day and night. General admission will be 25 cents, the greatest amusement bargain ever offered.

SPECIALS TODAY.

Ladies' white and linen color lawn shirtwaists, lace and embroidered yoke and front, worth \$1.75 and \$2, today \$8c. The \$1 and \$2.50 grades go for \$1.55. French kid gloves. \$1.50 and \$1.75. fitted and warranted today, Sic. Silk gloves, new hades, 5c grade today for 50c. See us oday for ribbons, sun umbrellas, silk ranted today, Sic. petticoats, silk coats, silk shirtwaist sults and jackets. McAllen & McDonnell, the store noted for best goods at lowest

SUNDAY TRIP ON COLUMBIA

Steamer Balley Gatzert makes the round trip to Cascade Locks next Sun-day. The Gatzert is the finest craft affont, Western waters. View the grand enery in comfort. Finest of meals wed. First-class band will discourse sweet music throughout the day. Land-ing and wharf foot of Alder street. Phone Main 94.

ON THE CLEAN LIST.

The School of Domestic Science has no gor my place on the clean list, but the ladies of Portland are invited to come and ere the finest meat market on the Coast.

Everything new. We don't ask you to purchase anything, just come and see what a modern meat market looks like.

Deery's, 13th and Jefferson.

CASCADES ON THE TRAIL

Greatest architectural and most beautiful attraction of the St. Louis World's Fair.

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Is sure and use that old and well-tried

In. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, for

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Meier & Frank Store's "Centennial Sale"

Store Closed Tomorrow

PORTLAND MUST SUPPLY HER EXPOSITION APPAREL TODAY





We are ready for another record-breaking days' business-In every department the service has been greatly increased; more salespeople, more cashiers, more cash boys and girls, more deliveries and the greatest stocks of merchandise on the Pacific Coast-This, combined with the phenomenal "Centennial Sale" bargains, is attracting to Portland's largest and best store an immense army of buyers-Today's special offerings are of great importance to thrifty buyers-At every turn matchless values in seasonable merchandise greet the store visitor-Never before has the mighty dollar gone as far as it will go here today-Every item worthy investigation-Merchandise Purchased Today on Credit Goes on June Account

\$2.50 Allover Embroideries 98c

1500 yards of beautiful English embroideries in dotted and other desirable effects for waists, trimmings, etc.; values up to 98c \$2.50 a yard on sale at this low price of, yard

3500 yards of Corset Cover Embroideries, all the newest and prettiest

French Underwear 1/4 Off

3000 pieces of high-class hand-embroidered French muslin Underwear, the prettiest pieces Paris has ever sent us-gowns, skirts, drawers, corset covers and chemise, beautiful styles in great assortment; choose tomorrow only, from the entire stock, at a reduction of 25 per cent from regular selling prices. June brides 1/4 Off should anticipate their needs at this saving......

Corset Covers

200 dozen cambrie-Corset Covers, lace and embroidery trim-med, clusters of tucks, insertions, ribbons, etc., all sizes; best 40c values in great variety at the low price of 25¢

Drawers 23cPr.

100 dozen cambric Drawers, hemstitched and lace trimmed styles, big, full sizes, well made, The best 35c values ever sold are yours today at 23¢

WOMEN'S VESTS 18c

100 dozen women's new lace lisle Vests in the very best style, low neck, no sleeves ribbon' and crochet trimmed, all sizes, marvelous value today

MEN'S SHIRTS

shirts, French plaited bosom, neat stripe effects, made of the finest quality cambric, all sizes; our best \$1.50 \$1.18

MEN'S TIES 37c

200 dozen men's new Four-in-Hand Ties, wide and medium styles, in pongees, changeable silk, figured silks, etc., very best patterns and colorings; our best 50c values on 37c sale today at, each...

\$6.75 Cut Glass Bowls 85.49

Cut Glas. Sugar and Creamer, very best cuts; 8:00 value, for \$6.38 this sale, pair.

Cut Glass Sugar and Creamer, best cut; \$1.50 value, for this \$3.79 sale, pair.

