

# MAY BE OUSTED FROM STREETS

### How the City Can Secure Revenue From the Corporations.

## REVOKE THE FRANCHISES

Then Issue New Ones for Which Reasonable Compensation May Be Required for Use of Streets of Portland.

**REVISION OF STREET FRANCHISES IN PORTLAND.**

Portland Gas, perpetual, granted 1850-1883.  
 Portland General Electric, perpetual, granted 1882-86-87-90-92.  
 Southern Pacific, perpetual, granted 1868-76-81-87-90.  
 O. R. & N., perpetual, granted 1851-87-95-99.  
 Northern Pacific Terminal, perpetual, granted 1882-88-99-1902.  
 Western Union Telegraph, perpetual, granted 1866.  
 American District Telegraph, perpetual, granted 1894.  
 Postal Telegraph, perpetual, granted 1867.  
 Portland Hydraulic Elevator, perpetual, granted 1882.  
 Portland Consolidated Railway, ends 1902, granted 1902-3.  
 Oregon Water Power & Railway, ends 1925-27-35, granted 1888-90-91-95-99-1902.  
 Oregon Traction (Hillsboro line), ends 1920, granted 1905.  
 Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph, ends 1927, granted 1902.  
 Home Telephone & Telegraph, ends 1920, granted 1905.  
 City Messenger & Delivery Co., ends 1925, granted 1904.

The nine franchises first named are perpetual in the sense that no time is fixed for their termination, but it is held by prominent attorneys that these grants can be terminated by the City Council except that the franchise of the gas company on the West Side would have to be revoked by the Legislature inasmuch as that body made the grant.

Of the 15 street franchises held by corporations in the City of Portland, nine were granted for an indefinite period, and return no compensation to the city for the use of the public streets. The six others, two of which are not yet in operation, will end between 22 and 27 years hence, and pay between \$7000 and \$8000 a year.

The perpetual franchises were granted by the Legislature and the City Council before the immense future value of the grants revealed itself. It used to be customary for the City Council to grant the "right and privilege of building and maintaining" car tracks or electric wires, or gas or water mains, without specifying any date for termination of such right and privilege. It is held by prominent legal authorities that such grants were in the nature of permits to use the public streets, revocable at the will of the power that made them.

**May Be Ousted.**

If this opinion be true, the following companies can be ousted from the streets by the City Council or compelled to take out new franchises: Portland General Electric Company, Southern Pacific, O. R. & N., Northern Pacific Terminal, Western Union Telegraph, American District Telegraph, Postal Telegraph, Portland Hydraulic Elevator and the Portland Gas, on the East Side. On the West Side, the gas company was granted a franchise in 1850 by the Legislature.

Should these franchises be compelled to take out new franchises, the city could make a thrifty turn by allowing new franchises which would yield revenue to the city and lessen the sums needed from direct taxation.

**New Permissions Granted.**

In the last three years the city has granted five franchises on terms that yield revenue to the city and fixed the life of the grants at a certain term of years. These are the street-car franchises of the Portland Consolidated Railway Company, the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company, the Oregon Traction Company and the telephone franchises of the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Company and the Home Telephone & Telegraph Company. The Consolidated Railway Company pays \$4000 a year, the Oregon Traction Company will pay \$1000 a year, and the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company last year paid \$1000. The Pacific States Telephone Company pays \$1000 a year, and the new company will pay a percentage of its gross earnings.

**Valuable Railway Franchises.**

Of the railroad franchises, the most valuable are those held by the Southern Pacific in Fourth street, and by the Northern Pacific Terminal Company in North Front street. These franchises, by their own provisions, are inalienable.

The franchise of the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company on Hawthorne avenue was granted in 1885 for a period of 20 years, and will end in 1905. On Madison street, its franchise will end in 1922, and on several East Side streets in 1927. Its franchise on Madison bridge was granted in 1891 for 30 years, or until 1921.

**Sheet Music**  
**Recital 2:30 to 5:30**

A recital of his latest compositions will be given by Mr. Glenn W. Ashleigh, the Chicago composer, in our Music Department—Third Floor—2:30 to 5:30 this afternoon. Among the new selections are "The Pioneers March," "Down the Trail," "Where Rolls the Oregon."

