

ADVERSE TO HILLSBORO LINE

The Company Holds No Franchise.

City Attorney McNary Renders an Opinion That Settles a Mooted Question.

The West Side & Suburban Railway Company, otherwise known as the Hillsboro road, does not hold a franchise, according to an opinion of the city attorney rendered last evening. A franchise was granted the company by the old Council and was turned down by the Board of Public Works. The matter was referred back to the Council with a recommendation that some amendment be made. The Council simply placed the document on file, and it was apparently lost until the Street Committee pulled it out of a pigeon hole two weeks ago and forwarded it to the City Attorney for his opinion as to the validity of the franchise. The text of Mr. McNary's reply is as follows:

MENARY'S OPINION.
The ordinance referred to purports to grant a franchise to the West Side & Suburban Railway Company to lay railroad tracks and operate a street railway along and upon certain streets in said city. The ordinance was passed by the Council in due form, but was not approved by the Board of Public Works. Subdivision 23 of Section 32 of the charter gives the Common Council power and authority "To provide for and allow the laying down of tracks for street cars and other railways upon such street or streets as the Council may designate, subject to the approval of the Board of Public Works."

POWER OF THE BOARD.
By subdivision 4 of section 175 of the charter the Board of Public Works is authorized and empowered, and it is made its duty, "To allow, authorize and provide for and regulate the manner of the erection, maintenance and removal of electric railway and other poles, wires and cables, the laying down of tracks for street cars and other railways, and lay subdivision 5 of said section, "To fix the place of location and to control and direct the laying down of street railway tracks and turntables and require all companies building and operating such roads to conform to the street grades in all streets wherein the same are operated."

"The committee is advised, in accordance with the above provisions of the charter, that the approval of the Board of Public Works is essential to the valid grant of the franchise referred to, and the approval of the board being withheld, the said railway company has received no franchise under the ordinance."

SIMPLE JUSTICE.

(Peoria Star.)
One blow now delivered by the supreme court of the United States against the autocratic policies of the postal department, says the Public. The question came up from Missouri. A magistrate at St. Louis, Mo., was denounced by the department upon charges of fraud and his mail stopped. As usual in these cases, though the legitimacy of the man's business was at issue and his property at stake, he was denied every right that is involved in the principle of "due process of law." He was not brought into court upon charges of fraud and subjected to a jury trial, but his property rights in his business were arbitrarily confiscated by a bureau clerk at Washington, a thousand miles away. The clerk decided that the business of magnetic healing was fraudulent, and ordered all the advertiser's mail to be withheld from him, to be stamped "fraudulent," and to be returned to the sender. In other words, the department clerk upon his own say-so, stopped a business, which upon its face is as legitimate as any other healing business. This advertiser promptly did what every other person who has been arbitrarily outlawed from the mails ought to do. He sued the local postmaster, but the lower court decided against him, but the supreme court has reversed that decision. As the contest was upon a demurrer which did not raise the question of fact as to whether or not the business was fraudulent, the final decision in this particular case is still in abeyance. But the supreme court does decide that injunctions will be granted to prevent the stoppage of mail matter until the question of fraud in each case has been fully tried. This is a long step in the direction of enabling innocent people to protect themselves against the Russian methods of the American postoffice department.

SHAW'S VACATIONING.

(Washington Star.)
Three days' vacation in 25 years is the record of Secretary of the Treasury Shaw. "I am afraid to take a long vacation," said Secretary Shaw, when asked what his recreation consisted of. "I have a hearty sympathy for the physician who was prescribing for a man who seemed to be very much run down. After studying the case most carefully the physician declared, 'Well, sir, I am afraid it will be necessary for you to give up your annual vacation this year, as I don't believe your condition warrants the strain.'"

"I would be afraid to risk the effect of a long vacation on my health," continued the Secretary, laughingly. "I take my recreation from day to day in walking from my house to the Treasury and back again."

