

FRANCHISE VALUE TO BE FIXED HIGH

Street Committee Proposes \$200 a Mile a Year for Traction Company's Grants.

TOTAL MORE THAN \$100,000

Council Members Study and Apply Conditions in Other Big Cities of Country — Measure to Be Rushed to Conclusion.

The highest valuation ever fixed on a streetcar franchise granted in Portland will be recommended to the City Executive Board by the street committee at a special meeting this afternoon on the proposed general franchise grant to the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company. The committee yesterday at an executive session fixed the valuation at \$200 a mile a year, which will make the total value of the franchise runs more than \$100,000.

It is expected the valuation as fixed will meet with the approval of several members of the Executive Board this afternoon, some being in favor of a higher valuation and others being in favor of making it lower. The Board will definitely settle on a figure and refer the franchise back to the City Council, which body will send it on Thursday to the City Auditor for advertisement to be rushed.

The special Executive Board meeting was called for today to make a report to the Council Thursday. Otherwise it would have been held up for two weeks until the Council met again. The plan is to hasten the measure through the necessary steps and get it back before the Council for final adoption or rejection early in February.

The valuation as fixed by the committee is out of the ordinary, because of the fact that it is based on the mileage of the franchise. Heretofore the valuation has been made on blanket franchises without mention being made of any specific amount for each mile of track. The mileage system is similar to the valuation regulations employed in some of the Eastern cities.

The rate of \$200 a mile will bring the city revenue of \$4000 a year for each year during the life of the grant, there being 20 miles of track involved. The grants heretofore have been fixed on a sliding scale, the value and the revenue increasing each five years.

Other Cities Considered. The company is operating under two general franchise grants at present. One is a grant to the Portland Railway Company with a total valuation of \$75,000 for the 25 years and the other a grant to the City & \$22.5 Company with a total valuation of about \$140,000 for the 25 years. The franchise under consideration now is much smaller than either of the others and for that reason the valuation is considered to be much higher.

At a recent meeting of the street committee of the Executive Board the question of valuation was gone into in detail and opinions were heard from a number of persons who have made studies of the valuations of other cities. It was shown that in some cities the companies pay \$80 a mile, while in others the rate is \$100 a mile. The committee yesterday took the Portland conditions into consideration and concluded that \$200 a mile is a just valuation.

Mayor Ruskight said yesterday that he considers \$200 a mile the proper valuation and will urge the adoption of the recommendations of the committee at the Executive Board meeting.

PRINCESS SEEKS PAPERS

Blooded Kin of Napoleon Would Be American Citizen.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Princess Estelle Gabrielle Bonaparte, Baroness de Moin de Leon, granddaughter of Prince Joseph Alexander Bonaparte, blood relation of the great Emperor Napoleon and daughter of the Count de Moin de Leon, today applied to the Federal Court for the necessary papers permitting her to become a citizen of the United States.

Because she holds herself a subject of France, Victor Napoleon, president of the head of the house of Bonaparte, whereas the United States recognizes the President of the French Republic as the rightful sovereign of France, there arose a difficulty which was straightened out only by calling of Henry Hazard, naturalization examiner, who advised that the oath of renunciation be taken, as prescribed by the Government, that if she remains firm in her intention to admit her fealty to Prince Victor the matter will be taken into the Federal Court for the necessary papers. Should that be done, a new legal precedent will be established.

The Princess is reticent about her family life. Her mother, daughter of Prince Joseph Alexander Bonaparte, died at the birth of her daughter, and the father of Princess Bonaparte, fleeing from France when his estates were confiscated, was a wanderer in America, and has many wealthy friends in the East, among them her foster parents.

WOMAN "COP" THWARTED

Fair Sex Officer Reinstated by Civil Service, Not Assigned to Duty.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—When Mrs. Fay Edwards, reinstated as a police woman by the city Civil Service Commission, presented herself to Chief of Police Bannick today for assignment to duty she was told that no action would be taken in her case until the corporation counsel had furnished an opinion, and that tomorrow the head of the department would determine whether to obey the ruling of the Commission.

