

FRANCHISE REPORT TO BE CONSIDERED

Charter Commission Will Hold Important Discussion at Tonight's Meeting.

QUESTION OF REGULATION

Severe Restrictions Proposed in Op- eration of Public Service Corpor- ations—Mayor and Coun- cil to Have Control.

When the Charter Revision Com-
mittee meets at the City Hall tonight,
it will resume consideration of the
report of the committee on public
utilities and franchises, a subject of
great importance in the compilation
of the new charter. The report con-
tains some of the most stringent pro-
visions ever considered for the regula-
tion of public service corporations, and
from what has already been done in
the way of revising the present char-
ter much attention has been drawn to
the subject. Capitalists and their re-
presentatives, especially, are concerned
about the action of the members of
this feature, and are watching it with
deep interest.

Representatives of public utility cor-
porations are particularly interested in
the action of the committee with re-
gard to vesting with the Mayor and
Council the power to "reasonably regu-
late" the service of corporations hold-
ing franchises under the new charter.
Another clause in the report that has
attracted much attention is that which
provides that the Mayor and Council
may make "periodical valuations of
such franchises." It has been con-
tended by capitalists that this might
make it difficult to sell bonds; in fact,
it is the belief of representatives of
capital, expressed before the committee,
that the incorporation into the charter
of the many stringent rules to govern
corporations will result in frightening
away outside investments.

The report contains a clause, making
it the business of the applicant to pay
for the publication of the complete
franchise in a daily newspaper of gen-
eral circulation. At present, the city
bears this cost. The report also con-
tains clauses forbidding any railroad
to cross streets at grade, and to regu-
late fares, and vests this authority
and the authority to regulate the ser-
vice in the Mayor and Council. Some
of the more important paragraphs of
the report to be considered tomorrow
night are as follows:

The Mayor and Council have power and
authority by ordinance duly passed to
agree with any corporation, firm or person
constructing a commercial railroad and desir-
ing to enter the city, upon the extent, terms
and conditions upon which the streets,
alleys, or public grounds of the city may
be appropriated, used or occupied by such
railroad, and upon the manner, terms and
conditions under which the cars and locomo-
tives of such railroad shall be run over
or on such streets, alleys or public grounds,
such agreements shall be subject to the
provisions and requirements of this char-
ter, and shall have no validity until ap-
proved by a majority of the electors voting
at a special or general election. No ex-
clusive right for the proposed purposes shall
be granted to any corporation, firm or per-
son, and the use of all such rights shall be
subject at all times to regulation by the
Mayor and Council.

Every ordinance granting such right shall
be upon the conditions that no track shall
cross a city street at grade; and that such
tracks shall allow any other railroad to
pass over them in common with it; the same
tracks, each paying an equitable and proper
portion for the construction and repair of
the tracks and appurtenances used by such
railroad companies, jointly, and shall be ap-
proved by the electors as herein before pro-
vided.

The Mayor and Council of the City of
Portland shall have at all times power to
regulate by ordinance street railroads, trans-
ways and other railroads, and the use of
tracks and cars; to compel the owners of
two or more such roads using or having the
right to use the same streets, bridges or
elevated roadways, to use the same tracks
and to divide the same of construction and
maintenance thereof equitably between
them; to regulate the rates of speed and
the use of streets by street railways and
other railroads, and to pass ordinances to
protect the public from danger or incon-
venience in the operation of such roads.

Every grant of a franchise which provides
for the charging of rates, fares and charges
shall contain a provision fixing the max-
imum rate of fares, rates and charges which
the grantee, his, its or their successors or
assigns can charge or collect for services
rendered or performed by virtue of and
during the life of such franchise and the
operation of his, its or their plant or prop-
erty thereunder; and said grant shall also
provide that the city reserves the right
thereafter from time to time to change,
alter, regulate and fix the rates or charges
which the grantee, his, its or their suc-
cessors or assigns can charge or collect
thereunder during the life of such fran-
chise.