"One thing I would like to do more of, and that is horseback riding. I believe that is the most healthful exercise a man can indulge in, and to me it is very fascinating."

Secretary Shaw's long, swinging stride and the keen expression of his face are a contrast to his face as he "does" the distance between the Treasury Department and his Massachusetts Avenue residence is more evidence than is necessary to substantiate the Secretary's word that he needs no vacation, and that walking is his chief delight.

ILL OMENS FROM CHINESE MILD WEATHER.
(Hong Kong Daily Press.)
Indications are not wanting that there is to be a second crop of lice this year, the trees in the interior having been flowered. As a consequence, many wild rumors are in circulation, and pestilence, rebellion and war are foretold. A parallel is pointed to the case of the falling rebellion, which was preceded by a double crop of lice. Signs of the times point to a great rebellion in China, and a competition between Russia, France, England and Japan are inevitable.

Women love a clear healthy complexion. Pure blood makes Burdock Blood Bitters makes pure blood.

WAR RELICS

Three Bits of Wire Tell of Reduction of Fort Pulaski.

Maj. Alfred F. Sears, the well-known civil engineer, has some very curious objects in his possession, among which are three little black pieces of iron wire twisted into knots. These bits of wire have a good deal to do with the siege and reduction of Fort Pulaski in 1862. A battery had been built in the rear of the fort by the engineer troops of the First New York Volunteer Engineers, under the command of Major, then Captain, Sears, and it became necessary to cut off communication between the fort and the city Savannah. The telegraph line had been cut twice, once by the navy and once by the army engineers; and twice had it been repaired by the enemy under cover of night. To reach the line it was necessary to cross the river and the guns of the enemy. This duty was assigned to Capt. Sears, who, with Capt. Sanford and ten men of his company of the Seventh Connecticut, on February 18, 1862, hauled a boat through the mine across Jones' Island from Wall's Cut to the Savannah River, crossed over to the south side of Long Island and cut down every pole and coiled all the wire for a distance of three fourths of a mile.

GOOD MANNERS.

(St. Paul Dispatch.)
A great many children and young persons think it will be time enough to attend to manners when they grow young men and women, says the Catholic Mirror. This is a mistake, and a mistake that does a great deal of mischief. No boy or girl is too young to attend to manners, and this is the reason why we wish to say something to the children on the subject.

By manners we mean conduct or behavior of every kind, but more particularly in our intercourse with one another. Good or bad manners will first show themselves in our own homes. If we wish really to know what boys and girls are made of, we must see them in their own homes, and then not with their company manners. Many a boy and many a girl would be ashamed to speak and act in other people's houses as they do in their own. They can be respectful and polite when away from home, while to their own parents and to their brothers and sisters they are very disrespectful, unkind and rude. If a boy should speak to a friend's mother as he does to his own mother, or if he should be as surly and unkind to his friend's sisters as he is to his own sisters, we do not think he would be asked to visit that friend's house more than once. It is a shame for anybody to behave better away from home than he does at home. Let the boys and girls know that bad manners at home will soon be known to all the neighbors and friends. The very essence of good manners is to be found in a kind thoughtfulfulness of others, while selfishness will always produce bad manners. Either of these will be sure to show itself. The boy that is thoughtful and considerate of his mother and brothers and sisters, is a gentleman, and everybody who knows him will find it out, while the selfish boy will sooner or later reveal his character, and everybody will dislike him. And, again, the boy whose manners are good at home is sure to have good manners everywhere.

ODDS OF INFORMATION.

M. Camille Flammarion, the French astronomer, has given practical demonstration, by means of an immense pendulum, of the fact that the earth moves. The most beautiful state in the Union is Iowa, with a mortality rate of 22 per thousand; and the least healthful state is Louisiana, with a mortality rate of 26.5 per thousand.

Mrs. Alexander Hamilton had the first lesson in the city of Washington. She used to tell with amusement of the delight with which President Andrew Jackson first tasted it.