**Stationery**

Lewis and Clark Box Paper; best quality; satin finish, with a view of the Fair on each envelope and sheet. Regular 35c value. Per box ..... **25c**  
 Novelty Paper Outfits, for making paper flowers and candle-shades; complete outfit ..... **12c**  
 Pyrographic Outfits complete with rubber bulb, benzine and alcohol bottles, points, etc. .... **\$1.79**

**ALARM CLOCKS 98c**

Alarm Clocks ..... **98c**  
 Alert Alarm Clocks, sure to wake you up; Waterbury movement; fully guaranteed; \$1.25 value, at ..... **98c**

**Handkerchiefs**

Women's fine pure Irish Linen hemstitched, hand-embroidered Handkerchiefs; regular 50c; each ..... **39c**  
 Women's sheer Linen hemstitched Handkerchiefs, 1/8-in. and 1/4-in. hems, fine quality; our best 65c value ..... **49c**  
 Women's pure Irish Linen Handkerchiefs, hand-embroidered and Tenerife lace borders; new designs; our best \$1.00 values ..... **83c**  
 Extra special value in Women's fine Linen hand-embroidered Handkerchiefs; newest patterns; 75c values ..... **62c**

**FABRIC GLOVES.**

Complete stock of Silk and Fabric Gloves, in all the most desirable styles and shades. **\$4**  
 From, per pair, 25c to . . . **\$4**

**Basement Specials**

Asbestos Mats, each ..... **4c**  
 Scrubbing Brushes, each ..... **10c**  
 Clothes Wringers, each ..... **\$2.10**  
 Washboards, each ..... **27c**  
 Medium size galvanized Iron Wash Tubs for ..... **64c**  
 Clothes Pins for dozen ..... **12c**  
 12-in. Chopping Bowls ..... **34c**  
 Double Mincing Knife ..... **12c**  
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 2-pint nickel Teapots ..... **85c**  
 Potato Ricers, each ..... **21c**  
 19-qt. galvanized Pails ..... **18c**  
 Dover Egg Beaters, each ..... **8c**  
 Nickel Crumb Pan and Brush ..... **4c**

**UP THE COLUMBIA RIVER**

Most Delightful River Trip in the World Next Sunday.

Tourists and visitors should not fail to make the round trip to Cascade Locks this coming Sunday. Steamer "Bailey Gatzert" leaves Alder-street dock at 3 A. M., returning at P. M. Fine Sunday dinner served. Round trip \$1.50. Phone Main 911.

**BARGAINS TODAY.**

In ladies' lawn waists, undermuslins, knit underwear, gloves, ribbons, belts, sheets, pillowcases, bedspreads, curtains and pillows. McAllen & McDonnell, the store that has no competition.

**BUSINESS ITEMS.**

If Baby is Cutting Teeth, use our safe and reliable remedy, Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, for children's teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, cures all teething troubles and diarrhoea.

## The Meier & Frank Store The Meier & Frank Store The Meier & Frank Store The Meier & Frank Store

Out-of-Town Visitors Are Invited to Make Use of the Store Conveniences as Often as They Please—Phones, Waiting-Room, Parcels Checked Free of Charge—Information Bureau—The Best Place in the City for You to Do Your Shopping

Sole Portland Agents for "Ostermoor" Patent Elastic Felt Mattresses—Lowest Prices Principal Portland Agents for Butterick Patterns and Publications—July Delineator on Sale Trunks and Traveling Bags—Largest and Best Selected Stock on the Coast—Third Floor

### Today's Great 809th Friday Surprise Sale Offering

# \$9 Lace Waists \$4.55 Ea.



Today's superb value in women's Lace Waists will attract an enthusiastic throng of buyers—An advantageous deal with a prominent manufacturer made it possible for us to secure 200 of these beautiful Lace Waists at a very low price—As always, you are invited to share in our good fortune—200 Waists in the lot; three styles, white and ecru, small figured effects, allover nets and medallions and Venice lace insertion trimmed—Every waist of pretty style and desirable for street, dress or evening wear—Every Waist is silk lined—Sizes 34 to 42 inclusive—We expect there'll be a grand rush for them, so if you want one it will be wise to plan to be here bright and early—Reg. \$8.50 **\$4.55** and \$9 values—Choice today at this low price

