

STOCK-WATERING MAKES BOGRANT

Penalty for Deceitful Corporations Considered by Charter Commission.

DR. LANE SUGGESTS PLAN

Committee Is Named to Prepare Amendment—Franchises for More Than 25 Years Are Forbidden—Rates With City.

Stock-watering corporations, operating under franchises from the city, were the target for attack by the members of the people's charter revision commission (East Side) at a meeting last night. Dr. Harry Lane argued that the proposed commission charter should contain a provision by which the franchise of any corporation should be forfeited in its entirety whenever that corporation was detected watering its stock. Other members of the committee were not prepared to go so far as to set on foot a provision without further consideration, with the result that the subject was referred to a special committee, consisting of Dr. Lane, Isaac Sweet and H. G. Parsons with instructions to prepare amendments thereon and submit at a subsequent meeting.

As approved by the commission, important features of the report of the subcommittee on franchises were agreed to. It has been decided by the committee, and the provision will be incorporated in the charter to be submitted to the people, that no franchise shall be granted for longer than 25 years and then only when approved by the people.

Rates Left to Commission. The right is reserved to the commission to determine what are fair and reasonable rates, faces and charges for the public service and to order that only reasonable charges shall be imposed and to make effective all such orders under penalty of forfeiture.

Another section provides that the granting of a franchise shall not be deemed to confer any right on the corporation receiving the same to include in the charge for any service any return on the value of the franchise or grant. At the same time it is provided that all such franchises shall be assessed for purposes of taxation in the same manner as other property. H. W. Montague called the attention of his associates on the committee to the inconsistency of these two sections relating to franchises, but a majority of the committee insisted on the retention of both provisions.

ALBINA WORKS FOR PARK

25 Members to Ask Board to Provide Playgrounds.

Albina wants a park and playgrounds for the use of the several schools of that district, and at the meeting of the Lower Albina P. U. Club, held last night in the Dania Hall, it was decided to demand that the Park Board purchase the grounds. George Hockenjos declared that all other portions of the city had been provided with parks, but that Albina had been overlooked. It is time that the people of this section awake and demand that they be provided with parks and playgrounds," said Mr. Hockenjos, "as we pay our taxes and are entitled to the same consideration given other sections. Unless we stand up for our rights, we will continue to be ignored."

ESTATE OF SLAIN IS \$200

Administrator of Hasting Property Reports—Hanging Date Nigh.

J. A. Beckwith, administrator of the estate of Edith Hasting, who was killed by her husband, Hans Hasting, last Fall, submitted his final report yesterday. Receipts from the sale of realty were \$200 and expenditures were \$200.

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WOMEN TO AROUSE CONVENTION ENTHUSIASM.

Even the women are to join in the campaign of the Elks to make the grand lodge convention in Portland next Summer an ever-fragrant rose in the buttonhole of Elkdom, as D. Solis Cohen, chairman of the publicity committee, has expressed it.

CANVASS PLANS MADE.

The subcommittee of the finance committee named at the meeting Sunday will start active work next week. A meeting of the chairmen of the subcommittees will be held next week to prepare final details preliminary to starting the canvass. It is believed that the \$25,000 remaining to be collected to complete the \$125,000 entertainment fund will be cleared within a week. Exalted Ruler Kubli has hopes of collecting it in a day.