When permission shall be granted by the
Mayor and Council to a public service cor-
poration to tear up a pavement on any
street within five years after such pav-
ement shall have been constructed, such pub-
lic service corporation shall be required to
pay in full the expense of restoring such
pavement completely to its former condition,
and shall also pay a penal sum of not less
than \$500 and not more than \$1000 in each
such case.

DEMAND VOTE ON LOCATION

Friends of Hancock-Street Landing for Bridge Circulate Petition.

Friends of the Hancock-street loca-
tion for the proposed bridge across the
Willamette River are circulating peti-
tions asking the City Council to place
the matter on the ballot alongside the
Broadway-street location. At the meet-
ing of the Multnomah Improvement Club
Wednesday night Dr. L. M. Davis, chair-
man of the bridge committee, reported
that these petitions are being generally
signed up on both the West and East
Sides of the river, and that no one had
refused to sign so far.

He reported that it was not intended
to resist in an initiative petition at pres-
ent, but these petitions now in circula-
tion are to show the Council that the
people want a vote on the question of
location, as between Broadway and Han-
cock streets, and expressed the opinion
that the Council would not refuse to
place the Hancock-street location on the
ballot when the petitions bearing names
of prominent people are presented. A
lawyer has been engaged to pilot the
movement through the legal shoals and
rocks.

INDIAN PLAY DANGEROUS

Boys With Firearms Must Appear in Juvenile Court.

Whether the study of early American
history, with incidents of the Indian
war, so inflamed the imaginations of
about 30 boys that they nearly enacted a
tragedy in the woods between Arjels and
South Mount Tabor, or whether it was
the reading of yellow-backed literature,

is a question which the officials of the
Juvenile Court are pondering. The boys
had come into the possession of danger-
ous weapons. They are to appear before
Judge Gantenbein, in the Juvenile Court,
this afternoon.

The lads formed themselves into two
bands, one being known as the "Sitting
Bull" crowd, and the other as the "Chip-
munk" gang. A platform of small poles
was erected in some young fir trees,
about 10 feet from the ground, with a
second platform 10 feet higher. A short
distance away, in the woods, a little
cabin was built. The platform in the
trees were designated "The Fort." One
crowd defended it against the onslaught
of the others with bows and arrows. Of
late a crowd of large boys has tried to
dislodge the youngsters in "The Fort"
with revolvers and guns, supposed to be
loaded with blank cartridges.

Chief Probation Officer Teuscher found,
upon investigation, that the platform
were of such flimsy construction that
they might have given away while the
boys were on them. He says the fort
grew from playhouses built in the woods
last summer.

BUYS SECOND-STREET LOT

D. Mackay Acquires Valuable Prop- erty—Other Important Sales.

Midweek realty business in Portland
brought to light several transactions of
more than usual importance. Through the
agency of Wakefield, Fries & Co., the lot,
26 by 36, on the west side of Second street,
between Yamhill and Taylor, which be-
longed to the estate of Arthur Davison,
was sold to D. Mackay for \$17,000. Through
the same agency Mr. Mackay bought 16 2-3 feet
immediately adjoining on the south for \$11,250. The former own-
ers of the piece are E. Dalton and Mrs.
Dowling.

A lot on the north side of Hall street,
90 feet west of East Fourteenth street,
which belonged to the H. J. Corbett es-
tate, was yesterday sold by Wakefield,
Fries & Co., to Mrs. Margaret Bartz, of
Seaside, Or. It is the intention of the
purchaser to erect a modern dwelling on
the site.

John McKinney, a foundryman from
Woodburn, Or., has purchased from C.
Aerco, Jr., a two-story concrete and cor-
rugated iron garage on the east side of
Chapman street, between Yamhill and
Taylor streets. The lot is 14 by 20. The
consideration was \$10,000. The sale was
made by E. J. Daly.