See Fifth Street Window Display

Complete Showing of Bathing Suits for Women and Children

### \$3.00 Shoes \$2.08

## Tan Oxfords Patent Oxfords Vici Kid Oxfords

An unusual bargain in Women's Low Shoes for today—1000 pairs in the most desirable styles and leathers—all sizes and widths—every pair Johnson Bros.' best, \$3.00 values, including Tan Oxfords, Chocolate Oxfords, Lace and Blucher styles, Patent Colt Bluchers and Oxfords, Vici Kid, patent tip Bluchers and Oxfords; heavy and light soles. The best shoes value in town. Anticipate your Summer needs today at the wonderfully low price of **\$2.08** per pair. Mail orders will be promptly filled.

### Men's Summer Underwear 33c

Broken lines of Men's Summer Underwear, Shirts and Drawers in plain blue Balbriggan, Ecru Mesh, and fancy stripes. All good makes and nearly all sizes. 50c and 60c values on sale today at the special low price of, per garment ..... **33c**

Headquarters for Waiters' Supplies, Coats, Vests, Ties, Pants, etc.

### TODAY'S 809th FRIDAY SURPRISE SALE

# 75c Jap Silks 49c Yard



3000 yards of new Japanese Silks comprise a splendid bargain in our busy silk store for today—A great special purchase from a leading manufacturer in Kobe, Japan—You know the "Little Brown Men" know how to make silks as well as shoot straight—These silks are of fine quality, light, airy, stylish for Summer gowns, waists, kimonos, etc.—12 styles for your choosing. Black ground with white dot; white ground with red, green, black, pink, turquoise, light blue or navy dots—Every yard a 75c value—All you want today **49c** at low prices of, yd. **49c**

See 5th-St. Window Display—Mail Orders Promptly Filled

### Bathroom Supplies Low Priced

Nickle Plated Tooth Brush Holders for, each ..... **12c**  
 Nickle Plated Glass Holders, 8c; 25c values, each ..... **19c**  
 Nickle Plated Whisk Broom Holders, each ..... **8c**  
 Nickle Plated Toilet Paper Holder, 25c values, each ..... **19c**  
 Nickle Plated Towel Bars, 15-inch, 45c values, each ..... **38c**  
 Nickle Plated Towel Bars, 18-inch, 50c values, each ..... **43c**  
 Nickle Plated Soap Dishes for bath tub, each ..... **43c**

Mirrors for bath room at special low prices:  
 10x17 inch, oak frame, regular \$1.25 value, each ..... **98c**  
 9x12 inch, ebony finish, regular 90c values, each ..... **76c**

Complete stock of Bath Room Fixtures of every description at the lowest prices—Basement.

### June Sale Women's Hosiery

Four grand special values in Women's Hosiery for Friday shoppers—Your Summer hosiery needs can be supplied at a big saving—Come early and take your choice

Women's fine cotton Hose; high spliced heel; guaranteed absolutely fast black; extra good 35c values; all sizes ..... **25c**  
 Women's lace lisle Hose; fast color; spliced heel and toe; all over lace and boot patterns or lace ankles; all sizes; best 50c values; pr. .... **39c**  
 Women's fine lisle thread Hose, embroidered; fast color; all sizes; 75c values for ..... **50c**  
 Misses' Brilliant Black Lisle Thread Hose; all sizes; regular 50c values for ..... **35c**

### Women's Neckwear Bargains Today

Women's Heavy Linen Buster Brown, Turnover Collars ..... **26c**  
 of Eyelet Embroidery, 50c values at this low price. ....  
 Women's White Pique Stocks, crepe de chine and taffeta ties, assorted colors, regular 75c values; on sale today at ..... **48c**  
 Hand-Embroidered Dutch Collars, three and four inches in depth, with buttonhole scallops; great value ..... **53c**  
 Net Lace Jabot Stocks and Colored Silk Stocks trimmed with steel beads; very pretty styles for Summer wear ..... **49c**  
 Silk Automobile Scarfs; \$1.00 and \$1.25 values for ..... **89c**

### TOMORROW WE WILL SELL

## Men's \$4.00 Tan Oxfords \$2.95

Great Saturday Sale of 300 pairs of Men's Tan Russia-Calf Blucher styles; regular \$3.50 and \$4.00 Oxfords; 5 1/2 to 11; very best values at the special low price, pair ..... **\$2.95**

Men's Patent Colt Blucher and Lace Oxfords, all sizes; \$3.50 and \$4.00 values at, per ..... **\$2.95**

500 pairs of Men's \$3.50 and \$4.00 Shoes in Patent Corona Calf, Eskimo and Box Calf; all sizes and widths. This season's very best styles. Unequaled values, for tomorrow only at this ..... **\$2.95**

Extra sales-people insure prompt attention.

