FAVORS GRANTING THREE FRANCHISES

Council Committee Would Give All Applicants the Opportunity.

LOW TOLL RATE IS FIXED

Vaughn Alone Votes Against Giving Light and Power Companies the Right to Do Business in Portland.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE TAKES ACTION.

Six of the seven members of the streets committee of the Council, at a special meeting yesterday decided to report favorably upon a plan fixing the compensation to the city on the franchises asked for by the Cascade Power Company, Banfield-Veysey Fuel Company and Mount Hood Electric Company, at ½ of 1 per cent on the gross income for the first five years; ¾ of 1 per cent for the next ten years, and 1 per cent for the remaining ten years. It is claimed this represents an interest of from 6 to 8 per cent on the net income of the corporations. Chairman Vaughn, the sole Democrat in the body, and recognized as Mayor Lane's personal representative, sought to uphold the rates imposed by the Executive Board, and will offer a minority report. Representatives of the franchise-seeking corporations threatened to withdraw their applications if the Executive Board's figures prevailed, claiming that they were prohibitive in character.

The majority of the committee also favored revoking all repealable franchises and placing their present holders on the same footing with those seeking to compete with them, this condition applying with equal force to the Portland Gas Company.

The sentiment of the majority was strongly in favor of offering every encouragement to those seeking to break up the present local gas monopoly.

Contending that new franchises which are to be granted by the city should not be compelled to pay heavy tolls on gross earnings, while old franchises with which they shall have to compete are exempt from all such charges, the street committee of the Council yesterday ignored the recommendation of the Mayor's Executive Board for heavy tolls on new public-service corporations, by recommending passage of three franchises at a much lower rate of compensation for the city than advised by the board—two of them for electric light and power service, and one for steam-heating service.

The electric companies are the Cascade Power Company and the Mount Hood Electric Company, and the steam-heating company is the Banfield-Veysey Company.

The committee considered the high-toll plan as devised to protect franchised monopolies, which pay no tariff to the city, from the competition of new grants, by keeping applicants for new franchises out of the field and by imposing on new public-service ventures burdens not now borne by the old franchises.

The action of the Council committee has an important bearing on the present gas monopoly, inasmuch as when it shall come to recommending passage of a new gas franchise, it will refuse to exact the high tolls advised by the Executive Board, for the reason that the present monopoly pays no money of that sort to the city, and the high tolls would perpetuate the gas graft by discouraging a new gas venture, such being the real purpose, in the opinion of the committee, of the Executive Board.

The Portland General Electric Company was also concerned in the committee's action yesterday, because the two new grants as recommended, might come into competition with its monopoly, but, on account of the fact that there is no hostility toward that company at present, the electric company was considered in an essentially different manner than the gas company will be.

A strong sentiment prevailed also among most of the members in favor of repealing every repealable franchise now existing, and putting them on an equal footing with the new ones. The most pronounced opposition was apparent against handicapping any enterprise that aimed a blow at monopoly, and this feature was in striking contrast to the attitude assumed by the ones known to be in sympathy with the Lane administration.

Vaughn Stands Alone.

Councilman Vaughn unsuccessfully fought every effort to cut the Executive Board rates of compensation, and his attempt to impose a toll of 1 per cent on the gross income of the corporations for the first five years; 2 per cent for the next ten years and 3 per cent for the remainder of the terms of existence, was equally futile.

At the outset Martin C. Banfield, president of the Banfield-Veysey Fuel Company, one of the applicants, appeared before the committee and announced a desire to withdraw the application of his corporation if there was any intention to adopt the Executive Board rates. He was followed by W. M. Davis and S. C. Spencer, for the Cascade Power Company, each of whom spoke in similar vein. All contended that the adoption of the rates of toll prescribed by Mayor Lane's Executive Board would have the effect of keeping capital out of the city.

Nottingham Makes Statement.

C. W. Nottingham, on behalf of the Mount Hood Electric Company, stated that his company would go ahead whether the franchise was granted or not, although it was a question whether they would come into the city, intimating that they might stop on the outskirts and sell power to the Portland General Electric Company. He contended further that the Mount Hood people have been at work on their enterprise during the past four years and that the rates established by the Executive Board would put them out of business.

