

# REVOKE PERPETUAL FRANCHISES

Special Committee Asks That Legislature Turn Authority Over to Council.

## RESULT OF INVESTIGATION OF GAS COMPANY

Electric Company and Southern Pacific Also Hold Franchises Granted by Legislature, Which Councilmen on Committee Want Repealed.

In the report it submitted to the council this afternoon, the special committee appointed to investigate charges against the Portland Gas company recommends that all perpetual franchises

granted by the territorial and state legislatures be revoked, and the control of these franchises, so far as they affect Portland, be given to the council.

The companies which claim perpetual franchises are the Portland Gas company, the Portland General Electric company and the Southern Pacific Railway company. The Southern Pacific claims perpetual rights on Fourth street under a franchise granted to its predecessor, the Oregon & California Railway company.

The Southern Pacific, it is understood, is perfectly willing to give up Fourth street on account of the heavy grade, but it wants another street in exchange. The Portland General Electric company does not want any competitor, and it will probably make a fight against the revocation of its franchise.

The report was agreed upon at the meeting of the committee yesterday afternoon, after it had had the testimony against the gas company under consideration for about 11 months. The committee found that the gas furnished by the Portland Gas company was of poor quality; that the company has grossly overcharged the public for the gas; it has furnished, and that the company's methods of dealing with the public are cumbersome and unsatisfactory. The committee recommends that all grants of public utilities to any person, firm or individual be under the general supervision of the council, with

power to regulate as to price, service and quality.

The committee asks the council to send a delegation to the legislature to argue for the revocation of the franchises. As the legislature will be in session only two weeks longer, immediate action is urged. If the franchise of the gas company should be revoked the members of the committee expressed themselves as being in favor of granting the company the preference over any other applicant for a new franchise. The same preference was expressed for the electric company. If the Southern Pacific franchise should be revoked the committee believed the new west side route into the city should be fixed by the council.

## CONSIDER INDEPENDENT PLANT IN SIXTY DAYS

Members of the Portland Retail Meat Dealers' association met in Alisky hall last night. The plan to lease the Zimmerman packing plant and operate an independent plant has been laid on the table and will not be given consideration for about 60 days. At that time it is expected the overhauling will be complete at the Zimmerman plant when definite action by the retail dealers will be taken towards getting free of the meat trust.

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Choice Brisket Beef.....5c	Liver.....5c	Pork Shoulder Roast 12½c
Choice Necks to boil...5c	Leg of Veal.....12½c	Pork Loin Roast.....15c
Corned Beef Plates.....6c	Loin Veal Cutlets.....15c	Pork Chops.....15c
Corned Beef Brisket....6c	Shoulder Roast Veal...10c	Pigs' Feet.....5c
Choice Pot Roast Beef..8c	Lamb Shoulder Roast..10c	Our Own Pure Lard...12c
Rolled Rib Roast Beef 12½c	Breast Lamb.....6c	Breast Veal.....10c
Loin Beef Steak.....12½c	Leg of Lamb.....15c	Veal Stew.....8c
Round Beef Steak.....10c	Loin Roast Lamb.....15c	Our Own Bacon.....17½c
Prime Rib Roast Beef..10c	Lamb Loin Chops.....15c	Hams, our own.....17c
Hamburg Steak.....8c	Lamb Rib Chops.....15c	Sausage.....10c
	Lamb Shoulder Chops 12½c	Heavy Bacon, our own.16c

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