

LIGHT AND POWER FRANCHISE.

City Council Has Application Under Consideration.

On Monday evening the city council met in regular session with the following members present: Chairman Harrison; Councilmen Leach, Keldson, Bales and Dick; Recorder Todd. Motion was made and carried assessing property on the north end of 2nd Ave. East for street improvements. The improvement is a stretch of plank which has been laid at a cost of \$441.50, and is assessed to Garret Ward on the east side of the street and to the Mount Vernon Creamery Co. on the west side of the street. On motion a walk is ordered in on the south side of 12th street from Stillwell Ave. to 2nd Ave. West. Motion made and carried that assessment be levied for graveling west of 3rd St., also planking alleys in Block 1 and 2 between Stillwell Ave. and 2nd Ave. East. The time set for levying assessments is Nov. 17. After the regular routine business was transacted and bills were allowed. The ordinance relative to an electric light and power franchise which Messrs. Small and Urie are desirous of securing was taken up for discussion. The site has been secured up the Trask River and the county has granted the company a 30 year franchise, and now a franchise from the city of Tillamook is desired. The council expressed a desire to have some explanations in regard to the matter whereupon Attorney E. J. Claussen introduced Mr. Siebien of San Francisco, who has charge of the promotion of the proposition and represents monied men of that city. Mr. Siebien stated that the prospects for a water power plant to furnish light and power for Tillamook City and its future needs, looked very good and was sure to come, but that it would come easier if the people of the city were in sympathy with the proposition. He dwelt to some extent upon the future prospects of our city and spoke of the prospects of a pulp mill for our town. He contended that water power would be much cheaper than steam power and would give us a strong leverage in securing manufacturing plants. After Mr. Siebien had completed his talk Councilman Keldson gave his views in regard to the matter which were to the effect that while he did not want to stand in the way of progress at the same time he felt that our present lighting company was giving very good service, and as it had had many obstacles to overcome in the past, he felt that now when conditions were improving they ought to be allowed a free field at least for a time longer. Councilman Leach stated that he had much sympathy for the present company as anyone had, but that he thought that if the new company wanted to come in here and develop our resources and build up the country and give us a cheaper light and power, that it was up to us to take advantage of this endeavor. He said that you can't build up a town unless you allow capital to come in and help you. Mr. Spalding, manager of the Tillamook Electric Light and Power Co., addressed the council and stated that it was purely an economic question Steam vs. Water. He stated that he had given the matter thorough investigation and had come to the conclusion that by the use of refuse from the mills as fuel, that steam would be as cheap as water; that he had looked into the water proposition and had found that on account of the low water in the summer that it would be very costly to get the supply up to where we could get proper service at all times and that in consequence it would not be possible to get any cheaper rates. He further stated that if the people had any grievances they could call on the Public Service Commission of the state for relief. Councilman Bales said he was in sympathy with both the old and new companies and that he thought the council should go slow and see that no injustice was done, at the same time we should not stand in the way of progress. Councilman Harrison stated that he was inclined to welcome capital or anything that meant for the future development of the county, but that it was his opinion that the council should go slow and not give away something that would be very valuable to the people in the near future. He counseled a thorough investigation of the matter. Councilman Dick seemed to be very much in favor of sticking to the old company, and not granting a franchise to another company until the town has grown. Attorney Gersoni, who has been advising the county in regard to the matter, spoke very much in favor of the proposition and said that by all means we should not put a Chinese wall around our town and exclude outside capital. The new company desires a 30 year franchise from the city. It closed the deal today for a power site six miles up the Trask river. The present company desires a 25 year franchise and will agree to re-

turn the city 1 per cent of the gross earnings of the company. The present company's franchise will expire in 9 years. However, it is seeking for a new franchise to begin at once. Both franchises were laid over for further consideration.

Railroad Commission Favors Some Monopolies.

SALEN, Ore., Oct. 23.—The State Railroad Commission went on record today as opposing the establishment of certain competing utilities in towns and cities where it is possible for those having a monopoly to be regulated so as to give satisfactory service. P. W. Todd, City Recorder of Tillamook, notified the Commission several weeks ago that application had been made for a franchise for a second light and power system in that city. E. J. Claussen, a lawyer representing the prospective promoters of the new system, wrote that the present one did not give adequate service. In reply to his letter the Commission says: "It is now coming to be recognized that competition cannot in all instances regulate rates in public utilities, and that one company properly regulated and administered can generally give better and cheaper service than two. It is a waste of capital and a disadvantage to a city to have two sets of telephone and electric light wires and poles cumbering the streets when one can be made to serve the same purpose. "Most utilities are natural monopolies and the highest efficiency and lowest rates are only possible when each one has the entire business of a given city or territory. Now that we have the right and duty to regulate all public service corporations the ill effects of monopoly may be escaped and at the same time the beneficial results of economy and efficiency realized." The Commission admits that in some instances competition has been of advantage, but says that it has been its experience that the stronger companies usually absorb the weaker ones.