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GAS STOVES \$4.75

Special lot of 30 Gas Stoves with oven, good model for light housekeeping; regular \$6.25 value on sale to-Gas Plates in all sizes and

grades at the lowest prices. NAPKINS 3c EACH

2000 fringed white Napkins and Doilies, all are slightly mussed from being used in window decorations, sizes 15x15 inches; greatest value 3c ever offered at, each 3c

CHILDREN'S HATS

200 children's fine white Milan Straw Hats, trimmed with gros grain ribbon; best and most serviceable styles for children; regular \$2.25 values

500 Comforters \$1.49 Ea.

500 Silkoline Covered Comforters, full size, white cotton filled, very h patterns and colorings; every one in the lot regular \$2.00 \$1.49 value, your choice at the low price of

"Cheneys" \$1.25 Foulards 89c

1200 yards of "Cheneys" famous Foulard Silk, the best America produces, 24 inches wide, dots and figures in all the leading colors and combinations, desirable for waists, suits, dresses, etc; a special purchase enables us to offer the regular \$1.25 grade for, yard 89¢

\$10 to \$40 Trimmed Hats 1/2-Price

Choose tomorrow from our entire stock of high-class pattern Hats, imported and domestic models, in all the newest shapes and trimmings, beautiful creations from the foremost artists of Europe and America; regular prices range from \$10.00 up to \$40.00 4 Half-Price each. Bargains extraordinary for today at

Cut Glass Water Bottles— \$5.19
\$6.50 values for \$3.70
Cut Glass Gil or Vinegar Bottles: regular S values \$2.49
6-inch Cut Glass Napples \$1.46

WomensNeckwear

Washable Embroidery Stocks in a

big variety of good styles, regular 35c values, on sale for, each. 19¢

Cream Net Lace Ties, wide and nar-

row effects, two-yard lengths with

flowered ends, 35c to 50c values,

Tab Stock Ties, embroidered in light

blue and white; 65e values for 39c

Narrow Embroidery and Linen Lawn

fagotted Turnovers; special lot of

10e to 25e values, for4¢

Knit Underwear

Women's low-neck, sleeveless Swiss ribbed Vests, fancy stitched, in allisizes; great special value to 27c day at each.
Women's Jersey-ribbed bleached lisle Pants, umbrella style, lacetrimmed, 56c values, pair. 39c for dozen women's white ribbed Vests, high neck and long sleeves; nicely finished; all sizes; great special 18c value at

Volue at Vomen's imported Swiss ribbed Vests, high neck long sleeves; pure white; 85c value, for low price of . 59c

50c LACES 25c

on yards of Valenciennes Laces and Insertions, pretty patterns: values up to 5be dozen yards, for, 25c dozen yards

40c EMBROIDERIES 19c YD.

. . \$14.43

\$18 Cut Glass Bowls.

25c RIBBONS 14c

3000 yards of all pure silk taffeta and satin taffeta Ribbons, 31/2 inches wide, black, white and all the leading shades; regular 20c and 25c values on sale at the low price of, yard 14¢

WASH BELTS 15c

50 dozen white pique and duck wash Belts, fancy designs in blue, white and red stitching, gilt and nickel buckles, all sizes; great special value at the

50c VEILINGS 38c

5000 yards Tuxedo net black dotted veilings, also plain black meshes, big variety of styles; regular 50e values on sale totoday at this low price, yard

OXFORDS \$1.39 PR.

500 pairs of women's Oxford Ties, black and tan viei kid, all sizes; the greatest shoe value ever offered at \$1.39 J. & T. Cousins' Tan Oxfords, new shipments just received, pair \$3.50 and \$4.00

SILK GLOVES 39c

1000 pairs of all pure silk Gloves, 2-clasp style in black and white only, sizes up to 612; grand special value at the

25c 'KERCHIEFS 15c

200 dozen women's fine Swiss embroidered . Handkerehiefs, signs; regular 25-

hemstitched and embroidered borders, Teneriff and floral desale for, each

\$28 Tailored Suits \$21.25

Great special lot of Women's Tailored Suits in jacket, blouse and eton styles-Panama cloths, voiles, serges, Sicilians and shepherd worsteds-This season's very best models in brown, black, green, tan, grays and checks-Every suit handsomely made and finished-Skirts of the latest fashion-The lot includes

our best \$26 and \$28 garments-Your choice today at the exceptionally low price of, each

