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MARSHFIELD CITY COUNCIL GRANTS RAILWAY FRANCHISE

Passes Ordinance By Unanimous Vote For Steam and Electricity.

SEVERAL CHANGES IN FRANCHISE ARE MADE

Request of Southern Pacific Officials For Delay Is Not Granted.

By a unanimous vote, the Marshfield council last evening granted the C. A. Smith company, the Simpson Lumber company, W. S. Chandler and J. H. Finnagan & J. W. Bennett the waterfront steam and electric railway franchises over the other principal streets of the city of Marshfield.

The franchise covers the following streets:

Front street north, Front street south, Broadway south, Kruse avenue east, Kruse avenue west, Market avenue, Central avenue, Hall avenue, Elrod avenue, Seventh street north, Seventh street south, Fourth street north, Fourth street south, Fifth street north, Fifth street south and Eleventh street north. It also provides that steam as motive power can be used on Front street, North and South, South Broadway, Kruse avenue.

During the day, a number of changes and additions were made in the franchise by Acting City Attorney Kendall and representatives of the parties asking the franchise. Sections 11 and 17 of the franchise presented the night before were consolidated and a provision inserted that the idea embodied in section 17 should not nullify or detract from the common user plan of section 11. The time in which the company is to have the first \$10,000 expended in actual construction was extended from six months to nine months, owing to the proximity of the winter season and section was added providing that the company must build the balance of the lines, permission for which is given in the franchise. In five years, or the franchise on such streets as roads are not built will be revoked. The franchise is for a period of thirty-five years.

The vote granting the franchise was taken after Mayor Straw had read a telegram from General Manager C. J. Mills of the local Southern Pacific interests asking that action on the application be postponed for a week until he could return and be heard. Supt. W. F. Miller also asked the council to defer action, saying that Mr. Mills would soon be back and wanted at least an opportunity of going over the franchise. He said that he did not want to be understood as opposing the franchise but it was a matter that the Southern Pacific was vitally interested in owing to their plan for building to Coos Bay.

At the conclusion of the presentation of the Mills requests, J. W. Bennett arose and said that ever since they had made application for the franchise, they had been accused of doing so in the interests of the Southern Pacific. In view of the request, he thought that there was an opportunity to show that their skirts were clear of the Southern Pacific. For this reason and the fact that the matter had been under consideration a month or more he thought that the council should vote on it.

On the roll call, Councilmen Coke, Powers, Albrecht and Savage voted merely "Yes." Councilman Copple voted yes and then stated he wanted to say a word or two in explanation. It was not for the fact that the

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BREAKWATER IN EARLY TODAY

Steamship Arrives From Portland With Capacity Passenger List.

The Breakwater arrived in this morning from Portland with a capacity passenger list. She also had a good miscellaneous cargo. Capt. Macginn reports that the Coos Bay Naval Militia made a fine showing going up the river, the band getting out on the forecable head and playing appropriate airs. There was a large crowd down to meet them.

The Breakwater will sail at 1 o'clock Friday for Portland. Among those arriving on her were the following:

- W. C. Bradley, W. E. Bere, Miss M. Hall, Dr. B. B. Clark, Miss I. Marsh, Miss E. Barton, June E. Fox, Mrs. Fox, F. J. Hayes, W. C. Pennock, W. Langguth, H. M. Langguth, H. L. Pope, E. A. Abbott, M. Downey, B. O'Conner, T. D. Cohen, Mrs. Cohen, W. D. Ferguson, E. Petta, S. E. Cove, Mrs. M. Cove, Blanche Cove, C. C. Conrad, T. Vignars, O. D. Thomas, Mrs. M. Lee, O. Gross, W. D. Dillon, L. Siebert, E. R. Peterson, Robt. Beege, J. Kane, Wm. Russell, S. Burnett, P. Burnett, S. Pidecock, N. Antonio, C. Chady, F. Sisdak, O. Simek, C. Dixon, C. W. Kronkrite, J. C. Bailey, Mrs. Bailey, Koda Bailey, Mrs. W. R. Smith, Miss F. A. Richards, N. P. Nelson, Mrs. E. Graves, Maester A. Graves, Miss M. Fanchild, Mrs. M. Bell, E. D. Doran, M. P. Galovson, A. Cobb, A. Hampton, W. Foster, G. Giddings, W. L. Tabbie, Miss H. Isaacson, Miss M. Kane, Wm. Davis, W. Fletcher, G. J. Lemanski, J. F. Mauzey, C. R. Cater, L. S. Weeks, C. W. Hanson, E. P. Collins, Ross Cave, F. McDonald, Wm. Lee, W. H. Best, C. S. Garline, W. S. Gross, C. Metzener.

TAFT TO VETO STATEHOOD

Objects to Judicial Recall in Arizona—Democrats to Try to Carry It.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

Washington, Aug. 10.—Word was received at the Capital that President Taft would unquestionably veto the New Mexico and Arizona statehood bill which passed the senate Tuesday night. His objection is to the Judiciary recall feature which was left in the Arizona constitution.

