

TWO YEARS TO CHANGE FOURTH STREET LINE

Council Committee on Judiciary Adopts Baker's Motion Placing Limit Upon Time for Operating West Side Division Trains by Steam in the City.

"The sooner the city gets into a lawsuit with the Southern Pacific Railway company about the Fourth street franchise the better it will be for the people of Portland," declared Councilman Vaughn at the meeting of the council committee on judiciary and elections yesterday afternoon. "I have always contended that the company has no franchise on that street. The title of the act granting the franchise does not conform with the act itself. The company is operating under a license, not under a franchise."

Mr. Vaughn had been called upon by Chairman Boothe to defend his ordinance for the revocation of the Fourth street franchise and for the installation of electricity as a motive power. He gave the foregoing answer, and also said that the company should be prevented from hauling freight along the street.

Eighteen Months Will Do.

"My constituents," said Chairman Boothe, "object to the steam road on Fourth street. It seems to be impossible to get the company to make any definite promise as to the electrifying of the road. However, we are satisfied to give it a chance to electrify the road within 18 months from the present time."

"That is satisfactory to me," said Mr. Vaughn. "I wanted the motive power changed within six months, but 18 months suits me."

"I'm glad you are satisfied," said Boothe. "I am afraid that if we forced the company to change its power within six months we would have a damage suit on our hands. The company, compelled to tear up its tracks and unable to get material for its city lines, might unload its freight at the boundaries of the city and then sue the city for damages."

"Do you really think so," asked Vaughn.

"That is my candid opinion," answered Boothe.

Declares Fenton Dodges.

"A suit, though," said Vaughn, "will establish the city's rights. The leading lawyers, including Judge Fenton, general counsel for the Southern Pacific in Oregon, say the company has no franchise. Fenton has been before us and he has made some brief speeches that had as much reference to the ordinance as they had to the Lord's prayer."

Chairman Boothe believed the mayor should appoint a committee of competent engineers to investigate the matter and report to the council. He found a warm second in Councilman George L. Baker. Mr. Baker said he wished to do right with both the company and his

constituents, and he believed the company should, after the investigation, be given two years' time in which to change the motive power.

Vaughn Grows Sarcastic.

"The company has had 10 months' time in which to order rails," sarcastically remarked Vaughn. "The ordinance was stuck in the pigeon hole for 11 months and it took me 10 months to get it out and before the committee."

"It's before us now," said Baker. "The Fourth street trouble must be regulated by us; if not by us, by some one else. I am new in the council and like our chairman I am not clear on the subject and do not care to act hastily. Petitions for the revocation of the franchise are being circulated and I am willing to give the people the relief they ask for. The Southern Pacific has certain rights that we must consider, and I don't want to throw the city into a losing lawsuit."

"I will not admit that the Southern Pacific has any franchise," said Vaughn. "They appear to have something that looks like one," dryly observed Boothe. "The trains come down Fourth street at the rate of 10 miles an hour."

"And one of their locomotives broke loose and ran down Fourth street," added Vaughn.

Baker's Two Years Carries.

"Well, I don't think we should do anything until we have made an investigation," said Baker. "The company has promised to leave Fourth street and bridge the river at Oswego and come in over its East Side lines. If we find that we have been misled by the company we can take action. We should give the company two years to get permission from the war department for the bridging of the river, the building of the bridge and the changing of the motive power on the Fourth street line."

"That sounds very nice," said Vaughn. "You probably don't know that Judge Fenton has never promised the city that the company will build that bridge. All that he has ever said to the council is that the company hopes to build it. I'll vote against the recognition of any rights of the company on Fourth street."

Baker moved, and his motion was carried, that the company be allowed two years in which to make the changes in its lines. He made a second motion that Chairman Boothe and City Attorney McNary draft an ordinance to that effect and that it be submitted to the committee at its regular meeting Monday afternoon. Railway officials and all others interested in the matter have been requested to attend the meeting.

HOLD PASSES ARE PROPER FOR THEMSELVES, WRONG FOR OTHERS

"If that anti-pass bill becomes an ordinance of the city, a councilman will not be allowed to receive birthday presents from relatives. Presents come in the line of passes and remuneration, and any councilman who votes for the ordinance must conscientiously refuse to accept the present of a cigar from a brother."

When that statement was made by Chairman Boothe of the council committee on judiciary and elections, yesterday afternoon, Councilman Vaughn, the proposer of the ordinance, said the law should be enacted at once.

"There does not seem to be any necessity for it," said Chairman Boothe. "The company has not offered me a pass."

"I have not been offered a pass, either," said Mr. Vaughn.

"They have not come to see me," frankly admitted George L. Baker, the new councilman from the fourth ward. "I would like to have them because I believe they should give passes to all city officials. We serve for almost nothing, and we look after a great deal of business for them. I believe, however, that any person not a city officer should not receive passes and the company should be prohibited from issuing them."

"How about free passes from theatrical managers?" dryly inquired Mr. Vaughn.

"I'd like to see that passed, too," laughingly remarked Mr. Baker, who is the manager of two theatres.

There was no further discussion and consideration of the matter was continued until Monday afternoon.

THIS WEATHER IS JUST THE THING FOR BIG OREGON CROPS

Fruit growers find additional reason for rejoicing in the pleasant weather of the last few days. The warm sunshine with the cooling breezes are considered to be almost ideal for the fruit at this stage. None of the fruit has blossomed to any extent as yet, but with a few days of continued sunshine, blossoming will be pretty well commenced. The frost of a night or two since did no damage, according to Secretary Williamson of the state horticultural board.

"The trees are not far enough along to

suffer any damage from frost and the season is getting so late that heavy frosts are no longer feared. Warm weather is not desired by the growers because the condition would be unnatural and might precipitate a reaction. The trees will be much more benefited by a continuation of the weather of yesterday and today. The seasons will be late this year and much depends on the next few days whether the crops will be large or small both in fruit and grain.

PERMITS FOR THREE BIG ONES

Reinforced Concrete Building for Board of Trade Will Cost Three Hundred Thousand.

Building permits were taken out yesterday for three of Portland's skyscrapers that are under construction. The board of trade was granted permission to begin the construction of its reinforced concrete structure at Fourth and Oak streets. The building is to be 11 stories high and to cost \$300,000.

The Corbett estate took out a permit for its new office building at Fifth and Morrison. This is the second permit issued for this structure, the first being to cover the cost of the foundation and steel frame and called for \$110,000. The one issued yesterday was for \$220,000 and covers the estimated cost of the walls, floors and interior finish.

The Commercial club was granted the first permit on its new building yesterday, which was to cover the cost of the steel frame and was for \$100,000. The prospect is now that the total value of permits that will be issued during this month will far exceed the record of any previous month and that the gain over April, 1906, will not be equaled by that of any other city in the country.

MRS. LIBKE AND HER BABY HURT IN RUNAWAY

Astoria, Or., April 12.—While Mrs. E. K. Libke was driving in from her home at the Lewis and Clarke and shortly

after crossing the Young's bay bridge the horse she was driving became frightened and overturned the vehicle. Mrs. Libke, who had her baby in her arms, struck on her head and was very seriously injured. The baby was also badly bruised. It is not known how serious the injuries are, especially those of Mrs. Libke.

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