FRAMED IN GOUNGIL

Ordinance Abolishes Deposit System, but Allows Rental Collections in Advance.

PATRONS WILL BE HEARD

Committee Asks Citizens to File Grievances Gas Company Regulations to Be Taken Up at Meeting of Early Date.

According to action of the City Council's special committee on regula-tion of public service corporations, telephone companies will be allowed to collect as much as three months' rate in advance from new patrons, but

will not be permitted, as now, to exact a cash deposit.

An ordinance is to be drafted by City Attorney Grant to this effect and will be submitted to the committee at its next session, at 1:20 P. M. Tuesday.

day, February 6.
Complaints from citizens against any public service corporation are solicited by the committee, the members of which yesterday afternoon took for-mal action to this effect, they wishing to know what grievances, if any, the people have. These should be ad-dressed to City Attorney Grant. The members of the committee are Coun-cilman Watkins, Baker and Daly.

Gas Extensions Considered.

The next session will be devoted largely to the ges company, it is expected, although others will receive attention. There is a prospect that the committee will recommend that the Council compel the company to extend

Council compel the company to extend its mains into new territory upon the same basis as the Water Board lays city water mains—when 6 per cent may be realized on the service. The members of the committee, after this was suggested by Mr. Daly, agreed that this is reasonable.

City Attorney Grant, however, called attention of the members to some peculiar features of the franchise or permit under which the gas company is operating. He said that it has a franchise on the East Side, granted by the old East Portland and Albina Councils, but that on the West Side it is operating under a franchise Side it is operating under a franchise or permit granted it by the Legisla-ture. It is on the East Side that the complaints largely arise, it was ex-plained, and it is believed the Council has the right to regulate the service.

Henry Losses Recited. Yesterday's session was given over almost exclusively to the Home and Pacific Telephone & Telegraph com-panies. Among those complaining panies. Among those complaining against the Pacific Company for its deposit system was Councilman Watkins, who said he was compelled to put up a deposit to get a telephone installed. It was against this system of deposits that complaint had been registered and

that complaint had been registered and it was to remedy this that the committee met.

J. L. Yarnall, commercial manager of the Pacific Company, and J. R. Middleton, of the Home Company, were present to hear the complaints and to discuss them with the Councilmen. Mr. Yarnall explained that all his company wishes is protection and that it inaugurated the deposit plan as the best means of insuring this. Even now, he said, the company loses a great deal of money to build first-class of money every menth on "dead beats."

This is almost equally true of the Home Company, Mr. Middleton deciared. There are all kinds of frauds and people who are irresponsible, both men asserted, and there must be some means of protection. The committee means of protection. The committee agreed that it is perfectly legitimate for the companies to require payment in advance for three months. The Home Company has never required de-posits, but has collected two months

MEMBERS TO HAVE PAPERS

Navy Men Insist That Applicants Produce Discharges.

Credentials demanded from each appilcant before he can be admitted to membership in the Navy Club of Portland will be discharges granted at the time of leaving the service, and those who attend a session to be convened at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow night at the navy recruiting station, in the Rall-way Exchange building, will be asked for the "pigskin" issued by Uncle Sam. The bylaws are to be discussed and probably adopted, while the member-ship committee and other special bodies will seport. Since the plans were

will report. Since the plans were launched early in the month of band-ing all ex-service men under one head for their mutual advancement and to create interest in Navy affairs gener-ally, there have been a number of let-ters received from points in the state where ex-jackles reside, who wish to be enrolled on the charter list. It has not been decided how non-resident en-listments will be rated, and that will be taken up tomorrow evening.

COLUMBIA BRIDGE URGED

North Albina Club to Discuss Oregon-to-Washington Span Planned.

The North Albins Push Club has called a mass meeting for next Sat-urday night to be held in the fire hall on Albina and Killingsworth avenues to on alone and Kiningsworth availables on sider the question of building a bridge across the Columbia River, to connect Oregon and Washington, and also to discuss plans for the establishment of a central depot for all railways entering Pertland.

