

HIGH VALUATION AIM

East Side Men Argue on Pending Streetcar Franchise.

\$800 YEARLY RATE URGED

Representatives of Portland Railway, Light & Power Company Fight Proposal and Declare Taxes Now \$1000 Daily.

With Dan Kellaher and others lined up on the one side and F. J. Fuller and J. E. Weir on the other, the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company on the other, the street committee of the Executive Board yesterday heard arguments on the proposed franchise grant to the company covering various stub ends of lines and the proposed Seventh street line.

Mr. Kellaher, L. M. Lepper and others appeared as representatives of the East Side and urged the committee to place a valuation upon the franchise which would force the company to pay a material amount each year for the use of the streets.

They urged the establishment of a rate of at least \$800 a year for each mile of single track. This amount would make the valuation of the franchise about \$17,600 a year, there being about 22 miles of track involved in the proposed grant. The rate was based upon the rates of some other cities, some of which were mentioned by Mr. Kellaher in an address before the committee. He declared that the imposing of heavy valuations or taxes on public service corporations for a proper and reasonable way to cut down the tax levy of the city.

Taxes Now \$1000 Daily. Mr. Fuller, representing the company, declared that the company could not afford to pay more than \$1000 a day for the use of the streets. He said, "pays taxes amounting to \$1000 a day every day in the year. Our capital is \$50,000,000 and we carry no water. The bonding brokers just before the last bond issue examined our property and the report showed that the plant could be valued at approximately \$50,000,000. At the present time we are paying just about 5 per cent on our investment. That is not too much."

Mr. Kellaher produced a copy of the London Daily Mail, published last February, in which the report of the company was printed, showing a net earnings of the company of \$3,000,000 for 1911. Mr. Fuller declared that this figure did not show the entire expenditures of the company. He declared that it did not include such expenses as taxes, bridge rentals and some other things. He said he had not checked up on the report, but knew that there were some expenses not included because these expenses are not, according to the rules in such proceedings, made a part of the report. Mr. Kellaher called attention to the taxes of the streetcar companies in some other cities, including Chicago and Toronto, Canada. Mr. Fuller declared that conditions are much different there because of the difference in the cost of equipment, the cost of freight and other things.

Stop-over Privileges Sought. Mr. Kellaher also urged the committee to recommend to the Council the insertion in the franchise of an amendment requiring the company to establish stop-over privileges for passengers on the system as urged to grant passengers the right to stop at any point along the way for no longer than an hour to do shopping. A number of East Side business men spoke in favor of this system before the committee.

After hearing the arguments W. H. Fitzgerald, chairman of the committee, announced that the valuation problem and that relating to the stop-overs would be considered by the members of the committee at a report made before the next meeting of the Executive Board, which will be held next Friday.

TRAFFIC MAN TO TRANSFER

W. D. Skinner to Leave O. W. R. & N. for Office With Hill System.

Official announcement of W. D. Skinner as traffic manager of the North Bank road and the Hill lines in Oregon will be made today. He will assume his new duties not later than January 1, and probably earlier.

Mr. Skinner has accepted an offer made him by J. H. Young, president of the Hill roads, and awaited only the return to the city last night of R. E. Miller, traffic manager of the O. W. R. & N. Co., to give formal notice of his intention to resign his position as assistant traffic manager of the Harriman road.

With Mr. Skinner's acceptance of the position of traffic manager of the Hill lines, the office of general freight and passenger agent, now held by W. E. Coman, who has resigned to become vice-president and general manager of the Northwestern Electric Company, will be abandoned. W. C. Wilkes will continue to hold the title of assistant general freight and passenger agent, the new arrangement, however, leaves the way open for creating the positions of general freight agent and general passenger agent as soon as occasion demands.

Mr. Skinner's resignation leaves a vacancy in the ranks of the O. W. R. & N. Co.

SCHOOLS TO SELL STAMPS

Board of Education Tables Protest of Medical Freedom Clubs.

Without a dissenting voice the Board of Education at its semi-monthly meeting yesterday voted to table the protest of the Oregon Federation of Medical Freedom Clubs against the sale of Red Cross Seal stamps in the public schools. The protesters contended that the sale of the stamps in the schools was an unjustified "revenue-raising invasion of the schools."

"It was this same organization that protested against the vaccination of pupils in the public schools, was it not?" inquired Director Fleischer. "It was," replied another member of the Board.

