

# FRANCHISES FOR ALL THE ROADS

### Committee Will Probably So Report to Council About Front Street.

## PROVISIONS SET FORTH

### United Railways Control Movement of Cars, but in Dispute With Willamette Valley Traction Must Arbitrate.

A majority of the joint streets and judiciary and elections committees of the City Council have agreed, and will so recommend at the meeting this afternoon, that any and all roads will be welcome to enter Front street from Front street, and in conformity therewith will grant franchises to the United Railways Company, Willamette Valley Traction Company, and other roads. It is understood, however, and will probably be set forth in the ordinance, that the United Railways Company shall be the controlling factor in the movement of cars. Provision must also be made for the arrangement of a traffic school in such manner as to prevent interference with each other's running time, so far as possible, and in cases where questions arise relative to traffic rates, all such disputes must be submitted to a board of arbitration.

It is practically settled that both the United Railways Company and the Willamette Valley Traction Company will be permitted to enter Front street from Front street, and that ordinances granting them a nearly equal privilege as possible will be recommended by the joint streets and judiciary and elections committees of the Council at its meeting this afternoon.

Furthermore, arrangements will be made whereby any road will be permitted to use the street in the manner indicated, it being against the policy of the municipal lawmakers to grant exclusive rights in this respect.

There are already four applicants for the privilege of entering the city along Front street, including that of Thomas McCusker, besides W. H. Bradford and W. J. Cook, in addition to the United Railways Company and the Willamette Valley Traction Company. It is claimed that large lumbering interests are behind the Cook and Bradford application, the idea of the promoters of the enterprise being to construct a road that will tap certain timber districts and utilize the road for the transportation of lumber.

### Control Movement of Cars.

The United Railways Company will probably secure a shade the best of the proposition, however, by being allowed to control the movement of cars, but a provision of their franchise will undoubtedly insist that the schedules must be arranged in such way as to minimize all danger of interference, and all questions relating to traffic rates and other matters which might arise must be submitted to arbitration.

One of the conditions under which the free-for-all franchise will be granted will be the provision that the company will purchase all existing rights at any time after the expiration of five years.

### General Terms of Franchise.

The general terms of the franchise opening Front street to all lines of traffic were agreed upon Tuesday night at a secret meeting of all the members of the council with the exception of City, who is absent. While some opposition exists to the main feature of giving the United Railways Company control over the movement of cars, it is thought the proposition can muster a sufficient number of votes to carry when it comes up for final consideration, although Mayor Lane unquestionably holds the balance of the situation, his veto privilege vesting him with a powerful weapon, as 12 votes are necessary to pass such a measure over his disapproval.

## WHAT REPRESENTATIVES SAY

### Views Taken by United Railways and Willamette Valley Traction.

Directors of the Willamette Valley Traction Company will meet this morning to formulate a proposition to the joint council committee on the front-street franchise under consideration, with which they hope to change the recommendations the committee will make today to the Council. The fact of the plan is municipal ownership of the line on Front street within the city limits. A session of the directors of the company was held last night, when the matter was thoroughly considered, and the members of the board declare that they have hit upon a solution of the vexed question. With the proposition they will make today, details of which could not be given out last night, the Willamette Valley Traction Company will have a happy solution of the whole difficulty.

