

GENERAL FRANCHISE AWAITS VALUATION

Council Acts on Requests of Portland Railway, Light & Power Company.

SAFEGUARD IS INSERTED

City Fathers Retain Right to Forfeit Grant if Any Extension Provisions Are Violated—Maguire Measure Is Postponed.

COUNCIL PIGEONHOLES VARIOUS MEASURES

Proposed general franchise of Portland Railway, Light & Power Company sent to Executive Board for the fixing of valuation after insertion of stringent forfeiture clause to assure fulfillment of provisions of the grant.

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Haskin's New Work Indorsed by President and Speaker. Have you not been troubled in reading books and periodicals on political subjects by the difficulty of eliminating the controversial partisanship from the actual facts? There is one book about the Government which is entirely free from this difficulty.

NEW POSITION OBTAINED

Deputy Sheriff Leonard Will Be Agent for O.-W. R. & N. Renouncing his desire to be appointed to the city detective force because of a technical difficulty which has arisen in his reinstatement, Archie Leonard, sheriff Stevens' chief criminal deputy, has accepted a position as assistant chief special agent for the O.-W. R. & N. Co. under E. Wood.

PUTER TAKES NON-SUIT

Damage Case Will Be Prosecuted in Minnesota Courts. Because service was obtained on Albert Fifield, who was not a member of the law firm of Field, Fletcher, Fifield, defendant, S. A. D. Puter took a voluntary non-suit of his \$50,000 suit for damage to reputation against the Minneapolis law firm of Field, Fletcher, Fifield & Fifield in Judge McGinn's court yesterday.

FREIGHT OFFICIALS MEET

Winter Schedules Discussed by Western Railroad Men. Freight traffic officials of the O.-W. R. & N. Company, Oregon Short Line and Southern Pacific held a conference in Portland yesterday to arrange new routings on a number of commodities and to discuss winter schedules.

NEW CARLINE PROJECTED

Sunnyside Improvement Association to Urge Improvements. The Sunnyside Improvement Association has started a movement to secure a through carline on the Reed College grounds north through Sunnyside and Laurelhurst to the north side of the city.

Water Rates Sent Back

When the annual recommendations of the Water Board for the water rates for 1913 were presented to the Council there was so much opposition to the rates that the recommendations were sent back to the Water Board for reconsideration. It is the intention of members of the Council to require the establishment of a minimum meter water rate of 50 cents a month instead of 41 a month as is maintained at present.

resulted in the application of Wadhams & Kerr Company for a special permit for an elevated platform. Councilman Maguire, Clyde, Daly and others opposed granting special permits of any kind unless the city receives some compensation.

ORPHEUM SEEKS NEW HOME

Negotiations Under Way for Theater in New Pittcock Block.

John W. Conside, owner of the Empress circuit, and associated with Timothy D. Sullivan in the Orpheum circuit, having failed to accept Calvin Maguire's special permit for a new building, is now negotiating with the new owners of the Pittcock block for space in the central part of the proposed Pittcock building as the new home of the Orpheum.

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PARISIAN IVORY AT SPECIAL PRICES FRIDAY AND SATURDAY. 55c Hat Pin Holder. 75c Trays. 55c \$1 Trays. 75c Picture Frames. 75c \$1.50 Picture Frames. \$1.15 \$2 Picture Frames. \$1.75 \$3 Picture Frames. \$1.49 \$4 Picture Frames. \$1.85 \$5 Picture Frames. \$2.19 \$6 Picture Frames. \$2.29 \$8 Picture Frames. \$3.35 \$10 Picture Frames. \$3.49 \$15 Picture Frames. \$3.79 \$20 Picture Frames.

Thermos Bottles. Red Japanned Finish, pint size \$1.00. Non-Separable Model, pint size \$1.50. White Enamel Finish, pint size \$1.75. Black Metal Finish, pint size \$2.50. Thermos Lunch Kit, \$3.00. The Thermos Carafe, at \$5.00. Thermos Carrying Cases, pint... 65c. Thermos Carrying Cases, quart... 85c.

The Owl Drug Co. THE MOST OF THE BEST FOR THE LEAST

SEVENTH AND WASHINGTON STREETS. Established 1892, Eighteen Stores on the Pacific Coast.

avenue. The park committee was instructed to urge the construction of a swimming pool in the Laurelhurst Park the ensuing year when the playground is built, for which a contract has been let.

Club Establishes Civic Department.

The directors of the Rose City Park Club have instituted a civic department and, in accordance with the request of the Improvement League, made O. G. Hughton chairman of that department. This civic department has been divided by Mr. Hughton into ten different subcommittees, each with its own chairman. These committees are as follows: Civic pride and parks, Dr. Emmet Drake; car service, Dr. Harvey J. Parker; fire protection, George W.

Five True Bills Returned.

Five true bills were returned yesterday by the United States grand jury in cases which the accused have been previously arrested and given hearings before the commissioner. The indictments returned are as follows: John F. Fitzgerald, introducing liquor on the Klamath Indian reservation; O. K. Joe, having contraband opium in his possession; Lon M. Crawford, white slavery; Charles E. Rigdon, embezzlement of funds while acting as letter carrier; Lee, a Chinaman, having contraband opium in his possession.

ATTENTION!

Grand opening of Sing Chong Co., formerly of 333 Morrison st., in old Marquam bldg., now at 409 Morrison st., 10th st., Thursday, Dec. 12. A handsome souvenir given with every purchase. The extreme northeastern corner of 81st st. will soon be in wireless touch with Vladivostok.

A DIRECT SUGGESTION

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