"As I understand it," followed Mr. Fleischer, "it is the desire on the part of the school authorities to instruct and warn the students of the dangers of tuberculosis and other diseases."

With a minimum of discussion, the protest, on motion of Director Fleischer, was placed on the table for future resubmission.

DENTIST'S CASE DISMISSED

Use of Professional Witnesses and Boast of Influence Are Charged.

The existence of lodge influence as a bar to prosecution and the use of professional witnesses, were charges hurled by the prosecution at Edward Edwards, unlicensed dentist, when he came up for

hearing in Municipal Court yesterday on a charge of being an accomplice in the stabbing of E. J. Ward, a special agent of the State Board of Dental Examiners. The defendant, who has been indicted by the board more than a dozen times for practicing his profession without a license, is alleged to have appeared out of darkness when an unknown man stabbed Ward, and gloated over the fallen enemy. The assault occurred three weeks ago at Sixth and Salmon streets.

A few days ago an employe of Edwards was arrested for the assault, but was dismissed under a strong alibi. The same defense was offered yesterday by the dentist, nearly a dozen persons accounting for his whereabouts at the time of the assault. Many of these witnesses, the state drew from them, had appeared to testify in his favor on previous occasions when he was being tried for unlawful practice.

Ward testified that after he brought the charge, Edwards met him in the postoffice and remarked that he was a bright detective, to think that he could convict him in Judge Taxwell's Court, and as he spoke, held up an emblem of the order to which the judge belongs.

Edwards was dismissed by the court, which passed severely upon the persistence of Ward in following up an accusation against such a mass of adverse testimony.

"We intend to carry it to the Grand Jury, anyhow, Your Honor," remarked Attorney Farrell, the special prosecutor. "Do so, if you like," replied the Court, "but you will not do it with the assistance of this Court."

UNFAIR DEALERS SCORED

\$1000 PUNITIVE DAMAGES ALLOWED BY JUDGE MCGINN.

J. Peters, Acting for James Roth, Trades Timber Claim Without Title for Grocery Store.

Crooked real estate men were vigorously and vehemently scored by Circuit Judge McGinn yesterday morning in giving judgment for the plaintiffs in the case of J. A. Cobb and P. C. Dillingham against J. Peters, a realty dealer, an action to set aside on the ground of fraud a transaction by which Cobb and Dillingham, through Peters, traded a Portland grocery store, horse, delivery wagon and all accessories to James E. Roth for a timber claim in Douglas County to which it developed Roth had no title.

Judge McGinn gave judgment for \$1500 actual and \$1000 punitive damages. Peters' plea was that he had acted merely as agent and did not know that Roth had no title but Judge McGinn emphatically declared himself as believing the opposite to be the fact after listening to the testimony.

It appeared from the testimony that title to the timber claim was in Mrs. George E. Dunn and Mrs. M. H. Lot. For the purpose of impressing Cobb and Dillingham, at the time when the trade was in prospect, a "phony" mortgage was "flushed" on them in which it was made to appear that Milwaukee people had loaned them \$100,000. The day before the deal went through Peters ostensibly secured a release of this mortgage. The Cobb and Dillingham grocery establishment was sold shortly after leaving their possession. They had no recourse against the buyer and saw no prospect of recovering from Roth, leaving them with no recourse but to start suit against Peters. "There is no further testimony needed here to convince me that this was a crooked and infamous transaction," said Judge McGinn. "The plaintiffs called to the stand Attorney John Manning, one of whose clients had considerable trouble with Peters over the timber claim transaction. Manning's evidence was not taken, the court holding that time would be consumed uselessly in listening to it."

FACTORY OWNERS GATHER

Monthly Luncheons Planned by Oregon Manufacturers.

As a preliminary to still larger efforts, the Manufacturers' Association held the first of a series of monthly luncheons at the Imperial Hotel yesterday morning with the members of the Association heard addresses by W. S. Scott, Arthur Devers and A. M. Haradon, all dealing with the possibilities of "made in Oregon" goods, the necessity for a high standard of quality and the large amount expended by local concerns.

The president, W. H. McMonies, introduced W. S. Scott, of the Davis-Scott Belting Company, as chairman of the day. The speaker outlined the purpose of these luncheons, saying that it was hoped through them that the manufacturers would become better acquainted, be able to co-operate and to discuss manufacturing methods, in fact to get together in every way. He then introduced A. M. Haradon, of the firm of F. F. Haradon & Son, candy and cracker manufacturers.