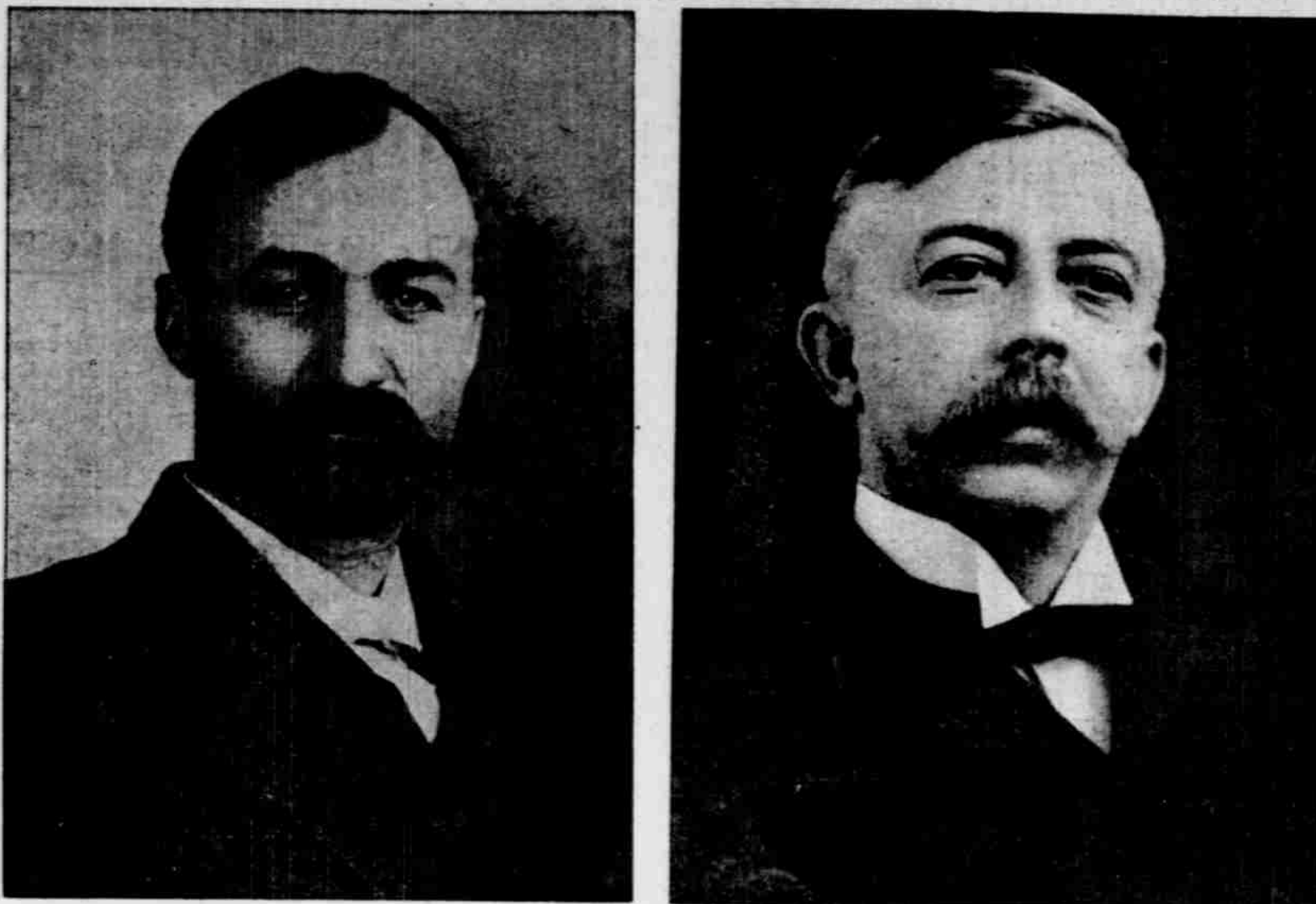
William S. Barstow, member of the firm of Barstow & Chambers, consulting engineers in charge of the construction of the Willamette Valley Traction Company's road, did not feel at liberty last night to discuss the recommendations the joint committee will make to the City Council, as he was not advised as to what those would be. He stated, however, that it was the purpose of his company not to monopolize the front-street tracks if given the franchise, but if the franchise were made general property confusion would probably result. He believed the proposition to be submitted today would prove a happy solution of the whole difficulty.

"If the recommendation of the joint committee is that the United Railways Company shall have the right to operate the road along Front street," said J. Whyte Evans, president of the United Railways Company, "with the provision that other roads shall have the right to enter the city on our tracks, as I am told, it is that arrangement is entirely satisfactory to us, and is what we have been contending for."

## Marriage Licenses for February.

In February 128 marriage licenses were issued, and the number 23 bridegrooms came from points outside of Portland, and some of these were from states other than Oregon. Thirteen brides were older than their husbands, and licenses were issued to several elderly couples. Deputy Clerk C. C. Rose issues nearly all of the marriage licenses, and hereafter it is to be known as Cupid Rose. A marriage bell hangs over the desk containing the license book.

# F. W. Leadbetter Succeeds H. M. Cake as President of Commercial Club



F. W. LEADBETTER, NEWLY-ELECTED PRESIDENT.

H. M. CAKE, RETIRING PRESIDENT.

F. W. Leadbetter was elected President of the Portland Commercial Club at a meeting of the Board of Governors held yesterday at noon. H. M. Cake, who was president of the Commercial Club for six consecutive terms of one year each, tendered his resignation to the board of governors February 28. At that time he made known his intention not to

be a candidate for re-election. Inasmuch as he had decided to enter the primary contest for the Republican nomination for United States Senator, he thought it advisable to resign. During his six years of service as president, the Commercial Club has greatly increased in membership and the scope of the club's work has been broadening. The promotion department was added during his

administration. Mr. Cake retires with the good will of all his fellow workers. Mr. Leadbetter was the unanimous choice of the board of governors, and his election met with universal favor among the 500 members of the club. He has always been interested in the work of the Commercial Club and is regarded as one of its most active and representative members.