The national museum at Belgrade has come into possession of a collection of 6,000 Roman copper coins recently unearthed near a Serbian village. The oldest of them belong in the time of Caracalla.

Attar of Yang-Yang, which rivals the attar of roses as an exquisite perfume, and sells at \$10 to \$20 or more a pound, is the product of an Asiatic tree that reaches its highest development in the Philippine islands.

The "billion-dollar express," as it is called, on the Meridian branch of the Louisiana and Mississippi Railroad, is one of the finest suburban trains in the world. It derives its name from the large number of millionaires that ride on it.

THE GERMAN-AMERICAN.

(Andrew Carnegie in World's Work.)
The habits, conditions, intelligence and spirit of the masses are important elements in the industrial race, and we give close attention to these as being upon our task. The German, as we know him at home and in the United States, is a valuable man, steady, sober, methodical, thorough. Well, sir, I am afraid it will be necessary for you to give up your annual vacation this year, as I don't believe your condition warrants the strain. "I would be afraid to risk the effect of a long vacation on my health," continued the Secretary, laughingly. "I take my recreation from day to day in walking from my house to the Treasury and back again."

Secretary Shaw's long, swinging stride and the keen expression of his face are a contrast to his face as he "does" the distance between the Treasury Department and his Massachusetts Avenue residence is more evidence than is necessary to substantiate the Secretary's word that he needs no vacation, and that walking is his chief delight.

ILL OMENS FROM CHINESE MILD WEATHER.
(Hong Kong Daily Press.)
Indications are not wanting that there is to be a second crop of lice this year, the trees in the interior having been flowered. As a consequence, many wild rumors are in circulation, and pestilence, rebellion and war are foretold. A parallel is pointed to the case of the falling rebellion, which was preceded by a double crop of lice. Signs of the times point to a great rebellion in China, and a competition between Russia, France, England and Japan are inevitable.

Women love a clear healthy complexion. Pure blood makes Burdock Blood Bitters makes pure blood.

Women love a clear healthy complexion. Pure blood makes Burdock Blood Bitters makes pure blood.

IT FEEDS THREE SEAS

Rev. Outram Discovers the Greatest Glacier on Earth.

ATLANTIC, PACIFIC, ARCTIC

All the Oceans Bordering on the Continent are Supplied With Ice-Cold Water From This Mighty Glacier—An Immense Area Two Hundred Miles Square Covered With Crushing Moving Ice.

(Vancouver World.)

A noted Scottish mountain-climber, Rev. James Outram, is spending a few days in Vancouver before going to the Eastern States, where he opens in New York City a lecturing tour which will extend well throughout the winter season. Rev. Mr. Outram has spent two seasons in the Canadian Rockies, and his lectures will deal principally with the wonders nature has so prolifically bestowed on the mountain regions of the province of British Columbia.

On the slopes of Mount Columbia Mr. Outram discovered during September last an enormous ice field, which he estimates covers an area of at least 200 square miles, and awards it precedence over all other ice fields in this province in point of size. The Columbia ice tongue is 32 miles in length. It is exceptionally interesting not only on account of its enormous size, but by reason of the fact that its melting ice and snow supplies water to three large rivers running into three different oceans, and in that Mr. Outram states it is unique among glacial fields. A portion of the ice-cold stream from the Columbia glacier runs into the Saskatchewan, the waters of which ultimately reach the Atlantic; some of the stream reaches the Athabasca, which flows into the Arctic, and the remainder joins the waters of the Columbia River, which flow into the Pacific.

A Hard Climb.