Mrs. Edwards has been advised by her attorney that she is legally entitled to the position, which she was removed and will again appeal in the event she is reassigned to duty and then removed or suspended.

VICE ROY OF INDIA IS BADLY WOUNDED

Assassin's Attempt to Kill Baron Hardinge Is Almost Successful.

BOMB TEARS SHOULDERS

Man on Housetop Hurls Missile at Governor's Party on Elephant, Kills Attendant and Escapes Into Crowd.

DELHI, India, Dec. 23.—Baron and Baroness Hardinge, Viceroy and Vicereine of India, narrowly escaped assassination today by a native fanatic who while making their ceremonial entry into Delhi, the new imperial capital of India.

The splinters of the powerful bomb which killed one native attendant and injured another, penetrated the back and shoulders of the Viceroy and his wife. The Viceroy's stock was also wounded in the neck by the screws with which the bomb was filled and which passed through his helmet.

The doctors who removed the metal splinters from the wounds declared it was marvelous that the Viceroy escaped fatal injuries. Lady Hardinge immediately after the explosion was carried to the hospital and her husband if he was hurt. He replied: "I am all right. Go on."

Lady Hardinge then said: "We cannot. There is a dead man behind." The elephant on which they were riding halted and the Viceroy tried to stand up, but rested and fainted and the officials who gathered around had much difficulty in removing him from the elephant's back. The howdah in which he and Lady Hardinge had been seated was blown into matchwood.

An official report of the injuries to Baron Hardinge issued tonight by his surgeon says that a portion of the projectile struck him at the back of the right shoulder and the lower part of the border of the shoulder blade. It passed upward and issued through the vein along the upper line of the shoulder, causing a wound four inches long and exposing the muscle and bone. The lungs were not injured.

Other fragments of the bomb caused several wounds on the neck. There was a moderate loss of blood, the shock was severe and some deafness was caused by the explosion. Baron Hardinge lost consciousness, but soon recovered and is resting fairly comfortably.

The umbrella bearer, who was killed, had acted in that capacity for Lord Curzon.

The bomb thrower has not yet been caught. A reward of 10,000 rupees (approximately \$3300) has been offered for his arrest.

Baron Hardinge was appointed last summer to succeed the Earl of Minto, who was former Governor-General of Canada, as Viceroy of India. Shortly after his appointment he was elevated to the peerage.

The bomb thrower's attempt to kill Lord Hardinge was almost successful. The Viceroy was making entry in state into Delhi as the last of the ceremonial in connection with the transfer of the capital from Calcutta to Delhi. The transfer was made in October last, but Lord Hardinge was not to take formal possession of his new quarters until today.

A large gathering of troops, officials and Punjab Chiefs was present to welcome the Viceroy party. His splendid elephant procession had just left the railway station passing through Chander Chowk, when the bomb was thrown. It was hurled by a man standing on a house top and it struck the howdah in which Lord and Lady Hardinge were riding.

Lady Hardinge suffered severely from the shock and it was found necessary to apply soothing remedies. The ceremony was interrupted for only a short period while the Viceroy and Lady Hardinge were being conveyed to the hospital and the viceregal residence respectively.

Eleventh Hour Xmas Suggestions

You still have time to make this the greatest Christmas of all, the one never-to-be-forgotten, if you come to Eilers Music House at once. Any instrument selected today will be delivered later this afternoon or this evening or tomorrow, as desired. We have arranged for additional drayage service and every instrument will be delivered as promised.

Where is there a home that would not appreciate, above all other gifts, a superb Chickering or Kimball or Hazelton Baby Grand? Let us deliver one today or tomorrow as a surprise. You can begin payments next year on our new one, two and three-year plan. It is like the fine new Baby Grands as low as \$55.

Then there are Player Pianos for a home that has none or for a home where there is now a "silent" piano, which latter will accept in part payment. A number of very latest and most highly improved Player Pianos, which the manufacturers have wired they will change the case styles of, in the 1913 catalogues, are now being closed out at drastic reduction. \$515 for the regular \$725 value; \$583 for the regular \$850 ones, and \$615 for the finest \$850 styles. Especially easy holiday terms.

