

# COUNCIL FEARS TO PASS ORDINANCE FAVORING ELECTRIC COMPANIES

### Opposition Makes Real State of Affairs Too Evident and Attempt is Not Carried Out.

### EAST STARK STREET FILL ORDERED MADE

### Letter From Mayor Regarding Fourth-Street Franchise is Shelved—Auditor Devlin Criticized by Mayor Lane.

**WHAT THE COUNCIL DID:**

- Passed ordinance putting Chinese gin mills in business.
- Ordered that fill of East Stark street be commenced under present proceedings.
- Was afraid to pass non-operative underground wire ordinance.
- Heard City Auditor Devlin criticized by Mayor Lane.
- Took up proposal to change fire hose from coal burner to oil burner.
- Shelved letter on Fourth-street franchise from the mayor.
- Passed ordinance giving heating plant and conduit franchise to Portland General Electric company.
- Tired of work and adjourned with quantity of business untouched.

Had the council passed the underground wire ordinance put up to it yesterday afternoon the electric companies would have been exceedingly glad, for under its provisions there would be very little change in existing conditions.

It was W. R. Roberts, deputy fire marshal, who spotted what was evidently a clever scheme. He asked permission to speak and did so with a vengeance. "This ordinance exempts street light and railway power wires," said he. "There's about 4,000 volts running loose from those wires now. Why should they be exempt? The fire limits are from Gilean to Columbia, but this has a district from Madison to Gilean, which would exclude the city hall, on whose wiring the chief and I have submitted a report."

Bennett said it was apparent this measure would defeat the purposes of the underground wire movement.

Masters had previously moved that the ordinance be passed without reading, "as it had been taken up and thoroughly discussed by the street committee." There was no second.

**Gray Submits Amendment.**

Gray submitted an amendment providing that the measure should not apply to companies holding franchises at present. He said this was to give companies having priority of franchise priority of right of way.

The councilmen didn't understand what that meant, and Roberts was asked if the superintendent of the fire alarm system had approved the ordinance.

"He never saw it until yesterday noon," he replied.

It was so evident that the scheme to force through an ordinance openly friendly to the electric companies had been exposed that it went back to the street committee.

Chairman Vaughn of that committee was caught napping by Gray, who asked him if the street light wires were exempt from the ordinance. He had to admit that he didn't know, so it was evident that the street committee didn't know any too much about the measure.

**Death to Chinese Gin Mills.**

The license of five Chinese gin mills on Second street were ordered revoked, and the unexpired license fees returned. The doors of these places will be closed at once. This is the final finale of the crusade against Chinese gin.

A large committee from the East Side Business Men's association pleaded that the fill on East Stark from East Water to East Seventh be made forthwith, notwithstanding the protest of C. W. Nottingham, who asked that the improvement be cut in two, that the plank roadway on the lower part of the street be not destroyed.

George W. Simons of the Pacific Bridge company, which holds the contract for the fill, said that he would begin at the upper end, and that next year if Mr. Nottingham could show that the Port of Portland dredge would be available for a hydraulic fill he would withdraw and ask payment only for that portion of the street over which he had made an earth fill.

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**CRITICISES DEVLIN**

Mayor Lane again attacks Auditor's Method of Keeping Books.

Mayor Lane at noon today completed his investigation into the validity of a claim for \$125 alleged to be due Rothchild Bros., wholesale liquor dealers, for an unexpired license.

The result of his scrutiny directly contradicts the statement made before the council yesterday by Councilman Masters.

In a letter to the council the mayor called attention to the claim which had been put in in the name of Carroll Robinson speaking particularly of its extreme irregularity.

Masters said that the judiciary committee, of which he is chairman, had recommended the payment as a power of attorney from Robinson, giving Rothchild Bros. the right to receive the money, had it been presented to it.

The mayor holds up this instance to prove his statement concerning the method of keeping the city books. In a letter to the council he declared it is impossible to learn whether the city has been robbed or not. He severely criticized City Auditor Devlin's department.

Masters was evidently in error when he made his talk to the council. According to the documents now in the mayor's desk, Rothchild Bros. asked that the money be paid back to them as Robinson, their agent, had left the city and the saloon temporarily closed.

On November 5 the claim was recommended for payment by the judiciary committee and on November 7 its report was adopted by the council.

Masters plainly said the committee had Robinson's power of attorney before it at the time. He accordingly had the paper filed with the auditor, Robinson did not sign the power of attorney until November 13, six days after the council had ordered the payment of the \$125 to Rothchild Bros. The power is in blank and there is not a line on it to show why the claim should be paid, although all the papers pertaining to the matter are clinched together.

"That's simply the instance of what I've been saying," cried Mayor Lane when he had received the power of attorney from the auditor's office, and given a receipt for it.

City Auditor Devlin, in reply to the letter of the mayor to the council, declares that he will put his accounts against those of any city in the country, and that the mayor by his own admission knows nothing of accounting.

