STATUS OF THE MANY FRANCHISES

Fourteen Measures Are in the Various Stages of Progress at Present.

LARGEST NUMBER KNOWN

Never Before in the History of Portland Have So Many Measures of Importance Come Before the City at One Time.

...... RECORD-BREAKING NUMBER OF FRANCHISES. .

I. Cascade Power Company, light, power and heat from electricity. Passed by Council and now in hands

Mt. Hood Electric Company. Same as foregoing.

United Railways Company, Front-street electric railway line. In process of advertising.

4. Willamette Valley Traction

Company. Same as foregoing.
5. East Side Helt Line Railway Company. Before joint streets and judiciary and elections committees 6. O. R. & N. application for franchise on East Third street. Same as,

foregoing.
7. Portland and Mt. Hond Railway. To be considered by streets committee next Monday night.

8. Pence Company, electric rail-way franchise. Same as foregoing. B. American Investment Company, heat, power, light and cold storage.

Same as foregoing, 10. Thomas McCusker, gas fran-chise. Heferred to joint streets and Judic ary and elections committee.
11. B. S. Pague and others. Same

Drake C. O'Reilly, electric line on Front street. On table of streets committee.

Thomas McCusker and L. V. Ready, application for subway fran-chise. Before streets committee. 14. Northern Pacific Ratiway Com-pany, sidetrack on York street. Held

up in strests committee. RECAPITULATION: Electric steam rullway lines, 2; gas, 2; cold storage, heat and power, 1, and subway, 1. Total, 14.

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No less than 14 franchises are at present the subject of municipal consideration in one shape or another. This is the largest number of measures of this kind ever before the city authorities at one time, and the most remarkable feature of the record exists in the fact that all tre more or less important in character. The most advanced in point of general consideration are the ordinances proposing to grant franchises to the Cascade Fower Company and the Mount Hood Electric Company for supplying this city with electric light, heat and power. Both were passed by the Council Wednesday night, and are new in the hands of Mayor Lane, who must decide to veto or approve them on or before Monday, May 14, else they become laws without his signature.

They were passed by such a close margin that friends of the two measures are dublour about their fate, and those associated with the Cascade Power Company assorted openly vesterday that unless the Mayor approved their franchise there was no further hope for it, as four members of the Council were known to be unalterably opposed to them. Reference was had to Belding, Sharkey and Wallace in this connection, as all three voted against granting the franchise in question. It was not disclosed who constituted the fourth obdurate member, but the distinction is supposed to rest be-tween Dunning and Menefee, as the for-mer voted against granting the Mount Hood Company any privileges, while the latter is known to be generally lukewarm in dealings of this kind, where there is the slightest possibility of the municipality getting the worst of it.

E. R. Richardson Hopeful.

E. R. Richardson, the wealthy New Yorker who is backing the Cascade Power Company, in conjunction with other Eastern capitalists, arrived here last Wednesday morning, but did not attend the Council meeting in the evening, on account of illness. He has traveled over large portions of the country in search of health since leaving here, about the first of the year, and is now convinced the climate of Portland is very satisfactory. He will remain here all Summer, as he has extensive local interests besides the property involved in the Cascade Power Com-

Mr. Richardson could see no valid rea-son why the Meyor should not sign the ordinance granting a franchise to his conporation, when questioned about it yes-terday. He thought the compensation of 2 per cent on the gross earnings, which the measure guarantees the city for the full term of 25 years, amply sufficient to meet all legitimate requirements, espe-cially when the city is further protected by a bond of not less than \$50,000 as an evidence of good faith; that the work of construction must begin within one year. construction must begin within one year, and be completed within two years, and that in addition the corporation is re-quired to expend at least \$30,000 annually for maintenance, operation and extension of the plant.

It is believed the Mount Hood Electric Company is much in the same condition as the Cascade Power Company in many respects, and that both must stand or

Mayor Is Non-Committal.

Mayor Lane declined to indicate what course he would take with reference to the two franchises, when questioned upon the subject last night, saying that neither had come before him officially as yet, and until he had analyzed every feature of the situation he did not feel at lib-erty to express an opinion.

The proposed franchises granting the United Railways Company and the Willamette Valley Traction Company the right to operate electric lines on Front street have been passed to print by the Council, and are now in process of advertising. After they have been published for a period of at least 20 days from April 20, they will come before the Council for adoption, and thereafter go to the Mayor for his approval.