J. H. Nolta, who has been advocating the Columbia Pieze bridge for saveral

the Columbia River bridge for several years, brought the subject before the Albina Club Monday night, and urged

that it be considered.

At the meeting Saturday night a full statement of the bridge project, setting forth whore it may be built, how funds will be raised to build the structure and what effect it may have on the two states, will be made. All on the two states, will be made. All the push clubs in the city have been asked to send delegates to the meeting.

ASTORIA'S WEIGHT SHORT

Food Inspector Finds City Has Record in Butter Cheating.

That more short-weight butter is to be found in Astoria than in any city he has yet visited in Oregon was the state. ment made yesterday by W. B. Dun-can, Deputy Food and Dairy Commis-sioner, who returned from a four-days'

inspection of the grovery stores of that city. In addition to a number of cases of short-weight butter, Mr. Duncan also of short-weight butter, Mr. Duncan also gleaned if samples of milk and cream which failed to come up to the legal requirement as to solids and butterfat. In one store visited he discovered that the merchant had placed a layer of tin-foil between the glass plates on the scales which caused them to register two ounces in favor of the owner for every article weighed on them. Four cases of butter inspected by Mr. Duncan showed a shortage of one pound a case.

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"The desiers selling California butter declared that it had shrunk since they had received it," said Mr. Duncan yesterday. "I told them that butter would shrink but to no such extent as they tried to convince me it would. We have stored butter in our office under circumstances much more unfavorable than these Astoria merchants have to contend with, and we found that in 20 days' storage the butter had shrunk one-half an cunce to the pound. After 36 days' storage there was absolutely no further shrinkage. The contention of these men, therefore, who have imported short-weight California butter is of no value. It is ridiculous for them to say that California butter or any other butter will shrink two ounces any other butter will shrink two ounces

to the roll."

Howard M. Brownell, Deputy District
Attorney at Astoria, has advised the Dairy and Food Commissioner's office that he will co-operate with its officers enforcing the laws covering food

TRAFFIC MAN URGES BETTER HIGHWAYS IN OREGON.

Greatest Attraction to Tourists I Declared to Be Speedways for Long Auto Drives.

Principal among California's attractions for the tourist, says John M. Scott, general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific, who has just returned from that state, is in excellent roads, and therein lies a moral for Oregon, he declares.

Mr. Scott left here with the party of Canadian excursionists that recently passed through Portland and passed the passed through Portland and passed the interventing time, until his return the other day, in the rural districts of Callifornia, with the exception of a few days' visit in Los Angoles and San Francisco. His principal purpose was to get in touch with Eastern tourists to learn from them the reasons for their frequent pligrimages to California and to study a method by which the same class of people that visits the Southern states in the Winter months can be induced to come to Portland in the Summer time.

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"Good roads," Mr. Scott believes, is the key to the situation. He found that people on pleasure trips like to keep moving and that they like to see new sights. Travel over country roads affords them those opportunities. The automobile has grown to be the chief means of transporting people on such trips. To make automobile travel attractive good roads are necessary. California has them.

"I found that many people who are denied the delights of automobiling in

their respective home communities go to California for the purpose of indulging in these pleasures," said Mr. Scott, "Automobile owners in some Northern states where the snow and ice preciude the possibility of road travel in Winter than the than the chair machines with them to

A reciprocal sentiment now is being en-gendered with the probable result that California people will start to come to Oregon to pass their Summers. Some of this business is already under way. Nearly every town in California in which there is a ledge of Elks will be well represented at the forthcoming session of the grand ledge of Elks in Portland. San Francisco, Oakland and

DISK RECORDS.

Les Angeles will have special trains.

Victor records are the best in the world. They wear longer and may be used on other machines. Sherman, Clay & Co., Sixth at Morrison.