Other officers chosen yesterday at the meeting were: Robert Kennedy, vice-president; Edward Ehrman, treasurer; and E. L. Thompson, secretary. The other members of the board of governors are: A. L. Craig, C. W. Hodson, Hugh McGuire, R. L. Stevens, W. B. Glafke, J. H. Thatcher, L. Gerlinger, L. R. Pickett, A. M. Smith, R. F. Praet, R. B. Miller.

## SEEK KUHN'S SLAYER

### Police Think They Know the Murderer.

## SAY MOTIVE WAS REVENGE

### Declare That the Suspect is Still in the City and Anticipate Having Him in Custody Very Shortly.

An arrest of the masked man who murdered Julius Kuhn in his saloon at Williams avenue and Wedder street will probably be made tonight or tomorrow. Claiming to have evidence upon which to make an arrest, police detectives say that the suspect will be brought to the station as soon as he can be found. Two men are under suspicion, the one that fired the shot being a German, whose name the detectives will not divulge.

Family affairs are said by the detectives to have caused the murder. Evidence to this effect has been obtained by a policeman and two detectives, who have held to the theory of murder for revenge instead of that of robbery. It is claimed by the officers that succeeding a quarrel between the person under suspicion and Kuhn, the latter said that trouble would follow unless the former refrained from trying to break up his family. The second man is said to have become involved in the quarrel through family trouble with Kuhn. The two men implicated in the murder, it is said, are still in the city and will be captured before they can make arrangements to leave.

Detective Kerrigan, who was assigned to the murder case after the death of Kuhn, says that nothing tangible with which to connect any one with the murder has been discovered by him. "Although I have been working on the case and think that I know more of the details than others, nothing would please me more than to see the murderer brought to the station, no matter by whom," said Kerrigan yesterday.

Other detectives say that developments in the case which have been brought to light in the last few days warrant the belief that the murderer of Kuhn and the man implicated with the assassin are in the city and will be arrested tonight or tomorrow. The names of the two men under suspicion are in the hands of the detectives and will be given out when the arrests are made.

## TYPHOID EPIDEMIC WANNING

## HEALTH BOARD HAS CONTROL OF SITUATION.

## Within Six Weeks It Hopes to Report That the Malady Has Entirely Ceased.

The State Board of Health feels that it has the typhoid fever situation in the Willamette Valley well in hand and that at the expiration of the present cases the disease will be practically abolished. The fact that cases run from a month to six weeks, and that many patients are now down with the fever, will prevent an absolute wiping out of the malady under that time, but it can reasonably be expected that after another six weeks there will only be a few scattering cases throughout the Valley. While the country health physicians only report once a month to the State Board of Health, the latter body is keeping a close watch over the various localities where the fever has made its appearance and has co-operated in every way possible with the local authorities in fighting the disease, with very favorable results. Repeated analyses of the river water has shown not only clean but many other poisonous germs.

Dr. Robert Tenney, secretary of the State Board, spoke most hopefully of the situation yesterday and expressed the opinion that about "Corvallis and Seaside," he said, "have both installed hot-water drinking fountains in their public

## PLATFORM OF H. K. BROWN

### ONE OF BAKER CITY'S CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR.

## He Is the First to Come Out for Woman Suffrage, and Gives His Reasons.

### "I am the only candidate for Governor who ever came out flat-footed for woman suffrage," said Harvey K. Brown, of Baker City, who is in the Imperial. Mr. Brown is one of the two Baker City men seeking the gubernatorial nomination on the Republican ticket, and he has outlined some policies which he intends to support from first to last.

Among these is woman suffrage, and Mr. Brown says that he considers it one of the very important issues before the people. "It is bound to give good results, if given a fair trial," he asserted last night. "It might not be as desired, success the first year, but as soon as the better class of women become accustomed to voting it would be an uplifting influence in politics. It is working successfully in Idaho today and would work even better in Oregon. At least it is worth a trial."

Mr. Brown is Sheriff of Baker County and in that capacity for the past four years has conducted a reform administration. With the aid of the District Attorney he has closed up open gambling in Baker City and the other places of the county and has insisted upon the observance of the Sunday closing law for saloons. "I am out for law observance," he asserted. "If the people do not want the laws they have enacted, let them take them off of the statute books."

