

CITY NEED NOT PAY FOR WIRING

Telephone Companies Must Meet Expense Under Franchises.

NOW ISSUE IN COUNCIL

Driscoll Accuses Mayor Lane and Executive Board of Making Needless Expenditure of \$20,900 for Conductors.

City Attorney Kavanaugh submitted to City Auditor Barber an opinion on the question recently brought up, as to whether the municipality has power to compel the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company and the Home Telephone Company to furnish a certain kind of conductors for the fire alarm service.

Mayor Lane and his advisers were accused by Auditor Barber with the unnecessary purchase of \$20,900 worth of conductors for the fire alarm service. This expenditure, it was contended by Mr. Barber, should have been furnished without cost by the Home Telephone Company.

Opinion of City Attorney.

Mr. Kavanaugh's opinion follows: Addressed to the City of Portland, Oregon, by your Auditor, Charles E. Barber, Esq., dated April 4, 1908, in relation to the investigation of the expenditure of \$20,900 for conductors for the fire alarm service.

The language of this regulation is such that the city cannot enforce its own will in an appropriate exercise of power in the franchise granted to these corporations. Since the provisions of the franchise are not mandatory it will be necessary to consider them as permissive.

Right Conferred to City.

Under these provisions, the city is empowered to require the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company to provide and maintain in its conductors for the fire alarm service the use of the best quality of wire.

Also Affects Home Company.

Under the provisions of the city, in my opinion, has power to require the holder of such franchises to provide and maintain in its conductors all necessary telephone and telegraph wires at its expense.

OWNER OF AUTO IS SUED

John B. Kelly Asked to Pay Damages of Runaway.

That an automobile belonging to John B. Kelly, and scorching at the rate of 25 miles an hour, frightened the horse of Fred R. Chapman that the animal overtook the buggy and was killed, is the allegation of Mr. Chapman, who is suing Mr. Kelly in Judge Bromberg's department of the Circuit Court.

Before hearing the testimony in the case Judge Bromberg and the jury went to view the scene of the accident.

CHURCH CONFERENCE ENDS

Norwegian-Danish Methodist Pastors Want Mission District.

The Norwegian-Danish Methodist ministers of Washington and Oregon have just closed one of the most interesting and profitable district conferences ever held on the Pacific Coast.

From the organization of the Norwegian Danish Church in Portland, 25 years ago, the work has grown to the size of an annual conference, including in its territory Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon and California.

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TWELVE HUNDRED REGISTER IN DAY

Total Enrollment of Voters Is Now Well Past 30,000 Mark.

WILL REACH 31,500 TODAY

Books Will Reopen After Primaries and It Is Expected That Registrations Before June Election Will Exceed Seattle's 33,000.

The total registration of voters went over the 30,000 mark before 5 o'clock last night.

Before the books close, at 5 P. M. today, it is expected by County Clerk Fields that there will be upwards of 31,500 registered.

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SAYS ACTION WAS HASTY

B. S. Josselyn Replies to Criticism by Baptist Ministers.

That the action yesterday of the Baptist Ministerial Association was ill advised in again rebuking the street railway company for permitting picture and song slot machines in its street and Alder-street waiting-room, was the opinion expressed last night by President B. S. Josselyn, of the company.

It is observed that the Baptist Ministerial Association has again taken up the matter of the pictures in the waiting-room of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company at First and Alder streets.

The ministers are a little hasty, I had already taken action that would remove any possible cause for complaint on the part of the ministers or any one else.

The company had leased to a concern, known as the Pacific Coast Concession Company, the privilege for the sale of cigars and candy in the waiting-room, and this company had leased to a concern, known as the Pacific Coast Concession Company, the privilege for the sale of cigars and candy in the waiting-room.

"We have done more than that. We have done it because we did not want to have a matter of this kind made the subject of controversy between the railway

and the ministers or any one else. On April 1 we notified the Pacific Coast Concession Company that their waiting-room was to be closed.

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VOTERS REGISTERING AT THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE.

ALDEN WILL WALK BEAT

Officious Police Clerk Is Believed of Office Duty.

C. T. Alden, a member of the police department, who has been serving as clerk to the captain of detectives, will walk a beat after this.

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VOTE ON BOND ISSUE TODAY

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DR. POLING WILL RETURN

Well-Known Pastor Summoned to Albina Church.

One of the most important announcements in connection with the appointments made at the annual conference of the United Evangelical Church held at Dallas, Ia. that Dr. C. C. Poling will return to Oregon, and has been appointed to the Second United Evangelical Church at Kerby and Fargo streets, Albina. He will be here in about two weeks.

Dr. Poling has been president of the Western University at La Mars, Ia. for the past two years, going there from the presidency of Dallas College. He had a special work to do for that university and having finished it is ready to resume his duties in Oregon, where he had been in active work for nearly 29 years.

Dr. Poling has many friends in Portland and throughout the state who will be glad to hear that he will return. Rev. A. A. Winter has been sent back to the First Church, Tenth and Sherman streets, for his fourth year.

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Striking Builders Attempt to Destroy Material in Yards.

PARIS, April 6.—The first incident of rioting in connection with the lockout of bricklayers, masons and allied workmen occurred today in the Place de la Bastille. A crowd of workmen attempted to force an entrance into the building yards with the intention of wrecking

Deal Gently with the Bowels—Don't be Harsh

Some people say, "C