

ASK FOR TIME TO BUILD LINE

United Railways Company Petitions Council for Extension of Franchise.

TABLED BY COMMITTEE

Men Representing Companies Building Rival Railroads Clash During Meeting—The Matter Will Come Up Again Today.

By a vote of 4 to 2, the street committee of the City Council yesterday refused to consider, for the present, the application of the United Railways Company for an extension of its franchise originally granted the Oregon Traction Company, under which the present owners expect to build an electric line to Hillsboro. The report of the committee will be submitted to the Council at its meeting this afternoon, when the franchise will be further considered.

The United Railways Company asked that the life of the Hillsboro franchise be extended three years. Herman Wittenberg, Walter H. Moore and H. H. Brown were present at the meeting for the United Railways Company. The Councilman in charge of the subject is John Vaughn, who has been in charge of the franchise since it was granted to the Oregon Traction Company. He stated that the company has the right to construct the line to Hillsboro and otherwise live up to the requirements of the franchise.

We are asking for this extension in time, said Mr. Wittenberg, to enable us to complete constructing our system between this city and Hillsboro. We will be able to finish our front-street line and other work in Hillsboro before the time allotted in the front-street franchise has expired, about 30 days hence. All we ask is the assurance that if we go ahead in building our line from Salem to Hillsboro, that the company has the right to complete the line to Hillsboro and otherwise live up to the requirements of the franchise.

States Rival Road's Case.

C. F. Swigert represented the interests of the Oregon Electric Company, which owns the franchise granted the Willamette Valley Traction Company, under which an electric line is being built from Salem to Hillsboro. He said he did not object to United Railways granting another franchise for that first granted the Oregon Traction Company for the Hillsboro road provided the latter company was given the prior right to the use of Front street.

The company I represent is willing to reimburse the United Railways for what it has expended on the front street line," said Mr. Swigert. "But I consider my company has a prior right to that street. We have gone ahead in building our line between this city and Salem, and have already expended about \$130,000, and have the necessary funds with which to complete the line to Hillsboro. The United Railways Company has expended only about \$50,000 and all of that here in Portland. It has not given any evidence that it intends to build to Hillsboro or Salem, or to any other point."

At times the discussion between the opposing forces became heated, and John Vaughn frequently had to demand order.

"It is true the interests represented by Mr. Swigert and the Harrison lines do not want to see us build our line from Salem to Hillsboro or enter this city over any street for that matter," said Mr. Wittenberg. "I do not believe the Oregon Electric Company has any right to money as it claims, and for that matter, whoever heard of Charlie Swigert building a railroad or of giving a franchise away?"

Boothe Against Any Action.

Councilman Boothe said the terms of neither of the franchises had thus far been violated, and he did not think the committee should take any action at this time. He accordingly introduced a resolution proposing that the subject be dropped for the present. The resolution was supported by Messrs. Wallace, Kellagher, Boothe and Annett. Those voting against it were Messrs. Menefee and Willis.

"You are steering us up against a stone wall," commented Mr. Wittenberg when the resolution had been adopted. "We do not propose that you shall retain your front street franchise," declared Mr. Swigert.

BULLET WOUND IS FATAL

Frank Lambert, of St. Paul, Dies as Result of Accident.

While riding on a load of hay with his father on a ranch near St. Paul, Or., at 8 o'clock last Monday morning, Frank Lambert, 21 years old, accidentally discharged a rifle that was concealed in the rack and received a wound in the abdomen from which he died at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon at St. Vincent's Hospital.

BATTERY GOES SOUTH.

The Twenty-seventh Light Battery will leave Portland tomorrow night on Train No. 13 over the Southern Pacific for San Francisco en route to the Philippines. The battery recently arrived at Vancouver from Vermont barracks. The battery consists of five officers, 112 men and one nurse.

DISCUSS THE BRIDGE VETO

East Twenty-eighth-Street Club Will Meet Tonight.

The annual meeting of the East Twenty-eighth-Street Improvement Association will be held this evening in the Mission House, near the corner of East Twenty-eighth and East Hoyt streets. The election of officers for the year will be held. Among other things the matter of the Mayor's veto of the ordinance for the building of a reinforced concrete bridge across Sullivan's Gulch will be discussed.

MILLINERY SALE

At Le Palais Royal begins today; 33 off all trimmed hats, \$75 Washington street.

