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THIRTY YEARS OR NOT AT ALL

City & Suburban Will Stand Pat.

Common Council Committee Refuses to Grant Long Term Blanket Franchise.

At the street committee meeting of the Common Council last night the City & Suburban Railway Company finally refused to accept a 25-year blanket franchise in exchange for those it now holds.

City Auditor Devlin made a report showing that the average life of the franchises surrendered by the Portland Railway Company for its blanket franchise was 22.5 years, and that the average life of the franchises of the City & Suburban Company is 30.43 years.

THE MORRISON STREET BRIDGE.
 A feature was brought out last night that occupied some time in argument. Knowledge had not been gained by any previous Council that the Morrison street bridge is free to other railway companies.

At present the City & Suburban enjoys an exclusive right to the bridge. Attorney Whitney L. Bole said that the matter should go to the Legislature, as a new bridge would have to be built over Morrison street, and the City & Suburban would have to grant privileges to other companies so that the bridge will be self-sustaining. Mr. Bole said that he had been told that the company would not give up an exclusive franchise over the bridge for less than \$50,000.

Councilman Fiegel replied that the man who had drawn up the contract told him that the franchise is an open one. **IN FAVOR OF THIRTY YEARS.**
 Councilmen Zimmerman, Sherrett, and Fiegel were in favor of granting the City & Suburban a 30-year blanket franchise, as they did not believe that two companies should have the same limit, for their applications for renewals would come before the city at the same time.

"In 25 years," said Mr. Fiegel, "the Portland Company's franchise will be worth \$100,000, and the City & Suburban's much more. I do not believe that both should expire at the same time."

Councilman Bentley said that he would vote for a 25-year franchise, and for no longer a period. He also said that he wanted the lines drawn, as was done in the case of the Portland Company's franchise.

REFUSES POINT BLANK.
 Manager Swigert, of the City & Suburban Railway Company, at the close of Mr. Bentley's remarks, said that his company absolutely refused to accept a term less than 30 years.

Councilman Remond addressed the Council, saying that there were two motions before the Council, one being for a 25-year franchise, and the other for 30 years. He moved that a compromise be made by creating one for 27.12 years.

To this Manager Swigert objected, stating that nothing less than 30 years would be accepted by him. After a brief discussion the Council adjourned.

GAVE A MOST PLEASING SHOW

Moving Picture Exhibition Proves a Success.

An excellent stereopticon and moving picture show was given last night in the Taylor street hall by M. H. Church under the auspices of the Woodmen of the World.

Prof. M. G. Steele of Denver directed the show, and proved himself a clever entertainer. The views were splendid. They included pictures from all parts of the world. Notable features were the reproductions of the works of art of the old masters.

A large number of people attended the entertainment, and enjoyed the occasion very much. Many of those present attended Prof. Steele's former exhibition in Portland two years ago. He is said to be the most clever man in his particular work in America.

"DRIFT WOOD BLAZE"

At Christmas play and make good cheer, For Christmas comes but once a year.

Everyone now can have the beautiful "Driftwood Blaze" in the open fire place. The old drift wood from wrecks on the Atlantic Coast burns into many colored lights, coming from the copper and brass corrosion in the wood. We have now a wonderful powder called "Driftwood Blaze," which, when shaken on a burning log, produces the same effect as the old drift wood. Lasts the whole evening. Come to our store and see it. \$1.50 buys enough for 50 evenings.

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CITY BRIEFS

If city subscribers fail to secure their paper they will confer a favor if they will call up Main 900 and enter their complaints.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The coldest weather of the season now prevails in the North Pacific States, where the temperature ranges from 10 to 15 degrees below the normal.

Heavy rains have fallen during the last 24 hours in Southern California; at Los Angeles, 1.34 inches are reported, and at San Diego, 1.72 inches occurred. Elsewhere in the states west of the Mississippi River, fair weather prevails.

The indications are for partly cloudy and continued cold weather in this district for the next 24 hours, except near the Washington coast, where showers are probable Thursday.

Oregon—Tonight and Thursday, partly cloudy; with probable showers, mostly northerly.

Washington—Tonight and Thursday, partly cloudy; with probable showers, mostly northerly.

Thursday near coast, continued cold; winds mostly easterly.

