

GRANTS ON CITY STREETS REFUSED

Council Committee Determined to Bring Local Traction Company to Terms.

WOULD SWING BIG STICK

Attitude Indicates That Additional Privileges Will Be Denied Until Blanket Franchise Is Replaced With More Definite One.

When the street committee of the City Council met in special session yesterday afternoon to consider the application of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company for 40 franchises for switches, new lines and extensions to the streetcar system throughout Portland, it developed that an important fight is on between the company and the members of the committee.

The company, though declaring through its agents that it cares nothing as to the outcome of these applications, was sufficiently interested in the matter to escort the members of the Council all over the city on a recent occasion, to draw up plans and to give much attention to details.

Compact to "Stand Pat."

A compact has been entered into between certain Councilmen, led by Councilman Kellaher, to "stand pat" and give nothing to the company until such time as its officials are fighting the city and agree to relinquish the blanket franchise now held by the corporation and to accept a new one with up-to-date provisions for regulation by and protection of the city.

Something of the idea these Councilmen held is to be had from a most significant question asked of Oscar Huber, representative of the company, by Mr. Kellaher, during the session yesterday afternoon.

"If we should decide to put into these franchises you are seeking provisions for the regulation of fares, the sprinkling of streets and other features for the protection of the city, would you accept the franchise?" asked Mr. Kellaher.

"Absolutely not," replied Mr. Huber. "I should say not. If the company cared anything about these franchises, it would show more interest, wouldn't it?"

"If you intend, Mr. Kellaher, to go into a fight of that kind," volunteered L. A. McNary, speaking as counsel for the company, "it will just result in the people who want these extensions getting nothing."

Wants Present Grant Used.

Mr. Kellaher also intends to make a fight to compel the company to make use of the franchise it owns, running from East Ankeny street to Weidner, or to institute proceedings to declare the grant forfeited. This franchise includes a permit across the new bridge on East Twenty-eighth street, for which the company refused to pay its portion of cost, saying it had no interest in the street.

A large delegation of residents from Holladay Park was present to urge the granting of a franchise for improvements to the carline in that neighborhood, and providing for a loop that would run around Halsey street to East Twenty-fourth, on East Twenty-fourth to Stanton, west on Stanton to East Twenty-second and on East Twenty-second to Halsey. Mr. Kellaher, however, declared that the only way to give the people of that section any adequate and proper service is to utilize the franchise that would call for a line from East Ankeny, along East Twenty-eighth to Weidner and back through the Holladay-irvington district to Union avenue, forming a big loop. Definite action was postponed until one week from today, when another meeting will be held.

Would Compel New Policy.

It is said that, from this time forward, the Council will refuse to grant any franchises of any kind to the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company until the corporation adopts a different policy in regard to the municipality. The company is waging war against the city on the projected Madison-street bridge, on the city lighting, on street improvements and in a general way is considered by Mayor Lane and other officials as being hostile to the city. The prime object of the Council will be to force the company to agree to relinquish its present blanket franchise and accept a new one, which will contain far more stringent regulations.

Although the petitions of property-owners on Patton avenue and the application of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company for a franchise to lay a double track on that thoroughfare were voted down, there will be further action in the matter. But four of the seven members of the committee were present, and the whole matter will have to be threshed out in the Council. It is one of the most important matters now before the Council.

There were petitions for the franchise and remonstrances against it, but none of these opposed to the franchise, as it is said, are residents on the avenue in question. Some of the property-owners on Patton avenue declared that the opponents are financially interested in having the line to the great packing-houses of the Swift Company, now being constructed on the Peninsula, laid on some other street.

Object to Boulevard Line.

The argument of those opposing the franchise was that there should be no streetcar lines on a boulevard. They contended that Patton avenue is a connecting link in the boulevard system and it was their belief that there should be no franchise for tracks there.

Among those favoring the application for a franchise, was R. M. Wilbur, who had spent much time investigating and endeavoring to secure favorable action. He read to the committee a statement of the situation, giving the details of the plan, as follows:

On Patton avenue, between Killingsworth avenue and Fifth street, where franchise is asked, there is only one property-owner who owns more frontage on that street than I do, and he is entirely indifferent. On the entire mile over which the railway company asks a franchise there are 32 property-owners. I have the signatures of 25 of these property-owners asking for a franchise. There are seven owners who have been unable to find; these are ten owners whose signatures are unobtainable for various reasons; but not one of whom is opposed to this franchise being granted. I have never seen either petitions or remonstrances, one property-holder in Eugene, another dead and others are living outside of the state. This shows conclusively that there is

TEST FISHING LAW

Seufert Declares Initiative Statute Is Void.