In his petition for the Republican nomination, Mr. Brown has issued the following statement: "If I am elected I will, during my term of office, hon-

## HEAVY STAMP SALES MADE

## February Shows Big Increase Over Month of Preceding Year.

Postmaster Minto is of the opinion that the heavy receipts of the Portland office for the month of February will do much towards influencing the phenomenal gain, as February, 1906, was considered a heavy month because of the large volume of correspondence that went out from the Portland office relating to the Lewis and Clark Fair.

The receipts for the sale of stamps during the past month were \$29,382.26. To this is to be added \$112.50 from other sources, making a total of \$29,494.76. The sale of stamps for the month of February of last year was \$21,861.74, and additional receipts were \$22,935.

The steady advance in postal receipts of the Portland office during the past two years has attracted much attention to this city. The postal business is a good criterion of the general prosperity of the city and shows not only a growth of population but also an increase in the general lines of business.

## IN HONOR OF ST. DAVID

## Special Choral Service Rendered at Church of Patron Saint.

A splendid choral service was rendered at St. David's Church, East Twelfth and Belmont streets, yesterday, the occasion being the Feast of St. David of Wales, the patron saint of the church. A good congregation was present. The large vested choir entered the church in procession, singing the hymn, "The Son of God Goes Forth to War," to a grand tune from the hymnal. The special Psalms were sung to well-known chants. The "Magnificat" and "Nunc Dimittis" were finely rendered to music by J. T. Field. For the anthem was given a fine and spirited composition by Frederick W. Goodrich, the organist of the church, on the words of the hymn, "Blessed City, Heavenly Salem." The reciter, Dr. Van Waters, gave an instructive address on the life and example of St. David. During the offertory, the choir sang Stainer's beautiful anthem, "What Are These That Are Arrayed in White Robes?" and the services concluded with the singing of a thanksgiving "Te Deum" to the music of Dr. Woodward. The choir sang splendidly and did fine work under the direction of Frederick W. Goodrich, organist and choirmaster of the church.

## "POTTER" IN SERVICE

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## DEATH BY INDIGESTION.

### A Long Train of Fatal Ills is the Direct Result of Undigested Food.

## Two Divorce Suits Begun.

### Mr. R. Stocken has sued Annie Stocken for a divorce, on the ground of desertion, beginning in September, 1904. They were married in Portland in June, 1900, and have no children.

Jennie Rogers has begun proceedings against Fred Rogers for a divorce because he beat and otherwise ill-treated her. They were married in August, 1896, and Rogers is now in Fletcher, Idaho.

Begins Bankruptcy Proceedings. Arthur E. Dalley, of Hillsboro, yesterday began bankruptcy proceedings in the Federal Court. He places his liabilities at \$172, and his assets at \$150.

## EXPLOITATION MATTER.

## More Oregon Literature Asked For by Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber of Commerce has written to the different commercial organizations of the state asking that a fresh supply of exploitation matter be sent to Portland. At the Chamber of Commerce the advertising matter issued by the various commercial organizations of the state is distributed to all who apply and the recent influx of home-seekers from the East has well exhausted the supply. Dozens of prospective settlers call at the Chamber of Commerce daily and secure the pamphlets and cards.

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## KEEP THE METER DEPOSIT

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"It was several years ago when the deposit was made. At that time Hamlin & Miah had a meter put in the rooms which we occupied over the Cactus saloon on Sixth street between Washington and Alder. When we had the meter taken out several months later we asked for the money, but it was not given us and never has been given to us, although we have made the same request several times. Yesterday, after I heard that the gas company claimed that it was not running a graft in this way, I again went to the office and asked for the money. I received the reply that my name could not be found on the books. I am sure I do not know how this could happen. I know that we were subscribers and I also know that we made a meter deposit which the firm has seen fit to appropriate for no reason whatever."

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accordance with the plan outlined, the Mayor is confident that a street paved in such a manner will last indefinitely.

## DR. RAY MATSON RESIGNS

### Succeeded as City Physician by Dr. W. V. Spencer.

At a meeting of the Health Board yesterday morning, Dr. Ray Matson tendered his resignation as City Physician, and Dr. W. V. Spencer was appointed in his place. Dr. Matson ascribes pressure of other professional duties as his reason for desiring to vacate the place. The new appointee was formerly assistant City Physician under Dr. Canthory, and also was surgeon in charge of the Emergency Hospital during the Exposition.

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