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On Sale, Fourth Floor. Anti-tip rear extension sidewalk Sulkies for babies. Best yet; made with food rest, good strong wheels and rubber tires, reversible back, upholstered seat and back, well finished, very strong, selected wood, guards over wheels to keep child's clothes from dust; our \$1.98

Eye Trouble Our Dr. Dayton says "at least 95 per cent of all eye trouble is more or less complicated with nerve and muscle defects? Eyeache, headache, watery eyes, etc., all originate in one or the other of these defects. Have him test your eyes. He will measure the nerve "leak" calculate the muscular "unbalance," and fit you to glasses that will give Men's \$3 Hats at \$2.35 First Floor, Southeast.

All soft hats, comprising a large assortment of shapes, in plain gray, brown, tan and black. Included in the lot is a fine grade of the snappy, English "scratch up" novelties. See window display; \$3.00 grades. Now is the time to save on an up-to-date hat. \$2.35 We specialize them at Springfield **Rifles \$1.25** On Sale, Fourth Floor.

U. S. Army Springfield rifles in the carbine, cadet and infantry models, 45-70 caliber, guns which cost the Government \$16. The best type for collectors and for decorating dens, etc., for target practice and for bringing down \$1.25

\$3.50 "Eagle" Shirts \$1.95 Men's Corner-First Floor.

Clearance of Jacob Miller Sons & Co.'s famous flannel Shirts, made as well as men know how, after 45 years of experience. Materials are woven from selected yarns, dyed with fast dyes, cut to fit and stitched to hold. Sizes 14 to 18; soft turn-back cuffs; \$1.95 \$2.50, \$3, \$3.50 grades

\$5.00 Blankets \$3.95 Bedding Department, third floor. Clearance sale of white wool \$6.50 Blankets \$4.95 Blankets, with pink or blue borders; the large sizes. Well made \$9.00 Blankets \$7.25 and finished. Priced exceedingly low for this big clearance sale. Hotels and rooming-houses should take advantage of this sale. Mail orders promptly filled.

Splendid quality of gray wool \$6.50 Blankets \$4.95 borders, in large sizes. These are \$7.00 Blankets \$5.35 \$3.75 Blankets \$3.10 Clearance of wool finished Blankets, in white, gray or plaid,

\$4.50 Blankets \$3.65 large sizes and extra good quality. Priced exceedingly low. ding, with the largest and best selection of comforts in the city to

In the big bedding store, third floor. A great clearance sale of all bed-\$1.65 Comforts \$1.35 choose from. This special lot is \$2.25Comforts\$1.90 white cotton, filled and covered with the best grade silkoline. Note the \$2.75 Comforts \$2.25 year's supply. Hotels and rooming-houses should take advantage now. \$3.75 Comforts \$3.25

\$ 7.50 Chill-less Iron Beds, specially priced for Clearance at \$5.45 \$ 5.00 Chill-less Iron Beds, specially priced for Clearance at \$3.75 \$ 2.75 Yum Yum Springs, specially priced for Clearance at \$1.95 \$13.50 Cotton Felt Mattress, well made, bargainized at only \$10.25 \$12.00 Cotton Felt Mattress, 40-pound size, during this sale \$8.50 \$ 6.00 Fiber Center Mattress, specially priced for this sale at \$4.25

Clearance of Bedding Clearance of Curtains Draperies and Cushions \$2.75 Net Curtains \$1.95

Department, Third Floor. Clearance sale of best quality double thread edge to match; curtains are 40 inches wide and 21/2 yards long; regular \$2.75 \$1.95 only one pair left. You may choose 1/2 grades. We specialize them at \$1.95

Department, Third Floor. Our entire stock of all single pairs of fine net, with attractive three-inch insertion and | Lace Curtains, comprising some of the best lines shown this season, of which there is

65c Curtain Swisses 37c Sample Curtain Ends 39c Clearance of fine quality Curtain Swiss, in || Clearance of factory samples of Curtains

small checked designs in white, Arabian and | in fancy net and scrim. The finished ends,

ivory; our regular 65c quality; spe-37c 14 yards long and 40 to 45 inches 39c cial for this sale at only, the yard, 37c wide; white and Arabian; special at 39c