New long coat homespun suits \$15.00 to \$35.00

June Wedding Gifts at Very Low Prices

Sterling Sliver Cream Ladles, assorted patterns; 2.25 values for \$1.73 this sale
Sterling Sliver Barry Spoons, French gray finish; \$5.00 value, for \$4.13

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Chafing Dishes, fancy handles, best burner: regular \$9.50 value. \$7.50
Chafing Dish Trays, with or without handles; \$2.50 values (base- \$1.79

\$11 Shirred Yoke Skirts \$4.55

100 of the new shirred yoke Skirts on sale today at a wonderfully low price, --alpacas, plain or barred etamines, granite cloths and serges; colors are champagne, tan, grays, black, white, brown and checks; regular \$11.00

Our showing of Silk Shirtwaist Suits is the largest and best in the city, every new, pretty style in all grades from \$18.00 up to \$50.00 - Second Floor.

150,000 Towels at Sale Prices

Supply your Summer towel needs this week and the saving

will surprise you-150,000 towels, face towels, bath tow-

els, damask towels, etc., towels of all sizes and grades

marked at tempting prices - Housewives, hotel and board-

inghouse-keepers should buy liberally of these offerings

Great Sale of Refrigerators--Basem't

Towels, red border, each.....

400 dozen bleached Union Huck Towels, 17x32 Inches

200 dozen blenched Cotton Huck Towels, fringed, 17x35 inches, great

400 dozen bleached Union Huck Towels, 20x28 inches, 20c values, for, each. 12c

S different styles of Wash Cloths, all nemmed, ready for use, great value 4c

at each
At each
At each
Cour best 25c values
All Toweling at the lowest prices. Table

. 10c

\$1.75 Lawn Waists 98c A great special purchase of 2000 women's Lawn Waists arrived just in time to take part in the "Centennial Sale"-The grandest bargain in new waists you have ever had the opportunity to buy so early in the season-Handsome lawn waists with round or square yoke, trimmed in lace embroidery or tucks, also white with black polka dots-A

great assortment for your choosing-All sizes and every waist is 980

FAIRY SOAP 35c DOZEN 1000 cakes of the famous Fairy Soap—"It floats." Buy all you want at the low price of, dozen cakes Lewis and Clark and Oregon Souvenir Spoons, in great assortment, \$1.00 values... 69c 160 dozen men's Golf Shirts in Madras Cloths and plain blue, tan and navy Cnambrays all sizes; marvelous yalue at this low 59c Men's Negligee Shirts in Pongee color wash fabric, attached collar, regular \$1 values. 89c 100 dozen men's Golf Shirts, in Madras and Oxford Cloths, new fancy stripes, all sizes; regular 73c

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RIBBON SALE

4000 yards of all pure silk Ribbons in satin taffeta, taffeta wavp-print polka-dots and fancy stripe! Ribbons, 3 to 4½ inches wide best 25c and 25c values; a great variety of feading styles at. 18c yard. 18c white and all leading siages, 4 inches wide, suitable for neckwear, girdles, etc., 35c 21c 65c fancy polka-dot and warp-print Ribbons, new and pretty designs, 4 to 5 inches wide, grand 48c Oregon Souvenir Books, Best 16c 25c book on the market... 16c

PICNIC GROCERIES LOW PRICED—Phone Private Ex. 4

Vienna Sausage, can 10e
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Helnz Chow Chow 30e
McLaren's Cheese, 2 jars 30e
Mipo Olives bottle 25e
Underwood's Deviled Ham 15e, 25e
Lunch Tongue, can 25e
Nur Butter, cap 25e
Nur Butter, cap 25e
Underda Biscuit, pkg 5e
Hunt Club Wafers, pkg 10e

Boys' Wash Suits

Boys' washable Sallor Suits, crash and blue-scriped Ducks, ages 5 to 19 years; the greatest Wash Suit value ever offered 98c at suit

Beys' washable Russian Blouse Suits in plain blue and pink-striped effects, also pink Chambrays, ages 2'2 to 6 years; \$1.19

Bogs, washable Knee Pants, crash, plain and striped ducks, ages 2 to 15 years; 25c great values at this low price, pair ... 25c great values at this low price, pair. 25c

Boys' washable Knee Pants in linens and neavy crasnes; also white duck: ages 3 to 15 years, at the low price of, pr. 50c

Boys' Khaki Suits, long trousers, plain milliary style, 2 to 14 years. \$1.25

Same as above in Nurfolk styles, suit. \$1.50

Young men's White Duck Trousers at very low prices. Second floor.