Friday and Saturday, partly cloudy; continued cold.

A. H. WOLLABER, Acting Forecast Official.

Prof. Sterling, the palmist, is ill at the Good Samaritan Hospital. Will be at office, 365 1/2 Morrison, December 22.

Oregon Code—New edition now on sale at J. K. Gill Co., Third and Alder streets.

The fund for the permanent exhibit is rapidly increasing in size. Over \$13,000 has already been collected for this purpose by the M. Killingsworth and "Col. Rock." The balance is \$2,000 in sight.

The Chicago & Northwestern Railroad has issued a neat little pamphlet entitled "Over a Half Century of Progress," a copy of which may be procured at the local agency.

Prof. M. Bloembergen, who is engaged in mining in British Columbia, passed through the city yesterday en route to New York and London. Mr. Bloembergen is a former Portlander, having lived in its city some five years ago. Since that time he has become interested in the mines of British Columbia, known as the Rossland district.

Work on the repairs of the First street, East Morrison street and Willamette heights bridges is progressing rapidly. The rain and frost impede the work some, however.

There was ice frozen in the drinking fountains in the public buildings this morning, good indications of winter.

According to a letter that has been received by the Board of Trade, a company of young men of New York have formed a party with the intention of going West. For this purpose they have written to the board, wishing to obtain some information about Oregon.

The Southern Pacific passenger train from San Francisco was seven hours late in reaching this city today. The delay occurred near San Francisco and outside the Oregon division, not being made known at the local offices.

Secretary McIsaac of the Manufacturers' Association is with at the Pacific States Telephone Company. The reason for his being in the city is the changing of the number of the telephone in his office. He states that he has had the present number for over three years and that a change now would greatly inconvenience and annoy him. He has written a letter to Manager Thatcher, stating the above facts, and that he would not cause an unnecessary outlay of money from the treasury of the Manufacturers' Association for reprinting their stationery.

Portland Club, Fifth and Alder.

Finest lunch in the city.

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MORE CONTRIBUTIONS WANTED

The charity boxes of the Salvation Army which are stationed on the street corners of Portland are netting handsome results, but as the Salvation Army wishes to provide dinners for nearly all the poor of Portland this Christmas, more contributions are necessary. If any one wishes to donate any provisions instead of cash, a wagon will call for them if Maj. R. D. Dubbin, commander of the army in Portland, is notified.

Christmas stock, consisting of 30 Salvationists from Portland will leave for San Francisco, where they will meet Gen. Booth, the founder of the Salvation Army.

SAFE ROBBER TO LEAVE CITY

George Starr, Confessed Burglar, Will Be Taken to Sacramento.

George Starr, of Sacramento, who is charged with burglary at that place, was taken there probably tomorrow morning. A detective from the Capital City of California will arrive here this evening to take charge of the prisoner.

Starr, while considered a shrewd fellow, broke down completely when arrested by Detective Snow and Kerrigan. It was while he was employed at the Colonial Restaurant that he entered the place one night after the close of business, and succeeded in opening the safe, whereby he enriched himself to the extent of \$200. This was almost a year ago, and Starr wandered about the Northwest, finally landing in this city. A short time after his arrival he was found by the officers and locked up. He says that he expects to receive a Christmas box containing 10 years.

TOWN DESTROYED BY EARTHQUAKE

Andjan, in Central Asia, in Ruins and Many Lives Lost.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 17.—The town of Andjan, in Central Asia, has been practically destroyed by an earthquake. As yet only meager details have been received, but it is feared that the loss of life was very great. The population was about 30,000. The town is little more than a mass of ruins, and the reports already received leave little doubt that the list of casualties will be heavy.

LOGGING ON ROGUE RIVER.

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Dec. 17.—The experiment of driving logs down the Rogue River from its source to its mouth is being tried for the first time. A. A. Hall, of the upper river, who is under contract to furnish R. D. Hume of Gold Beach 100,000 feet of pine logs, has placed 7,000 feet of the drive in the river and started them on their journey.

PORTLAND TO HAVE EXCELLENT STREETS

An Enormous Amount of Work Going On.

The Engineer's Department of City Is Not a Slurrian Institution.