Mr. Banfield declared that the gross earnings of his company last year aggregated about $325,000, of which practically 88 1-7 per cent was consumed in operating and other expenses, leaving the balance net. He thought the gross earnings of the new company would amount to between $750,000 and $1,000,000 annually, or equivalent to the full amount of increased capitalization. The net result would be about the same ratio as the operation of the present plant, he said.

Councilman Vaughn admitted that his knowledge on the subject was limited and pleaded for time in which to investigate the matter. Somebody asked him if this was the case, why he had favored submitting any rates whatsoever, his reply being that perhaps after scrutinizing the proposition more closely he might be in favor of going as low as or even lower than a majority of the committee, but at present he confessed that he was in the dark.

Given Confidential Figures.

Councilman Masters stated that he had been given confidential figures of local concerns and was satisfied the lower tariff suggested was all the business of any new enterprise would stand.

W. M. Davis made a vicious attack upon Vaughn's position, in the course of which he taunted him with belonging to a party that claimed to stand for the rights of the people, and that the Councilman, by his attitude, was striking a blow that aimed at a vital interest of the public—the right to encourage competition.

After much more argument, a motion to recommend the low rate of compensation for the city was adopted by the following vote: Ayes—Annand, Keilaher, Masters, Menefee, Wallace, Wills. No—Vaughn.

Steps That May Be Taken.

Even in case the Council at its meeting tonight should decide to recommend the passage of ordinances granting the franchises, under the charter they would have to be advertised in full at least 20 days before final passage, and the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the Councilmen are required to pass such measures. Mayor Lane would unquestionably veto them all, in which event the ordinances granting the franchises could only be passed over his head by a four-fifths vote of all the members of the Council.

CHINESE NEW YEAR.

Almond-Eyed Residents Are Celebrating—Have Big Jollification.

Several thousand almond-eyed natives of the Orient, now in Portland, are happy as happy can be, as for them the New Year has just arrived. To the celestial the advent of the New Year is of as much importance as the Fourth of July is to the average American. Practically all of the several thousand Chinese are resting today, recovering from the good times of last night, when they ushered in the New Year with the usual celebration.

Just before the hour of midnight all was quiet along Second street. Then when the long-anticipated hour arrived Second street suddenly became the scene of a great carnival. It might be compared to a sham battle, such as was held at the Lewis and Clark Exposition last Summer, from the terrific noise that ensued. Immense firecrackers and Chinese bombs were exploded in rapid succession by the hundreds of celestials who swarmed into the street. Strings of firecrackers were suspended across the street in many places and when the New Year arrived these were set off, producing a noise not unlike a small battery of rapid-fire guns. Men, women and children thronged the sidewalks throwing confetti at each other.

For fully half an hour the celebration continued until the Chinese exhausted their supply of fireworks. Then they flocked into the joss houses, where they had a general good time. Following this they went to the restaurants, where they held big feasts which did not break up until an early hour this morning. Second street is lavishly decorated with Chinese lanterns and streamers which are strewn along all the buildings.

The celebration will continue from five to 15 days, and is limited only by the size of the purse of the celebrant. Many outside Chinese are now in Portland, coming from all parts of the Northwest to take part in the festivities. Very little work will be done by them the next week or so, and the Chinese will loaf about Second street enjoying themselves.

DR. M'CAULEY'S FUNERAL

He Is Buried With the Honors of the Masonic Order.

The funeral of the late Dr. S. D. McCauley, an Oregon pioneer and prominent physician, who died in Ellensburg, Wash., was held yesterday afternoon from St. David's Episcopal Church, East Twelfth and Belmont streets. Rev. George B. Van Waters, D. D., rector, officiated at this service, and there was a large attendance of the relatives and friends of the family. C. E. West, W. H. Fayle, W. Nash, Dr. E. E. Cable, Dr. E. H. Parker and J. H. Richmond were the pallbearers. After the services in the church Washington Lodge No. 46, A. F. & A. M., took charge, and the interment in Lone Fir Cemetery was with the rites of the Masonic order, of which he was a member.

