

Is Not the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company a Robber?

On August 8 I wrote and sent a letter to the Mayor and each of the Councilmen, urging that the City Council grant a franchise to a company that would prove a competitor to the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, and giving facts and figures, accompanied by official documents showing it is exacting exorbitant rates from the citizens of Portland, and on comparing the rates charged for electric light and power, quoted the bill for the Henry Building for the month of July, as follows:

4396 kilowatt hours at 2 1/2c \$ 98.91
STAND-BY CHARGE (A ROBBERY) 24.75
\$123.65

Los Angeles rates for current year as follows:

"For the electric current consumed in excess of three thousand (3000) kilowatt hours in one month, 1.2 cents PER KILOWATT HOUR."

4396 kilowatt hours at 1.2c. \$52.75

The bill here is \$123.65 and in Los Angeles would be \$52.75, no stand-by charges or monkey-puzzle rate about it.

By this morning's mail comes the September bill for the Henry Building, a photograph of which is herewith given. In the same mail addressed to the Henry Building, through some mistake or oversight, there came mailed a bill of the Board of Trade Building, a photograph of which is given herewith; and also a bill of the Meier & Frank Building, a photograph of which is hereto attached.

From the above bills it will

Form 871 PORTLAND, OREGON
 BOARD OF TRADE BLDG
 4TH & OAK

TO PORTLAND RAILWAY, LIGHT AND POWER CO. DR.
 LIGHT AND POWER DEPARTMENT

PAY THIS BILL AT ELECTRIC BUILDING, SEVENTH AND ALDER STREETS

LIGHTING AS PER METER.

00 K. W. hr. Reading of Meter 9/21/12
 00 Last Reading of Meter 8/21/12
 00 Constant
 3193 Current Consumed
 00 @ 25 Cents per K. W. hr. 87.60
 00 @ 5 Cents per K. W. hr. 15.97
 Less Discount per cent. 112.35

DELINQUENT AFTER

We credit your account with

PORTLAND RAILWAY, LIGHT AND POWER CO.

By

DON'T FAIL TO BRING THIS BILL

RECEIVED FROM

C. K. Henry, Jr.
 87-4-1st St.
 9000 Henry Bldg.

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 HENRY BLDG
 4TH & OAK

TO PORTLAND RAILWAY, LIGHT AND POWER CO. DR.
 LIGHT AND POWER DEPARTMENT

PAY THIS BILL AT ELECTRIC BUILDING, SEVENTH AND ALDER STREETS

LIGHTING AS PER METER.

00 K. W. hr. Reading of Meter 9/21/12
 00 Last Reading of Meter 8/21/12
 00 Constant
 21903 Current Consumed
 00 @ 25 Cents per K. W. hr. 547.58
 00 @ 5 Cents per K. W. hr. 301.15
 Less Discount per cent. 501.15

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HENRY BLDG
 4TH & OAK

Form 871 PORTLAND, OREGON
 MEIER & FRANK CO
 145 5TH ST

TO PORTLAND RAILWAY, LIGHT AND POWER CO. DR.
 LIGHT AND POWER DEPARTMENT

PAY THIS BILL AT ELECTRIC BUILDING, SEVENTH AND ALDER STREETS

LIGHTING AS PER METER.

00 K. W. hr. Reading of Meter 9/21/12
 00 Last Reading of Meter 8/21/12
 00 Constant
 87273 Current Consumed
 00 @ 25 Cents per K. W. hr. 2181.83
 00 @ 5 Cents per K. W. hr. 981.80
 Less Discount per cent. 981.80

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MEIER & FRANK CO
 145 5TH ST

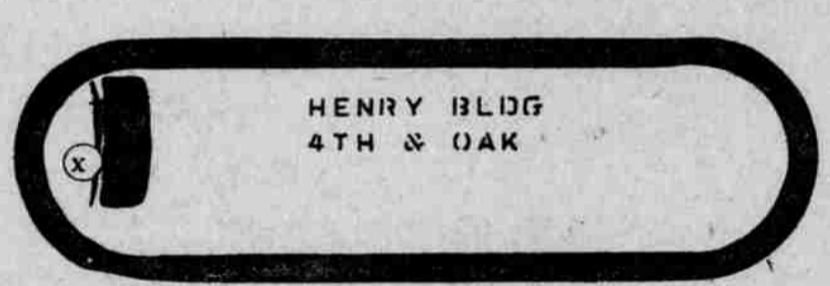
be readily seen that Mr. Joseph, the self-acclaimed exponent of the Golden Rule, and his company operating under a public franchise or supposed franchise as a public-service corporation are discriminating rankly on the question of rates. Because I have but a six-story building, is that any good reason why I should be charged a rate 80 per cent higher than my neighbor across the street with an 11-story building? If the answer is, that they are a larger consumer and entitled to a better rate, what becomes of the stand-by charge of \$24.75 ex-

