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GRANTING OF FRANCHISE.

Citizens' League Discusses Matter at Meeting Tuesday.

The matter of granting an electrical franchise came before the Citizens' League at a meeting of that body Tuesday. As nearly as can be ascertained the following represents the points brought out in a free for all discussion:

This is a very important matter with the administration of any city, and at the present time it is a vital question with the city of Corvallis.

A large corporation known as the Welch Co., representing many millions of dollars, operating electric light and power plants in Eugene, Albany, Lebanon, Jefferson, Silverton, Salem and a number of other towns in the valley, are asking the City of Corvallis for a franchise for 30 years, for the purpose of supplying the city with electrical power, and for the privilege of supplying the city with electric lights 22 years after the expiration of the present franchise.

No time in the history of Corvallis has such a good thing come our way—and it is certainly up to the citizens of this community to grasp this new proposed electric current as quickly as possible which will put us on a par with our sister towns throughout the valley.

The grocer will use this power to grind his coffee, the butcher to run his sausage mill, the confectioner to pull his taffy and turn his ice cream freezer, the dentist to run his drill, the jeweler to turn his clock, the blacksmith to run his forge, the printer to operate his press, the creamery to churn the butter, the barber to shampoo your head, the bartender for mixing your soft drinks; besides the saw mills, foundry, laundry, flour mills, planing mills, furniture factory and every industry, where machinery of any kind is used, will all use the power.

This is the "Electric Age" and it will not be long before all the heat we use will be generated by electricity instead of wood.

What does the city get in return for this 30 year franchise? Does she get her lights any cheaper? Will the franchise provide that the City of Corvallis in consideration of this very large grant of 30 years will have a guarantee of them that the rate for light for both the city and the private individual will be lower than the present rates, or not even to exceed the present rates which are not unreasonable?

On will the City of Corvallis, in return for this 30 years franchise, be compelled to pay a higher rate, as the other towns of Eugene, Albany, Lebanon, etc., where this present company is already operating? Isn't our rate for light in Corvallis reasonable, and isn't the fact that the present company can maintain this plant at a profit, and with the new current can reduce its running expenses one-half,—sufficient reason that our price for light should be no higher, if anything lower?

In conclusion, if the Welch Co. is charging a higher rate in the other towns where they are now operating, is it not reasonable to believe they will make the same charge in Corvallis if such rates as we are now paying are not stipulated in the words of the franchise? Would they be expected to charge us less than other towns were paying? Don't give away a franchise for nothing when you place the city in the power of one of the largest mo-

nopolies ever organized in the Northwest, unless you have stated in the words of the franchise some little consideration in the way of reduction to the city who is giving it. The thing to consider is not how much higher our rates should be, but how much lower in view of the fact that the cost of production has been lessened one-half.

FARMERS' SHORT COURSE.

OAC Affords Excellent Opportunity for Course of Study.

To give Oregon farmers who are unable to pursue a four-year course in the Agricultural College, a share in the advantages of higher education, the college has for many years conducted Farmer's Institutes in various parts of the State. But the Institute, while it has its place, has developed another movement of perhaps greater importance, that of holding a more extended Institute known as the Short Course in Agriculture, Horticulture, and Dairying.

The main conception of such schools is that they are places where people from the farm and orchard—practical farmers and fruit growers—can understandingly study the application of some of the fundamental laws of their occupation. In mentioning the Short Course we feel that we can make it thoroughly practical for any intelligent agriculturist, and that we can make scientific agriculture and horticulture both educational and useful. Such a course covers a field which on account of lack of time and apparatus for illustration cannot be undertaken in the regular Farmers' Institutes.

The course consists of a series of popular lectures along lines suited to aid horticulturists, dairymen and others engaged in agricultural pursuits in developing the great natural resources of our State. The lectures are all supplemented by laboratory work under the supervision of experts who strive to make the course thoroughly practical by adapting the work so far as possible to the needs of each individual. The primary study is of things rather than books, and there is always kept in mind the practical side of the matter under discussion. Little time is spent in purely theoretical discussion.

There will be no educational test. No special preparation is necessary as the instruction will be given by lectures and practical work: It is the aim of this course to give the student the largest possible amount of practical information regarding the various phases of agriculture and horticulture.

An important source of information for those attending this course is the Station and College library where the best books on agriculture, horticulture and dairying are found. The bulletins of the experiment stations of

all States in the Union are on file at the College and will be at the command of anyone wanting them. These bulletins are invaluable as being about the only source from which one can get information as to the present status of, and the progress that is being made in agricultural matters.

An effort will be made to direct the reading along particular lines in such a way that the reader will get in touch with the progressive work that is being done in his particular occupation.

The first lecture of the series will be given at 9:00 a. m., January 8, 1906, and the course will close Friday, January 19, 1906.

SPECIAL COURSE IN DAIRYING.

The Special Dairy Course will open on the same date, January 8, 1906, as the Short Course in Agriculture, and continue six weeks, closing February 16, 1906. Lecture periods will be so arranged that those of special interest to dairy students can be attended without interference with regular dairy work.

The course is designed to familiarize students with the modern forms of dairy apparatus and teach the underlying principles of the production, care, and manufacture of milk into butter and cheese. Both the how and why will be the aim of the instructors, and it is the intention that the ideas set forth will be applicable to the farm dairy as well as the larger creamery or cheese factory.

The dairy course is open to all persons of good moral character, both male and female, who are at least eighteen years of age and who have a common school education. No entrance examinations will be required, but it is expected that those seeking admission will be able to intelligently understand lectures, take some notes, and perform a small amount of text-book work.

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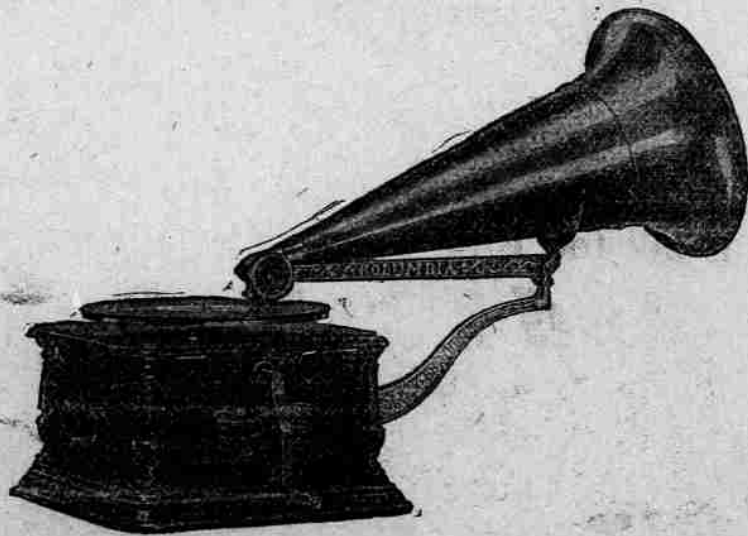
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The services of W. W. Grant, an expert in cheese making, have been secured for the special dairy course. Mr. Grant is at present instructor in the California Dairy School and has had a wide experience as traveling dairy instructor in Canada. His work should be of much importance to all persons interested in cheese making.

Any person desiring more information regarding the special work of this course should send to the clerk of the institution and ask for a special bulletin. In addition to the course above outlined there will be numerous lectures by the specialists of OAC.

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