Surely a most sensible gift for that talented boy or girl will be a fine Violin or Mandolin, Guitar or Banjo. Ask about our great free music lesson offer.

A Christmas order for Talking Machine Records will surely prove a fine gift for friends of yours who own talking machines.

Wouldn't that musical friend appreciate a fine Cornet, Trombone or other band or orchestra instrument? Largest and finest assortment to select from.

For a Player Piano owner surely an assortment of up-to-date music rolls would be the proper gift.

Every girl wants a Music Bag. All the finest leathers in the latest colors and shapes. \$5.00 bags now \$3.40, the \$7.75 values now \$5.95.

And last but not least—in fact, the best gift that can come into any home, the possible exception of a Piano or Player Piano, is a Gratonola or Victrola or Amberola.

Ask to see our two great Holiday Talking Machine Offers—today is your last opportunity. Combination No. 1, \$4.95 last year's style Gratonola Talking Machine including 24 selections and four fine Record Albums, for only \$3.95. Combination No. 2, \$4.95 value for \$2.95, including 24 selections; no extras. Everything is complete. Pay \$1 a week. Last call.

Blasphem Records—be sure and have them for the holidays. Don't forget this great artist will give a benefit concert to help the Newsboys' Home, at the Masonic Temple, December 23, Eilers Building.

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- \$1.98 Dolls at Only 98c
- 39c Dolls for Only 25c
- House Coats at 1/4 Off
- \$1.50 Slippers, Only 98c
- Men's 50c Neckties at 29c
- \$2.00 Night Gowns at 98c
- Infants' \$1.50 Sweaters 98c
- 10c Xmas Ribbons at 6c

Sewing Boxes at 1/2 Price

Needle Books at 1/2 Price

Finished Art Pieces at 1/2

\$1.00 Silk Hose, Only 69c

\$1.25 Silk Hose, Only 89c

\$1.50 Silk Hose, Only 95c

\$1.75 Silk Hose at \$1.19

\$2.00 Silk Hose at \$1.48

\$2.50 Silk Hose at \$2.00

\$7.50 Silk Waists at \$3.98

50c Box Handkerchiefs, 39c

\$1 Box Handkerchiefs, 75c

\$1.25 Gloves, Only \$1.10

\$2.50 Gloves, Only \$1.85

DOG AMAZES SAVANTS

BRINDLE TERRIER'S WISDOM IS WONDERFUL TO SEE.

Animal Born in Richmond, Va., Does Everything Requested Without Making Mistake.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Three Yale professors, Petrunkovitch, Cameron and Woodruff, gave tests today to Jasper, an English brindle terrier two years and three months old, born in Richmond, Va., and owned by Dixie Taylor, who is visiting different colleges to test professors of psychology.

Professor Petrunkovitch gave a two hours test to Jasper and then said he was the most wonderful dog he had ever seen.

The professor ordered the dog to walk up the stairs, stop in the middle and stand on his hind feet. Up the stairs walked the animal, and directly in the middle of the staircase he stopped and placed his fore paws on the banister rail. Professor Woodruff went into a dark room while the owner of the dog sat in the parlor a few doors away with the dog. Taylor then told the dog to go into the room in which Professor Woodruff was, take a handkerchief out of the professor's pocket. The dog immediately bounded away and did as he was bidden.

Other tests put to the animal were equally as hard. He was told to find a jardiniere, which he did immediately. In quick succession he was told to knock over a waste basket, open a door and pick up a pencil, all of which he performed immediately after the command.

PERUVIAN ISSUE GRAVE

CONSUL FULLER TELLS FURTHER OF OUTRAGES ON INDIANS.

State Department Has Delicate Problem as Employers Accused of Barbarities British Subjects.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Stuart Fuller, American Consul at Iquitos, Peru, who investigated the reported outrages against the Peruvian Indians in the Putumayo rubber district, arrived in Washington today and conferred with State Department officials. The outrages brought to light by Consul Fuller's investigation, are said to be the most serious of the Latin-American problems with which the State Department has had to deal, especially in view of the fact that British corporations are the principal operators in the Peruvian rubber field.