"Fully three quarters of a million dollars are to be spent on the street improvements now in progress in Portland today, despite the fact that there are so many outcries regarding the bad conditions of our thoroughfares," said City Engineer Elliott this afternoon. "The work I speak of does not include sewer building, but only grading and paving of streets, both on the west and the east side of the river," continued Mr. Elliott.

"I do not believe that there is a city in the Union that has grown so rapidly as Portland and at the same time has so well attended to its roads and pavements. It is an easy matter in a town that is stagnant to keep abreast of all demands. Here, however, we have a new district about every month. We have completed nearly a million dollars' worth of work within the last six months, and the improvements now under way and those contemplated will swell that figure to double."

THE WORK IN PROGRESS.

The following is a list of the improvements now in progress in the city today.

On Fifth street, from Gilman to Jefferson, 430 feet of cement walks are being constructed; Fourth street, from Quincy to Hawley, grading and planing; Hooker street, from Water to Corbett street, sidewalk and grading; Kelsey street, from Grove street to Broadway avenue, 400 feet of macadam; Sawyer street, from Twenty-eighth, 6,500 feet of macadam; Sixth street, from Irving to Taylor, 1,000 feet of cement walks; Seventh street, from Burnside to Gilman, stone block pavement costing \$22,000; Seventh street, from Taylor to Burnside, asphalt on concrete foundation costing \$3,000; Twentieth street, from Sawyer to Sherlock avenue, 1,500 feet of grading; Thurman street, from Fourteenth to Rugby street, two miles of macadam and concrete walks; Vaughn street, from Twenty-first to Seventeenth, grading and sidewalk; Washington, from Sixteenth street to City Park, asphalt pavement costing \$35,000.

ON THE EAST SIDE.

On East Flanders street, from Twenty-eighth to Thirty-second, 1,500 feet of grading and sidewalk; East Everett street, from East Twenty-eighth to East Thirty-second, grading and sidewalk; "Blackman" street, from East Fifteenth to East Twenty-fourth, grading and cement walks; East Davis street, from East Twenty-fourth to East Thirty-second, grading and sidewalk; Falling street, from Mississippi avenue to Maryland avenue, grading and sidewalk; Falling street, from East Fourteenth to Union street, grading and roadway; East Gilman street, from East Twenty-eighth street to East Thirty-second street, grading and sidewalk; East Harrison, from East Third to East Twelfth, grading and graveling; Killingsworth avenue, from Patton avenue to Michigan avenue; Maryland street, from Prescott avenue to North Albina, nearly a mile in grading; McMillan street, from Margin street to Crosby, grading and sidewalk; Multnomah street, from East Seventeenth to East Twenty-fourth, grading and cement walks; Marguerita avenue, from Hawthorne street to Division, grading and laying one half mile of sidewalk; East Nineteenth street, from Multnomah to Welder street, grading and cement walks; East Oak street, from East Third to East Twelfth, grading and elevated walks; East Twelfth, from Holiday avenue to Pacific, grading and sidewalk; East Seventeenth, from Division to Powell, sidewalk and grading; East Twenty-first, from Multnomah to Welder, grading and cement walks; East Twenty-fourth, from East Everett to Sandy Road, grading and sidewalk; Wasco street, from East Fifteenth to East Twenty-fourth, cement walks and grading.

MORE WILL BE DONE.

Within two or three months the city engineer says that the foregoing improvements will have been accomplished, and in the meantime bids for the same class of work will be let at almost every meeting of the Board of Public Works.

PERSONALS.

H. E. Matthews, one of the Dalles' leading hardware merchants, is at the "orkins."

W. B. Kuntz of the Dalles is in the city on a business trip.

Senator J. K. Weatherford of Albany is at the Imperial.

C. W. Thompson, sawmill man of Cascade locks, is at the Imperial.

F. E. Judd, manager of the wool scouring and woolen mills, and manufacturer of the celebrated Pendleton Indian robes, is at the Hotel Portland and will spend several days in the city.

W. N. Wheatland, member of the Oregon legislature from Wasco county, is registered at the Perkins.

A. L. Lyle, a prominent stock raiser of Crook county, is stopping at the Perkins.

A. M. Rider, a business man of Spokane, Wash., is visiting in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Moody are in this city from The Dalles.

