

WARNS TAXPAYERS AGAINST GRANTING LIGHT FRANCHISE

People Reminded That They Have Been Deceived in the Past; Up Before Council; Lombard's View.

Portland, April 29.—To the Editor of the Journal—The Northwestern Electric company, a corporation organized under the laws of the state of Washington, has before the city council of this city for consideration and adoption a franchise giving said corporation a valuable franchise for the installation and operation of a light, heat and power system in this city for a term of 25 years. This franchise is to be considered by the street committee of the council at 3 p. m. Friday, May 2, 1912. After being passed upon by the street committee it will be referred back to the council and by them to the executive board for approval and valuation. It will then be returned to the city council, and by the vote of 18 members and the approval of the mayor will become a law. It is to the interest of every taxpayer in this city to most carefully consider the terms and conditions of this franchise before it is finally granted. We have seen franchises and rights of an estimable value sold for a song; we have been tricked and deluded into giving valuable franchises with the idea that competition would result; competition did not result, and emphatically we have to gauge the future by the past and consider and hesitate most thoroughly before granting a franchise of this nature. Calling attention to a few vital features of this franchise as introduced, we see:

- 1. Is it in good faith? First, that the city on its part gives complete franchise, good throughout the city, for a light, power and heat plant, for a term of 25 years. The monetary consideration for the franchise can hardly be expected to be adequate or commensurate with the value of the same.
- 2. Second, that the corporation is only obligated to spend \$250,000 on this plant, of which only \$50,000 must be spent in this city. The utter impossibility of constructing a plant which will give good service, as well as the much desired competition, for any such sum as \$250,000, should be apparent to the most casual observer. \$1,000,000 would hardly be sufficient, and the proposed expenditure of only \$250,000 does not look like good faith.
- 3. Third, no provision is made which will insure competition. We do not want a repetition of the Mount Hood fiasco, and the restrictions and regulations to that end should be as strong and well defined that there can be no possibility of any sale to the present monopoly.
- 4. Fourth, that the maximum rates permitted under the proposed franchise would naturally be the minimum rates, and as the franchise now reads the council does not retain the right to regulate rates. A comparison of the rates proposed in this franchise with rates

ORPHEUM SKIT IS MIRTH-PRODUCER

Dinkelspiel's Christmas Is a "Scream"; Little Lord Robert Strong Feature.

The German language comes over the footlights in business when "Pa" Dinkelspiel's "Christmas" at the Orpheum skit is one of the best mirth-producers that Orpheumites have enjoyed for some time. Flaxen-haired, round and motherly "Mama" Dinkelspiel and "Dinkelspiel," a little younger, just as jolly but rather stubborn, have planned a Christmas welcome in the shape of a marriage license for their boy Louis, who is coming home after two years' absence, and his former sweetheart, Louis has restricted to tell them of his wife and baby, intending to give them a Christmas surprise. They get it and baby saves the day. Louis, commercial traveler, and Mama, his wife, ex-chorus girl, have a slang vocabulary that is surreal. Two other acts, divide the lead honors, Little Lord Robert and Mlle. Fregoleska. The diminutive comedian, weighing but 15 pounds and towering 24 inches over the footlights. He danced, sang and told stories to the delight of the audience and concluded by answering questions impromptu asked him by members of the audience. One asked him if he would meet Jack Johnson in battle. Quick as a flash he answered, "If he will train me to my fight, I will." "The Humanian Nightingale," as Mlle. Fregoleska is known, was called back for frequent encores for her bell-like-voice and high notes are clear and sweet. The stage setting and her own eye-drawer led to the beauty of the act. In singing the Angel's Serenade by Braga she plays her own accompaniment on the violin. Two songs in English, "The Last Rose of Summer" and the Swedish story "Ever Told," were especially well received. This week's bill opens with one of the strongest opening acts that has been seen for many weeks, the Arco Brothers, European novelty acrobats, in which one of the brothers gives a wonderful exhibition of musical development. Stuart Barnes, an old-time monologue favorite who is well known to Portlanders, gets off his usual line of rapid fire laugh-producers and ends with a clever character sketch. The Maxine Brothers and Bobby show some clever tumbling and acrobatic work and one of the cleverest acrobatic dogs yet seen. Bobby seems to understand with human intelligence and when some funny stunt is pulled it is easy to imagine that he is enjoying the humor. Cooper and Robinson, colored comedians, give the raggy, darky melodies and humor which have made their race famous as entertainers.

In other coast cities where the physical conditions are practically equal, shows that the rates in this city are exorbitant. Fifth, a rate of 2 cents per K. W. hour is offered to the city for electricity to be used in lighting the city. Private consumers in the city of Portland today are receiving from the present monopoly a rate only slightly in excess of 1 cent per K. W. hour, and this fact shows that the maximum rate proposed to the city is in no way a partial consideration for the proposed franchise.