Last year Rev. Mr. Outram spent some time in the Rockies in the company of Mr. Edward Whymper, the noted mountaineer, who was the first to scale the lofty Matterhorn. In September, 1901, Rev. Mr. Outram successfully climbed Mount Assiniboine, 11,800 feet in height, and he was the first human being that ever traversed the north side of that mountain, which for years defied the attempts of many and had long been regarded as inaccessible. Mr. Outram scaled the Assiniboine first on the south side, a comparatively easy feat, and crossing the divide, he commenced the descent of the north side, a most perilous undertaking. He was accompanied by Swiss guides, otherwise he is certain that his attempt would have failed, for alone no human being could traverse the countless precipitous cliffs, and sharp-angled ice slopes. From the crown of the Assiniboine, Mr. Outram states, may be obtained the finest scenic views on the continent of America.

During July and August of the present year Mr. Outram spent an exceedingly pleasant holiday on the divide to the north of Field Station of the C. P. R. He performed a great deal of mountain exploration work, largely with the intention of becoming better acquainted with the topography of the district. He traveled between 60 and 70 miles along the divide, that he might properly determine the location and trend of the great valleys.

Austrian Mountains.

In speaking of his discoveries to The Province this morning Mr. Outram stated that the existing topographical maps of the region to the north of Field are for many cases entirely wrong, and will have to be altered; mountains there are where none exist, and the same with valleys and rivers. During his explorations Mr. Outram climbed many mountains not shown on the maps, all of which were on an average of 1,000 feet higher than the mountains on the railway divide. He also climbed Mount Columbia and Mount Forbes, both of which are about 12,500 feet in height.

A large portion of Mr. Outram's work was carried on in the district drained by the west branch of the north fork of the North Saskatchewan River. He discovered a large named mountain at the head of the west branch. This mountain bears its head a matter of 11,700 feet above sea level, and it is likely that as it was discovered by Mr. Outram it will be named after him.

As a mountaineer Mr. Outram has scaled the far-famed peaks of the Swiss Alps, but he states that not in that country is there climbing and scenery to compare with what is to be encountered in many portions of the Canadian Rockies.

LOOKING FOR ANCESTORS.

(Washington Star.)
There are still other signs of prosperity besides the raising of the wages of railroad men," remarked an employee of the Congressional Library. "Americans are becoming people of leisure. They are spending a good portion of their surplus time which they have wrested away from the bread-winning strife in an effort to ascertain who their ancestors were. Books of genealogy are what is wanted. The library buys all these books it can find, and all it can find are constantly in demand. An abode set apart for books dealing with the family tree is the feature into which all of those who would lay a foundation for ancestral pride are turned. Chief among these seekers after lineage records are young women. The explanation which is made is that they are joining a circle for membership in patriotic societies, and it is necessary for them to make good with a proved-up line of creditable forefathers before they can be initiated."

THE ONLY WAY.

Exchange.
"I'm going to study law," he announced.

"And practice it?"
"Oh, no."

"Then why study it?"
"Well, I've always been told that a man should never sign a document that he does not thoroughly understand."

"That, I believe, is generally considered to be a sound business principle."

"And I'm going to be a thorough-going business man or know the reason why?"
"Well, I've just been looking over the lease of my flat, and it occurs to me that if I study hard from now until the first of next May I'll have a glimmering idea what it's all about when I have to sign another. What the agent told me was signing could have been put in 100 words; but it's a truly signed document to about 2,000 words, badly tangled. I've either got to study law or violate a great business principle, unless we quit housekeeping and go to boarding."

Going to St. Louis?
If so, learn about the new tourist service inaugurated by the O. R. & N. via Denver and Kansas City. City ticket office, Third and Washington.

Women love a clear healthy complexion. Pure blood makes Burdock Blood Bitters makes pure blood.

A Slaughter Sale Without a Parallel



ENTIRE STOCK OF
**Children's Suits
and Overcoats**
TO BE CLOSED OUT!

Must convert this stock into money. Cost is all we want. A STOCK OF FRESH, NEW AND UP-TO-DATE Boys' Suits, sizes 3 to 15. This applies to short pants suits only.

