Chief Critics of Six-Cent Fare Fail to Appear at Special Meeting.

SIX-CENT FARE DEFENDED

President Griffith, of Car Company, Declares Increase Necessary for Welfare of Platform Men. Judge McGinn Not Present.

Three lone citizens-Charles P. Church, L. D. Mahone and John Kasteresponded yesterday to the City Coun-cil's request that all opponents of the 6-cent streetcar fare decision of the State Public Service Commission appear before the council and present all facts they have in order that the council may make the strongest case possible in appealing to the state commission to reopen and reconsider the increased fare decision.

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Ex-Circuit Judge Henry McGinn and the publisher of the Journal, who were invited especially by Mayor Baker to appear and give what facts they might have. failed to appear or send in any

information.
President Griffith, of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, ex-plained the reasons for the 6-cent fare. Mr. Griffith denounced the people who are "going about the city resorting to prejudices, guesses, suppositions and willful untruths to impugn the motives of public officials and officials of the

regarding it as sacred in any way, and declared that the company had will-ingly given the public more all the time than it is required to do under its fran-

L. D. Mahone made a speech for an hour and a half, in which he quoted reports, figures and testimony tending sions in every state have failed to be of any benefit to the public. He dealt extensively with the subject of ownership of public service companies, saying that all in Portland are owned by J. P. Morgan & Co. He discussed also the subject of watered stock.

LaRoche in the course of the speech.

That the Public Service Commission has said time and time again that, no matter if the company has a hundred million dollars in watered stock, it would make no difference in the case because of the revenue necessary to give the company a fair return on its investment—the actual value of the property.

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Fresident Griffith corrected this impression by saying that the company did not build the lines to Westovec or to Kings Heights and does not now own them and that these lines are not a part of the company's investment as determined by the Public Service Commission.

Commissioner Rigelow questioned Mr. Carver regarding his service to Linnton. He asked if Mr. Carver owns the care being operated or if he merely allows persons to operate on the line by paying him for the privilege. He said he owns the care and hires the determined by the Public Service Commissioner Kellaher asked him shout compalairs of service to Linnton.

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Robert C. Wright appeared before the council to oppose the revocation of the company's franchises. He said this would be a serious missiane. At the concili.

An effort is being made to have a delivery commissioner. Kellaher and hires the council to oppose the revocation of the company's franchises. He said this condition does not exist as he is giving just as good exercised in the appeal to be made by the city to the Public Service Commissioner Bigelow.

City Violates Contracts.

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City Violates Contracts and showed how the city had violated the terms on many eccasions. He cited the Sandy bullevard violated the terms on many eccasions. He cited the Sandy boulevard violated and so that the contract calls for only 15 or 20-minute service on meet lines.

The increase in fares will do nothing more than permit the company to meet its absolute financial obligations. There is much talk about thousands of deliars being sent East to the bankers in Philadelphia. Do you know that this company has not paid a dividend in four years and that dividends prior to that were on the basis of a per cent? Where is the gold mine in public service? Absolutely tied, hand and foot, about its own control, a public utility is ambject at every turn, on every corner, to public service regulation, and constantly hampered by the projudices of the people because they don't understand the facts. The people will be fair when finding they understand the facts. The people will be fair when finding they understand the facts. The people will be fair when finding they understand the facts. The people will be fair when finding they understand the facts. The people will be fair when finding they understand the facts. The people will be fair when finding they understand the facts. The people will be fair when finding they understand the facts. The people will be fair when finding they understand the facts. The people will be fair when finding they understand the facts. The people will be fair when finding they understand the facts. The people will be fair when finding they understand the facts. The people will be fair when finding they understand the facts. The people will be fair when finding they understand the facts. The people will be fair when finding they understand the facts that the facts the fair when finding they understand the facts. The people will be fair when finding they understand the facts that the facts to the bankers to the fair when finding the facts.

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been made in fares. They have a population of \$00,000 and an area of 40 square miles. Portland has a population of \$55,000 and an area of 56 square miles. The people should consider these big facts in determining what is right or wrong in making comparisons between cities.

Wages High in Portland.

"Let me call your attention to the fact that a year ago the average wages of streetcar men in the United States was 25 cents am hour. In Portland it was 21 cents. Today the maximum rate is 45 cents and the average 44 cents. That is the highest wage paid platform men on any privately or publicly owned street railway in the United States except Butte. The impelling purpose of the 5-cent fare was not to swell the funds of the bankers in the East or of making exorbitant profits. If the operating cost was on the basis of a year ago there would still be a 5-cent fare. The increase has been occasioned solely because of the increase in operating expenses over which we had no control. "Ninety per cent of the operating expenses over which we had no control. "Ninety per cent of the operating expenses over which we had no control. "Ninety per cent of the operating expense increase is for wages. In December the operating expenses of the company were \$85,800 higher than they were in December, 1918, and \$74,000 of that was increased wages. Wages, increased cost of living and the eighthour day are the factors behind the increased fare." Wages High in Portland.