QUITS CANADA FOR OREGON

Christian Stern, of Baal, Will Raise Sugar Beets.

Christian Stern, of Baal, Canada, was
a visitor to the Portland Commercial
Club yesterday. Mr. Stern brought with
him a letter written to him by the Com-
mercial Club in 1907. He has come to
Oregon for the purpose of looking over
this section with a view to engaging in
sugar beet culture. Should conditions
here be favorable to this undertaking,
he will undoubtedly be joined by other
settlers in his home district.

Mr. Stern says that while the country
in the vicinity of Baal is extremely fer-
tile and yields large crops of grain, the
weather conditions are so uncertain that
harvesting is delayed and frequently
rendered impossible. Two years ago a
fall of 10 inches of snow just as the
grain was about to be gathered spoiled
the entire crop. Snow storms often oc-
cur there in August.

TO OLD MEXICO.

The regular mid-Winter excursion to
Old Mexico will leave Portland Decem-
ber 12 and 13, joining the Southern
Pacific solid Pullman excursion train
out of San Francisco Tuesday, Decem-
ber 15.

The return fare, Portland to Mexico
City, will be \$104; tickets bearing a
limit of two months, with stopover
privileges at pleasure on the return
trip.

Passengers will be given the choice
of the Southern Pacific or the Santa
Fe returning between El Paso and San
Francisco.

Coming west over the Santa Fe you
can make a side trip into the Grand
Canyon for \$4.00.

Ask for "Mexico," a little booklet
story on this charming and historic
country.

Tickets, reservations and particu-
lars at Third and Washington streets.

Bullet Would Fall to Ground.

PORTLAND, Dec. 2.—(To the Editor.)—I
herewith submit a problem for your solution.
The problem is purely theoretical and the
assumptions made are none that could occur
in a demonstration.

First, assume a train to travel at the rate
of one mile per second, and a bullet to have
the same velocity as the train. A man
stands on the rear platform of the above
train and shoots his bullet in the opposite
direction from which the train is traveling.
Will the bullet travel with respect to a
stationary object when it leaves the barrel
of the gun, or will it drop toward the center
of the earth?
D. P. HAYES.

The equal and opposite velocity
would destroy each other and the bul-
let would fall to the ground if it con-
trived to get out of the pistol. But
the question is not practical, since the
initial velocity of the bullet would
necessarily be greater than for the lat-
ter fraction of the mile.

FATHER AND SON

Both Gained Health on Right Food.

A food that will build up the health
of a man and that can be digested by a
baby, certainly has value worth consid-
ering.

The following report from an Ohio
wife and mother is to the point and
interesting.

"My husband had suffered great
agony from stomach trouble at times
for five years. Finally, after six
months in the hospital, he was operated
on for appendicitis.

"From that time he grew weaker
and thinner until, when we brought
him home he was reduced from 145 to
105 lbs.

"Then he began to eat for breakfast
Grape-Nuts with cream and a soft-
boiled egg. For dinner a dish of Grape-
Nuts and cream, toasted bread and a
glass of warm milk. For supper same
as breakfast with a baked potato, one
or two poached eggs, and a glass of
warm milk.

"After two months on this diet he
had nearly regained his normal weight.
He took out-door exercise, and got
plenty of sleep. He has no more trou-
ble with his stomach, and can eat any-
thing.

"These results induced us to try
Grape-Nuts on our 6 months baby, who
from birth had been puny. Nothing
seemed to agree with him, although we
tried the whole list of Infant Foods.

"When I began to feed him Grape-
Nuts with warm milk poured on to
make it soft, he weighed only 13 lbs.
After six weeks of his new diet he has
gained 7 lbs., and is healthy and
happy.

"There's a Reason."
Name given by Postum Co., Battle
Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Well-
ville," in pkgs.

Ever read the above letter? A new
one appears from time to time. They
are genuine, true, and full of human
interest.

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be put on sale at the following prices for two days
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class work. You can readily see we cannot afford
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