Mr. Haradon, here in Portland is \$750,000, producing a yearly output of over \$2,000,000 worth of supplies and over \$500,000 in wages per annum. W. H. Chambers, of Gillen-Chambers Asbestos Company, also spoke, as did Arthur Devers, who gave a history of coffee planting.

MAN HELD TO GRAND JURY

Judge Taxwell Refuses to Dismiss Case on Request of Prosecutor.

"No more 'fixing' is to be allowed in this court," announced Judge Taxwell in Municipal court yesterday, following out a previous warning to the same effect, by summarily holding L. Mattison, a carpenter, to the grand jury to answer to a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses. The order was made in the face of a request by the complaining witness that the case be dropped.

"The money has been refunded, Your Honor, and we have no desire to prosecute," said the special prosecutor. "On that showing, we ask for a dismissal," said the defendant's two attorneys.

"The defendant will be held to answer to the grand jury," announced Judge Taxwell, "and that I would allow more dismissals in cases of this kind, where the court is made a collection agency, and I mean to adhere to that rule."

Mattison was arrested upon the complaint of Cleo Van Gorder, keeper of the Hotel Van Gorder, who alleged that he had given a worthless check in payment for lodgings. After his arrest he made good the shortage, but the court, weary of the endless repetition of such cases, refused to take this fact into consideration.

DR. START IS SENTENCED

From One to Five Years in State Penitentiary is Penalty.

An indeterminate sentence of from one to five years in the state penitentiary was the sentence given yesterday afternoon by Circuit Judge Gantenbein to Dr. Harry A. Start, convicted in the vice crusade. Appeal bond was fixed at

Your Christmas Gift List Can Best Be Filled at The Owl Drug Co



And now is the time to make up your list. Start right here and make your notations—you'll find many helpful hints in what appears in this announcement. Better still, come to "The Owl" and note the gathering and convenient display of gift things—and the winning prices. The service is one that truly serves—all that you could wish for.

Handbags 1/4 Off Entire Line

Your Opportunity—New Styles, New Finishes, Best Leathers

Art Studies for Hand Coloring Large size, at each 10c Small size, at each 5c

ONLY 49c FOR THESE German Silver Vanity Cases With Long or short Chains

German Silver Mesh Bags AT SPECIAL PRICES \$3.50 now \$2.98 \$4.00 now \$3.19

Brass Stand Mirrors, Special \$1.15 for \$2.25 Mirrors, size 6 1/2 x 9 ins. \$1.75 for \$3.50 Mirrors, size 7 1/2 x 11 1/2 ins.

CHRISTMAS STATIONERY SPECIAL ALL IN ARTISTIC HOLIDAY PACKAGES. 25c Stationery, special, 19c 35c Stationery, special, 29c 50c Stationery, special, 39c

STERLING SILVER NOVELTIES STERLING DEPOSIT COLOGNE BOTTLES SPECIAL AT 33c ONLY. Penicils on sale 25c Nail Files on sale 35c

Stamp Boxes on sale at 50c Shoe Horns on sale at 50c Button Hooks now at 50c Pocket Knives now at 50c Hat Brushes now at 50c Match Safes on sale at \$1.00

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Gifts That She Will Appreciate

Perfumes, 25c up from... Sterling Silver Novelties, up from... 35c up from... Box Candy, 25c up from... Vanity 25c up from... Novelty Table 25c up from... Measurers 25c up from... Box Stationery, 25c up from... Violet Vases, special, 59c up from... Henckel Manicure Sets, fine goods, \$2.50 up from... Scissors Sets, \$2.50 up from... Rose Beads, \$1.69 up from... \$5.00 up from...

GOOD CHRISTMAS VALUE IN THESE CRYSTAL JARS

WITH FANCY PLATED METAL TOPS. PUFF JAR, HAIR RECEIVER, 75c Each

A MISCELLANY OF Christmas Suggestions

BRASS VASES—SPECIAL With Screen Tops, for Cut Flowers. \$1.20 Vases 79c 85c Vases 69c TRIPLE MIRRORS, round and oval shapes \$2.25 to \$7.50 IVOURED SETS, three piece \$1.98

1/4 Off ON ALL STAND AND FLAT Shaving Sets

Regularly Priced Above 50c \$1.25 Sets 95c \$2.50 Sets at \$1.87 \$3 Sets \$2.75 \$4 Sets \$3.00 \$5.00 Sets now at \$3.75

SERVING TRAYS Special 98c

Gold frames, twelve inches long, brass handles, glass panels over silk.