Boys washable Suits, sallor blouse styles, striped Chambrays, combination collar and shield, ages 3 to 10 years; special \$1.39

Boys' washable Kills, crash with red and blue trimming, 2-to-a years, \$1.25 value, at the low price of.

Russian Blouse Suits, in alue or pink striped Chambrays and cheviots, white duck trimmed, ages 24 to 8 years, \$2.25 \$1.89



Special lot of new Leather Handbags in black brown and tans, very latest styles in walrus leather, oxidized, gold and nickel frames, feather handles, fitted with puras and cardcase; great special 'Centeminal Saie at \$1.25 Extra special value in Women's Leather Handbags this season's improved styles in brown and black, some with triple frames; regular \$1.25 yalues. 83c on saie at low price of lock, white and colors, platfed girdle designs; unusually good values at this low price.

Buster Brown' Belts, all rivies and sizes, each, 30c to 15c New Sain and Taffets Silk Belts in exclusive styles, targe assortment \$1.25 to select from at this price, each 15c New Sain and Taffets Silk Belts in exclusive styles, targe assortment \$1.25 to select from at this price, each 15c New Sain and Taffets Silk Belts in exclusive styles, targe assortment \$1.25 to select from at this price, each 15c New Sain and Taffets Silk Belts in exclusive styles, targe assortment \$1.25 to select from at this price, each 15c New Sain and Taffets Silk Belts in exclusive styles targe assortment \$1.25 to select from at this price, each 15c New Sain and Taffets Silk Belts in exclusive styles targe assortment \$1.25 to select from at this price, each 15c New Sain and Taffets Silk Belts in exclusive styles targe assortment \$1.25 to select from at this price, each 15c New Sain and Taffets Silk Belts in exclusive styles targe assortment \$1.25 to select from at this price, each 15c New Sain and Taffets Silk Belts in exclusive styles targe assortment \$1.25 to select from at this price targe t

CURTAINS 25% OFF 500 pairs of Arabian Lace Cur-

fains in cluny, Marie Antoinette, Soutache and braided effects, very best patterns; values from \$3.50 up to \$6.50 a pair, your choice at 1/4 off.

HAMMOCKS \$1.59

200 new Hammocks, handsome colorings, canvas weave; big sizes, pillow, wide valance; all our regular \$2.00 values on today at\$1.59

CAMPSTOOLS

500 Folding Camp Stools, hardwood frames, canvas seat; they are worth 40e each, your choice today at, each......21¢.
Take one to the Fair Thursday.

\$2.50 SKIRTS \$1.59

Women's fine white cambric Petticoats, trimmed in two rows of Valenciennes lace insertion, extra ruffle on bottom of flounce edged with 4-inch Valenciennes lace; best \$2.50 values on sale for \$1.59

OUTING SUITS

100 men's \$12.50 Outing Suits in homespuns and figured tweeds, turn-up bottoms on pants, belt loops, etc., single or double-breasted coats, big variety, \$12.50 values for \$9.95

ROGERS "1847" WARE

Pie Servers, fancy patterns, \$1.75 values, for43¢ 50c Butter Knives for43¢ Rogers "1847" Pickle Forks, for Baking Dishes with fancy covers, medium .se: regular

PICNIC SUPPLIES

SALE OF WASH GOODS

20c Taffets Foulards, a pretty wash material: light, medium and dark offects, checks and dots and mixed patterns; grand special value, 215 yard.

Dotted Swiss Muil in all colors, flowered dots and mixed patterns; 12c Balance of our imported French Nets in all the leading shades, a very handsome fabric for evening or street wear; 5c value, yard. 29c be and 50c silk-striped Volles and Chiffon de Soles, all colors and a very handsome material for waists and shirtwaist suits; great value 34c

Sale of Hand Bags and Belts