BOYS' OVERCOATS, Sizes 4 to 15
LESS THAN COST

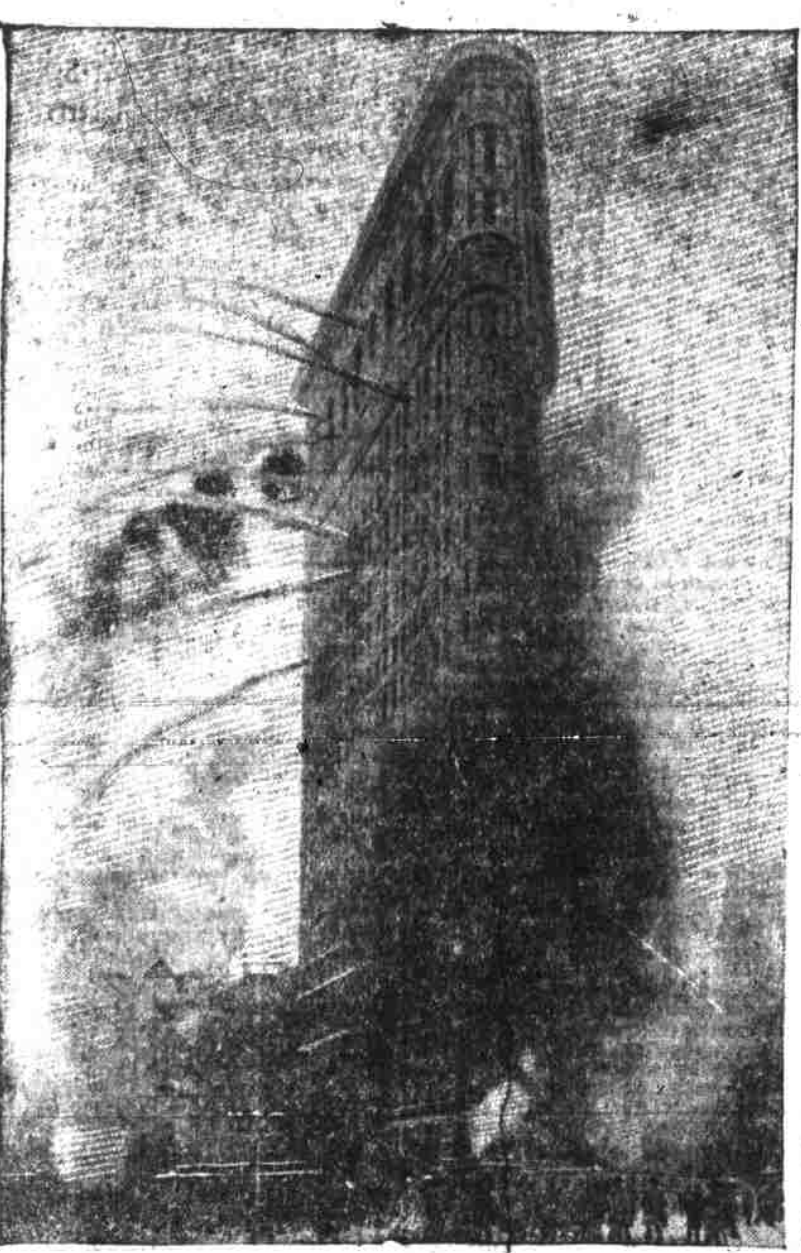
In cases where sizes are broken we will not even consider a loss.

Parents who wish to remember the little man with a Suit or Overcoat for the Holidays, better take advantage of this opportunity. A genuine money-saving proposition.

SALE LASTS UNTIL STOCK IS CLOSED OUT.

Famous Clothing Comp'y
MORRISON AND SECOND STREETS.

IMPORTANT FIRE TEST.



The most extraordinary high office building in New York is the "Flatiron" building on Broadway, so-called because of its unique construction. A recent test upon this famous structure by the fire department of New York has revealed an important fact. A great score has been raised against skyscrapers on account of the alleged danger to tenants in upper stories in case of fire. The recent test demonstrated that not only is the high building perfectly safe by means of the standpipe system employed, but that it can be used to great advantage by firemen in playing streams upon less lofty buildings surrounding.