Deductions Drawn. The foregoing statements would seem to warrant the following deductions: First, that no franchise should be given except under satisfactory guarantees to the effect that the amount guaranteed to be expended in the construction and operation of the plant is entirely adequate to provide a complete modern competitive plant. Any amount under \$1,000,000 would surely be inadequate. Second, that the possibility of the sale of the plant or franchise to any competing company at any future time should be absolutely eliminated. Third, that the maximum rates to be charged to the public be reduced to the level of the rates current in other cities where the physical conditions are similar, and the right specifically to regulate rates be left in the hands of the council, as is the case in San Francisco. Otherwise why grant a franchise? Fourth, that the company furnish a certain amount of electricity free to the city, charging for any excess at a rate not over one cent per K. W. hour. If the taxpayers of this city show no interest in this matter, are acquiescent and indifferent, and the franchise is granted essentially in the shape it is now in, then the clear and positive result will be that another burden of watered stocks and capitalized franchises will be laid upon the already suffering taxpayers of this city. Grant the proposed franchise and in a short time to come the Portland Railway, Light & Power company will be issuing bonds and stocks against the same, and the dividends thereon will be paid by you and me with no resulting good.

NEW PASTOR WILL BE INSTALLED TONIGHT
The installation services of the Rev. William J. Spire as pastor of the Marshall Street Presbyterian church will take place this evening at 7:30. Dr. J. P. McGaw, D. D., presiding officer, will propound the constitutional questions. The Rev. T. H. Walker, pastor of the Calvary Presbyterian church, will preach the sermon. The Rev. C. W. Hays, Sunday school missionary of the Portland presbytery, will deliver the charge to the people, and the Rev. G. W. Moore, D. D., pastor of Mount Tabor Presbyterian church, will deliver the charge to the pastor. The Rev. Mr. Spire was formerly pastor of the Trinity Presbyterian church of this city, having built the new Trinity church on the corner of Nebraska and Virginia streets, during the summer of 1911.

Lyle Wins at Ball. (Special to The Journal.) Stevenson, Wash., April 30.—A really good amateur game of ball was played here Sunday between the Lyle Tigers and the Stevenson club, resulting in a 10 to 8 victory for the home team. The Tigers defeated The Dalles team a week ago and landed here with great confidence of an easy victory. At the third inning the score stood 8 to 2 in favor of the visitors.

Canadian Pacific Now in Their New Quarters
The Canadian Pacific passenger and freight departments are now located at Third and Pine (Multnomah Hotel building).

And Only Five Cents
Quality, quality, nothing but quality "Sam Sloan" cigar, 5 cents.

PUNISHMENT OF LANCERS AT END

Every Night for 100 Years Regimental Band Has Played 5 Hymns.

(United Press Special Wire.) Johannesburg, April 29.—The Twelfth Royal Lancers, now stationed near here, are looking forward with much satisfaction to the end of the 100 years' punishment imposed upon the regiment in 1812. In that year, during the war with Spain, the Lancers broke into and desecrated a monastery. When the Duke of Wellington heard of the incident, he decreed that for 100 years, as an expiation, the regimental band must parade every night at 10 o'clock and play five hymns—the Spanish national anthem, the Russian national anthem, the Princes of Wales hymn and the English national anthem. Ever since the order has been faithfully carried out.

CHARGED WITH USING ABUSIVE LANGUAGE

Further charges were filed yesterday by the municipal free employment bureau against its secretary, John G. Schroeder, Jr., in a letter submitted to Mayor Rushlight. The charges are that the clerk has used abusive language to patrons of the bureau and to seekers after work, that he has stopped the early morning delivery of mail to the office, and that the work of the bureau has stagnated as a consequence. Mayor Rushlight, upon receipt of the letter yesterday, instructed City Attorney Grant to prepare a formal complaint against Schroeder. The mayor will file this complaint in the city auditor's office, thereby dismissing the clerk. Mr. Schroeder declared yesterday that he would appeal to the city civil service commission for reinstatement. J. L. Ledwith and Ralph C. Clyde, of the bureau, filed the charges, which are unsigned by the third member of the bureau, W. H. McMonies. Clerk Schroeder says he is being persecuted. He is of the opinion that the complaint made against him was instigated by his assistant, C. E. Christensen, who Mr. Schroeder believes, aspires to the clerkship. "I ordered the mail not to be delivered earlier than 8 o'clock," said Mr. Schroeder, "because Christensen was in the habit of coming down to the office before that time and opening all the mail himself. Owing to this fact, I never saw some of the letters."

\$200 FOR A MATE WHO'LL DESERT HER

Building Wrecker Accepts Proposal, Pockets Money and Deserts.

