

RIVAL COMPANIES MAY DO BATTLE

Old Gas Corporation Threatens to Block New Concern's Operations.

STANDS UPON FRANCHISE

Asserts That Exclusive and Perpetual Rights Are Granted by Ancient Charter—Notifies Economy Company of Fact.

Better lighting and heating gas than the product of the present gas monopoly is promised by the Economy Gas Company, which secured a franchise from the city by vote of the people in last Monday's election, after the City Council had refused to admit the company to the use of the streets for pipes in competition with the Portland Gas Company.

The company is controlled by E. E. Lyle and R. W. Colson, who hold 80 per cent of the stock. They will begin laying pipes within a short time in the streets, and expect to be attacked by the Portland Gas Company in the courts, in a suit to enjoin their company from using the streets.

The Portland Gas Company holds a franchise granted by the Territorial Legislature of Oregon, January 7, 1859, authorizing Henry D. Green and his successors to establish a gas manufactory in the City of Portland, Multnomah County, Territory of Oregon, conveying to Green and his successors "the sole right and use to lay and extend gas pipes and apparatus for the conveyance of gas throughout the said City of Portland," for an indefinite period.

This franchise, giving the Portland Gas Company exclusive right to use Portland streets for gas pipes, would have been terminated by passage of the Coffey bill in the Legislature last winter. The bill passed the House, but failed in the Senate, on account of the hostility toward it of Senators Hodson, Bailey, Beach and Schiel, of Multnomah County.

These Senators, led by Hodson, succeeded in tacking on to the bill in the Senate, an amendment, which required the City of Portland to pay the company for the franchise, before it could be revoked, thus recognizing a property right in the franchise as belonging to the company.

As the franchise was given away free by the state in 1859 and the city had outgrown the ancient provisions and the privileges conferred, Representatives Coffey and Driscoll, of Multnomah, led a movement to terminate the old grant and thus compel the gas company to secure a new franchise from the city of Portland. Revocation of the old franchise would not have impaired the plant or pipes of the company.

The Hodson amendment was rejected by the House. The Senate then placed the bill on the table and the Legislature adjourned.

Officers of the Portland Gas Company have caused the new company to be informed that the old company will bring suit to enjoin, just as soon as the new company shall begin to dig trenches in the streets to lay its pipes. The new company therefore expects to wage a legal battle before going a head with its work of installing a plant.

The new franchise provides that work shall begin within six months from the date of acceptance of the franchise by the company "unless delayed by judicial action or causes not the fault of the grantee." The cost is to be approximately \$1,500,000. The company is required to spend \$5000 a year for maintenance of the plant.

The company is not to charge more than 55 cents per 1000 feet for gas, but the company expects to charge between 75 and 85 cents. The duration of the franchise is to be 25 years, and 10 per cent of the gross earnings is to be paid to the city. The Portland Gas Company pays no gross earnings tax to the city. The new company is to give \$5000 bond to the city for performance of the terms of the contract, and after three years is to be relieved of the bond, if by that time it has spent \$250,000.

PERSONAL MENTION.

H. Stapleton, of Salem, is at the Imperial.
P. W. Steustoff, a Salem business man, is at the Imperial.
W. E. Sherman, a merchant at Grant's Pass, is at the Imperial.
C. K. Spaulding, of the C. K. Spaulding Lumber Company, is at the Imperial.
Charles I. Roberts, of Klamath Falls, was registered at the Imperial yesterday.
F. J. Carney, president of the State Retail Grocers' Association, accompanied by his wife, is registered at the Imperial.
George L. Morrison, of St. Paul, a railroad man, is spending a few days in Portland, visiting Freight Agent Cardie, of the Canadian Pacific Railway.
G. M. Jackson, who is connected with the Canadian Pacific passenger department at Seattle, was in Portland yesterday, where he attended the Reed-White wedding.
J. H. Whyte, manager of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce, is registered at the Oregon. Mr. Whyte came to the Coast only recently from the East to take charge of the work of exploiting Astoria and its interests.

CHICAGO, June 4.—(Special.)—Portland people at Chicago hotels:
At the Auditorium, Charles Deyette; at the Grand Pacific, F. D. Sterling; at the Palmer House, G. F. Henderson, R. Retzer and wife.

Reception to Dr. Whitney.