GIFT PERFUMES

All the fancy and imported makes—Jergens', Colgate's, Palmer's, Hudson's, Coty's, Houbigant's and others. Some of the prices: Colgate's in five separate odors, at 25c Hudson's Christmas Packages, at 50c Houbigant's "Soleil" Perfume and Coeur de Jeune, in original bottles, and Coeur de Jeune, at each, \$2.50

Participate To Your Advantage, These 12 Attractive "Owl" Specials

For Friday and Saturday

Items of interest that will not be overlooked by the busy holiday shopper. The right is reserved by us to limit quantities to purchasers. Euthymol Tooth Paste now at 10c Saponal Tooth Powder now at 14c "Owl" Day Ram, full half pint, at 15c "Owl" Witch Hazel, full pint at 15c Boric Acid, one pound now at 15c Castoria at the special price of 18c Denatured Alcohol, one quart, special, at 20c Pebecco Tooth Paste, special at 29c Glycerine, one full pint, special at 29c "Owl" Skin Cream, special at 33c Bore's Kidney Pills, special at 33c Olive Oil, "Owl" brand, large size, 59c

-A Kodak or a Brownie

Will Answer The Gift Question Kodaks from \$5.00 up. Brownie Camera \$1 to \$12. Premo Models from \$1.35 to \$65.00. Kodak Albums 35c to \$1.25. Ask to see the Balaopticon Demonstrated in Our Kodak Department. HOT - WATER BOTTLES in Fancy Christmas Boxes \$1.00 up from...

PARISIAN IVORY Fourth Off Entire Line

On All Articles 50c and Above INCLUDING ALL CHRISTMAS SETS

50c Nail Files 37c 75c Soap Boxes 56c 75c Nail Buffers 75c 75c Nail Brushes 75c 50c Combs now 37c 75c Talcum Powder Boxes now 56c 65c Vanity Mirrors now 43c 75c Tooth Powder Boxes now 56c 65c Hairpins now 43c 75c Hatpin Holders now 56c 65c Pomade Boxes now 43c 75c Combs now 56c 75c Shoe Horns 56c 75c Cologne Bottles now 75c 75c Picture Frames 63c 75c Combs now 75c \$1.00 Hair Receiver now at \$1.25 \$1.25 Hat Brushes now 93c \$1.25 Picture Frames now at \$1.13 \$1.25 Pin Cushions now 93c \$2.00 Hair Brushes \$1.50 \$1.25 Jewel Boxes now 93c \$2.00 Cloth Brushes \$1.50 \$1.50 Picture Frames \$1.13 \$1.25 Hand Mirrors now at \$2.45 \$1.50 Hat Brushes now at \$1.13 \$4.00 Hand Mirrors now at \$3.00 \$4.50 Military Brushes now at \$3.28 \$5 Hair Brusher \$3.75

BELFRY CLOCKS

A \$5.00 value of Belfry Clocks for \$1.98. One of our greatest Christmas offerings. Only a few of them left.

GIVE AN "OWL" MERCHANDISE ORDER THIS CHRISTMAS.

And thereby solve the gift problem to your own satisfaction, as well as that of the recipient. Remember, too, that "Owl" Merchandise Orders are redeemable in any of the eighteen stores of The Owl Drug Company, in the following cities: Portland, Seattle, Spokane, Sacramento, San Francisco, Oakland, Los Angeles. Enter one on your Christmas list. We have them in denominations of \$1, \$2.50, \$5 and \$10.

TO CONVEY HOLIDAY GREETINGS Christmas Letters 10c at each. Christmas Post Cards 1c at each. Christmas Seals and Tags, in pkgs. at 5c

Thermos Bottles

You can buy a Genuine Thermos, Nickel-Plated Bottle at "The Owl" for \$1.50. CARRYING CASES, for pint size, 65c CARRYING CASES, for quart size, 85c

HENCKEL MANICURE SETS IN LEATHER CASES FROM \$2.50 UP

Sets of Sterling Silver IN LINED CASES

5-PIECE TOILET SET \$18.50 SPECIAL, \$18.50 for 14-piece Manicure and Toilet Set, in double cloth-lined case. FIVE-PIECE MANICURE SET \$4.50 FIVE-PIECE MANICURE SET \$5.00

VIOLET VASES WITH SILVER BASES, SPECIAL 59c

WILL BUY ANY 15c OF FOLLOWING REGULAR 25c ARTICLES. WILL BUY ANY 33c OF FOLLOWING REGULAR 50c ARTICLES.