(United Press Special Wire.) New York, April 29.—Justice Flatbush has authorized Mrs. Eugenia Adams Brown, the woman who advertised for a husband who would desert her as soon as they were married, to serve notice by publication of her wish to annul her marriage. Mrs. Brown was married to Harvey Brown, a professional building wrecker of Washington, October 14, 1910. The girl learned that she must marry before a certain date in order to inherit a fortune from a German relative. She advertised that she was willing to pay \$200 to a man who would marry her agreeing to leave her immediately after the ceremony. Hundreds applied, and from their number the girl picked out Brown, who married her, pocketed the \$200 and disappeared.

LOCAL TRAIN SERVICE AT EUGENE IMPROVED

(Special to The Journal.) Eugene, Or., April 30.—Tomorrow the Southern Pacific company will inaugurate a new train service on the several branches out of Eugene, to enable the people of the towns along the branches to visit Eugene at more convenient hours than heretofore. A new mixed train will be run from Coburg to Oakridge, at the terminus of the Natron extension, leaving Coburg each morning at 7 o'clock and proceeding to Oakridge by way of Springfield. Passengers from Coburg to Eugene will take the interurban electric cars at Springfield. The train will return to Coburg about 4:30 in the afternoon, giving the people of that town a greater part of the day in Eugene. The Eugene-Wendling train will make two round trips each day, leaving Eugene at 7 o'clock in the morning, returning at 9:30, and again leaving at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, giving people at Wendling and intervening stations several hours in this city. The last train from Wendling will arrive in Eugene at 4:15 p. m. Direct connections are made at the Springfield station between the new Oakridge train and the Eugene-Wendling train, giving the people living at Oakridge and way stations good service. The Roseburg local, on the main line, will leave Eugene at 11 a. m. instead of 12:10 p. m. This arrangement will allow Eugene people to reach Newport and the west side stations without the wait of several hours in Albany.

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The Ladies' Home Journal Magazine 15c

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| All 45c 18-in. Corset Cover Embroidery priced at | 23c | All \$1.00 45-inch Flouncing Embroidery priced at | 39c |
| All 75c 18-in. Corset Cover Embroidery priced at | 33c | All \$1.25 45-inch Flouncing Embroidery priced at | 59c |
| All 50c 27-inch Flouncing Embroidery priced at | 23c | All \$2.50 45-inch Flouncing Embroidery priced at | \$1.19 |
| All 75c 27-inch Flouncing Embroidery priced at | 33c | All \$1.25 24 to 36-inch Allover Embroidery priced at | 59c |

An Out-of-the-Ordinary Sale of Women's Neckwear

LATEST SPRING AND SUMMER STYLES — JABOTS, BOWS, TABS, STOCKS, DUTCH COLLARS, ETC., SELLING REG. UP TO 75c, AT 15c

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Right at "housecleaning" time comes this important sale of Draperies and Curtain Materials, and the prudent housekeeper won't let this unusual opportunity slip by without profiting. (In our Basement.)

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| CURTAIN MADRAS, OUR 12 1/2c GRADE SPECIALLY PRICED AT | 9c | CURTAIN ETAMINE, REGULAR 35c GRADE ON SALE AT | 29c |
| Fancy Colored Curtain Madras, full 36 inches wide, shown in a large assortment of neat and attractive designs. All are bright, new goods, considerably underpriced. | | One of the most popular Curtains—fancy colored Etamine. Comes full 40 inches wide and shown in choice designs and colorings. Our regular 35c grade reduced to, yard | 29c |
| CURTAIN SCRIM, OUR REG. 20c GRADE ON SALE ONLY | 16c | BUNGALOW NETS, REGULAR 25c GRADE SPECIAL ONLY | 17c |
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| ORIENTAL STRIPED TAPESTRY, the kind most suitable for door drapes, curtains and furniture coverings. Comes full 40 inches wide and shown in the most wanted colors. The kind sold regularly at 29 cents a yard specially priced for this sale at only | | | 21c |

Women's Thread Silk Hose, Best 75c Grade This Sale Only 50c Pair

We were fortunate in securing 500 dozen pairs of Women's Pure Thread Silk Stockings at one third below the regular wholesale cost, and at this sale you may buy them the same way. These are made full seamless, with double heel, sole and toe and heavy garter top, and are shown in the new shades of tan, blue, pink, gray, etc., as well as black. All sizes. Best 75c quality at, A PAIR 50c

FINE LISLE VESTS FOR WOMEN, OUR REGULAR 35c GRADE, SPECIAL FOR THIS SALE AT 25c

A special underpriced sale of Women's Fine Lisle Vests of seasonal weight and in all sizes. They come in low-neck styles, in V or square shapes, lace trim'd and sleeveless. A large variety to choose from. Regular 35c grade specially priced at 25c

SILK LISLE HOSE FOR CHILDREN, SPECIALLY PRICED THREE 35c PAIRS FOR \$1.00, OR PAIR 35c

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