MAKING WAGE ASSIGNMENTS ILLEGAL.

It is announced that the Chicago Bureau of Justice will urge the next Legislature to pass a bill preventing the assignment of unearned wages as security for debt. Such an enactment would do much to protect the public from the evil of the loan sharks' practice. The assignment of future salary or wages furnished a security that is peculiarly suited to the loan sharks' purposes. If the borrower, having paid up principal and legal interest, declines to pay any more, his salary may be attached without further argument or delay. Moreover, as most persons do not wish their transactions with loan sharks to become known, the holder of the assignment has a powerful instrument of coercion. Should the borrower positively refuse to pay, the creditor is left with the risk of being discredited with his employer by the exposure of the transaction. Recent court decisions have laid down the principle that a man cannot assign the

SELF-MADE WOMAN.

Smart Set.
Maude—What an awful figure Mrs. Dashaway has!
Madge—Evidently she is a self-made woman.

THE COLONEL'S SPEECH

(Town Topics.)
The Judge—Did Col. Bluegrass notify you of his objections verbally?

The Major—Well, perhaps it might better be called adjutively.

THE PORTLAND

PORTLAND, OREGON.



AMERICAN PLAN

\$3.00 Per Day and Upward

HEADQUARTERS FOR TOURISTS AND COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS

Special rates made to families and single gentlemen. The management will be pleased at all times to show rooms and give prices. A modern Turkish bath establishment in the hotel.

H. C. BOWERS, Manager.

LEPROSY AND FISH.

Jonathan Hutchinson has again detailed some interesting facts regarding the cause of leprosy, which he refers to the use of putrefying fish. Food of this kind he finds largely consumed in South Africa, where Mr. Hutchinson has been making a series of investigations. "Where the habit of eating fish in a state of decomposition is prevalent, leprosy is found; hence the relationship between the habit and the disease is presumed to be that of cause and effect. Mr. Hutchinson is careful to point out that ordinary salt fish, well cured, is not the food he indicates as giving rise to leprosy. It is putrefying fish, often not salted at all, for salt in many areas is scarce—which is to be regarded as the cause of the ailment. The germ of leprosy has been described. It was discovered by Henson, if I mistake not; hence the fish may be considered to be the soil in which the bacilli thrive. Infection must occur through the food. If the views of Mr. Hutchinson are correct, he regards leprosy as not being infectious from person to person, but the case of Father Damien would seem to cast at least some little doubt on this point—London Chronicle.

NOT IN THE TRUST.

(Dallas News.)
"What's that?" queried the old hen, as she observed a strange plant in the garden.

"That," replied the gray goose, "is what they call an egg plant."

"An egg plant, eh?" observed the old hen. "Well, they say that competition is the life of trade, but I'm getting too old to take any chances, so I'll nip this in the bud."

FRITZ ABENDROTH

Watchmaker and Jeweler

311 Morrison Street, opp. Postoffice. 207 First Street, near Taylor.

Don't Let the Gift question bother you.

We've done all the bothering for you, and the result is the largest and finest assortment of holiday gifts that we have ever shown. Make out your list and come and check it over.

1847 Rogers sugar spoons \$1.00
Best quality knives and forks, per set \$2.50
Pearl handle knives and forks, per set \$3.00
Solid gold cuff buttons \$1.00
Solid gold stick pins \$1.00
Solid gold baby rings \$1.00
Solid gold ladies' rings \$1.00

A new lot of fine Chatelaine Bags, Purse and Opera Bags, from 70c up.

WATCHES? WELL, I WILL SAVE YOU MONEY ON THESE, ALSO, WATCH MY WINDOWS FOR FINE ASSORTMENTS AND PRICES.