

MR. DOUGLAS DEFENDS ACTION OF CITY COUNCIL

Gives the Company's Side of
 the Recent Franchise
 Controversy.

PROMISES BETTER
 SERVICE VERY SOON

Franchise to Be Used In
 Floating Loan For
 Improvements.

Portland, Ore., Sept. 7, 1908.
 Editor of the Coos Bay Times:

In the issue of your paper of the 4th inst. you have an editorial concerning the granting of a franchise to the Coos Bay Home Telephone Co., and a letter by "A Citizen," which do not reflect with credit on the city council nor give a correct statement so that the public would really understand the situation.

As is generally known, Mr. Durrett has been engaged for a period of four months on Coos Bay with the view of arranging for the purchase of the lines of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., and after working about two months that company would do nothing in the way of selling, nor would they turn him down definitely. At that time negotiations were had between him and the persons affiliated with the Automatic Telephone, and they promised to help finance an independent company. With this promise in view, he obtained a franchise for an automatic telephone system. As soon as this was granted, the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. was willing to sell, and gave him an option on its properties in Coos and Curry counties; thereupon the present company was organized for the purpose of taking them over.

The old franchise for the City of Marshfield covering this telephone business was lost or destroyed, and the city records contained nothing regarding it, except that in May, 1893, an ordinance of this nature had been passed. The company had a certified copy of the ordinance, but it was destroyed in the earthquake and fire of San Francisco. It is true that a copy of a copy has been produced, but this franchise was in a very unsatisfactory condition to the city as well as the company.

The people of your community are demanding and are entitled to a better service than they are getting. In order to give a better service, the entire Marshfield plant will have to be gone over and reconstructed, covering an expenditure of possibly \$20,000.00. In order to do this reconstruction work it is necessary to get money, and the city council realized that any company taking over the properties would have difficulty in getting money to do this work unless the franchise in Marshfield was a known quantity and legally established. The new company merely asked that the old franchise be re-enacted, or a new franchise be given, so as to place the company in a position where it could get money to do this work. The majority of the members of the council felt that the old ordinance was not stringent enough, and that it would be to the best interests of the city to have a new ordinance passed, more or less in conformity with the one passed by it for the Automatic Telephone. This last franchise is for twenty-one years instead of twenty-five; requires the company to place its wires underground in the business district, when the population is 20,000 instead of 30,000, and reduces the maximum rate of business 'phones from \$3.50 to \$3.00, so that it is more stringent even than the Automatic franchise. The schedule of rates specified in the ordinance does not exceed a raise of over 50 cents a month on any class of telephone service under 1,000 'phones—in some instances not more than 25 cents.

The public does not seem to understand or know that the larger the number of subscribers to a telephone plant, the greater the cost per subscriber. When the present plant was installed I am told that the old company figured on one hundred telephones, and started out with an office force of two, besides the manager, and the present rates were based on that service. The present system consists of about 500 telephones, and from thirteen to fifteen employees in the office, and the service is admittedly poor. The new company proposes to give a better service, and until the plant is recon-

structed within the limits of Marshfield no raise will be made.

It should be borne in mind that under the old franchise the new company could have raised the rates double, so far as the council is concerned, and this ordinance merely regulates the maximum charge.

In regard to the council's action in passing this ordinance; several days previous to the first meeting at which this franchise came up a copy of the franchise which the new company wanted was submitted to each councilman and the Mayor, and the matter was in their hands for over three weeks and up for discussion at two meetings before it was finally acted upon. During this time each clause was gone over very carefully and conscientiously, and I think any unbiased person who will read this franchise and consider the conditions of the City of Marshfield and its requirements will admit that it fills the bill.

Monday evening prior to the Tuesday evening that the ordinance was adopted, the council met in the City Attorney's office for the purpose of going through the ordinance once more and see what other changes should be made in it. It is well known by everyone who has visited the council in session that an important measure of this kind can hardly receive the consideration it merits in open session. There is usually a line of twenty-five to fifty people present at these meetings, all with axes to grind concerning street improvements, licenses, and other matters, and the council is to be commended rather than censured for holding this meeting, so it could consider the terms of the franchise deliberately. The fact that all of the council were present shows that the members realized the importance of the matter to the community and were willing to sacrifice their time and convenience in the performance of their duties.

If "A Citizen" or any other person is carried away with the idea that the Coos Bay Home Telephone Company has by this franchise acquired any great or valuable concession, the company's stock subscription book is still open and they are invited to subscribe for stock.

Respectfully,
 W. U. DOUGLAS.

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Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of an execution duly issued out of the Circuit court of the state of Oregon, for the county of Coos and to me directed on the 15th day of August, 1908, upon a judgment and decree duly rendered, entered of record and docketed in and by said court on the 6th day of May, 1908, in a certain suit then in said court pending, wherein M. C. Horton was plaintiff and L. D. KINNEY and M. G. KINNEY, his wife, and BELT LINE RAILWAY COMPANY, a corporation, were defendants, in favor of plaintiff and against said defendants, by which execution I am commanded to sell the property in said execution and hereinafter described to pay the sum due the plaintiff of Three Thousand Three Hundred Dollars, with interest thereon at the rate of 8 per cent per annum from the 18th day of December, 1906, until paid together with the costs and disbursements of said suit taxed at \$20.20 and an attorney fee of \$300 and costs of said execution, less the sum of \$100 interest paid on the 20th day of July, 1907.

I will on Tuesday, the 15th day of September, 1908, at the hour of Ten o'clock A. M. of said day at the front door of the County court House in the city of Coquille, Coos county, Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand on the day of sale, all the right, title, and interest which said defendants L. D. Kinney and M. G. Kinney, his wife, and Belt Line Railway Company, a corporation, had on or after the 6th day of May, 1908, in or to the following described premises, to-wit:

Block numbered sixty-two in the townsite of Coos Bay, Plat 'B' in the county of Coos, state of Oregon, as per recorded Plat thereof.

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