Dr. McCauley came to Oregon July 22, 1865, 40 years ago, having come by water by way of the Isthmus of Panama. He first settled at McMinnville, in Yamhill County, and afterward moved to Salem, graduating from the medical department of the Willamette University in 1868. He practiced his profession with success at Salem and Portland for several years. In 1887 he moved to Seattle, and finally to Ellensburg, Wash., where he continued till his death, which occurred Sunday, January 21, at the age of 65 years. Although weak through bodily afflictions, Dr. McCauley's mind remained clear to the end. During his long residence in Oregon he was the friend and associate of the prominent men of the old school of the state, respected for his high character by all who met him. He is survived by a daughter and son—Mrs. J. R. N. Sellwood, of Portland, and Dr. J. C. McCauley, of Ellensburg, Wash. Marion R. McCauley, of Lebanon, Or., was a brother. There were four grand-children and one-great-grandchild.

SHIRT SALE.

We have just secured from the great manufacturing house of Fleischner, Mayer & Co. over 500 dozen of the celebrated Mount Hood shirts for men and boys in soft, golf and fancy French percale, for less than cost of material. Shirts worth $1.50 for 50 cents; shirts worth 75 cents and $1.00 for 35 cents; shirts worth 50 cents for 25 cents. Thousands to select from. Come and see.

M'ALLEN & M'DONNELL,
Corner Third and Morrison.

Scatters Checks in Flight.

Two checks for $21.80 each, one certificate of deposit for $150, a coat and a pair of trousers, were thrown from a buggy attached to a runaway horse belonging to W. Messer at Twelfth and Lovejoy streets yesterday afternoon. Policemen, pedestrians and small boys took up the chase after the running horse, and on the road gathered up the clothes and checks. The horse finally stopped of its own accord. The checks were returned safely to their owner.

Great Destruction of Cotton.

JACKSON, Miss., Jan. 23.—The Mississippi cotton compress burned today with 3500 bales of cotton. Loss, $750,000.

DELIGHTFUL NEWPORT.

Splendid Weather at This Popular Pacific Coast Resort.

Delightful in every particular is the weather at Newport, and the Southern Pacific and the Corvallis & Eastern railroads have resumed their cheap rates to this place for the Winter. Particulars by asking at Third and Washington streets, Portland.

Sole Portland Agents for "Ostermoor" Patent Elastic Felt Mattresses—Third Floor
Trunks and Traveling Bags—Largest and Best Selected Stock on the Coast—Third Floor

The Meier & Frank Store

¾-Length Coats at ½ Price

Portland's Leading Cloak and Suit Store is offering exceptional bargains in Women's Winter Coats—¾-length, tight-fitting styles in tan coverts, gray tweeds and fancy mixtures, also black broadcloths and kerseys—This season's very best garments in all sizes and grades—Take your choice at

$12 Coats for $ 6.00 Each—$14 Coats for $ 7.00 Each
$16 Coats for $ 8.00 Each—$18 Coats for $ 9.00 Each
$24 Coats for $12.00 Each—$30 Coats for $15.00 Each
$32 Coats for $16.00 Each—$34 Coats for $17.00 Each

Our entire stock of women's high-grade velvet Suits in eton, box and jacket styles on sale at one-half regular prices. Handsomely trimmed with fancy gimp and braid; green, red, navy, black and brown; very rich street costumes.

$32 values $16.45—$34 values $17.25—$45 values $22.85

Special lots of women's Suits at less than one-half regular prices.
$25.00 Tailored Suits for...$11.45 $18.00 Suits for...$7.45

Women's Evening Apparel at ⅓ Off

All our high-class Costumes and wraps suitable for all occasions on sale at one-third off regular prices. Magnificent creations in silk, lace, velvet and broadcloth. The best imported and domestic garments. Women having apparel needs for the opera season will do well to investigate the very unusual bargains we are offering in all the very latest modes. Second Floor.