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO
 PORTLAND RAILWAY, LIGHT & POWER CO.
 ELECTRIC BLDG., SEVENTH AND ALDER STS.
 PORTLAND, OREGON

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WORLD'S PANAM PACIFIC EXPOSITION IN SAN FRANCISCO 1915

HENRY BLDG
 4TH & OAK



acted monthly of me and not of my competitor? Is it not bald, barefaced robbery? If Meier & Frank Company is charged but a 1 1/2-cent rate, against my 2 1/2-cent rate, why should they not be charged a stand-by charge of even greater rate than mine? Why should there not be a uniformity of rates? The hold-up man on the

highway may plead necessity as an excuse, but what excuse can this rich, money-grabbing corporation offer, under a franchise or supposed franchise from the city, for holding up one citizen and not exacting a like amount from the other citizens and taxpayers? Should not the City Council revoke the franchise, if the company has one, on this disclosure of rank and unfair discrimination of rates by a public utility corporation?

The writer has instructed his attorneys to sue for the return of this \$24.75 monthly so-called stand-by charge during the past three years, and hopes that every other citizen and taxpayer who has been thus outraged will resort to the courts to compel decent and fair rates and charges on the part of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company.

At one's residence they count the number of ornamental glass, in the shape of lighting fixtures as outlets, and then charge for the current used in addition, another species of robbery.

It is high time that the City of Portland, and through its Mayor and Council, teach the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company that it is not the master, but the servant of the people of Portland.

Shall we not have the Marlarkey public service commission or some public utility commission to regulate rates and see that injustice is not done to the citizens of Portland?

Charles K. Henry

COUNCILMEN WRITE BREWERY FIRE RISK

Four License Committee Members Profit \$81.50 Yearly on Insurance.

WEINHARD ESTATE SHOWS

Jennings, Menefee, Watkins and Burgard Net Sums From \$10.50 to \$40.50 on Business Feared by Daly as "Graft."

One-tenth of the fire insurance held by the Weinhard estate, including the brewery interests, was written by Councilmen Jennings, Menefee, Watkins and Burgard. Out of the premiums annually, Jennings profits \$12.50, Menefee \$40.50, Watkins \$10.50 and Burgard \$11. Some of the four named have business with other breweries, but to a less extent.

These facts were disclosed on the face of reports made in writing by various brewery managers to the liquor-license committee yesterday in response to a demand instituted by Councilman Daly.

"These figures show," declared Councilman Watkins, committee chairman, "how flat the inferences of graft have fallen and how this grandstand play has fizzled out. I notice, however," he said with a smile, "that my colleagues are getting more business than I. It will be necessary for me to do something about that."

Business of Long Standing.

Of the four members mentioned as doing business with breweries, Councilmen Burgard and Jennings were absent. George Lethoff, manager of the Giambrinus brewery, told the committee that he had done fire insurance business with Mr. Burgard for 20 years and with Mr. Menefee for 15 years.

Paul Wessinger, manager of the Weinhard estate, said: "I do not regard the little business we do with members of the Council as a bribe. Why should a man be boycotted by a brewer just because he is a Councilman? I see no reason, and, for that matter, we have handled insurance policies with men who are now Councilmen long before they became members of the Council."

Mr. Daly, however, notwithstanding the jibes and flings cast at him by his colleagues, said that the rumor that the members of the liquor-license committee were "owned" by the liquor interests had been floating about the city for years.

"In fact," said Mr. Daly, "when I was appointed a member of this committee, I was congratulated by many persons, who told me that you are in for it now; you should clean up a fortune."

"Yes," quickly retorted Chairman Watkins, "the figures there show how large are the fortunes the committee members make. My fortune every year from brewery insurance is \$10.50."

Mr. Daly was not convinced that everything was cleared away and asked

METHODISTS STUDY MISSIONARY WORK

Columbia Branch of Women's Foreign Mission Society Opens Sessions.

FIVE STATES REPRESENTED

At Least 500 Delegates Are Expected to Be Present From Idaho, Washington, Montana, California and Oregon.

RAILROAD CHIEF IS HERE

J. M. Hannaford Says Business in Northwest Was Never Better.

J. M. Hannaford, vice-president of the Northern Pacific, in charge of traffic, arrived in Portland yesterday for a brief stay with local traffic officials of that road. He spent the day with A. D. Charlton, assistant general passenger agent, and F. H. Pokary, assistant general freight agent, and called on traffic men of other lines.

Mr. Hannaford reports that the Northern Pacific has had no difficulty in handling the enormous grain and fruit crop in the Northwest this Fall and that the threatened shortage in cars has not developed. Shippers have appreciated the situation and have conserved the available car space to the best advantage, not calling for cars until actually needed, and unloading them promptly when received.