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KISER FOR SCENIC PHOTOS.

Imperial Hotel—Also Kodak Developing

WILL PLEAD GUILTY

Ernest Lane, "Pink Domino" Burglar, to Take Medicine.

TWENTY YEARS MAXIMUM

If Court Is Lenient, Lane May Escape With Five-Year Sentence. Only One Charge Is Pressed.

Ernest Lane, the "pink domino" burglar, will appear before the Circuit Court this morning, and plead guilty on a charge of assault and robbery. District Attorney Manning yesterday filed the information against the noted prisoner, and Lane stated in his cell at the county jail last night that he had made up his mind to make a clear

NO ENDORSEMENT FOR MAYORALTY

Municipal Association Waits for Lane to Decide What He Will Do.

PARTIAL TICKET SELECTED

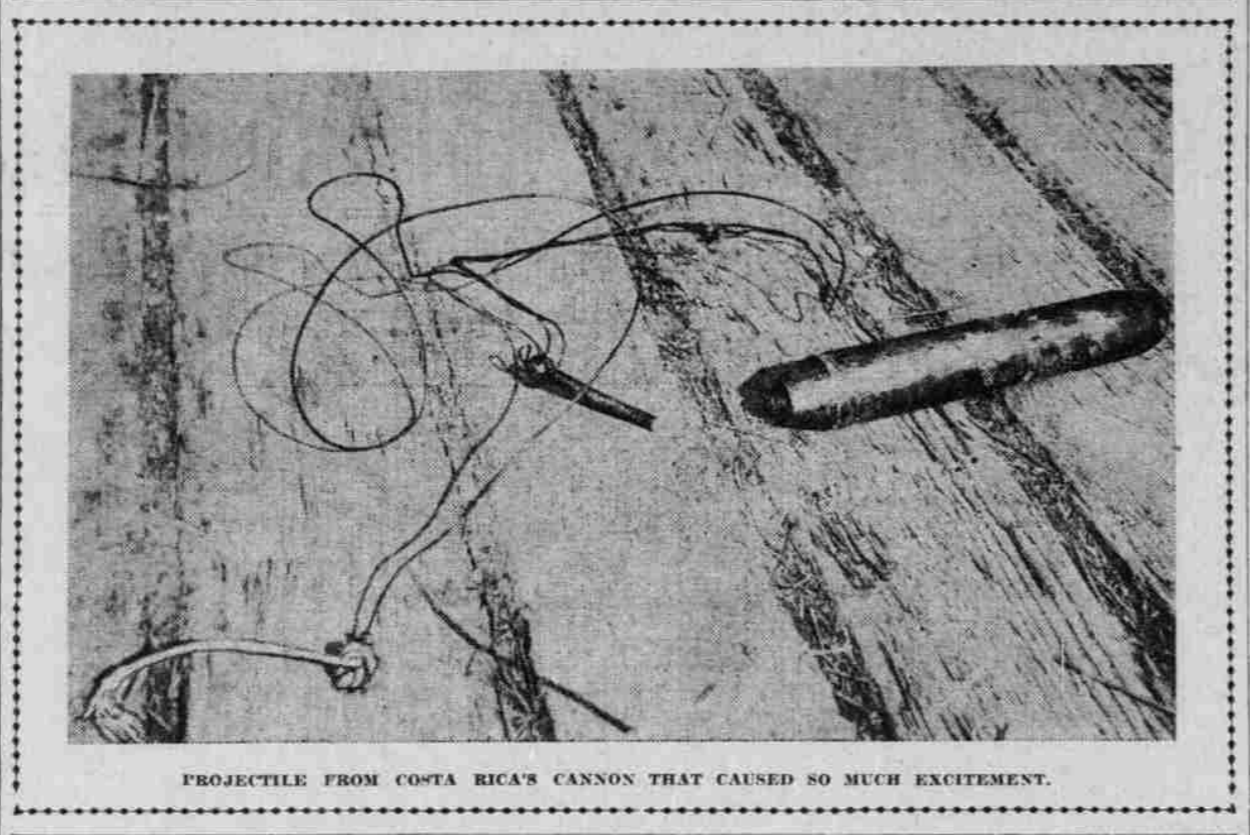
Organization Indorses Candidates for Auditor, Attorney, Municipal Judge and Councilmen. Platform Is Adopted.