High-class Evening Waists at low clearance sale prices.
Dress Skirts and Silk Petticoats at low clearance sale prices.

Men's 50c Neckwear for 19c Each

Great special sale of 200 dozen men's all-silk Four-in-Hands; reversible and French fold; 2½ inches wide; also 1½-inch reversible four-in-hands and teeks; immense variety of new patterns in light and dark colorings; every tie 50c value; buy all you want at, each.....19c

Entire stock of men's Umbrellas at the following splendid reductions:
$1.00 Umbrellas for.....79¢ $1.50 Umbrellas for.....95¢ $1.75 Umbrellas for....$1.29
$2.00 Umbrellas for....$1.39 $2.50 Umbrellas for...$1.79 $3.00 Umbrellas for....$2.29

Men's Norfolk and New Brunswick fine Vicuna wool Underwear; shirts and drawers in all sizes; finely made and finished; best $1.50 values on sale at the low price of.....$1.19
Men's wool ribbed Underwear; pink, blue and gray; best $1.00 values on sale for.....73¢
Men's $1.00 flannelette Nightshirts; best patterns; all sizes at the low price of, each.....63¢
Men's Hosiery, Handkerchiefs, Neckwear, Suspenders, etc., at low clearance sale prices.

Women's Neckwear at Special Prices

Styles the best—Qualities the best—Bargains the best you ever had the opportunity to share in—Take advantage

Heavy white lace Circular Cape Collars; three designs; seven to ten inches deep; also linen cut work and pique sailor collars for Peter Thompson suits; very handsome styles; reg. $1, $1.25 for.....49¢

Coat Rever Sets with wide cuffs; sheer linen eyelet embroidered in mercerized cotton; also heavy blind embroidered effects; regular $1.75 and $2.00 values on sale for.....$1.19

Silk Crochet Shawls and Head Scarfs trimmed with lace edgings; cream and white; regular $1.25 values for.....69c

New line of Buster Brown Ties; navy and white, black and white Shepherd plaids; four sizes of checks and dots in best colors, each..22¢

White washable dickies for surplice waists; machine hemstitching; val and mechlin lace-trimmed; 50c values on sale for.....19¢

Broken lines of Turnovers, silk and linen stock and ready-made bow ties; regular 25c and 35c values on sale at, each.....19c

Very Best Hosiery Bargains in the City

1000 pairs of women's fine 40-gauge imported German Cotton Hose; double sole; all sizes; fast color; the best 30c and 35c values on sale at the ridiculously low price of.....18c
Women's and misses' fine 1x1 rib lisle Hose; seamless; sizes 8½ to 10; every pair in the lot regular 35c value; your choice at the very low price of, the pair.....18c
Women's fine black gauze lisle Hose; double sole; dull finish; fine gauze; all sizes; every pair the regular 50c values on sale at the extraordinary low price of, the pair.....27c
Women's 2x1 rib Cashmere Hose; all sizes; 50c values on sale at, the pair.....27¢
Women's Cotton Hose; fine gauge; double sole; regular 25c values on sale at, the pair.....17¢
Children's fleece-lined Hose; light weight for misses, heavy weight for boys; all sizes; fast color; the best 25c values on sale at the extraordinary low price of, the pair.....19c
Misses' fine rib light weight Lisle Thread Hose; all sizes; on sale at, the pair.....19¢

Cheney Bros.' 1906 Foulard Silks

Important--Water Will Not Spot Them

We are showing Cheney Bros.' 1906 Foulard Silks in superb assortment and the selling has exceeded our fondest expectations. The silks are by far the prettiest the famous Cheney mill ever produced—Fascinating designs and colorings for street and evening wear and you know Foulards have style as well as being the coolest and most serviceable for warm weather wear—Dots, figures, Dresden stripes in all the newest shades—A very important feature of the new Foulards is the fact that water will not spot them—Very large assortment to select from and Clearance Sale prices prevail on every yard—Do not miss this opportunity