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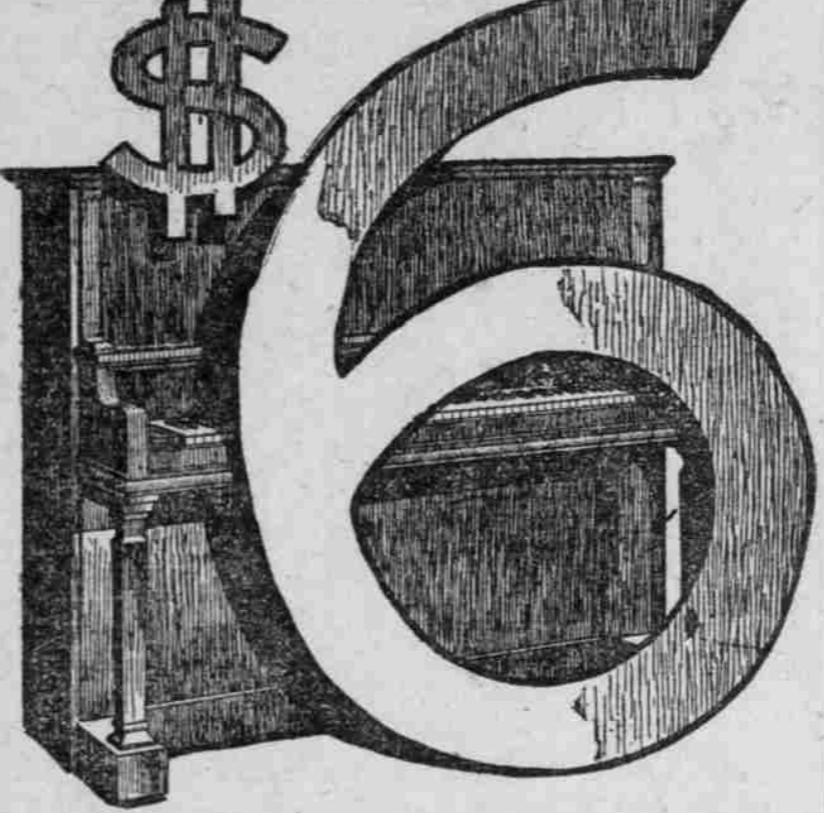
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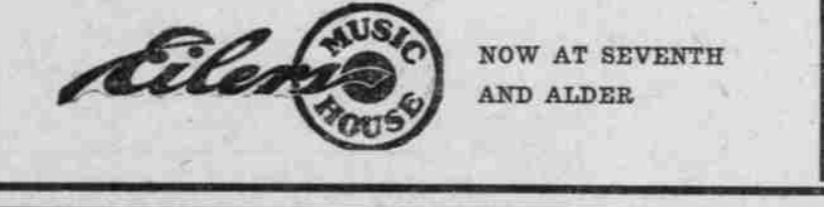
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Five carloads of pianos are offered upon this new basis. No more. Select your piano today, before all have been taken.

What Eilers Music Houses say they'll do, they do.



FESTIVAL IN BALANCE

Campaign for Subscriptions Starts Today.

the railroads will do more to advertise Portland and exploit the Rose Festival than they have ever done before. They will, however, have to be assured an early date that the Rose Festival is to be given, in order to make the necessary plans for publicity.

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Interest Act Is Vetoed

Mayor Against Forcing Firms to Pay for Deposits. The proposed ordinance, providing that all public service corporations, including the gas, telephone and electric light companies, pay interest on the deposits which they demand from their patrons, was vetoed by Mayor Ruslight yesterday. The ordinance passed the Council October 11.

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HOUSE OF WELCOME
Portland, Or.
Our 14-passenger electric bus meets all trains. A high class, modern hotel in the heart of the theater and shopping district. One block from any car line. \$1 per day and up. European plan.
E. P. MORRIS, Prop. H. E. FLETCHER, Mgr.

High-Grade Pianos and Player Pianos

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355 Washington St.

POLICE GONE, MAN FREED

DETECTIVES NOT IN COURT WHEN CASE IS CALLED.
Judge Tazwell Complains to Chief That Patrolmen Are Lax—Alleged Smuggler Liberated.

8000 SHEEP SOLD AT \$2.25

Market Price in Klamath County Is Showing Improvement.

LAKEVIEW, Or., Oct. 23.—(Special)

—One of the largest stock transactions which has taken place in this section of the country for some time was the sale by David Eider to O. T. McKendree of 8000 head of lambs. The price was \$2.25. The lambs will be delivered at Klamath Falls, from where they will be shipped to markets on the Coast. For a time they will be fed at Merrill, where the new owner has arranged for their care. The average weight of the lambs is about 60 pounds.

EUGENE SHERIFF ARRESTS SUSPECT

A Mexican, who refused to give his name, but who was loaded down with what were apparently stolen goods, was arrested this morning by the Sheriff and held for inquiry. The man wore three suits of heavy underwear, in addition to a coat and vest, and his pockets were filled with knives, razors and jewelry. The Sheriff believes that the man has looted a store near Eugene.

"Accidental" Shooting Fatal.

SPOKANE, Wash., Oct. 23.—While hunting big game in a party of five on the Odoode Range, 15 miles from Newport, Wash., Sunday afternoon, George Davidson was accidentally shot through the abdomen by a gun held in the hand of his son. He was carried over the hills on a rough litter and hurried to the city where he died this morning at St. Luke's Hospital.

FACULTY DINNER PLANNED

"Acquaintance Function" Necessary at Agricultural School.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Or., Oct. 23.—(Special)

—The first stag faculty dinner of the year at the Oregon Agricultural