SAYS HE WAS SWINDLED

Fred Teuscher Makes Charges Against Dr. C. M. McArthur.

Dr. C. M. McArthur, of Salem, was arrested yesterday by Detective Sergeant Jones and Acting Detective Tichenor and charged with larceny in the sum of \$80.

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breast of the matter, and throw himself on the mercy of the court. His hope is to escape indictment for other charges of robbery and burglary pending against him.

The assault and robbery of J. Z. Dufresne, the photographer at 321 1/2 Washington street, forms the basis of the information filed. It is charged that Lane entered Dufresne's studio the night of April 15, beat the photographer into a state of insensibility, and after binding him, robbed him of \$25 in cash and a gold watch. It is alleged Lane was armed with a revolver. The witnesses named in the complaint are: J. Z. Dufresne, Clara A. Hammeisly and T. E. Hammeisly.

The maximum penalty for the crime of which Lane is charged, is 20 years, the minimum, five years. When seen in his cell last night, he said in trembling voice: "I don't deserve much consideration, and I feel bad on account of my family. It is for my poor old mother that I care for more than any one else, but I should have thought of this first. I have nothing to say about what I did. I am going up to the courtroom and plead guilty, and I hope the judge will show me as much clemency as possible, although people outside don't think I should have any."

Lane has been a model prisoner, and has been very quiet and well-behaved. He talks but little, but has a kind, sunny disposition which has made him a favorite with his fellow prisoners.

A HANDSOME BOOKLET

The Title Guarantee & Trust Company of this city have just issued as a souvenir of their twentieth anniversary a very handsome booklet containing a succinct history of the company and setting forth an account of its remarkable growth and development. The illustrations show the exterior of the company's building at the corner of Second and Washington streets, and a number of excellent interior views. The publication is really a work of art and is from the press of J. R. Rogers, 90 Fifth street.

Copies of this, as well as other souvenirs, street maps and views of Portland may be had for the asking. The Title Guarantee & Trust Company, 240-244 Washington street corner Second, Portland, Oregon.

CANNONBALL ON PAVEMENT

PROJECTILE FROM SHIP'S GUN LANDS ON SIDEWALK.

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INFLUENCE OF LIQUOR DEALERS.

A large number of the members of the present Council, and other city officers, were elected by the influence of the liquor dealers' association and allied corporations. It is a notorious fact that especially in the Council the particular interests of these have been specially favored.

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The voters of this city now have an opportunity of mitigating this evil by refusing to support such retiring officials who are appealing for their re-entrance; and by nominating and electing in their place men who will put the public interest above that of any traffic or corporation.

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CANDIDATES INDORSED BY MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION.

For City Auditor—Oscar P. Miller.
For City Attorney—John P. Kavanaugh.
For Municipal Judge—J. S. Winchester.
Councilman-at-large—J. N. Blair, George M. Hyland, Horace G. Parsons.
Councilman from Fourth ward—Rufus C. Holman.
Councilman from Fifth ward—Dr. W. I. Cozart.
Councilman from Sixth ward—J. M. Mann.
Councilman from Eighth ward—George F. Brice.

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Wagon sent for and the missile sent to headquarters, where the secret force was put to work to ferret out the mystery of the sudden appearance of the shell.

Men working on a new house on the corner were startled almost to death by the appearance of a long steel instrument which performed strange gyrations in the atmosphere, landed on the sidewalk and finally took a richer into the basement.

The appearance of the cannonball which struck which terror to the hearts of the workmen and buried the pipe was the result of an accident. The shot was fired from the steamer Costa Rica. The Federal regulations governing steamships call for the discharge of the gun, carrying the life-saving line, once in every three months. A report must be filed showing how much powder is used and the number of feet of line paid out, etc. In an effort to comply with this regulation the officers of the steamer loaded the gun yesterday, trained it for the end of Swan Island and fired it twice.

The matter was turned over for investigation to Captain Speler, harbormaster.

Soldiers to Close Tenderloin.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 26.—(Special)—Inaction on the part of the City Council to remove a portion of the tenderloin district on Reserve street, between Fifth street and the river front, has caused an order to be issued by Colonel Woodbury, commander of the Department of the Columbia, directing the acting judge advocate of the department, Captain J. J. Bradley, to close the Fifth street yard, the only road running east from the city, and closing the reserve.

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