Charles Michelbach, a Wasco county horseman, is registered at the Hotel Perkins.

J. Freeman, a well known Dalles business man, is in Portland today.

W. H. Holmes and daughter of Salem are at the Imperial.

Miss Annie Crow, a resident of Kendrick, Idaho, is at the Imperial.

A. C. Shute, a leading banker of Hillsboro, is spending a few days in Portland on business.

Former State Senator J. K. Weatherford is in this city from Albany.

C. W. Thompson, a prominent sawmill manager of Cascade locks, is at the Imperial.

W. T. Lombard, a banker at Tekoa, Wash., is stopping at the Hotel Portland.

Division Superintendent L. R. Fields, of the Southern Pacific, is absent from this city on a tour of inspection.

Gay Lombard and A. Cohn, prominent bankers and business men of Tekoa, Wash., are in the city for a few days.

NOT A KNOCKER.
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 Oak bureaus, three drawers, value 23c, special 18c.
 Oak bureaus with three drawers and large mirror, value \$2.75, special \$2.15.
 Oak book case, 35 inches high, with glass doors, value \$4.00, special \$3.25.

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Nice for the little folks to use both in their studies and their play. Prices:

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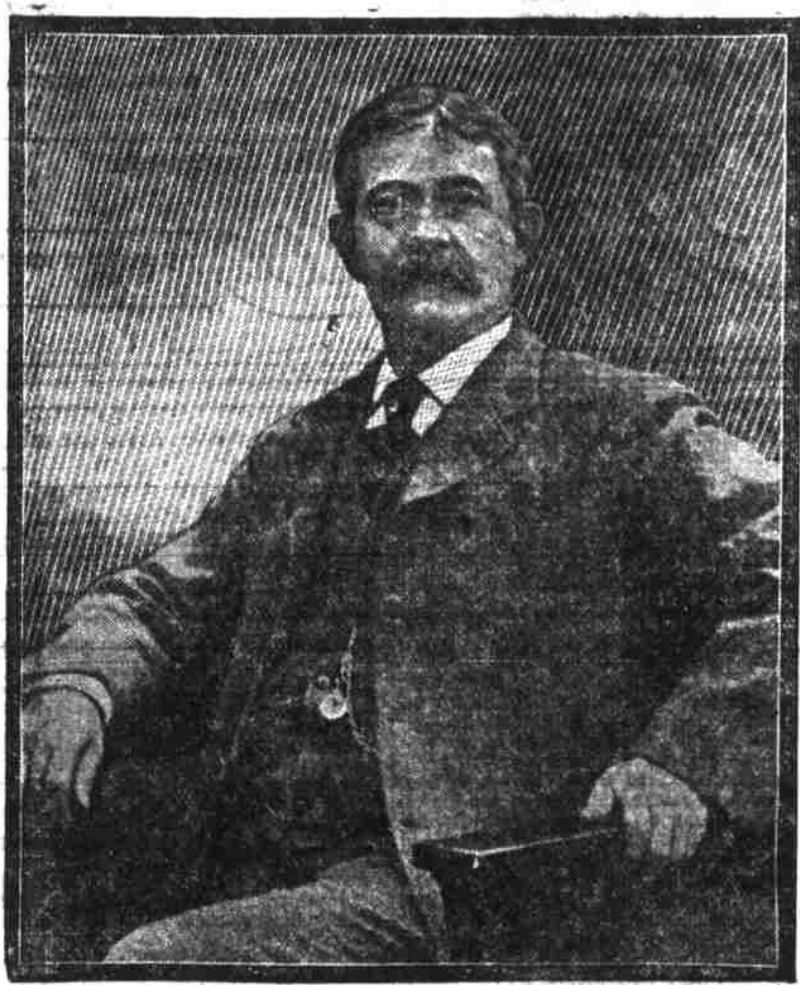
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MILLIONAIRE KINGLE, SCIENTIST.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—In spite of the failure of two expeditions equipped by him at great expense and sent in search of the North Pole, the great Chicago millionaire, is still determined to carry on his search and it is reported here that preparations are being made for another trial. It is not known who will lead this last expedition, but it will be placed in charge of the most able explorer available.