### Ribbon Specials for Today

Pure Silk Ribbons, Satin Mousseline, Taffeta and Fancy Plaids; 4 to 5 inches wide; suitable for neck ribbons and millinery purposes; regular 35c values; on sale for, yd. .... **21c**  
 New Shaded Striped Ribbons, five inches wide; all silk Moire ribbons; all silk Ombre and Shaded Ribbons; beautiful combinations; greatest display in the city, yard ..... **50c**  
 All Pure Silk Taffeta and Satin Taffeta Ribbons; three inches wide; values 20c and 25c a yard; grand values, yard ..... **14c**

### All of Our High-Grade

## Lingerie Waists Are Reduced

Our entire stock of high-class Lingerie Waists on sale at greatly reduced prices. French, English and Spanish embroidered effects, tucked or lace trimmed; magnificent styles; the daintiest and prettiest Summer and Dress Waists we have ever shown—\$ 9.00 Waists reduced to, each ..... **\$ 7.75**  
 12.00 Waists reduced to, each ..... **10.85**  
 14.00 Waists reduced to, each ..... **12.25**  
 15.00 Waists reduced to, each ..... **13.25**  
 16.50 Waists reduced to, each ..... **14.45**  
 18.00 Waists reduced to, each ..... **15.75**  
 21.00 Waists reduced to, each ..... **17.45**  
 22.50 Waists reduced to, each ..... **18.45**  
 24.00 Waists reduced to, each ..... **20.25**  
 25.00 Waists reduced to, each ..... **21.00**  
 40.00 Waists reduced to, each ..... **32.50**  
 \$58 Waists reduced to **\$49.50** \$60 Waists reduced to **\$51.00**

### Cut Glass

8-inch handsomely cut Bowl; regular \$5.00 value ..... **\$4.13**  
 Cut glass Jelly or Bon-Bon Dishes on Stand; \$9.50 value ..... **\$7.89**  
 Cut glass Nappies, 8-inch sizes; regular \$4.50 value ..... **\$3.89**  
 Silver plated Nut Bowls, French gray finish; \$4.50 value ..... **\$3.89**  
 Medium size Fern Dishes, French gray finish; regular \$5.50 value; on sale for ..... **\$4.78**

Basement.

### Bargains in Mussed Handkerchiefs

Great special lot of Women's and Children's Embroidered Hemmed, Stitched Lawn Handkerchief, used in window display. All are slightly mused; to clean them up quickly we marked them as follows:

Regular 8c Values for the Low Price of 4c Each  
 Regular 12 1/2c Values for Low Price of 6c Each

50 dozen Women's Fine Embroidered Handkerchiefs, hemstitched and scalloped borders; regular 20c and 25c values; on sale at the low price of ..... **12 1/2c**

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### Book Specials

Stein Toast Book, in leather (paper 25c) ..... **75c**  
 500 copies of "My Mother's" Cook Book, each ..... **30c**  
 Peck's Bad Boy Abroad, new edition, per copy ..... **75c**  
 New "Alger" Books for Boys, 200 titles, per copy ..... **35c**  
 New "Mead" Books for Girls, special value, per copy ..... **50c**  
 DICTIONARY STANDS—Great special low price! Adjustable Dictionary Stand; well made and finished; great value at ..... **\$2.99**

### Trimmed Hats at One-Fourth Off



Choose from our entire stock of Trimmed Millinery at 25 per cent reduction from the regular selling prices—Every Hat of new, up-to-date style; White Hats and Colored Hats; every new shape and trimming; Dress Hats—Greatest showing in the city—Imported and domestic creations—Tailored Hats, Walking Hats, Duck and Pique Hats, Turbans, Maxine Elliotts, Polo Hats, Gainsborough Hats, Novelty Shapes—Paris, New York and London creations—Hats from our own workrooms—Every Trimmed Hat in stock is included—Not one in reserve—Values up to \$40 each—Your choice today **1/4 Off** and tomorrow at.....

