

FRANCHISE DEBATE ENDS IN DEADLOCK

Clause Regulating Fares of Light & Power Company Ties Up Committee.

HOT WORDS ARE PASSED

Burgard Charges Faction Holding Out for Regulation Right With "Grandstand Play"—Southern Pacific Matter Up Today.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC FRANCHISE HEARING COMES UP THIS MORNING

Great interest attaches to the special meeting of the street committee of the City Council, scheduled for this morning at 10 o'clock at the City Hall, to consider the proposed franchise for Pacific street.

After wrangling for two and one-half hours yesterday afternoon, six members of the City Council deadlocked on a clause providing for regulation of fares.

City Attorney Grant had included a fare-regulating provision in the general ordinance, which provides a number of franchises and advised the members of the committee that the clause, if adopted, would make it clear that should the city desire a any time, it could reduce fares without question.

Regulation Right Insisted. "That is a matter for the Council," said Mr. Grant. "I simply put that provision in because, while I personally think the city has at all times the right to regulate fares reasonably, another lawyer, who might happen to be sitting in the capacity of judge might not so construe it."

Patrolmen Follow Trail of Blood After Battle. Leaving a trail of blood, an unknown man escaped from a room on the second floor of the city hall.

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