BOW PINS, HATPIN, HATPIN, TIE RACK, WORK BASKETS, PIN CUSHION, TAPE MEASURE, NOVELTY VANITY CASE, STUFFED TURKEY WITH CANDY, DESK PEN, HOOPER, TOY DOG OR TOY CAT, BRASS MATCH HOLDER, MANTEL ORNAMENTS. DOG HEAD MATCH HOLDER, HAIR RECEIVER, PUFF JAR, LABEL WATCH CHAIN, HATPIN HOLDER, ASH TRAY, NOVELTY PIN CUSHION, BRASS TEA KETTLE, WORK BAG, CANOE PIN, SLIPPER PIN CUSHION, JEWEL CASE, DRINKING GUP, NOVELTY CIGAR CUTTER.

COLLAR AND CUFF BOXES AT ONLY 35c

Gifts That He Will Appreciate

Ash Trays, up 25c from... Lather Brushes, 25c from... Shaving Pads 15c at... Tie Holders 15c from... Pocket Knives, up from... 25c Safety Blade Shaver \$2.00 up from... \$1.50 Triplicate Mirrors up from... \$1.50 Military Brushes up from... \$1.75 COLLAR BAGS, SPECIAL 98c Fountain Pens \$1.00 up from... \$5.00 from... \$5.00 Gillette Razors up from... \$5.00

WHY NOT A VIBRATOR?

\$25 Arnold Electric Vibrator, special at... \$17.50 White Cross Electric Hair Dryer... \$20.00 White Cross Electric Stove, Toaster and Griddle Combined... \$6.50

HOLIDAY CANDY PACKAGES UP FROM 35c

Santa Claus Favors, at box, 10c Fancy Baskets of Candy at 35c California Glace Fruit, Assorted, at the box 75c Candy For Christmas: Plain Mixed, pound at 10c Tom Thumb Mixed, at pound, 15c Ribbon Mixed, at pound, 20c Extra Cream Mixed, at pound, 25c Chocolate Drops at per pound, 20c Peter Pan Chocolate, at pound, 25c Peter Pan Nougates, at pound, 25c Jelly Beans, at pound, 15c Two pounds for 25c

FOR THE CHILDREN STUFFED CATS AND DOGS SPECIAL

25c Ones 19c 35c Ones 29c 50c Ones at 39c FLOATING TOYS Fishing Sets, fishhook Sets, ducks, frogs, etc. 25c, 50c DOLLY "BRIGHT EYES" ALL BABY RINGS, stick-pins and ONE-HALF PRICE \$1 and... \$1.25

Established 1892—Eighteen Stores on the Pacific Coast

against Dr. Start, gave evidence against Wedemeyer. Newsies to Hear David Bispham. David Bispham, the celebrated baritone who sang at the Hall Sunday evening in a delighted audience, will sing at a benefit concert for the Newsboys' Home either Thursday or Friday evening of next week. Arrangements were completed only last night for the concert and the exact time and place was not decided. The concert will be all in English. Mr. Bispham has decided to spend Christmas week in Portland and when this became known a committee headed by Mrs. Warren E. Thomas at once secured him for the concert.

The trial of the second man to face a jury, E. E. Wedemeyer, will conclude today. All that remains is the argument for the defense, the closing argument of the state and instructions to the jury. The case probably will reach the jury by noon. Several young men, some of them the same as testified

Dr. Start's home in Irvington for that purpose. At the urgent request and pleading of the defendant they reconsidered, but yesterday became alarmed again. Judge Gantenbein then advanced the date of sentence, which was originally scheduled for this morning, and after sentence was imposed the new bond, which will keep Dr. Start out of the penitentiary pending the

\$3000 and was furnished. The defendant's wife was in court when sentence was passed. She was by his side during the entire trial. The defendant and his bondsmen on appeal are not the same as those who vouched for him prior to conviction. The original bondsmen wanted to be released a few hours after the verdict of guilty and took a deputy sheriff with them to Dr.

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