BIGELOW MAY ABANDON PLAN

Commissioner Studies on Measure to

Revoke Streetcar Franchise.

The move on the part of City Commissioner Higelow to have the city council revoke the streetcar franchises of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company has invested and the return derived under the 5-cent fare is to be made by the city. The City Council yesterday passed an ordinance introduced by Commissioner Company because of alleged violation of its franchises by establishment of the 6-cent fare, may be dropped. Commissioner Bigelow said yesterday that he will consult with atterneys employed Company because of alleged violation of its franchises by establishment of the 6-cent fare, may be dropped. Commissioner Bigelow said yesterday that he will consult with atterneys employed by the city in fighting the 6-cent fare case, before forcing the measure. It is certain that the attorneys will recommend against the move proposed by Mr. Bigelow inasmuch as the revocation of the franchises of the company would leave nothing to be con-

pany would leave nothing to be con-tested in the state courts in the suit now being instituted against the in-creased fare. Although these attorneys have been employed to handle the case

CARVER IS HOLDING OFF

SERVICE HALTED BY FEAR OF UN-REGULATED JITNEYS.

Council Starts Inquiry Which May Re-

explain why he has not started service.

The city's figures to be obtained will be used in legal proceedings now being instituted by the City Council against the feather as to the values of the company's property. John Kaste gave as his only suggestion the statement that the company is responsible for its present financial plight "because it entered into wild real astate speculations by extending lines to real estate additions, such as Kings Heights, Westover Terraces, Kenton, Mount Scott and Monta-rilla."

President Griffith corrected the company of the company is responsible for its present tions for cars. How do you expect me to go ahead and make a big investment in to be wrecked?"

Carver was called in to keep out of bankruptcy without an increase in its strectear revenue. The city's figures to be obtained will be used in legal proceedings now being instituted by the City Council against the scent fare. The entire question of the amount of revenue nocessary for the company if it is to continue giving service is that of the amount of the cost of operation. Stocks and bonds in no way enter into the issue.

THRIFT MEETIMO

APPLICATIONS DUE MONDAY

service was a violation of the contract calls
for only 15 or 20-minute service on
most lines.

Mr. Griffith spoke of the increased
wages of the men employed. "Today,"
he said. "This company is paying highser wages than any other city in the
country except Butte. The cost of
everything has gone up. The 6-cent
fare will net the company \$400,000 in
a year. It is costing us \$500,000 a year
more to operate.

"What magic lies in the hands of a
public utility to touch a dollar or a
penny and make it worth twice as
much? All the higher cost of operation, the higher cost of living of individuals, is reflected immediately in
the higher cost of the living of the
corporation. Every element that goes
into the operation of this company has
gone up.

Many Dividends Passed.

The increase in fares will do nothlng more than permit the company to

stand the facts. The people will be fair when finding they understand the facts.

Take the city of Pittaburg. It has a 8-cent fare, dt is twice the size of Portland and covers half the area and pays its men an average of cents an bour less than our company pays. Take therefore the first the city of the facts.

ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—George and John Savolainen, brothers, were arrested at Warrenton today by City Marshal Council, on a charge of posting I. W. W. literature. The men were turned over to the Federal subsur less than our company pays. Take therefore the first three councils are formed over to the Federal subsured to the Federal subsured to the first three councils.

Value of Car Company Holdings.

Corps of Engineers and Accountants Will Be Used by City in Contesting 6-Cent Fare.

company and presenting what Mr. Griffith styled "dastardly untruths" regarding the facts in the present case. He said attacks on the 6-cent fare are attacks against living wages for the streetcar men, for 30 per cent of the increase goes to increased wages of platform men and shopmen.

Public Controls Railway.

R. Griffith presented information to show that the street railway is under the absolute control of the public and "could not be dishonest if it wished." He presented information regarding fares in other cities, among them Pittsburg, which has a population twice that of Portland and covers as area haif as large as Portland and mow charges a 6-cent fare.

Also he spoke on the question of the franchise contract, not regarding it as sacred in any way, and declared that the company had declared that the company had will
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Also he spoke on the question of the franchises would have to repair the property was found the company by increasing the fare. He said that the city on innumerable occasions had broken the contract, not regarding it as sacred in any way, and declared that the company had will-

not being satisfied with the value as given by the accountants and engineers of the State Commission and arranged to duplicate the state's work by mak-ing an appraisement of its own. It is uncertain how long this will require. In the inquiry the accountants and en gineers will arrive at the value and make a report to the Council.

Three Appraisals Made.

suit in Revocation of Trackless Car Franchises.

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Council Votes Investigation of

KELLAHER TO HAVE CHARGE

An immediate and independent appraisal of the property of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company used

work will be done by certified public accountants and engineers qualified for the work.

The course was decided on by the Council in order that the question of the propriety of the 5-cent fare may be arrived at. President Griffith, of the company, pledged his fullest co-operation, stating that the company will offer every possible facility to enable the Council's representatives to get at the facts. Work of organizing the force will be started within a short time, the selection of the accountants

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