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Drake C. O'Reilly also has an application pending for an electric rallway fran-chise down Front street, but the measure lies buried beneath the debris of the ta-ble, to be taken up whenever the mem-hers of the streets committee feel so dis-

Other Franchise Propositions.

Consideration of the ordinances grant-ing franchises to the Portland & Mount Road Railway, the Pence Company and the American Investment Company will

form the basis of a special meeting of the atreets committee of the Council next Monday night.

The applications for franchises of the O. R. & N. and Bast Side Belt Line Raifway Company are still before the joint streets and judiciary and elections committees of the Council, where they have been for some time. Upon several occasions the question of granting these franchises has been brought to the attention of the body, but, owing to the inability of the contending interests to agree upon some satisfactory arrangement relative to interchange of traffic and other matters, no definite action has been taken by the two committees the last meeting adjourning to used at the call of the chairman.

Measures to Come Up.

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At the next meeting of the joint streets and judiciary and elections committees of the Council, the ordinances granting franchises conveying the right to maintain and operate gas plants in this city, in favor of Thomas McCusker and B. S. Fague, and others, will come up for con-

Thomes McCusker and L. V. Kondy have a franchise pending before the streets committee which, if passed, will enable them to operate a subway under the Willamette River. It will probably come up at the next meeting of the body, but no doubt will be referred to a subcommittee. The Northern Facilic Railway Company has applied for a franchise to operate a has applied for a franchise to operate a ridetrack with switches on York street, which, although introduced several weeks ago, has advanced no further than the streets committee.

MAY LEASE MALLORY LOTS

NEGOTIATIONS IN PROGRESS FOR PROPERTY.

Erection of Modern Building and Heavy Ground Rental Are Conditions of Deal.

Negotiations are in progress whereby it is probable that the Stark street property of Rufus Mallory will be leased to persons whose names have not been made public for a period of 25 years. The property lies on the south side of Stark street between Third and Fourth, directly across from the Chamber of Commerce building and is one of the most desirable locations in the city. It runs the entire length of the block and has a depth of 56 feet. If the papers are closed the lessees will of the block and has a depth of 50 feet. If the papers are closed the lessess will erect a large business block in place of the low buildings which now

occupy it.

It is understood an agreement has been reached whereby \$150) a month or \$18,000 a year will be paid for the use of the property. This would make a total rental for the 26 years of \$458,000

a total rental for the 26 years of \$468,000.
In addition to the cash rental, it is reported that the lessees have agreed to construct an eight-story building on the land, which, at the expiration of the lease, will revert to Rufus Mallory, the owner of the property. Such a building could hardly be erected at a cost below \$130,000, so that the terms of the lease really stipulate payments amounting to practically \$618,000.
It is not known whether those who are negotiating for the property intend to build for their own use or merely for the purpose of subletting. The central location of the property makes it a very desirable site for a retail business or office building, and tenants could doubtless be found who would gladly pay good rentals.

Several offers have been made to Mr. Mallory by men who desired to purchase the property. Each of these has been refused and it has been generally understood that he did not desire to sell at any figure. It is believed, however, that he has consented to lease the property at the terms stipulated.

ST.JOHNS RAISES GOOD SUM

Comes Promptly to the Relief of Stricken San Francisco.

The citizens of St. Johns raised nearly \$2000, besides a considerable amount of clothing and supplies for the San Francisco sufferers. W. H. King, W. Moxon and L. F. Young, the general relief comand L. F. roing, the general rolls committee, sent off one carload of flour, which cost something over \$600. With this also went a large quantity of clothing and bedding contributed by the families.

Mr. Moxon said yesterday that the com-

mittee had collected about \$800 more, and that he would consult with Chairman Hogue as to the best disposition to make of this fund. The following is the list of contributors for the St. Johns fund to