Portland to Get Colonial Butter.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 31.—More than 100 tons of Australian and New Zealand butter went on the market in San Francisco today. This is the first of the shipments stimulated by the reduction of the duty by the Underwood bill to 24 cents a pound. The butter was brought in cold storage on board the steamship Tahiti, which arrived from the colonies yesterday. The exact amount was 208,000 pounds. The total receipts of the butter in San Francisco for the day were 231,000 pounds, ten times as much Australian butter coming in as California butter. There is a great deal of curiosity about this Australian butter. Dealers and grocers are desirous of knowing its flavor, because on this depends the extent to which it can be sold. All admit that it can be produced in the colonies and shipped here, paying the small duty, more cheaply than the California article. The heaviest shipments are expected in the Winter months, not because butter is then higher in California, but because production is at full swing in the colonies, the seasons being reversed and prices being lower in Australia between September and March than at any other time of the year. Part of the present shipment has been apportioned to Portland as an experiment.

Bids for Bar Received.

When bids were opened for the construction of the north jetty at Tillamook, in the office of Major Jay J. Morrow, corps of engineers, United States army, at Portland at 11 o'clock Monday morning, three tenders were made, all being by Portland firms. The lowest was that of Giebisch & Joplin, who submitted a bid for \$629,624. The bids will be forwarded by Major Morrow to Washington soon for approval. The Giebisch & Joplin bid was \$83,085.50 lower than the next highest proposal, which was submitted by Robert Wakefield, and amounted to \$712,709.50, while the bid of the Cascade Construction company, the third bidder, was \$141,347 higher than the low bid, or \$770,971. Some of the equipment will be furnished by the government, it is said, as they have a pile driver, two locomotives and a string of dump cars on the ground.

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TIMBER TAXED HIGH. P. S. Brumby Compiles Data to Prove Contention.

Figures have been compiled by P. S. Brumby, a Portland timber man and director of the Lumbermen National Bank, showing the average tax paid on timber lands in Clatsop, Columbia, Washington and Tillamook counties, covering the levies from 1905 to 1912. Mr. Brumby declares that the figures refute the claim that has been made by advocates of single tax that Oregon timber lands are not paying their just proportion. "In 1905 the average tax paid for each section of timber on a body embracing holdings in Clatsop, Columbia, Washington and Tillamook counties," said Mr. Brumby, "was \$110.15. The tax had risen regularly every year and the average paid per section for the same body of land has been: In 1906, \$136.38; in 1907, \$149.86; 1908, \$240.80; 1909, \$250.31; 1910, \$300; 1911, \$303.02; 1912, \$448.90. "Canadian timber is taxed \$140 per section. Compare this with \$448.90 per section, and you will see what an excessive burden our timber owners carry. The tax makes it impossible for a poor man to hold timber, and it is this condition that is forcing the centralization of ownership of timber tracts into strong hands. In Tillamook County, where the timber is remote from settlements, the average is \$115.20 per claim of 160 acres. The 1911 tax in Columbia County averaged \$276 for each quarter section. In Columbia County the timber is closer to the settlements and special taxes have been levied for road and school purposes. "Comparing the tax on timber lands, with that assessed against farmlands, it is very easy to see that timber is paying at least its full proportion. If a farmer paid \$276 taxes on a quarter section he would consider the charge extortionate. In 1912 one-half section of timber in Columbia County paid a tax of \$556.98. How long would a farmer exist in Columbia County if he paid a proportionate tax? How much better is it for the public to have the timber in the hands of private owners who protect it from fire and pay these taxes, rather than the hands of the Government or state and untaxed? In Tillamook County the timber owners pay 85 per cent of all the taxes. Do our single-taxers think this is not enough?"

Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given, that in accordance to Section 5, of Chapter 142, Laws of 1913, the County Surveyor of said county has filed in this office his certificate, of the completion of that certain contract between M. J. Jenck and Tillamook County, running from Hebo, to Cloverdale, Oregon, from Sta. C X O to Sta. 39 X 26, in accordance with the plans and specifications, and any person, firm or corporation having objections to file to the completion of said work may do so within two weeks from the first publication in the office of the County Clerk. Dated this 18th day of October, A. D. 1913. J. C. HOLDEN, County Clerk.

Notice of Hearing of Final Account.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,—That the undersigned has filed his Final Account as Administrator of the Estate of Andrew F. Bibby, deceased, and that the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Tillamook County, has set Monday, the 3rd day of November, 1913, at 10 o'clock a. m., as the time and place for the hearing of said account and any objections there may be to the same. Dated September 18th, 1913. JAMES BIBBY, Administrator of the Estate of Andrew J. Bibby, deceased.

Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given that the firm of Gordon & Rhodes, a corporation, has assigned all its assets to the undersigned as assignee for the benefit of creditors in proportion to their respective claims. All persons having claims against said corporation are hereby notified to present their claims, under oath, to the undersigned, at his office in Tillamook, Oregon, within three months from the date of the first publication hereof. E. J. CLAUSSEN, Assignee. First publication, October 2, 1913.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, ss. Lucas County.

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