$1.00 GRADE 79c—$1.15 GRADE 89c—$1.25 GRADE $1.09

Clearance Sale Men's Handkerchiefs

Men's fine quality, all pure linen hemstitched Handkerchiefs in ⅛, ¼ and ½-in. hems; best 25c quality at 3 for 50c, or, ea..17¢
500 dozen men's linen hemstitched Handkerchiefs, ⅛ and ¼-in. hems; handkerchiefs that are unusual val. at 15c, each....9¢
1000 doz. men's and boys' colored border cambric Handkerchiefs; neat patterns in great assortment; wonderful value at, ea..3¢
Men's 15c Japonet Handkerchiefs; silk initials, 3 for.....25¢
Men's white twilled, silk hemstitched Handkerchiefs; 3 for..$1
Men's extra quality white twilled silk Handkehfs; 75c val..59¢
Men's large size white twilled silk Handkerchiefs; $1 va....79¢
All our colored border fancy silk Handkerchiefs, 50c value.35¢
All our fine linen Handkerchiefs at greatly reduced prices.

Flannels at Low Prices

Swansdowne Flannels in new light and dark colorings; best 15c quality on sale at the low price of, yard.....13c
Fine French Flannels for waists, kimonos, dressing sacques, etc.; embroidered dots and figures; 75c values for, yard..54c
New Flannelettes; light and dark colorings, dots and Persian effects in grand variety; regular 12½c values, yard.....7c
Fancy French Waistings; 65c values for, yard.....42c
Entire stock of Outing Flannels on sale at very low clearance prices.

The Meier & Frank Store

Dinner Sets on Sale at Low Prices

60-piece German China Dinner Sets; blue violet decoration; $17.50 value on sale at.$12.60
100-pc. set same as above $18.30

Haviland China Dinner Sets; pink rose decoration; open stock pattern—
60-pc. set on sale for $17.10 set
100-pc. set on sale for $22.95 set

Haviland China Dinner Set; purple and green decoration; stippled gold edge; special values at these prices—
60-piece set on sale for $29.42
100-piece set on sale for $43.20

Haviland China Dinner Sets; blue forget-me-not pattern; gold edge; great values at these prices—
60-piece set on sale for $29.25
100-piece set on sale for $43.20

Mrs. Potts' nickeled Sad Irons; $1.25 value, set.....98c
Nickel Lamps; 10-inch white dome shade; central draft burner; extraordinary value at.....$1.44
The Griswold Food Choppers chops all kinds of meats, raw or cooked; fine or coarse; chops vegetables, dried fruits, etc., etc.; three sizes; great values at these low prices —
$1.00 SIZE 64c—$1.25 SIZE 88c—$1.50 SIZE 99c

Sale of Blue Enameled Ware

No. 7 Teakettle, $1.25 value..$1.00
No. 8 Teakettle, $1.40 value..$1.12
No. 9 Teakettle, $1.60 value..$1.28
1-quart Coffee Pot, 60c value..48c
1½-qt. Coffee Pot, 65c value..52c
2-quart Coffee Pot, 70c value..56c
3-quart Coffee Pot, 80c value..64c
1-quart Teapot, 60c value for..48c
1½-quart Teapot, 65c value....52c
2-quart Teapot, 70c value, for..56c
3-quart Teapot, 80c value for..64c
2-quart Lipped Saucepans 24c
2½-quart Lipped Saucepans ..28c
3-quart Lipped Saucepans 32c
5-quart Lipped Saucepans 40c
All lines of Kitchen Goods at low Clearance Sale Prices.
3-qt. Covered Saucepans, 50c value.....40c
4-qt. Covered Saucepans 65c value.....52c
5-qt. Covered Saucepans, 75c value.....60c
6-qt. Covered Saucepans, 80c value.....64c
8-qt. Covered Saucepans, 90c value.....72c
1½-qt. Pudding Pans, 25c val.20c
2-qt. Pudding Pans, 27c value..22c
3-qt. Pudding Pans, 30c value..24c
4-pt. Pudding Pans, 35c value..28c
2-qt. Lipped Kettles 24c
2½-qt. Lipped Kettles 28c
3-qt. Lipped Kettles 32c
4-qt. Lipped Kettles 40c
5-qt. Lipped Kettles 48c
6-qt. Lipped Kettles 56c
3-qt. Covered Kettles, for.....40c
4-qt. Covered Kettles, 65c val.52c
5-qt. Covered Kettles, 75c val.60c
6-qt. Covered Kettles, 80c val.64c
8-qt. Covered Kettles, 90c val.72c
1¾-qt. Rice Boilers, $1 val....80c
2½-qt. Rice Boilers, $1.50 val.$1.20
2-qt. Rice Boilers, $1.25 val..$1.00
10-qt. Dishpans, 75c value.....60c
14-qt. Dishpans, 90c value.....72c
17-qt. Dishpans, $1.15 value...92c
20c Washbasins for 24c
25c Washbasins for 28c
45c Washbasins for 36c
"Peninsular" Stoves and Steel Ranges on sale at very low clearance sale prices. All the newest and best models. Every one fully guaranteed for ten years.