The mayor has transmitted the reply of Clark & Buchanan, his experts, to the criticisms of the ways and means committee. It was referred to the special committee appointed to investigate both reports.

Mr. Devlin says the mayor is making the charges against his department for political effect. "They are vicious and untruthful, and by his own admission to the council he doesn't know anything more about accounting than to say it wasn't necessary for the experts to count the cash in the treasurer's vault," said he this morning. "A child might as well say that the city had been robbed of \$100,000."

"I'm doing it for self-preservation, as I have to sign all the warrants and am held personally responsible," said the mayor.

In the first report made by Clark and Buchanan there was a paragraph commending the auditor's office. Mr. Devlin says Clark told him the mayor ordered this stricken out, and in the final report filed with the mayor and by him with the council it does not appear.

"I told Clark that his contract did not call for any report on an official," said Mayor Lane today. "He had filed his first report with the auditor, then with me, and that was not right, as I had ordered the investigation. I have nothing personally against Mr. Devlin."

**GRANTS FRANCHISE**

General Electric Company Gets One to Construct Steam Heating Plant.

One of the most valuable franchises granted by the council for several weeks was that passed yesterday giving to the Portland General Electric company the right to construct and maintain a central steam heating plant and lay heating conduits throughout the city.

For this the city is to receive \$1,000 a year for the first five years and 2 per cent of the gross earnings during the remaining 20 years of the life of the franchise.

This ordinance made its appearance soon after the M. C. Banfield franchise for the same thing had been turned down. It is believed that the franchise granted yesterday is the Banfield measure under another name.

If this is the case, the council has handed a neat bouquet both to the electric company and the sidewalk trader. The electric company agrees to expend \$200,000 on its plant and pipes.

The council referred to the judiciary committee Mayor Lane's letter asking for an expression of the attitude of the council on the Fourth street franchise. This committee has acted as sexton for several measures.

**CITY ELECTION AT DAYTON.**

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Dayton, O., Nov. 22.—At the municipal election the candidates on the Citizens ticket, it being the only one in the field, were elected, as follows: O. B. Rippey, mayor; W. T. H. Tucker, clerk; A. C. Darr, marshal; S. W. Sigler, J. L. Castle and F. H. Berry, councilmen.

**RETRIAL SERVICES AT BAKER.**

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Baker City, Nov. 22.—At the Baptist church a two weeks' series of special revival meetings is in progress. Rev. G. L. Hall of Pendleton is conducting the services, which are well attended. Mr. Hall is a singer of note and his vocal selections are a great attraction.

## PROHIBITION WORKER WILL MAKE ADDRESS



**James H. Woertendyke.**

James H. Woertendyke, a noted prohibition worker whose home is in California, will address a conference of prohibitionists in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. The meeting is expected to be of great value to the prohibition cause in the state and will address another meeting in the evening.

Mr. Woertendyke has recently been active in the prohibition campaign in Minnesota. He will speak in other points near Portland as follows: Sunnyside, November 25 (afternoon); Greenham, November 25 (evening); Hood River, November 26; Newberg, November 27; Dallas, November 29; Salem, November 30.

## COAL BLACK WILD GOOSE SHOT IN WASHINGTON

**Attorney Driggers Shoots it for an Eagle and Finds He Has Anserine Freak.**

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Hoover, Wash., Nov. 22.—O. H. Driggers, a local attorney on one of the well-known men of the Columbia river basin, has killed a black wild goose, the only one ever seen in this part of the country and the only one ever killed on the river, so far as known. Thousands of the wild fowl roost on the Hoover islands here and feed on the wheat fields of the Horse Heaven hills. The big honkers make two trips daily to their feeding grounds, passing over this village early in the morning and again late in the afternoon. When the wind blows strong the geese are obliged to fly low in order to get over the high summits of the hills just back of town. The hunters hide themselves in the sagebrush along the hillside and pick their game as it flies within range. While Mr. Driggers was hunting this morning he saw the black bird, which he thought was a bald eagle, since eagles frequently follow the geese in their flight and capture as many as they like for food.

Mr. Driggers shot the black bird and killed it. On picking it up he discovered it to be a genuine black goose—one of the rarest birds known to sportsmen. He was offered \$50 for the fowl, but refused to part with it. He intends to have it mounted. The bird is coal black, but in every other respect is exactly like the ordinary wild goose that winters at this point.

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## EMERGENCY RATE WILL RELIEVE COAL FAMINE

Walla Walla, Wash., Nov. 22.—O. R. & N. officials notified Secretary Moore of the Commercial club yesterday that an emergency rate of \$2 a ton on coal from Spokane to Walla Walla will become effective today.

It is expected that the new rate will materially relieve the coal situation in Walla Walla. Several dealers are preparing to order their winter supply of coal from the British Columbia mines. Under the new freight rate, British Columbia coal can be landed in Walla Walla for \$1.15 a ton. The rate will be in effect for 60 days.

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