Wheat crop

UP TO TAFT NOW.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 10.—The bill admitting Arizona and New Mexico to statehood passed its last legislative stage today when the House agreed to minor Senate amendments to the measure. The bill now goes to Taft who, it is said, will veto it.

COAST LEAGUE BALL SCORES. (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 10.—The results of yesterday's games in the Coast league are as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Team, R, H, E. Rows include Portland, Oakland, San Francisco, San Francisco, Los Angeles, At Vernon, Sacramento, Vernon.

LET US TALK IT OVER

THE WATERFRONT RAILWAY FRANCHISE

LUMBERMEN ANSWER INDICTMENT

Declare Conspiracy Charge is False and Absurd and Hold They Are Merely Protecting Themselves.

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.)

DENVER, Colo., Aug. 10.—Brandenburg as false and absurd the carnage of "conspiracy in restraint of trade" contained in the indictment recently returned by a federal grand jury in Chicago, fourteen secretaries and ex-secretaries of the retail lumber associations throughout the United States have issued signed statements setting forth their position.

FRIGHTENING CAPITAL

SOME timid people think The Times is attacking capital when it opposes the waterworks franchise grab and asks the councilmen to do their plain duty by the people of Coos Bay and refuse to grant it.

What capital? Are the incoming waterworks franchise seekers the only people who would have an investment here?

What about the home owners of Marshfield? What about the merchants? What about the men who have their money invested in business blocks?

Are not these people capitalists also? Is not their capital entitled to protection too? Why should there be protection for the big fellow and none for the small man?

Besides the prospective water works owners will have no investment to speak of in Marshfield. The chief thing of value about the business of these incoming capitalists would be the franchise and they want that for nothing.

With a fifty years franchise about doubling the water rates that are already in excess of other cities on the Pacific coast there is nothing to prevent these capitalists of high finance to capitalize the Coos Bay water system for \$500,000; with the franchise they could float bonds for \$250,000, pay Finnagan & Bennett \$750,000 for their property, make \$70,000 worth of improvements and then put \$30,000 in their pockets and draw dividends for fifty years from their investment of hot air.

Myrtle Point, a small Coos county town, has built a municipal water plant. It was grafted by contractors who unloaded onto the city wooden water pipes that had to be replaced by iron pipes and doubled the cost of construction, but even then they are furnishing water to residents at \$1 per month. The city gets all its water free and last year, after paying all the interest on bonds it laid by a surplus of \$750 to apply on final payment of the bonds.

Myrtle Point gets its city water free but the \$5 hydrants that Mr. Nolan demands be installed by Marshfield would cost the city \$3,570 per year. The amount paid by this city alone for hydrants would pay 5 per cent on more than \$70,000 of bonds or half the alleged cost of the plant.

Yet there are people who try to tell us that Marshfield cannot afford a municipal water system.

The talk about frightening capital is rot. It is the franchise grabber who frightens capital away. They want to take away thousands of dollars without giving adequate return. They want to charge exorbitant prices, and make the cost of living higher in Marshfield than elsewhere. They will drive people away from the city. They want to control the city government and prevent the city from establishing a municipal water system that has been proven successful in hundreds of American cities.

Frightening capital! Bosh!

AN ILLOGICAL LIE

THERE are a certain few people in this city who are making capital, as they believe, out of the refusal of The Times to boom and boost every movement whether of private gain or public plunder. They charge it with being a knocker and are passing the illogical lie along day after day.

This paper is actuated by no principle, in so far as public matters are concerned, save that of the common and concrete good of Coos Bay as a whole. For four years it has fought the battles of the decent people of this city and section because as the only daily paper it has recognized its right and duty to champion the best interests and has always done it. The fights and successes wrought and won by this paper entitle it to better estimate even from a few harping critics or its enemies than this, and so false and worthless lies cannot adversely affect either its past or future record as an honest faithful, courageous propagandist of the people's interests. This just by the way, as it were.

ASTORIA'S CENTENNIAL IS FORMALLY OPENED TODAY

LAND DEAL IS NOW IN COURT

Christian Herrman Seeks to Recover Valuable Property on Coos Bay.

Deputy U. S. Marshal T. E. Hammersly of Portland is in Marshfield today serving notices on the defendants in three suits that have been begun in the United States Circuit court. The hearing of the suits promise to be rather sensational. The actions are begun by Christian Herrman, formerly owner and proprietor of what is known as the Chandler ranch on Coos River, and involve a number of prominent Coos Bay men.

One suit is against John F. Hall and Isiah Hacker to recover 2.19 acres of land on North Front street near the Cold Storage plant. It is alleged that Hall, acting without authority, but claiming to have the power of attorney, sold this property, belonging to Herrman, to Hacker December 1, 1906 for about \$100, much less than it is worth.