A public reception was given to Dr. C. Whitney, home missionary secretary, and Dr. H. S. Gable, church extension secretary, by the First United Brethren Church, East First and East Morrison streets, last night. Bishop William M. Bell and several of the United Brethren pastors of Oregon were present. Dr. Whitney and Dr. Gable arrived in Portland yesterday morning. Words of welcome were spoken by Chairman Zeigler. Dr. Whitney spoke tonight at the Palmer House, East First and East C. Shafter. Dr. H. S. Gable responded in a short talk. Dr. Whitney delivered a lively address. Bishop Bell, of Berkeley, Cal., responded to a call and spoke of the wonderful development in and about Portland. He predicted that Portland was destined to have 600,000 people in a few years. Dr. Whitney speaks tonight in the First United Brethren Church, and Dr. Gable will preach next Sunday. Bishop Bell also will preach at one of the Sunday services. Dr. Whitney and Dr. Gable are travelling through the Northwest gathering information preparatory to extension work.

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15c extra fine quality linen Handkerchiefs, ea. 9c

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Men's extra quality linen hemstitched Handkerchiefs; best 35c values, on sale at, each, 25c
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Men's pure linen initial Handkerchiefs, 1/2-inch hems, beautiful initial; extra special 21c
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2000 dozen women's mercerized Lawn Handkerchiefs, 1/4-inch hems; great value at, each, 8c
Women's Swiss Embroidery Handkerchiefs, in several hundred patterns, scalloped and hemmed edges. Best 20c values, on sale at, 11c
250 dozen Swiss embroidered Handkerchiefs, pretty patterns. Best 25c values, on sale at, 15c
Odd lot of Women's extra fine Lawn Handkerchiefs, in embroidery and crossbar effects; fine French linens. Best \$1.25 values, on sale at, each, 83c
10c Kimono Handkerchiefs, in an immense variety of patterns; wonderful values at, each, 5c
Women's mercerized novelty Handkerchiefs, in colors; immense assortment, pretty styles; great values, 27c
500 dozen women's fine quality hemstitched Handkerchiefs, 1/4-inch hems; best 7c values, on sale at, special, each, 4c
500 dozen women's pure Irish linen embroidered and hemstitched Handkerchiefs, dainty edges and all-over effects; best 25c values, on sale at, each, 16c
Women's checked linen initial Handkerchiefs, script initial; all initials; best 20c values, on sale at, each, 12c

2000 dozen men's and boys' white Cambrie Handkerchiefs; extra special values at, each, 3c
Men's hemstitched linen Lawn Handkerchiefs; best 12 1/2c values, on sale at, each, 8 1/2c
Men's colored border Lawn Handkerchiefs; our regular 10c value, on sale at, each, 5c
Men's pure linen hemstitched Handkerchiefs; best 20c values, on sale at, each, 11c
Men's fine quality all-linen hemstitched Handkerchiefs; best 25c val., on sale at, 17c
Men's white silk Handkerchiefs; all the best 50c values, on sale at, each, 39c
75c silk Handkerchiefs, for, each, 59c

The Meier & Frank Store

Table and Bed Linens

Bleached Satin Damask Table Linen, great variety of the best patterns; regular 75c values, on sale at this low price, 58c the yard
72-inch bleached Satin Damask Table Linen, \$1.00 quality, on sale at, yard, 81c
Bleached Satin Damask Table Linen, in the very best patterns. Regular \$1.25 value, on sale at this low price, the, on sale at, yard, \$1.05
\$1.50 Bleached Satin Damask Table Linen, yard, \$1.29
All-linen bleached Satin Damask Table Napkins; best designs, large size and hemmed; regular \$2.25 values, doz., \$1.44
Odd lots bleached Satin Damask Table Napkins; very best designs; \$4.00 and \$4.50 values; on sale at, special, doz., \$3.38
Extra large white hemmed Bedspreads, \$1.75 values, ea. \$1.32
Full size white fringed Marseilles Bedspreads, reg. \$2.20, lar \$3 val., specl., \$2.20
Full size fringed Bedspreads, in pink only; reg \$2 values, \$1.32
Extra special values in hemstitched and hand-embroidered Teacloths, 26x36-in. size; beautiful designs, wonderful bargains:
\$3.00 Teacloths on sale at \$2.28
\$4.00 Teacloths on sale at \$2.78
\$5.00 Teacloths on sale at \$3.30
\$6.00 Teacloths on sale at \$4.10
\$7.50 Teacloths on sale at \$5.60
Hemmed Union Linen Huck Towels, reg. 18c values, each, 12c
Union Linen Huck Towels, hemmed; reg. 25c values, 16c
Extra heavy bleached Turkish Bath Towels, regular 26c 40c val.; on sale, each, 16c
Large size bleached Turkish Bath Towels; reg. 25c values, 16c
Bleached Cotton Huck Towels, hemmed, at the low price of 5c
Bleached Huck Towels, hemmed; regular 10c values, at, each, 7c
\$3 Oxfords \$1.98
For today we offer 2000 pairs of women's Oxfords in all the best leathers and lasts, at a price below manufacturing cost. Patent colt Bluchers, with extension or lightweight soles; vic kid and gunmetal Oxfords, light or heavy soles; Cuban or military heels; all sizes, this season's regular \$3.50 styles, at, only, \$1.98

