

# COUNCIL ATTACKS TELEPHONE GRANT

### Members Declare Pacific Co. Is Giving Wretched Service in Portland.

## KAVANAUGH ASKED TO ACT

### City Attorney Will Ascertain Power to Cancel Franchise if Conditions Are Not Improved — May Bar Nickel Boxes.

The City Council, at its meeting yesterday afternoon, unanimously voted to instruct City Attorney Kavanaugh to furnish at once an opinion as to whether the Council is empowered, under the terms of the franchise of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company to revoke the grant unless a greatly-improved service is maintained by that corporation. Members of the Council, in the course of their remarks, declared that "it is an absolute injustice to the public to allow such miserable conditions to continue."

Just before the adjournment of the afternoon session, Councilman Belding arose and offered a resolution, instructing the City Attorney to investigate the terms of the franchise now held by the company, with a view to ascertaining whether the Council has power to demand a much better service than is given or, failing to secure the desired improvement, to revoke the franchise.

### Would Tear Down Boxes.

The resolution was instantaneously approved by other Councilmen, several of whom, in brief speeches, said that the present service of the Pacific Telephone Company is "wretched." Councilman Kellaher and Driscoll fought for an amendment, instructing Chief of Police Grimsacher to go out with axes and tear down the nickel-in-the-slot telephone boxes now in service throughout the city. However, it was thought best to reserve this action, if taken at all, until after the report is received from the City Attorney on the power of the Council.

"The service of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company has been so bad that relief is positively necessary," declared Mr. Belding, in offering the resolution. "The company is giving the worst service in the history of the city, and the public is paying for something it does not get. Something must be done, and I move that the City Attorney be instructed to investigate the provisions of the company's franchise to see if we can revoke it, if a good deal better service is not immediately given."

### Kellaher Urges Action.

There were several seconds, uttered simultaneously, and Mr. Kellaher also offered the amendment, instructing the Chief of Police to tear down all the telephone nickel-in-the-slot boxes that are in use throughout the city. "The police have removed all other slot-machines, why not the telephone company's boxes?" said Mr. Kellaher. "The only difference in the boxes is that in the kind they used to have at cigar stores you could sometimes get something for your money, but I never heard of any one getting anything for his money in one of those telephone boxes. I think the police should be ordered by this Council to remove them."

Mr. Driscoll spoke along the same lines as did Mr. Kellaher, but the amendment did not carry. However, the City Attorney was instructed to include in his report the statement as to whether the Council has power to instruct the Chief of Police to remove the slot-machine telephones.

"I understand that the telephone company has already improved its service," said Councilman Conant, "and the company formerly charged me \$1.50 a month for my telephone, now they charge me \$3 a month for it. Isn't that an improvement?"

## REJECTS WIRE FRANCHISE

### Council Refuses to Permit Connection With Fire Alarm System.

Too many applications for franchises to operate auxiliary fire alarm systems in Portland have brought about the probable defeat of all. The City Council yesterday morning voted to postpone indefinitely further consideration of these applications, which include those of the National Automatic Company and the American District Company. A third concern, it was said, is about to enter the arena and seek a permit. All wires to connect with the wires of the city system.

Councilman Kellaher, who has led the fight against the automatic company's application, took the same attitude with regard to the application of the American District Company. He moved the indefinite postponement of the matter, inasmuch as the report of Fire Chief Campbell and City Electrician Savarian was strictly opposed to permitting any private concern to attach its system onto the municipal lines. After considerable debate the motion prevailed, and the whole matter is therefore indefinitely postponed, which means that, in all probability, none of the companies will receive a franchise to connect with the city fire alarm system.

The Automatic Company's franchise has progressed to the point where it is about to be advertised, but the application of the American District Company has just come officially before the Council.

There seems to be general objection throughout the larger cities of the country to any private company attaching wires to the municipal system, as it seems certain to make confusion, and in some instances is said to be a real menace to life and property. It is held by the chiefs generally that the city's wires should be absolutely exclusive, and that none but city electricians should have access to the boxes or any portion of the wires or system.

## DEMAND FIRE PROTECTION

### Residents of Oakley Green Want Hydrants Placed Near School.

Twenty residents of Oakley Green, living near the public school, have sent to a committee to the Mayor and City Council demanding that fire hydrants be installed at once to protect the building and the lives of the children, who will soon be in attendance there. The letter is a peculiar note because of its strong language, and ends by the statement that, if the hydrants are not installed, and there is any loss of life from fire, the residents will hold the Mayor and members of the Council to a strict account therefor.

The communication was read at the

meeting of the City Council yesterday morning and was referred to the committee on health and police for consideration. Councilman Menefee inquired of Mayor Lane, who was presiding, if it were not true that there are a lot of hydrants lying idle that were purchased nearly one year ago, and the Mayor replied that there are some of that lot which have never been tested or accepted by Chief Campbell. The fire chief will be asked to check up and make a report.

