

FRANCHISE DEBATE HAS POOR RESULT

Some Amendments of Railway Company Satisfactory, but Others Are Turned Down.

USE OF RIGHTS PERMITTED

Traction Officials Refuse to Permit City to Regulate Fare—Street Committee to Consider Subject Next Week.

Three hours of argument yesterday between members of the street committee of the City Council and officials of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company failed to bring the railway franchise troubles any nearer settlement than they were at the conclusion of the last meeting of the committee.

The committee received from the railway company a list of amendments to the provisions of the general franchise covering about 40 sheets as drafted by the City Attorney. These amendments cover all the difficulties which confronted the committee at its last meeting, excepting the clause granting the city the right to regulate fares. Many of the amendments were agreeable to the committee, but others were not. As a result, several of these amendments were changed and the franchise now is tangled. The committee then adjourned until the original franchise, as amended to date, is redrafted by the City Attorney. Chairman Baker will call another special meeting of the committee next week.

Requests Are Withdrawn. The railway company, in its amendments, has decided to allow the use of private rights of way for street purposes. This was one of the main franchises at the last meeting. P. L. Fuller, vice-president, said the company had no objection to allowing the use of the rights of way for street purposes on the lines granted by this franchise, but would object to streets being opened along the interurban lines. To do this, he explained, would delay service.

The company agreed to abide by the decision of the courts as to streets on which litigation has been started and withdrew requests for franchises which would interfere with streets under litigation.

The proposed Seventh-street carline which was disposed of at the last meeting when the committee, on behalf of the company, declared he would withdraw a request for a franchise on that street, came up for consideration again at the request of the committee of the Seventh-Street Property Owners' Association.

High School in View. The company has a request before the Council for a franchise for the Broadway bridge to Morrison street. The property owners demanded that the franchise extend to Jefferson street and that recommendations be adopted by the unanimous vote of the committee. It is said the railway company will not accept that franchise. The property owners say the railway is necessary to accommodate the new high school and other public institutions which are contemplated for that district.

An amendment to the franchise, as a whole, was made at the suggestion of Councilman Joy, providing that the company be granted franchises only on streets on which tracks are intended to be laid within two years.

City Attorney Grant attacked the present policy of the company in abandoning streets when improvements were contemplated, which would entail expenses to the company. He declared the company's policy should be checked and provisions for retention of that practice was made possible by a clause in the terms of the franchise which the committee decided not to eliminate or amend.

Committee Upholds Delays. There was considerable discussion about delays in street improvements occasioned by the street committee holding back the franchise grants, but the committee members held that it was important that the franchise be withheld until the city provides means of settling some of the troubles which have arisen in the past because of the terms of franchises.

"We will make extensions as fast as we can," said Mr. Fuller, "but for the present we intend only to make extensions where the demands are urgent. We can do no more because of the great amount of expense we will be put to in adjusting our service and tracks in the business district to meet changes which are to be made."

Woman Resident Insists and Chief Decides to Have Bell Rung. When Patrolman Ben Peterson stood on the doorstep of the home of Mrs. W. W. Williams, at 1403 Rodney avenue and recited "Curfew Shall Not Ring Tonight," he set in motion a train of events that led yesterday to the office of Chief Slover and to his being called on for an explanation. Mrs. Williams is president of the Woodlawn Parent-Teachers' Association.

Peterson put his foot in it when he refused to ring the bell, as he had reported to his superiors that a shot from his revolver was all the curfew they needed in Woodlawn. Incidentally, he made it appear that the movement was started solely by Mrs. Williams to get her own children in from the streets.

FLAX DISCUSSION WAITS

Commercial Club, Instead, to Talk Plan for Bigger Apple Show.

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Plea Made by Alleged Lid-Breaker That Patent Medicines Contain Just as Much Alcohol.

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EPIDEMIC IS FEARED

SMALLPOX IN MILD FORM APPEARS IN SEVERAL PLACES.

HEALTH OFFICIALS DECLARE CONTAGION IS LIKELY TO RESULT FROM FAILURE TO REPORT CASES.

The appearance of several cases of smallpox in the city the last few days has caused the health officers to be on the alert. All the cases are of the mild type so far, and this is the season of the year when the disease usually makes its appearance, but City Health Officer Wheeler thinks it necessary to take stringent measures to reduce the danger of an epidemic. There are now 19 cases in the city.

A number of cases of the disease have been contracted from W. J. Baker, of 118 Kingsworth avenue, says Dr. Wheeler. Baker is a motorist, and he occupied his post for several days after he had become infected before the fact was discovered. It is believed that the members of at least two families suffered contagion from him. The first family is at 2504 East Ash street is the latest to be stricken. It is almost certain that this family contracted the disease from the little girl at Baker's home. The mother, before the fact was discovered, is believed that the members of at least two families suffered contagion from him.

City Health Officer Wheeler is inclined to blame physicians for laxity in handling smallpox cases. He thinks that has resulted in the appearance of several cases, and may result in many more. Doctors sometimes fail to report contagious diseases as well as smallpox.

An dance is that of Lillian Hughes, a teacher in the Holiday school. Although she was being treated by doctors for over a month, it was only last Thursday that the health authorities became cognizant of the fact that she had scarlet fever. The discovery led to the closing of the school for two days and near result in the communication of the disease to others. Another case is that of F. A. Batchelder, who entered the health office Monday and was discovered to be suffering from smallpox. The law requires that all cases of contagious disease be reported to the health authorities, and the health authorities say that it is utterly impossible for them to safeguard the health of communities properly unless this is done. Both City Health Officer Wheeler and State Health Officer White have intimated that more stringent measures may be resorted to in dealing with physicians unless they better observe the law.

DOG IN FAMILY FEUD Court Holds Pet, Usually Gentle, Is Vicious to Foes—Owner Fined.

Although a bulldog may be of gentle disposition, he may yet become cognizant of a neighborhood feud, and by taking sides in it, becomes, in the eyes of the law, a vicious dog, held Judge Taswell, in the Municipal Court yesterday.

The dog at issue belongs to J. L. Austin, of 651 East Salmon street, and the owner told the court he could bring 100 witnesses to swear that the animal was gentle. On the other hand, Wagner, of 654 East Taylor street, and other neighbors, give the bulldog a bad reputation. Several weeks ago they had Austin in court and the case was decided in his favor. The understanding that Austin must keep the dog tied or muzzled. Recently one of the young women of the Wagner household had her coat was torn by Austin's bulldog, and the old case was revived.

The Austins set up an alibi for their dog, which did not convince the court. They asserted that the action of the

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