See the New Japanese Parasols--All Prices--Great Variety See the New White Serge Suits--Second Floor

The Meier & Frank Store

New Straw Sailors For WOMEN \$3.50-\$4.50

Stylish women are demanding the highest grade Sailor Hats in rough and milan straws--Yesterday's express brought us a big shipment of these jaunty and stylish hats in black, white, brown and navy blue--Beautiful quality and very latest blocks--2 big lots, \$3.50, \$4.50, \$6 each--On sale in the Men's Hat Dept.--Popular priced Sailors in Millinery Department

Knit Underwear Bargains

Women's Richelieu Rib White Cotton Vests, low neck and sleeveless; taped neck; nicely finished. The best 20c values, in all sizes, on sale at, 11c each
Women's fine Swiss Ribbed Cotton Undervests, low neck and sleeveless, durable made and finished; taped neck, all sizes; best 25c values, at, 16c each
Women's fine ribbed Umbrella Pants, lace-trimmed, with French perfect-fitting top; the styles and quality other stores ask, 27c 50c each for; sale price, \$1.19
Women's fine ribbed White Cotton Umbrella Pants with French band; well made and finished; trimmed with Point de Regu-Paris lace; best 50c val., 33c

Folding Go-Carts--Third Floor



See the new steel collapsible folding Go-cart, with spring, reclining back, rubber-tired wheels; latest and best model on the market. Furniture stores ask \$10.00 for the same cart. Our price, \$7.50
Allwin Folding Go-carts, \$7.95
Folding Go-carts with plain tire wheels; special value, \$1.75
With rubber-tired wheels, \$2.50
Folding Go-carts, reclining back, road dash and sides, rubber-tired wheels; great special value, \$3.75
All road Folding Go-cart, with roll on the sides; \$6.75 values, at, \$5.89
The Sanitary Folding Crib and Baby Walker; just the thing for the coast; great value, \$5.50

The Meier & Frank Store "June White Days" Sale Every White Article Reduced--Few Contract Goods Excepted

- White Gloves, White Ribbons, Handkerchiefs, White Buttons, White Dress Trimmings, White Laces, White Embroideries, White Allogers, White Silks, White Velvets, White Dress Goods, etc.
Swiss, Nainsook India Linens, Lawns, etc. White Stationery, White Sheets for men, women and children, Lace Curtains, Curtain Materials, Books, Pictures, Notions, White Blankets, Pillows, Linens, etc., etc., Men's White Wear
White Shirts, White Underwear, Handkerchiefs, Straw Hats, White Neckwear, White Pajamas, White Nightshirts, White Socks, White Undershirts, White Suspenders, White Sweaters
Bar Coats, White Vests, etc., etc. White Hats, White Hosiery, White Parasols, White Corsets, White Baskets, White Furniture, White Toilet Articles, White Suits, of all kinds and qualities, Gowns, Drawers, White Flannels
Infants' Shoes, Infants' Caps, Women's Aprons, White Corsets, White Baskets, White Furniture, White Toilet Articles, White Suits, of all kinds and qualities, White Costumes
White Linens, White Towels, White Sheets, White Spreads, White Cottons, etc., etc. White Bed Linens, 250,000 pieces of Muslin Underwear, Gowns, Drawers, Corset Covers, Sets, Infants' Wear, White Wraps, White Skirts, White Walists, White Petticoats, Children's Dresses, White Kimonos, White Flannel Coats, White Millinery, White Sweaters
Infants' Coats, etc. White China, White Glassware, Silverware, Cat Glass, Kitchen Goods, White Tinware, White Woodware, White Dinner Sets, etc. Every white article in the store reduced. Few contract goods alone excepted.

Laces and Embroideries

18-inch Figured Nets for Waisting and Juniper Suits; values up to \$1.50 a yard, on sale at, 69c
40-inch dotted and figured Nets, for gowns and waists; regular 79c \$1.50 values, special at, 79c
Linen Machine Laces and Insertions, 1 to 3 1/2 inches wide, very best patterns, on sale at these prices:
Values up to 10c, 4c
Values up to 12c, 5c
Plat Val. and Point de Paris Laces and Insertions, 1 to 5-inch; 30c values, the yard, 12c
Allover Swiss and Batiste Embroidery, eyelet and blindwork designs, at Values to \$3.00, 87c
Values to \$2.50, \$1.19
Allover Batiste Embroidery, with lace stripe effect, for waistings; values up to \$6.50, on sale at this special price, the yard, \$2.69
45-inch Allover Batiste Embroidery, with designs of Venice lace; values up to \$15.00 a yard, on sale at, special, the yard, \$4.98
Great reductions on our entire stock of 1907 Robes.