After a trip through the entire Northwest Mr. Hannaford is firm in his belief that business never was in better condition and that there are unmistakable signs of continued prosperity everywhere.

BIRD LIFE TO BE SHOWN

William L. Finley to Give Stereopticon Lecture Tonight.

This evening at the East Side Branch Library William L. Finley will give a stereopticon lecture on "Bird Life of the Arizona Desert." This will be illustrated by about 100 interesting photographs of wild birds found in the arid regions of Arizona.

In the winter of 1910 Mr. and Mrs. Finley went to Arizona where they spent several months with cameras and notebooks traveling and studying in the deserts of New Mexico and Arizona. In these regions, where comparatively little is known of bird and animal life, these naturalists discovered many new and interesting facts which are embracing in a volume soon to be published.

The lecture this evening is open to the general public without admission fee.

Canadian farmers are gradually discarding the heavy fence rails which have surrounded their properties for decades, and are erecting serviceable wire field fencing with attractive entrance gates.

"Crow's Nest" Canadian coal. C. 2392.

COLUMBIA BRIDGE NEEDED

Modjeski, Returned From Chicago, to Report on Several Matters.

Arriving from Chicago yesterday, Ralph Modjeski, the bridge expert in the employ of the city, is figuring on what would be a reasonable price the city should pay the Harriman system for the use of the new Steel bridge. Mr. Modjeski said last night he expected to have a report on this matter ready for presentation to the city by Monday next. In speaking of the proposed bridging of the Columbia between Portland and Vancouver, he said: "That such a bridge has become a necessity is unquestioned and the sooner that it is built the earlier can its benefits be realized. It should be ready for use by 1915 and this can only be accomplished by starting work early next spring. It will take fully two years to have the work done properly, for it joint state as well as Government assistance is given each will have to be represented in preparing the original plans and supervising the construction. I am well pleased with the way the Pennsylvania Steel Company is progressing with the Broadway bridge and it is now reasonable to believe that it will be completed within the contract time, February 1 next."

Confessed Slave Goes Free.

Returning from an official trip to Baker on Wednesday night, Deputy United States Marshal Griffith brought under arrest William Rogers, who was charged with white slavery in having taken a woman from Oregon to North Yakima for immoral purposes. On the trip from Baker, Rogers told the Deputy Marshal that he was guilty and that a couple of years at the McNeill Island penitentiary would do him good. As the crime was alleged to have been committed in the eastern district of Washington, United States District Judge Bean yesterday morning issued

an order for his transfer to North Yakima, and for him to be placed in the custody of the United States Marshal of that district. Later in the day a telegram was received from the Federal attorney of that district stating that the grand jury had returned a not true bill against Rogers, so it became necessary to release him.

Remodeling Sale

We have started on the third week of our Great Remodeling Sale. The phenomenal reductions in our great sample stock of the world's best Cloaks, Suits, Skirts, Waists and Dresses have been the greatest selling event in the history of our business. There's a reason.

Nifty Coats

In the Johnnie styles in all the new fabrics. The greatest variety in the Northwest. Every good style, at a price to suit every purse. Extra special for this sale:

- \$12.00 Coats\$7.95
- \$15.00 Coats\$9.95
- \$20.00 Coats\$12.95
- \$25.00 Coats\$14.95
- \$30.00 Coats\$19.85
- \$40.00 to \$50.00 Coats...One-Fourth Off

Gorgeous Dresses

Foulards, Taffetas, Serges, Charmeuse and other new fabrics.

- \$12.50 Foulard Dresses.....\$5.95
- \$15.00 Serge Dresses.....\$6.49
- \$15.00 Taffeta Dresses.....\$9.95
- \$20.00 Messaline Dress.....\$12.95
- \$25.00 Fancy Dress.....\$14.95
- \$40.00 to \$325.00 Dresses and GownsHalf Price

Caracul and Plush Coats

Over 300 Coats to choose from. Every new, up-to-the-minute style.

- \$15.00 Caracul Coats.....\$9.95
- \$20.00 Caracul Coats.....\$12.95
- \$25.00 Caracul Coats.....\$14.95
- \$35.00 Plush Coats.....\$24.95
- \$40.00 Plush Coats.....\$29.85
- \$50.00 Plush Coats.....\$34.95

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Greatest aggregation of models and Pile fabrics shown on this Coast.

- \$30.00 Velvet Coats.....\$24.95
- \$40.00 Velvet Coats.....\$29.85
- \$50.00 Velvet Coats.....\$34.95
- \$65.00 Velvet Coats.....\$49.85
- \$75.00 Velvet Coats.....\$54.50

EVERYBODY'S STORE—EVERYBODY'S WELCOME

WORRELL'S

Sample Cloaks and Suits

AMERICAN CLOTHIERS FOR WOMEN

Sixth and Alder Streets Opposite Oregonian Bldg.

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