M. L. Holbrook, \$200; Peninsula Lumber M. L. Holbrook, \$200: Peninsula Lumber Company employes, \$573.75; woolen milt employes, \$125; St. Johns public achool, \$50; W. H. King, \$50; L. B. Chipman, \$25; Shepurd, Dobie & Peterson, \$25; F. W. Valentine, \$25; St. Johns Land Company, \$25; Willis Moxon, \$10; E. C. Hurlburt, \$10; D. C. Rogers, \$15; A. S. Douglass & Sons, \$10; M. F. Tufts, \$5; Rudolf Halborg, \$10; A. M. Stearns, \$25; R. W. McKeon, \$10; S. H. Greene, \$10; A. R. Dunham, \$1; F. L. Young, \$2; G. J. Perkins, \$5; Thomas Glover, \$2; W. L. Churchill, \$2; Charles Bredeson, \$2,50; Walter Speed, \$2; A. Gunderson, \$1; E. Donnelly, \$2; George M. derson. \$1: E. Donnelly, \$2: George M. Hall, \$2: F. J. Koerner, \$5: P. W. Himman, \$5: Bonham & Currier, \$5: H. S. Hewitt, \$2: C. H. Hewitt, \$1: Pat Fallon, \$2: J. B. 15; Bonham & Currier, 15; H. S. Hewitt, 12; C. H. Hewitt, 31; Pat Fallon, 32; J. B. Nye, 15; Charles Linquist, 12; W. L. Thorndyke, 15; cash, 12; John Petty, 31; H. H. Parker, 50 cents; Samuel Cochran, 10; W. S. Gilmore, 32; William Edmondson, 31; P. Edmonson, 31; Bickner Bros., 15; C. H. Starbuck, 31; G. C. Carhart, 32; 6; C. R. Organ, 31; H. W. Brice, 310; E. F. Day, 130; J. G. Ring, 31; L. Schiffler, 31, 50; A. Erickson, 31; J. H. Gilmore, 42; W. H. Jobes, 150; E. J. Hufford, 43; M. F. Loy, 45; W. J. Dodson, 81; 5; C. Monnich, 25; cents; E. H. Parker, 31; E. E. MeVicker, 31; Mrs. Balley, 25 cents; J. H. Canright, 25 cents; McClave Company, 35; C. E. Blucher, 32, 50; Bechill Bros., 310; Mrs. N. McCann, 31; W. C. Adams, 31, 50; C. E. England, 31; Scales Bros., 32; Portland Shipbuilding Company, 35; Potter & Gould, 510; R. D. Jackson, 310; E. W. Rossiter, 31; St. Johns Sand & Gravel Company, 15; Joseph McCheeney, 310; B. G. Smith, 35; Muck & Derrie, 5; Peninsula Bank, 350; Miss Elsia Cole, 31; total cash subscriptions, 81562; 25.

Lower Rate for Oats.

The Northern Pacific freight depart-ment will announce today a new and reduced rate on oats in carload lots from La Cunner, Wash, to Portland. The new rate will be 10 cents, whereas it has formerly been 12% cents. The minimum will be high, probably being the capacity of the car used in shipping. Oats from La Conner are very rich in gluten and are desirable material on that account for the manuterial on that account for the manu-facture of breakfast foods. Portland manufacturers, who use quantities of La Conner oats, are benefited by the

Registration Is Slow.

Registration is progressing slowly. The books will be closed May in at a o'clock.
The number registered daily is about 20.
If necessary, County Clerk Fields will
keep the office open nights to accommodate electors. He has not yet decided

Californians Appreciate Good of This City.

STUNNED BY THE DISASTER

R. W. Brown, Grand Exalted Ruler of the Elks, Tells of Conditions in the Stricken Metropolis of the West.

"The name of Portland is called blessed in San Francisco. I can tell you the Callformia people appreciate what this city
has done for them."

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three weeks, during which time it is hoped that every citizen interested in St. Johns and its future will sign the rolf.

L. B. Chipman, Mayor F. W. Valentine, C. W. Potter, H. T. Jobes and W. R. McKeron were appointed an advisory and executive committee to assist the officers of the ciub. Mayor Valentine and L. B. Chipman were appointed a special committee to solicit aid for the new St. Johns Brass Bund, under the direction of S. E. Wright. The object is to obtain monthly subscriptions for the support of the band. It now has is members, and these are supplied with instruments and are practicing. The Commercial Club is now thoroughly organized, and at the next meeting will take up questions looking to the general upbuilding of tions looking to the general upbuilding of St. Johns. There are 70 names on the charter roll, but it is desired to enroll the name of every citizen of the place.

SUNDAY - SCHOOL SESSION

Convention Concludes Its Labor. With Choice of Officers.