EXPECTS TO WIN FIGHT

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PRESIDENT GRANTS PARDON

Japanese Who Killed Countryman in Alaska Set Free.

THIEF, BUT NOT CRIMINAL

Feature of Law of 1901 Declared Invalid by Order of Judge Snell.

JURY VISITS ROCKPILE

Institution at Kelly Butte Inspected by Municipal Body.

DODGES BILLS IN HOTELS

Aged Visitor at Local Hostelry Leaves Unpaid Accounts.

MRS. WHEELOCK'S MENU

Secure Feeding Ground for Stock.

SOLD LIQUOR IN DRY TOWN

Two Men Fined \$250 Each in La Grande; Will Go to Jail.

JURY ACQUITS LANING

Ohio Congressman Weeps Like Child on Hearing Verdict.

STUDENTS ON EVERY TRAIN

University of Oregon Expects Freshman Class of 250 This Year.

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CHEHALIS COUNTY FIGURES

Official Count Completed at Aberdeen—No Contests Likely.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—The work of canvassing the election returns was completed this afternoon and following is the official count. There is no indication that a recount will be asked: Governor—Ridpath, 88 first and 169 second, total 257; Atkinson, 211 first and 224 second, total 435; Robinson, 127 and 214, total 341; McBride, 1080 and 498, total 1578; Bell, 44 and 140, total 184; Mead, 829 and 649, total 1478; Brown, 25 and 143, total 168; Cosgrove, 1038 and 901, total 1939. Lieutenant-Governor—Morrison, 552 and 504, total 1056; Conner, 1237 and 582, total 1819; Faussett, 699 and 736, total 1435; Austin, 284 and 580, total 864; Hay, 375 and 613, total 988. Secretary of State—Nichols, 2145; Howell, 1329. State Auditor—Clausen, 1624; Tobin, 655; Cromwell, 1317. Treasurer—Crawford, 998 and 508, total 1506; Egan, 1038 and 605, total 1643; Kipp, 663 and 718, total 1381; Bell, 533 and 1029, total 1562. Land Commissioner—Rice, 2018; Calvert, 991; Navarra, 234. Superintendent of Public Instruction—Dewey, 2570. Insurance Commissioner—Schively, 1598 and 396, total 1994; Hollander, 509 and 798, total 1307; Bullock, 327 and 811, total 1138; Withers, 824 and 307, total 1131. United States Senator—Ankeny, 1531; Jones, 596 and 232. State Treasurer—Erwin, 494; Lewis, 2830; Murray, 209. Judges Supreme Court—Craw, 1494; Root, 1412; Chadwick, 1998; Nash, 645; Linn, 1571; Humphries, 1047 and 468, total 1515. Congressmen—Cushman, 2318. Representative Twenty-ninth District—Dearing, 974; Wiley, 686; White, 763; Hart-ferty, 1057; Locke, 1363. Representative Thirtieth District—Hewitt, 598; Lamb, 409.

Nominee for Congress. MIDDLETON, O., Sept. 17.—Nominated for Congress, Third Ohio District, James M. Cox, Democrat.

School Shoes that wear Rosenthal's Fifth & Washington St. Advertisement for school shoes with a decorative border.

Pacific National Fair and Livestock Show Portland—Sept. 21-26. ATTRACTIVE EXHIBITS. Blooded Stock, Poultry, Agricultural and Manufactured Products. TRACK RACING DAILY. Round Trip Fares. FIFTEEN up-to-date Talking Machines on sale today. Graves Music Co. 111 Fourth Street, Near Washington Street.



EXCAVATING FOR THE IMPERIAL HOTEL ANNEX AT SEVENTH AND STARK STREETS. The above illustration shows a steam shovel at work excavating at the site of the Imperial Hotel Annex at Seventh and Stark streets. This will be an eight-story building and is being erected by the owner, Theodore B. Wilcox.

When Edison Was News Agent on Train

Great Inventor Meets Grandson of Conductor Under Whom He Worked on Hudson River Railroad.

WILE IN PORTLAND THIS WEEK

Thomas A. Edison, the famous inventor, met the grandson of a railroad conductor on whose train he used to be news agent, the modern term being "peanut butter." H. C. Gardner, city passenger agent for the New York Central lines, is a grandson of Joseph Gardner, conductor on the Hudson River Railroad, which ran from New York to Albany. Strangely enough, the grandson is in the employ of the company which later acquired the Hudson River property.

H. C. Gardner called on Mr. Edison

and recalled the fact that the wizard used to be train boy for his grand-father over