

people, and that having such power, their acts giving the Public Service commission authority to regulate rates such as those in the Woodburn case, made void any act or contract made by the city that was in contravention to contract made by the city that was in contravention to this authority. The learned justice in passing upon the matter admits that the law giving the commission this regulating power was passed subsequently to the grant, ing of the franchise by the city of Woodburn, a franchise the terms of a certain thing the

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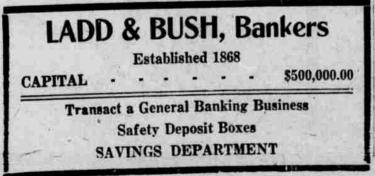
What is most urgently needed just now according to consideration being the privileges given the company. Article one, section 21 of the bill of rights in the state constitution, says among other things: "No ex post facto law, or law impairing the obligations of contracts, shall over he passed" BREAD

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To the average man it would seem that the passing of hands of poor workmen. the law giving the Public Service commission power to set aside a contract and to substitute another in its place, as between the city of Woodburn and the Western Tele- were safe. If so they had better get out of that very phone company, was not only a law impairing the obliga-

Following this line of reasoning the conclusions reached would be diametrically opposite those reached by following the judicial line of argument. .Why is there such a difference, and does a man's line of thought change when he puts on the judicial ermine? Here was a contract admitted by all the parties to it as having all the necessary component parts of a legal contract, for there were parties, a subject matter and a consideration. There was also the "aggregatio mentio" and a completed contract. This the Public Service commission set aside and substituted a new contract for the parties. This being found to be the law by the supreme court must stand, but it behooves the municipalities of this state to think long before making any contract with any public utility com-pany or person. A contract of that kind has been decided to be not binding on the company; and while it has not been decided, it is more than probable that should the city undertake to revoke a franchise it would find that so



Yesterday's reports said the Americans in Chihuahua doubtful city and stay out until some authority is established there. Carranza is again in possession of the place, but he is so because Villa had no further use for it. When



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