

FRANCHISE DRAWN

Telephone Franchise to be Submitted to Council

IT RUNS THIRTY-FIVE YEARS

The Whipple Franchise Agreed Upon By the Committee Granting He and J. R. Clinton a Telephone and Electric Light Franchise.

The committee on ways and means and streets and public ways and the city attorney held a meeting yesterday afternoon and agreed upon a franchise to be granted to W. W. Whipple and J. R. Clinton for constructing a telephone, telegraph, gas and electric light franchise for the city of Astoria. It has been prepared by City Attorney Smith and will be presented to the meeting of the common council to be held tonight.

There are two ordinances, one for the electric light and telephone franchise and the other for the gas franchise. They provide that each of the franchises shall continue for a period of 35 years from the date of their acceptance, unless forfeited by a failure to comply with the provisions of the ordinances; that the franchises must be accepted within 30 days from the date of the approval of the ordinances; that the grantees must then pay into the city treasury the sum of \$750, being \$500 license on the telephone franchise and \$250 license of the electric light franchise for the year 1906, and that during the month of January of 1906 and of each year thereafter for the next 15 years they must pay \$500 license fee, but during the balance of the life of the franchise the license shall be \$650 per year. The grantees are obliged to begin work on the construction of each of the three systems within six months from the date the franchises are accepted and within six months thereafter must expend not less than the following amounts on construction work: On the telephone system, \$10,000; on the electric light system, \$50,000; on the gas plant, \$25,000. Under the terms of the franchise the grantees cannot charge to exceed \$1.75 per thousand feet for gas and must furnish gas free for use in the city hall and other public buildings owned by the city. They must provide free telephones in the city hall, each of the engine houses and in the water commission office, cannot charge more than \$1.25 per month for a telephone on a party line or more than \$3 per month for a telephone on a main line. The rates for electric light service are not to be higher than those charged by the company now holding a franchise. The last sections of the ordinances provide that failure on the part of the grantees to comply with any of the provisions of the measures shall work a forfeiture of the franchises.

It is reported that the franchise is acceptable to Mr. Clinton and Mr. Whipple. Nearly all the provisions are in line with those advocated by the Astorian. It is stated that both gentlemen mean business and intend to start the work of construction within the time limit.

PERSONAL MENTION.

R. A. Hawkins of Ilwaco is in the city.
M. Wise of Portland is registered at the Occident.
Earl Grider of Warrenton was in the city yesterday.
Howell Lewis of Fern Hill was in the city yesterday.
Albert Stone of Cathlamet was in the city yesterday.
L. B. Seeley of Portland is visiting friends in the city.
O. A. Rosendale of Chinook was in the city yesterday.
J. B. Balentine of Seattle is registered at the Occident.
D. L. Rosenfield of San Francisco was in the city yesterday.
Capt. Thos. B. Crang of Portland is visiting friends in the city.
Dr. O. B. Estes went to Svensen yesterday on professional business.
David Tweedle left for his home in Wislawauka yesterday afternoon.
Mr. and Mrs. Tim Corcoran returned to their home in Jewell yesterday.
J. A. Fasteband went to Westport last evening, where he has a contract.
J. H. Johansen, mayor of Seaside, was in the city yesterday on business.
Lovett M. Wood, representing the Trade Register of Seattle, is in the city on his annual tour.
Edward S. Sheldon, chairman of the forestry exhibit of the Lewis and Clark fair is in the city.

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OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

Epitome of Anecdotes and Incidents With Comments by a Layman.
We thought the Tuttle charter bill contest was over, but it seems that it isn't. Did you see the democratic procession yesterday. They must have been celebrating some important event.

A meeting of the chamber of commerce. A member of the chamber of commerce two bits worth of postal cards.

It is one thing to make a \$500 contract and another thing for the itinerant fakir to collect the money. Somebody will have to dig.

Any one who doesn't believe that a man is useful after 60 years can ask Mrs. Chadwick.

One of the noticeable features of the hold-up epidemic is that none of the highwaymen have resorted to jiu jitsu.

The Boston Globe says the sugar buckets and sap-pans of Vermont are being cleaned. This may add some flavor to the machine-made syrup on your cakes these mornings.

Down in New York they have raised the question of a policeman's right to club his prisoner. At this rate it won't be long before the policeman will be shut off from amusement in any form.

The Berlin cable reports that Baron Speck von Sternburg is under treatment for some sort of a foreign growth on his cheek. The Baron has long had symptoms in that particular region.

A Kansas man has married a woman whose name and address he found on a slip of paper in a package of cigarettes. In referring to the incident the Chicago Tribune feels called on to emphasize the dangers of the cigarette habit.

Ex-Queen Lili is here again with her Cupid in congress and her lobby at the doors, demanding the same old \$200,000. Seems a reasonable figure, considering what we paid for the Philippines.

Occident.

B. K. Coffman, Chicago.
M. Wise, Portland.
H. O. Willis, S. F.
L. B. Seeley, Portland.
Kang Yo Wis.
Chow Kok Hean.
A. W. Williamson, Portland.
M. O. Potter, Portland.
R. A. Hawkins, Ilwaco.
E. N. Logan, Chicago.
Louis Bergsrik, Portland.
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