Another suit is against John F. Hall, Henry Sengstacken, L. D. Smith, Title Guarantee and Abstract company, Eastside Land Co., East Marshfield Land company, Z. T. Siglin, J. J. Clinkenbeard, D. L. Rood, and S. C. Rogers and is for the recovery of 280 acres of land in Eastside. It is alleged that Hall sold this tract August 30, 1905, to the Title Guarantee and Abstract company as trustee for others for \$4,400 and that he did so without due legal authority.

A third is against John F. Hall and Fred A. Krebs and is for the recovery of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 12, Twp. 27, S R 12 West Willamette Meridian. It is charged that Hall without due authority sold this tract of timber August 21, 1906 for \$1260.

The property involved came to Herrman by marriage. It is part of the John Norman estate. After Norman's death, Mrs. Dora Norman, his widow, and he went back to Germany. She met Herrman there and married him. She died in 1905 and Herrman married again and a few years ago made his first trip to Coos Bay. John F. Hall had been Mrs. Norman's agent and now Herrman as heir is attacking the deals made by him for her.

Herrman's attorneys are McAllister and Upton of Portland and Chas. I. Reigard of Coos Bay.

KIDNAPED BY OWN BROTHER

Chicago Police Suspect Italian of Holding Relative For Ransom.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 10.—"You are at liberty, but you must produce the boy by six o'clock tonight," the police last night told Phillip Mareno, the twenty-year-old brother of Little Pico Angeleno Mareno, who has been missing since last Sunday. The police are satisfied a family feud exists in the Mareno family but are continuing to follow up other clues in connection with the boy's disappearance.

Unless little Angeleno is returned by six o'clock tonight one or more members of the family may be arrested for kidnaping him.

DR. CLARKE of PORTLAND, CHIROPRACTOR, WILL GIVE treatment and diagnosis FREE from now UNTIL AUGUST 17. Office at the R. O. GRAVES RESIDENCE, 1044 CENTRAL avenue.

FOR SALE—Easy terms, might take town lot part payment, 21 acres, quarter mile ocean front, south of Shore Acres.—Todd, Hotel Oregon, North Bend.

SOMEONE HAS SAID: "A store's advertising space in a newspaper, compared with the space used by other stores, should define its comparative importance in the community! Does your store's advertising space do that?"

President Taft Pushes Electric Key That Sounds Gong For Demonstration.

CELEBRATION TO LAST ONE MONTH

Gov. West, John Barrett and Archbishop Christie Participate in Exercises.

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.)

ASTORIA, Ore., Aug. 10.— This afternoon President Taft in Washington pressed an electric key which sounded the gong in the stadium in this city, announcing to the waiting throng the formal opening of a month's celebration of the birth of Astoria, one hundred years ago. The sounding of the gong was followed by the firing of a huge bomb and before its echoes died away, war vessels of the United States Navy in the harbor and the guns of Forts Columbia, Camby and Stevens followed with a presidential salute. All bells and factory whistles in the city joined in the noisy demonstration. The ringing of the gong by President Taft was followed by the offering of an invocation by the Very Reverend Alexander Christie of Oregon City. The personal representative of President Taft, John Barrett, director general of the Pan-American Union, was introduced by Governor West of Oregon. Mr. Barrett opened his remarks by reading a message of congratulations from the President to the people of the "Oregon Country" and Astoria on the remarkable development that has taken place during the one hundred years past. Taking the Astoria celebration and the physical beauty and grandeur of the Oregon country as his illustration, Barrett urged upon his hearers the gospel of "seeing America first."

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

ASTORIA, Ore., Aug. 10.— The Astoria Centennial, a month's celebration of the founding of Astoria in 1811 by John Jacob Astor, opened here today with exercises appropriate to the historical event. The celebration has been given national recognition by the presence here of the Pacific coast fleet of the torpedo boats and several other vessels of the United States navy and the participation in the event by the artillery from Fort Stevens and Fort Columbia. It is expected that several foreign warships will arrive here during the four weeks the centennial is to continue.

Astoria was crowded for the opening of the centennial. For several days people from all over Oregon and from the Pacific coast and the east have been arriving, and today twenty-nine special trains brought additional thousands to the scene of the festivities. Governor West of Oregon and his official staff have been here for several days and Governor Hay of Washington, Governor Hawley of Idaho, Governor Eberhardt of Minnesota, Governor Tenor of Pennsylvania, and the mayors of several Pacific coast cities are expected to be here during the celebration.

The formal opening of the centennial was preceded by a reception to distinguished visitors, and at noon an informal luncheon in honor of Governor West and other notables was given under a floral canopy of the roof of the principal hotel of the city.

The swinging open of the gates of a replica of old Fort Astoria by Governor West was the signal to the waiting throngs that the centennial was inaugurated. This event was preceded by a civic and military parade.

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