35c Cretonnes for 23c Curtain Laces at 1/2 Price

A large assortment of best grade Cretonnes || A great clearance of new Curtain Laces at for window draperies, fancy work etc. Come | small checks, stripes and fancy figured pat-

in beautiful patterns and most artistic colors | just half former prices; allovers, filet lace, 36 inches wide, regular 35c grades, 23c terns; 36, 45, 50 inches specially priced for this sale at only 23c wide; reg. 20c to \$1.25, 1/2 Price

\$4 and \$5 Sofa Pillows \$1.69 \$6 and \$7 Sofa Pillows \$1.98

In the Drapery Dept., 8d floor, a sale of beautiful Pillows, made of rich velours, tapestry and heavy brocade silks, in beautiful tints and shades. These were made up of the remnants left from drapery and upholstering contracts, and represent highest grade materials; \$4 to \$5 vals., \$1.69; \$6 to \$7 vals. \$1.98



Dressmakers' Findings-Notions etc.

First Ploor, Between the Elevators. Dressmakers' Pins - Brass, in half-pound 29c boxes; 35-cent grade; special at only, box,

Tailor's Chalk-Assorted colors, 72 pieces in a box; 35-cent 21c grade; for this sale only at 21c Collar Stays-"Eve" or "Astra," regular 10c grades; special 75c for 7 cents or by the dozen Hooks and Eyes-Black or white, our regular 5-cent grade at 14c 2 for 5 cents or a gross for 14c Basting Cotton, Alex King's, 4c spool; 45e doz. or ea. Skirt Markers-Regular 25e 8c grade; specialized at only ea., Coat Hangers, folding wire, 25c regular 10c grade; 3 for 25c Tape Measures, reversible, 5c 3c grade; specialized at, each, 3c Thimbles — Regular 5-cent 5c grades; special at 2 for only 5c Hold-Fast Snaps—Black, 5c 5c grades; now on sale 2 for 5c

Binding Ribbons—Best quality taffeta; reg-Featherbone—Silk covered, 15-cent | ular 15-cent grade; special 12c quality; yard, 9c or by the 90c Braids - Feather stitched, 12c piece, special for this sale 90c in colors, fancy; to 20c val. Braids and edgings for trimming assorted patterns; 35-cent 22c size; special for this sale 22c Bias Tape, white only, all widths, regular 10-cent grade; now 6c on sale at the low price of Shirt Waist Belts, 10-cent 8c grades; specialized for only Hair Pins, 5c wire, all sizes; 5c specialized at two papers for 5c Hair Nets, large silk, 5 in 10c
an envelope; special at only 10c
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Pins, 400 to the paper; 5c
grade; special, two papers,
Hair Pins, shell only, 6 in a 5c
box; regular 10e; special at 5c
Ironing Wax, special, dozen, 10c Ironing Wax, special, dozen, 10¢ Ironing Pads, reg. 5c; special 4¢ Pearl Buttons, 15c card, now 8¢

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Blue Label Brand, the most reliable of all; sells regularly at 25c 18c a bottle; special Wednesday 30c COFFEE 23¢ "O. W. K. Brand," special blend; delightful flavor; regular 23c

SEEDED RAISINS 16-ounce package; special, only 8¢ BABBITT'S CLEANSER Special in Basement; 3 pkgs. 10¢ 40c TEA 30c Uncolored Japan, India and 30c Ceylon; regular 40c grades

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\$1.00 Silks for 59c Fancy Silks, in checks, stripes and print warp patterns, in beautiful rich color combinations, suitable for dresses, waists, etc. All good, dependable qualities, which are now in great demand. Our regular \$1.00 grades, special price for this Clearance Sale, yd. 59c

