

Declares He Will Force Report on Ordinance to Repeal Fourth Street Franchise If He Has to Speak at Every Meeting

The ordinance abolishing the privilege of the Southern Pacific Railroad company of running trains over Fourth street must be disposed of one way or another. The question must be settled, right or wrong.

"I intend to bring the matter up at every meeting of the council until it is disposed of," said Councilman Vaughn yesterday. "They may pass resolutions to restrain me from speaking, but I will speak on this subject at every meeting as long as I remain in office, which will be at least three years."

"I notice that some of the members have changed heart," said he. "Some who were in favor of the ordinance at the council meeting in 1927, have since for example, has experienced a change of heart. I do not know why. It cannot be that he has changed his mind as a result of investigation, for he has not been given any information."

The ordinance granting the Oregon Central Railroad company a perpetual franchise over Fourth street was passed in 1927. It grants a perpetual franchise the city council clearly overstepped its authority, as will be shown by a study of all legal authorities.

The Oregon Central is now owned by the Southern Pacific and with the franchise for nearly 40 years trains have passed daily over Fourth street without the city being paid a dollar for the privilege. Last fall, probably more for the purpose of bringing about a condition of affairs whereby the railroad would be compelled to pay such compensation than to force the city entirely off the street, the revoking ordinance was introduced.

The ordinance passed it will be easy enough to pass another granting the company a franchise in legal form. In such a case, however, the company will have to pay for the privilege, as required by the city charter. This is why the railroad and the friends of the railroad in the city council are opposed to the passage of the ordinance.

The petition circulated at the time of the introduction of the ordinance is one of the most imposing in its list of signatures that has ever been prepared in Portland. To it are appended 153

INDIANA MAN SAYS NICE THINGS ABOUT PORTLAND

Robert De Wald, a capitalist of Fort Wayne, Indiana, is touring the west with Mrs. De Wald and in the Hoosier fashion has made quite a name for himself in the northwest in general and Portland in particular.

"Why," he asked at the Portland hotel this morning, "don't you people take the Alaska trade away from Seattle? I have just returned from that country and have familiarized myself to a certain extent as to its possibilities. The distances from Portland and Seattle to various other cities and a shipping man ought to know, including the all important feeling of the people toward the two cities. Why don't you take the trade away from Seattle?"

This was all that Mr. De Wald would say in regard to the Alaska trade, but he explained that he has some good things to say about Portland.

SECOND-HAND MERCHANT GETS WORST OF DEAL WITH RANCHER

Max Herman is a little sawed-off Hebrew whose taste runs to second-hand clothing and fine shoes. William W. De Wald, a wealthy rancher, has bought a pair of boots from Herman formerly ran a store on Mission street, San Francisco.

He took it in self-defense, whimpered the ranch hand, to Judge Cameron this morning. "I had only \$10 left and I was saving it for a good time. Clothes are no good to me, anyhow."

"Divvy the ten and get out," commanded the judge.

found something in the underbrush near the road. He alighted from his rig and made an examination. He was horrified to find the body of a man, who had evidently been dead for many days. From his hasty examination of the scene, Mr. Quarenberg states the dead man was about 60 years of age and that he was well-dressed.

Stains, apparently of blood, were seen on the ground. The general impression was that the case is one of murder. The farmer states that from the position in which the body was found there is greater likelihood of the case proving to be one of murder than otherwise.

Coroner Smith and Undertaker Burnett have hurried to the scene and an inquest will be held this afternoon.

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Worshiper kills himself

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