Clearance Sale in the Art Dept.

Battenburg Doilies; 12-inch; best styles; 50c value.....23¢
Hardanger and Berlin embroidery pieces; hand-made; doilies, centerpieces and scarfs; a great special lot on sale to choose from at ONE-HALF REGULAR PRICES.
Stamped Pillow Covers; floral, conventional or cross-stitch; 50c and 65c values on sale at this low price of.....35¢
"Spachtel" Scarfs and Shams on sale at very low prices.

Clearance Sale of Ribbons

2000 yards of all-silk Dresden Ribbons in beautiful styles and great assortment, 7 to 8 inches wide; regular $1.00, $1.25, $1.50 values at low price of, yard...69c
Immense lot of Satin Merveilleux Ribbons, satin brocade ribbons, Roman striped ribbons and moire ribbons; also pin stripes and checks; ribbons worth 35c to 85c a yard on sale for, yd....15¢
2500 yards of print warp Ribbons and dolly varden ribbons 5 to 7 inches wide, all silk; very best styles and colorings; regular 50c to 75c value on sale at, yd....33¢
8000 yards of all-silk Taffeta and Satin Taffeta ribbons in a variety of 20 of the leading shades; full 5 inches wide; extra heavy quality; best 35c value on sale at the special price of, the yard.....21c
1500 yards of hand-embroidered Ribbons, polka dots on all silk satin, chiffon and taffeta ribbons; best 65c values, yd..25¢

"Vampire" Glove-Cleaner 25c

The best cleaning article ever placed on the market; cleans gloves, removes spots from all garments quickly and without injury. Demonstration now going on in the main Fifth-street aisle, near the elevators. Every man and woman wants it. Gloves cleaned free of charge; cake.....25c

Boys' Clothing Bargains

Boys' all-wool 2-piece Suits in dark plaids, checks and fancy mixtures; ages 8 to 16 years; regular $3.50 and $4.00 values on sale for....$2.49
Boys' all-wool Norfolk Suits in navy blue, serges and cheviots; also fancy tweeds; ages 8 to 14 years; regular $7.50 values on sale for....$5.55
Little boys' Overcoats in neat dark mixtures; ages 2½ to 7 years; best styles—
$3.00 vals. $1.98—$4 vals. $2.85
$4.50 vals. $3.35—$5 vals. $3.85

Young Men's Clothing

Young men's fine all-wool cheviot, tweed and cassimere Suits; single-breasted coats in the very latest styles; ages 14 to 20 years; regular $12.50, $13.50 and $15.00 values on sale at the low price of.....$9.95
Young men's Suits in dark mixed tweeds and cheviots, single or double-breasted coats; ages 16 to 20 years; regular $18.00 and $20.00 values on sale for....$12.65
All young men's Overcoats and Raincoats at low prices.

$10.00 values $ 7.95 ea.—$12.50 values $ 9.95 ea.
$13.50 values $10.30 ea.—$15.00 values $11.60 ea.
$18.00 values $13.60 ea.—$20.00 values $14.85 ea.