

RAILROADS TO USE; HILL RAILROADS; GRANT O. K'D

City Council Committee Recommends Common-User Franchise.

TRACK PURCHASE SETTLED

Under Terms of Agreement Hill Interests are to Buy O.-W. R. & N. Way on East Third Street and Open It to Harriman.

When announcement was made yesterday by the Board of Commissioners and Hill railroad interests that they had decided on the terms for the opening of the railroad tracks on East First, East Second and East Third streets to the common use of the Hill and Harriman freight cars the street committee of the City Council voiced unanimously its recommendation to the Council the granting of the Hill East Side common user franchise which has been before the Council for the past five months.

Under the terms of the agreement the Hill interests are to purchase the O.-W. R. & N. tracks on East Third street and open them to the common use of the Southern Pacific and the O.-W. R. & N. doing the switching for the other companies at the same rates the other companies will have to pay for the common use of the Hill lines on East First and East Second streets. The settlement on this basis has brought a new element into the East Side fight which promises to become an important issue at the next Council meeting.

This is the fact that the settlement does not open the way to the common use of all railroads. It is known that some members of the Council will oppose the franchise on the ground that East First, East Second and East Third should be subject to use not only by the Hill and Harriman lines, but to other railroad companies, which might come to the city in the future.

Fourth Street Plan O. K'd

In addition to the East Side franchise the street committee acted favorably upon the proposed Fourth-street franchise by which the Hill and Harriman lines will operate down Fourth street to the Union Depot. The committee sent this proposal to the Board of Commissioners, and its recommendations that it be sent to the executive board for the fixing of valuation. The Fourth-street franchise proposal includes a line for freight cars, a depot at Jefferson street and a station at Jefferson street.

The railroad troubles which have been before the Council and the street committee for months were all cleared off in a few minutes by the committee, the negotiations having been developed by the committee and City Attorney Grant to a point where all that was necessary was a vote to send the measures to the Council.

The proposed East Side franchise has been amended to eliminate East First and East Second streets. It now provides for the granting of a franchise to the Hill line to operate down Fourth street to the Union Depot, and on East Oak from Union avenue to the west end of East Oak; on East Third street from East Oak and on blocks 19, 13, 50, 51, 88, 87, 86 and 85. East Third street is included to meet the terms of the settlement of the Hill and Harriman interests for the purchase of the O.-W. R. & N. tracks there.

C. H. Carey, attorney for the Hill lines, said yesterday that the East Third street tracks are to be purchased according to the valuation. When this deal is consummated each of the three railroad companies will own the tracks on one of the streets. The Southern Pacific will be on East First street, the O.-W. R. & N. on East Second street and the Hill lines on East Third street. The switching arrangement and charges will be the same for each company. The terms will place the tracks on the company owning the tracks doing the switching. The per diem charges will be paid by the companies according to the method of handling the freight cars when they are unloaded. Each company will assume the demurrage payments made by shippers.

Under the plan the Hill lines will extend their tracks down from the terminal yards in North Portland across the new Steel bridge, over the Southern Pacific tracks to East Second and thence across private property to common user tracks on East Third. This arrangement will place the Hill lines across the entire East Side.

The settlement of the question between the railroads which has made possible the adoption of the plan, will be mapped out for him in this city. If this arrangement does not meet with the approval of Roosevelt, the tentative dates at both Vancouver and Salem will be cancelled.

"I registered an earnest protest against the proposed division of time by Roosevelt with the State of Washington," said Dr. Coe, chairman of the general Roosevelt reception committee, yesterday. "Roosevelt is able to give Portland only one day on his Western tour, and I insist that we should not be expected to divide this time with Washington, which already has been allotted two days for his reception. The date for the National convention will be held on September 11 in addition to those in this city. I demanded that the time should be given to Salem or some other accessible Oregon city. However, the final settlement of the question as to meetings at Vancouver or Salem would be a reply from the telegram sent today by the committee to the National secretary of the Progressive party."

Dr. Coe opposes Step. Dr. Coe said yesterday that the committee reached by the committee yesterday with the delegation from Vancouver, who had undertaken to assure the people of the Washington city that Roosevelt would stop at that point long enough to make an address on the same day he had set aside for Oregon. This action on the part of Kellaher, explained Dr. Coe, had upset the plans of the general committee, and was operating to the serious embarrassment of the committee in its present efforts to outline a programme that would be satisfactory to Roosevelt and his party.

The Bull Moose party yesterday opened its headquarters in room 116, ground floor of the Oregon Hotel. Dr. Coe, as National committeeman, is in charge.

NORTHERN PACIFIC SUED

ACTIONS FOR DAMAGES, AGGREGATING \$50,000, STARTED IN CLARK.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 23.—(Special.)—The Northern Pacific Railroad Company has recently been made defendant in many suits for damages, aggregating possibly \$50,000, by owners of land along their right of way on the Yaocot branch. This is the echo of the fire of 1910, when a large part of this county was burned over by forest fires.

Today the Pitchless Lumber Company of this city, brought suit for \$50,000, alleged to be due from the Northern Pacific. It is alleged that H. L. Goodwin owed the Pitchless Lumber Company \$50,000 for destruction of property by fire, which originated August 24, 1910, so it is alleged. It is charged that both companies failed to have proper spark-arresters on their engines and smokestacks and that fire started because of this.

John Hartelco and wife have also sued the Northern Pacific for \$2000 damage, alleged to be due from fire starting along the company's right of way August 24, 1910.

BROTHER AND SISTER MEET AFTER 26 YEARS' SEPARATION



L. D. WHITE, OF PORTLAND, AND MRS. MATTIE DUKE, OF LOS ANGELES.

When Mrs. Mattie Duke, of Los Angeles, stepped off a train at the Union Depot a few days ago she met her brother, L. D. White, of 200 1/2 McMillan street, for the first time since he left his home in Northwestern Missouri, 26 years ago. The two recognized each other at once, inasmuch as the meeting had been prearranged and each held a photograph of the other. Mr. White came to Portland 24 years ago from his home and since that time he has not seen his father or mother or any of his brothers or sister before the recent meeting. Mrs. Duke left yesterday for her home in California.

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ALASKANS SAID TO BE CARELESS IN GREAT INDUSTRY.

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Peninsula Eugenic Contest Set for Saturday.

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