### Specials in Housekeeping Linens

100 dozen Bleach Cotton Huck Towels, size 17x36 inches; great special value at this low price ..... **7c**  
 50 dozen Union Linen Huck Towels, hemmed, 32 inches long; matchless value at this low price ..... **10c**  
 100 dozen Union Linen Huck Towels, 40 inches long; marvelous value at this low price ..... **12c**  
 90c grade of Bleached Table Damask, full 72 inches wide; best patterns, great value at, yard ..... **72c**  
 \$1.50 grade Bleached Table Damask, 72 inches wide; great assortment of good patterns, yard ..... **\$1.20**  
 \$2.00 grades Satin Damask Table Napkins, 21x21 inches; best patterns, grand value, dozen ..... **\$1.55**  
 Hemmed White Marseilles Bedspreads, for large double-sized beds; best patterns; each ..... **\$2.05**  
 Satin Marseilles Bedspreads, fringed; colors, pink, blue, red, yellow; regular \$3.50 grades; each ..... **\$2.68**

### Wilton Rugs at Special Prices

100 Wilton Velvet Rugs in beautiful colorings, Oriental or floral designs; size 36x63 inches; regular \$3.50 values; sale for ..... **\$2.47**

100 Wilton Velvet Rugs, in attractive designs, Oriental and floral, immense assortment, size 27x54 inches; regular \$3.00 values, on sale for ..... **\$1.68**

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Great Sale of Men's Outing Suits for today and tomorrow: 200 men's outing suits in fancy tweeds, fancy chevots, homespuns. Big variety of patterns; coats are skeleton lined; trousers with belt-loops and turn-up bottoms; suits the exclusive clothier asks you \$18.00 for; our price ..... **\$11.85**

Men's Blue Serge Suits; single and double-breasted styles; the styles and quality you would expect to pay \$18.00 for at the exclusive clothing store. Our sale price is ..... **\$11.85**

Men's Dusters in linen, serge, khaki materials; all the best styles and sizes; each, \$1.00 up to ..... **\$12.50**

Immense line of Men's Fancy Washable Vests in all the leading styles at prices from, each, \$1.25 to ..... **\$4.00**

Headquarters for Men's Panama Hats—All the newest blocks; prices from **\$3.65 to \$15.00** each.

Men's White Flannel Trousers, for **\$5.50** per pair.

### "Hawes" Hat Agency

Complete stock of the celebrated "Hawes" Hats for Men—See how they are made in the Manufacturers Building at the Lewis and Clark Fair. It's one of the most interesting exhibits on the grounds and illustrates the care and time given the construction of every "Hawes" Hat.

### Drug Sundry Bargains Today

Fairbanks Glycerine Tar Soap, an excellent remedy for diseases of skin and scalp; great value, per cake ..... **3c**  
 Tavern or Guest-Room Soap; a fine milled Toilet Soap; none better for hotel purposes; per dozen ..... **25c**  
 "Purity" Olive Castile Soap; absolutely free from grease; adapted for delicate skins; three cakes in box; per box ..... **19c**  
 "Jewett" Toilet Paper; 12,000 sheets of the best tissue, 89c; for 100 rolls ..... **\$2.49**  
 15c Toilet Soap, 9c per cake. Eastman's Perfumes, 8c per bottle. Pompeian Massage Cream, 33c. Sapolin Furniture Polish, 16c.

### Toy Dept.

6-ball Hardwood Croquet Sets, our reg. \$1.15 value, for this sale only at, 80c  
 Special lot of "Victor" Baseball Bats, 50c value ..... **29c**  
 The official "Victor" League Ball, 50c value ..... **29c**  
 Four-Passenger Lawn Swings; hand-handsomely finished, strongly built; \$12.00 value for ..... **\$9.00**  
 Two-Passenger Lawn Swings; \$6.00 value ..... **\$4.00**  
 \$6.00 Lawn Swings; great special value at ..... **\$4.00**