85c PLAIN COLORED TAFFETAS AT ONLY 59c A YARD in cans; reg. 10c size; \$1.00 50 pieces in this lot, comprising all wanted shades, including special Wednesday, doz. \$1.00 black and cream, standard widths; rich, lustrous finish; black and cream, standard widths; rich, lustrous finish; 59c perfect dyes; best 85c quality, special Clearance Sale, yd. 59c

\$2.25 Embroidery 98c 20c Embroidery at 8c

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A great Clearance Sale of thousands of yards of all wanted styles, patterns, widths and grades of Embroideries, in Swiss, nainsook and cambric materials, in Flouncings, Allovers, Corset Cover Embroideries, Edges and Insertions, priced for the day's selling at the following great reductions-take advantage of these bargains: Regular \$2.25 Embroideries, Clearance Sale price, the yard, 98¢

20c Embroideries, the yard, Sc | \$1.00 Embroideries, yard 48c 65c Embroideries, a yard, 25¢ \$1.50 Embroideries, yard 79¢

Specials in the Basement "Underprice" Store Women's \$18 Suits at \$8.98 | \$3.00 Sweater Coats \$1.48

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Clearance Sale of Women's Tailored Suits;

175 in one lot and unusually good values; all lined with good Satin; the materials are Serges, Cheviots and Tweed mixtures in \$1.50 Gowns at 78c

A remarkable Clearance of Women's smart. one-piece Dresses; several styles in the lot, splendid new models, faultlessly tailored and lined with good Satin; the materials are English Serge and a few Silks; well made, dresses appropriate for street or for house

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Clearance of Women's Night Gowns, made of good quality muslin A one-day cleanup of Women's in various styles in slip-over and high necks, trimmed with lace, embroidery and ribbon; very good \$1.25 and \$1.50 grades; 78c specialized for this great Wednesday clearance sale at only Waists in attractive patterns of silk and nets and plain tailored effects, in black, white and colors. Waists Child's 50c Sleepers 35c in this lot to please almost every Clearance of Children's fine soft quality Outing Flannel Sleepers in plain colors and neat stripe patterns; well made; sizes to 35c state. Good grades up to \$1 fit children from 2 to 7 years of age; regular 50c grades for 35c

Boys' Regular 45c Underwear for Only 19c

A final clean-up of Boys' Underwear, Shirts and Drawers in heavy cotton and fleecelined. Odd lines, some slightly imperfect; sizes to fit boys from 6 to 14 years of age; regular 45c grades, special price for the final Clearance Sale, the garment 19c

50c Gowns 35c In the Basement, a sale of Boys' Night Gowns, made of soft, warm outing flannel in neat striped patterns, all good colors; sizes 35c

25c Pillow Tops 15c Basement Clearance Sale of stamped

50c Underwear 37c Clearance of Men's medium weight Underwear, Shirts and Drawers in fine ribbed, natural gray color, well made and finished; all sizes 37c in the 50c grades; special at 37c

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35c Face Veiling 10c In the Basement "Underprice Store" sale of Silk face Veiling in plain colors, spots and fancy black and col-

ors; fine and coarse mesh; 10c 25c Shopping Bags 10c Basement Clearance Sale of Shopping Bags, made of good strong twine with strong handles; assorted sizes; our regular 25c qualities; for the 10c Clearance Sale price at only 10c

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A seasonable clean-up of Women's All-Wool | In this lot we group many very attractive Sweaters, made from fine all-wool yarns, in styles in Women's Dress Skirts, odd lines to be sure, but a splendid range for selection; the materials are Serges, Panamas and mixtures in various colors; our regular \$5.00 and

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\$4.75 Dinner Set \$3.84 In the Basement

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10c Folding Coat or Hat Racks selling at only 5c Enamelware for 49c

See this splendid new line of four coat blue and white enamelware-Dish Pans, Tea Kettles, Sauce Pans, Kettles, Coffee Pots 49c Preserve Kettles, Pudding Pans, etc; your choice for only

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