Consul Fuller's report, mailed before his departure for the United States, had previously reached the department, but he supplemented the disclosures made therein with other information all tending to show the horror of the outrages perpetrated on the Indians by their foreign employers, as well as the gravity of the problem with which the Government has to deal.

The principal purpose of Consul Fuller's mission was to ascertain whether the outrages against the Indian rubber gatherers had ceased, as the Peruvian government insists in the case, but this fact cannot be known until the Consul's report is transmitted to Congress, which has already called for it by a special resolution.

JOY GIVEN BY SENTENCE

Convict Expresses Gratitude to Judge for Short Term.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—Pushed across the Canadian border into the arms of American officers because the treaty between this Nation and Canada makes no provision for extraditing escaped prisoners, Jack Plack, a notorious convict, was produced in court here today and sentenced to one year in San Quentin prison on a charge for which he has previously been sentenced to 25 years.

In gratitude, he made a long statement of his career to the court. In reply Judge Dunne said: "Few men, Black, who have passed through what you have seen to realize that their work of redemption lies largely with themselves, and that their future is in their own hands. His future in your favor, and I believe that there is still hope for you."

Convicted nearly nine years ago of murderous assault, Black was sentenced to 25 years. Pending his appeal came the great fire of 1906, destroying all the papers in the case. His future then became a lawyer's puzzle. It was impossible to free him, and it seemed equally impossible to try him again or to resent him. He was again an outlaw, known by the name of "Black." It was charged at the time that he had amassed \$1700 by trading in opium with other District Attorney McNutt represented to Judge Dunne that Black's nine years in the county jail represented nearly a 14 years' sentence, with allowance for good conduct.

BLOONDE WOMEN SOUGHT

CHICAGO POLICE TRACE ALL GLEWS TO JEWELER'S SLAYER.

Three Suspects Deny All Murder Guilt, Said to Have Confessed to Postoffice Robberies.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—The mystery surrounding the murder of J. E. Logue, the diamond merchant who was slain in his office last Thursday, is no nearer a solution than it was when the body was found.

Saloon License Is Held

Oregon City Again Questions "Blacklist" Law, as of Old.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—A special meeting of the City Council was called for 8:30 Monday morning, to reconsider the revocation of the license of J. Udderman, who maintains a saloon at the corner of Fifth and Main streets. The man had pleaded guilty to selling a "blacklisted" man intoxicating liquors, but at the same time had urged that he was a stranger to the town, and that while he was anxious to carry out every provision of the law, he had no means of identifying men who came into his place.

The man whose purchase created all the trouble was under a suspended sentence of the court, and was subject to arrest any time he was found in Oregon City. It is said he should have been arrested before being allowed to enter the saloon. He was sober when he was legally debarred.

In view of the circumstances of the case, the Council permitted Udderman to retain his license. A question has been raised as to the legality of the blacklist.

Mumps Stop Basketball Game.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Because they were afraid they might catch the mumps, the Drain girls' basketball team did not show up for the promised game with the local team Saturday evening. It is expected that the game will be played later in the season. Mumps in a mild form have been prevalent in Cottage Grove and played havoc with school attendances, but the epidemic is nearly over.

Farmers' Institute Planned.

ASHLAND, Or., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Under the auspices of the Oregon Agricultural College, a farmers' institute will be held in this city January 2, 3 and 4. Lectures at this gathering will be Professor Lewis, head of the agricultural department; Professor Jackson, head of the entomological and pathological departments; and Professor Reimer, of the branch experiment station at Talent. The meetings will be held in the Commercial Club rooms. Specimens of diseased plants and trees will be on exhibition, and the lecturers will be ready to examine such specimens and offer suggestions regarding treatment, in addition to recommending preventive measures.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 23.—An imperial decree issued today forbids the circulation of military or naval news of any kind. The decree remains in force for a year.

A Christmas Dinner

A dinner that will make you at peace with all the world. Come on Christmas, bringing family and friends, and enjoy to the full our bountiful feast.

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