Rev. H. H. Moninger opened the seasion of the Sinte Sunday-school Convention yesterday morning with an address on "Rally Day." Other themes were: "Temperance in the Sunday-school." by Paul Rader: "Hints on Lesson Building Material and Its Arrangement," Mrs. Mary Foster Bryner; "Christ the Modern Teacher," Rev. John



grand exalted ruler of the Elks, who spent yesterday in the city on the way back to his home in Louisville, Ky. "The Oregon Rellef Bureau is a conspic-

uous factor in the relief work there, too," continued Mr. Brown, "The Oregonian did a mighty good thing when it established that bureau. I have heard all kinds of nice things said about it."

When the news of the disaster of April 18 reached Louisville, Mr. Brown, who is managing editor of the Louisville Times, turned his desk over to his news editor and started for the stricken city to alleviate the distress of members of the order. No Discrimination Shown.

"At first we did not discriminate at all."

"At first we did not discriminate at all," said Mr. Brown, when seen in his apartments at the Oregon yesterday. "An Elk, you know, never likes to admit that he is in need of help, and men who had been burned out of everything were busy helping other people. I'm all right, do something for somebody else that needs it worse," was what many of them said. "Before leaving I appointed a commission of three members to superintend the relief work for the Elks throughout the state. Besides, a committee from each lodge is looking after the work in its section. It's a case of everybody get out and work like a man, I can tell you. Why, we had a man driving a wagon for us that had lost \$750,000 by the fire. He was driving around in the dust, wearing a flannel shirt.

Santa Rosa Suffers Terribly.

"I went to every town that suffered. The condition of Santa Rosa is awful. Practically every business building in the reactically every obstities bottoms in the town is in ruins. The two daily papers had always been fierce and bitter rivals; out the fire brought them together, for they issued a joint paper about the size of a postal card, with the two names 'Demo-crat' and 'Republican' hyphenated at the

"I don't believe the true spirit of a fraternal society was ever so well brought out as at the San Francisco disaster. Every act of humanity that could be done

Every act of humanity that could be done has been done many times over.

"During the nine days that I was there I saw only three cases of imposition on the relief supplies, and these were so flagrant that they were easy of detection.

"The people there are stutined and hardly realize even now what the disaster means. Yet out in the partly burned Mission district, where people were camping and cooking in front of their houses, every place had a sign stuck up: "Camp Pork and Beans"; "Camp Back to Nature." The Poodledog, and so forth."

Mr. Brown left last evening, after being entertained during the day by local Elks.

READY FOR ACTION St. Johns Commercial Club Perfects

Its Organization.

The organization of the new St. Johns Commercial Club was perfected at the meeting last evening held in the office of D. C. Rogers, the president. At this meeting the constitution and by-laws were again revised and improved to admit of larger work by the club. It was decided to keep open the charter list for the next

Fessler, secretary; E. F. Alishaw, treasurer; Mrs. Lorens A. T. Hodson, primary superintendent; Mrs. Samuel Connell, home department superintendent, and A. M. Smith. International vice-president. The following were nominated for the executive committee: A. A. Morse, chairman, and Merwin Pugh. J. G. Malone, F. S. West, Mrs. J. E. Ferguson and Rev. C. C. Polling.

The evening and closing session was taken up by Rev. Mr. Dean, who delivered an eloquent address on "Teaching, a Gift of the Holy Ghost." A short farewell by A. A. Morse was followed by a vote of thanks to the International Association for sending their workers to this convention, and also Mrs. M. L. T. Hidden, acting secretary.

Mrs. Bryner said a short "Farewell" and with a closing prayer the twenty-first and with a closing prayer the twenty first state convention came to a close

GETS MORE MAILCARRIERS

Services From East Side Stations to Be Improved May 15.

The East Side will have three additional mailcarriers after May 15, which will re-lieve the present condition at four postal stations and increase mail deliveries in Central East Portland beyond Grand avenue. The new carriers are A. W. Taylor, H. J. Valentine, E. A. Gardner and Orlando P. Yoder. Under the new arrangement the territory of Station A at Union avenue and East Alder street-will be extended south from East Alder street-will be extended south from East Alder. tended south from East Harrison to Di-vision street and get an additional car-

Postmaster Halvor, in charge of Station A, said that the effect of the increase would give the station a half carrier more, would give the station a half carrier more, and would largely improve the service. The business district between the Williamette River to and including Grand avenue now has three deliveries a day. This same service will be extended to East Ninth street, and the early morning delivery will be at 3 o'clock instead of after 9 o'clock. This early delivery will be beneficial to the packing-houses and other business firms. Mr. Halver says that there will be a substantial gain in every way in this territory. One of the carriers will go to Station B, on Russell street, Albina, to relieve the carriers of that growing district, and one goes to Sunnyside. The trict, and one goes to Sunnyside. The fourth carrier will be assigned to the warehouse district.