In the Oakley Green district there are no hydrants at all, and the school is in the mercy of flames. This situation was called to the attention of the Mayor and Council months ago by Chief Campbell, but a deadlock between the Water Board and Council, until two weeks ago, prevented relief.

### Saloon Ordinance Sidetracked.

As predicted, the City Council sidetracked the proposed ordinance designed to exclude women from saloons. It was not reported at all yesterday, notwithstanding the fact that it was recommended for passage, with a minor amendment, by the majority of the members of the committee on health and police. It is said the liquor interests are opposed to it, and are doing all they can to defeat it.

### Regulate Junk Dealers.

An ordinance was passed by the City Council yesterday afternoon, a provision of which is that junk dealers shall not purchase anything from minors. It is believed by the Council that this is an excellent measure. Its other provisions place the business strictly under control of the police.

## ENGINEER'S PLAN ADOPTED

### VISTA AVENUE PROJECT APPROVED BY COUNCIL.

### If Improvement Is Carried Out Boulevard on Portland Heights Will Be Great Driveway.

Rapid progress is being made in the matter of the proposed opening, widening and improving of Vista avenue, from the end of the Foster street bridge to Twentieth and Carter streets. Monday the street committee of the Council visited the scene and inspected the ground, and yesterday afternoon the Council, in a session held in the report of the committee, which recommended the plan of City Engineer Taylor. Immediately Mayor Lane signed the ordinance, and viewers were appointed. They will soon make their report, when it is probable a complaint will be heard from property-owners along the line of the improvement, who do not feel able to bear the expense.

This is the most expensive street improvement yet proposed in Portland, in that it is estimated to cost about \$150,000. It calls for a 60-foot boulevard, following the bluff above the city on the line of the Portland Heights branch of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company.

The improvement, if it is carried out as planned, will mark a new era in street work in Portland, and will provide what those interested declare will be the most beautiful boulevard in the West, if not in the whole country. There will be no obstacles to mar the view toward the east, in which direction may be seen the mountains, the Willamette and Columbia Rivers, and a splendid panoramic view of the city. As in all cases of public improvement, there are some of the property-owners who feel that the cost of the project is beyond their means, and some believe the lines recommended by City Engineer Taylor are dangerous, impracticable and likely to make trouble. There are points on the eastern edge of the boulevard where a retaining wall of great depth must be placed to make the boulevard safe. Mr. Taylor declares the work can be done with absolute safety, but Councilmen Rushlight and Kellaher voted against the report because of their fear that an accident might happen.

## BOTH VETOS SUSTAINED

### Baker Not Personally Interested in "Nickelodion" Measure.

Mayor Lane's vetoes on ordinances regulating street vendors and "nickelodion" measures, which were sustained by the City Council yesterday morning, and further legislation on these matters will probably be brought up later. The executive put his stamp of disapproval on each measure because, as he stated in his messages, he thought there were imperfections in them.

The ordinance designed to regulate "nickelodions" which provided that all such establishments must be housed in fireproof buildings was vetoed because of a section which required such buildings as have been used for one year prior to date of its passage for theatrical purposes. Until yesterday it had been supposed that this provision was put in by Councilman Baker to protect his own interests, as he has three such theaters. He, however, in a brief speech, explained that such is not the case. Mr. Baker said he cared nothing as to whether the ordinance passed, and asked the Councilmen to vote just as they saw fit, and not to count him as interested. Mr. Taylor, he said, he would vote to sustain the veto, to show his good faith, which he did.

The ordinance relating to street-vendors was vetoed because it fixed a license fee that would drive most all of the vendors out of business, and the veto was sustained.

### Saloon District Measure Referred.

Councilman Kellaher yesterday afternoon, during the session of the City Council, called from the table the proposed ordinance prescribing districts in which saloons shall be located, and fixing also the territory where no more saloons shall be allowed. It was referred to the committee on judiciary. The measure was first advocated by the wholesale liquor dealers, who had it framed and introduced. That was just before the last election. Nothing had been heard of it since until yesterday.

### Petition for New Bridge.

A formal petition for a bridge across Sullivan creek on East Sixteenth street was presented to the City Council yesterday afternoon. No definite action was taken upon it. Residents in the vicinity of the site declare that the heavy traffic warrants another structure.

### Offers, Then Withdraws Ordinance.

Councilman Wills drafted and informally introduced an ordinance into the Council yesterday, the terms of which would have revoked the license of the Pullman Cafe. Later, however, he withdrew the proposed measure, and it was not acted upon.

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- No. 215—Royal oak or fir Dresser, regular \$15.00; made of well seasoned materials, serpentine front; reduced to \$9.25
- No. 5108—Golden oak Dresser, regular value \$21, swell front, 22x27 oval French bevel-plate mirror, now reduced to \$12.40
- No. 198—White Maple Dresser, regular value \$17.50; 20x24 oval French bevel-plate mirror, serpentine top; reduced to \$11.75
- No. 148—Chiffonier, regular value \$17.50; 15x19 French bevel mirror, with serpentine top; five drawers; made of well-seasoned hardwood; reduced to \$11.75
- No. 7100—Regular \$19 natural ash Bed; Colonial design; reduced to \$10.50
- No. 6184—Regular \$16.50 Dressing Table, mahogany finish, 18x20 French bevel-plate mirror; one drawer; reduced to \$9.75

## Our Pre-Inventory Sale

has been a wonderful success. For bargains Portland has never seen anything to compare with it. We have again gone through the lots, replenishing them from higher-priced lines, determined that the many people that come today will find as many tempting bargains as were offered during the first days of this sale.