250,000 Pcs. Muslin Underwear Low Priced

Women's Gowns in fine cambries and nainsooks, trimmed in pretty laces and embroideries, clusters of tucks and insertions; made with low, square, round and high necks, drawn with ribbon and headings; long and short sleeves. Placed on sale at these special low prices:
\$1.25 Values at \$ .87 Ea.--\$1.50 Values at \$ .98 Ea.
\$2.00 Values at \$1.47 Ea.--\$2.50 Values at \$1.79 Ea.
\$3.00 Values at \$1.98 Ea.--\$3.50 Values at \$2.39 Ea.
\$4.00 to \$10.00 Values at From \$2.87 to \$6.98 Each
Women's fine lawn, nainsook and cambrie Corset Covers, made blouse effect and tight-fitting styles; trimmed in dainty Val. Laces and embroidery edgings, tucks and insertions, headings and ribbons, as follows:
40c Corset Covers, ea. 33c 75c-\$1.00 Corset Covers.. 69c
65c Corset Covers, ea. 49c \$1.50-\$1.75 Corset Covers.. \$1.21
\$2.00 Corset Covers, ea. \$1.69 \$2.50-\$3.00 Corset Covers.. \$1.98
Fine cambrie and nainsook Drawers, in all prettiest styles. Entire stock at the following specially reduced prices--take advantage:
Regular 65c to \$3.00 values, on sale at, the pair, 49c to \$2.43
Women's fine cambrie and nainsook Chemise, in a variety of styles. Regular 85c to \$4.00 values, on sale at, the pair, 67c to \$2.69
Entire stock of women's white Petticoats, regular \$1.50 to \$8.00 values, on sale at, 98c to \$5.89
White Skirts, values to \$35.00, all reduced.

NEW LINE INCORPORATED

ELECTRIC ROAD TO MOUNT HOOD TO BE REALITY SOON.
Los Angeles and Portland Men to Provide Interurban Service and Electric Power for the City.
Under the name of the Portland Eastern Railway Company, the new electric line to Mount Hood has been incorporated by E. P. Clark, Arthur H. Fleming, and R. C. Gillis, all three financiers of Los Angeles.
The Portland Eastern Railway is backed by the same people, who recently incorporated the Mount Hood Power & Railway Company, and is part of the same general scheme. The Mount Hood corporation will build and equip the power plant and furnish electric power to Portland as well as for the operation of the railway, which will be in charge of the Portland Eastern Railway Company.
Both projects are financed by E. P. Clark, Arthur H. Fleming and R. C. Gillis, all three financiers of Los Angeles. Any one of the three is said to be fully able financially to complete the projects already announced and it is taken for granted that under their joint support the railway and power scheme will be successfully carried out.
Work on the power plant on the Upper Sandy River has been commenced and construction equipment is being placed to start active operations on grading for

the railway. Mr. Clark, and probably all three of the Los Angeles backers, will arrive in Portland within a short time to complete preparations for commencing work.
Deadlock Over Land Sales.
SEATTLE, Wash., June 4.—(Special.)—The State Board named to appraise the shore lands of Lakes Union and Washington, which are to be sold to raise the \$1,000,000 fund for the Alaska Fair, is deadlocked. The Tax Commission insists upon a maximum valuation of \$12,900 an acre, while the Land Commissioner, Attorney-General and Secretary of State insist that the amount is all the highest priced property is worth. The Tax Commission's figures would cost shore landowners \$2,030,000.

Death of Lents Pioneer.
Tobias Deardorff, a pioneer, died at his home near Lewis Monday, June 3. He was 77 years and 5 months old. Mr. Deardorff belonged to the family who first settled in Deardorff Valley. The funeral will be held at the family home today at 10 A. M. Interment will be in Multnomah Cemetery.

Will Soon Occupy City Hall.
Architect Goodrich, who has been in charge of the building of the St. Johns City Hall, said yesterday that the Council Chamber had been completed and could probably be occupied by the Council by June 15, but the present contract would not be completed before July 1. It will be an attractive building.

KIRBY-KODAK DEVELOPING.
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Pork Lard 10c
Pork Sides 12 1/2c