Harriman Offices to Be Moved.

With the completion of the new Wells-Fargo building at Sixth and Oak streets, the general offices of the Harriman lines will be removed from the Worcester building and transferred to the entire upper six floors and part of the fifth floor as well of the new structure. The building will have il stories when completed and the Wells-Fargo and Northern Pacific Express Companies will have quarters there. The Wells-Fargo building is expected to be ready for occupancy in about one year.

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Less Than Four Thousand Is Needed to Make Quarter-Million.

MAY REACH IT TOMORROW

Generous Citizens Continue to Contribute Their Subscriptions for the Benefit of the Sufferers in San Francisco.

RELIEF FUND \$246,380.82. The general relief fund and The Oregonian and Telegram popular fund for the relief of the San Francisco sufferers, which have been combined, now total \$248,380.82. Wednesday donations amounting to more than \$4000 were received, but yesterday only \$179.50 was received in contributions. But the donations vary greatly from day to day, and it is believed that the announcement that the \$250,000 mark has been passed can be made either rew or Sunday.

The \$250,000 mark is still the goal of the merged relief fund in Portland, as the donations of yesterday only brought the total up to \$246,380.82. \$179.50 was taken in by the finance committee of the general relief committee and at The Oregonian and Telegram offices. But the day before the donations amounted to more than \$4000, and it was expected that the contributions of yesterday would bring the fund up to \$256,000.

The raising of the \$250,000 is assured, as less than \$4000 romains to be secured to pass the mark which was set by those interested in the relief fund. It is hoped that by tomorrow or Sunday the announcement can be made that the \$250,000 has been raised. The donations vary greatly from day to the finance.

that the \$250,000 has been raised. The donations vary greatly from day to day, and the members of the finance committee believe that much more money will be raised.

A remarkable fact in connection with the relief fund is that there only remains to be collected about \$550 of the money that has been subscribed. The cash donations amount to about \$200,000. The other donations which make up the total were in the form of provisions and supplies.

The following is a list of the donations to the general relief and Oregonian and Telegram popular funds, which have been merged, for yesterday:

Robert W. Wilson. 10-shares Lewis and Clark etock, for John Wilson estate. Edwin Gaswell, 10 shares Lewis and Clark stock, for John Wilson estate. W. L. Jones, 10 shares Lewis and Clark stock, for John Wilson estate. Weber, cash

Philanthropist, Well Known in Portland, Gives \$100,000:

Adolphus Busch, the St. Louis mil-llonaire, who is well known in Port-land, has donated \$100,030 to the San Francisco relief fund. This is one of the largest individual gifts made to the San Francisco sufferers. Mr. Busch was in San Francisco during the dis-aster, and realized the extent of the

destruction of property and the hard-ships suffered by the thousands left homeless.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat made the following editorial comment upon

Mr. Busch's gift:
"No man has a greater faith in the boundless and redounding energy and recuperative power of the American people than Mr. Busch, for no man people than Mr. Busch, for no man knows them better and few as well. He helps those he knows to be worthy of help, not only for his sympathy and their relief, but for rehabilitation of what is lost and reconstruction of fallen powers. He has given wisely and well—as a philanthropist and as an American with supreme faith in the grit and enterprise of his fellow-citizens.

zens.

This gift is monumental in the history of St. Louis giving. Henry Shaw's bequests of land and properties will total more, but this splendid offering of cash upon the altars of charity makes a record new in St. Louis and of which St. Louis is immensely and justly proud."

FOOD OR

STIMULANT. Ask your doctor if when

he orders a patient to drink lots of pure milk he advises the addition of a large quantity of whiskey. He'll tell you "no" very emphatically. Yet there are, people who, when ordered to get Scott's Emulsion, will accept some wine, cordial or extract of cod liver oil and think it is the same thing or better. If you want and need cod liver oil in its best, purest and most easily digested form, get Scott's Emulsion. If you want whiskey, that's another matter, but don't look for the same results.

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