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## For the Dining-room

We are particularly fortunate in our selections of dining-room furniture. This is why we can quote such money-saving prices.



- No. 8534—Regular \$22.50 China Cabinet, has 4 shelves, round glass ends; in golden oak and weathered finish; reduced to \$14.35
- No. 327—Regular \$35.00 Extension Table, 45-inch top, 6-foot, quarter-sawed oak, golden finish; red. to \$18.25
- No. 2192—Regular \$26 China Cabinet, solid oak, in golden finish; has four shelves and round glass ends; reduced to \$16.75
- No. 1920—Regular \$36 Buffet, quarter-sawed oak, polished finish; 23 by 45-inch top; French bevel-plate mirror; reduced to \$23.50
- No. 2705—Regular \$32 Buffet in golden oak or weathered oak finish, 2 doors and 3 drawers; 10x34 French bevel-plate mirror; reduced to \$18.75
- No. 5303—Regular \$16.00 Side Table, solid oak, in weathered finish; has 2 shelves; reduced to \$9.75

## GO-CARTS



- \$11.00 Folding Foyer Go-Cart, rubber tire, spring seat and reclining back; reduced to, special \$7.50
- No. 3204—\$6.00 Folding Go-Cart, rattan seat and back; rubber tires; special \$4.75
- No. 8240—\$12.00 Folding Reclining Go-Cart, upholstered seat and back, rubber tires and \$8.00 parasol; reduced to \$10.00
- No. 8146—\$15 Folding Reclining Go-Cart, reed body, cushion rubber tire wheels; reduced to \$10.00
- No. 9864—Regular \$19.00 Baby Carriage, heavy reed body, cushion tire wheels; special \$11.00 price for this sale, only.

## Steel Range \$27.75



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- No. 2407—Regular \$29 Sleepy Hollow Rocker, upholstered in genuine leather, weathered oak finish; matches above chair; reduced to \$17.50
- No. 4108—Regular \$22.00 high-back Comfort Rocker, polished mahogany, olive leather seat, slat back; reduced to \$12.25
- No. 5634—Regular \$17.50 Rocker, solid quarter-sawed oak, golden finish, leather seat and back; reduced to \$9.75

## ERECT NEW PRISON

### Old Project Bobs Up in City Council.

## MEASURE DRAWN BY WILLS

### Ordinance Is Submitted Providing for Sale of Present Jail and Other Property to Raise the Necessary Funds.

The City Council yesterday afternoon referred to a committee an ordinance authorizing the Executive Board to sell the present City Jail and public market sites. Much significance attaches to the action. It may lead to the construction of a modern building for police headquarters, Municipal Court and city prison. The measure was drafted and introduced by Councilman Wills.

Another ordinance which passed the Council is aimed to reinforce the main measure, and directs the committee on health and police to investigate and report to the Council on all city property at present unused. The intention of Mr. Wills is to order the sale of this also, the combined amount of money derived therefrom to be put into the new jail building. Both ordinances were referred to the committee for consideration.

## new and modern police station and prison.

Conditions in the present building, he said, are shameful, and cannot be tolerated much longer. "We simply must have a good police station, Municipal Court building and City Jail," said Mr. Wills. "And in order to get it the Council must act. It has run along now until it is a shame, and the conditions in the present jail and building where the police have to work are so bad that it is inhuman longer to tolerate it. We should have built it long before this, but the best we can now do is to proceed at once, and press the work to a finish."

There has been loud and continual complaint for many years of the present City Jail building, and but recently Captain Moore, commanding the day

## relier, made a written report to his superior officers, in which he declared that there are the most urgent reasons for an immediate change to a new building.

## KILLS CHILD AND HIMSELF

### Henry M. Steele, Well-Known Washington Man, Goes Insane.

SPOKANE, July 8.—Suffering from a sudden attack of insanity, Henry M. Steele, a resident of Nesplem, Wash., on the south half of the Colville Indian Reservation, Tuesday afternoon shot and killed his pretty little three-year-old daughter and then committed suicide. He was one of the best-known men in Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho, having been from 1893 till 1901 Assistant Federal Government Agent on the reservation.

## Fourth Cable Under Kelton.

### ASTORIA, Or., July 8.—(Special.)—Captain Genereux, salvor for the underwriters, succeeded today in placing the fourth cable under the sunken

### steam schooner Minnie E. Kelton. The cables are fastened to barges moored alongside and within a few days everything will be ready for the attempt to raise the vessel.

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