

BROWNE CALLS ATTENTION

The City Council is Accused of Neglect of Duty

TELEPHONE RATES ARE HIGH

And Browne Wants to Have Them Reduced

The Matter Referred to the Finance Committee—All License Questions Turned Over to the Tax Collector

The city council held an unimportant session yesterday, adjourning early in the afternoon to meet again Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, at which time the necessary ordinances authorizing a bond issue to refund the debt of the city will be reported by the city attorney and will be adopted. Among the petitions presented was one from G. Y. Browne for a reduction of telephone rates. In full, the paper is as follows:

Your petitioner respectfully calls the attention of your honorable body to that certain clause or section of the charter of the city of Los Angeles wherein is set forth the imperative command that the council of this city shall annually fix and publish the rates to be charged for among other things, the telephone service rendered by companies operating under franchises granted by this city; that no action in this regard, as yet, ever been taken by your honorable body; that the company now operating here, to-wit, the Sunset Telephone and Telegraph company, is, and for a long period of time has been, charging exorbitant and unfair rates, far in excess of the real value of, and just compensation for, the service rendered by it; that the rates charged to its subscribers are discriminating, in that certain ones are charged more or less than others for the same character of service; that the excessive rates charged the said Sunset Telephone and Telegraph company is now, and for a long period of time has been, earning revenues and profits far in excess of what it is in law and equity entitled to, and which profits are a burden to the subscribers of the said company; that said profits range from 50 per cent to 100 per cent per annum on the capital by said company invested in its plant here installed.

And your petitioner respectfully requests that your honorable body will demand of said Sunset Telephone and Telegraph company that it show to the council a list of its subscribers and the monthly rates as shown by its books, and that, in the absence of proper showing being made by said company, your honorable body will forthwith arbitrarily fix and publish the rates for telephone service to be by said company charged.

Your attention is also called to the system of nickel-in-the-slot franchise maintained by said Sunset company; that the same, owing to the methods adopted by said company, acts as a hardship on its subscribers and rate-payers, in that said company frequently makes a charge for service not actually rendered. In view of the fact that the said Sunset Telephone and Telegraph company holds a valuable franchise in this city, whereby it is enjoying enormous profits, it seems but right that the said franchise should be by it in turn adequately compensated for the privileges accorded said company, and that said company should aid in the support of the city in carrying the burden of municipal taxation; and that to end your petitioner suggests that an annual license tax of say \$12.00 be imposed on all nickel-in-the-slot telephone attachments.

In the city of Oakland, in this state, a license tax has been imposed on all nickel-in-the-slot telegraph poles erected and maintained in this city, and the same should obtain in this city. Your petitioner respectfully requests a legitimate encouragement of all public enterprises, but deprecates the lax manner in which valuable franchises have heretofore been granted by your honorable body, without just returns, compensation or benefits to the municipality for the privileges granted.

The above was referred to the finance committee.

THE CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT. The city attorney reported as follows: In the matter of the suit brought by William B. Stewart against the city to quiet the title of lot 6 of block "A," of the Johnston tract, have exacted, and the title to said property and an opinion of the city has no claim to the same, and I therefore recommend that a disclaimer be made by the city in the matter of the suit brought by Andrew B. de Dominguez against the city and affecting that portion of Myrtle avenue, now Wall street, 1314 between Eighth and Ninth streets, the case came on for trial last week and judgment was ordered in favor of the city.

You have instructed me to report an ordinance changing the name of South street to Tenth street, the city engineer has requested me to have all ordinances for the change of name of streets and all ordinances for the improvement of streets under private contract referred to his department for reason that his department has all the maps and plans on these subjects, and is better qualified to report upon the same. Much confusion frequently arises from the change of names of streets, and we are sometimes ordered to present ordinances to improve streets under private contract when the grades of such streets have not been established. Such errors might be obviated if these matters are referred to the engineer's office, and I think his suggestion is a good one and should be adopted.

As directed by you, I report draft of street railway franchise asked for by W. H. Workman. All the above were approved and adopted.

REPORT OF THE ENGINEER. The engineer reported an official map of the annexed district, also the assessment map of the Third street sewer, from St. Louis to 50th streets, also the assessment map of the Main street sewer, also new ordinance establishing the grade of Avila street, from Mary to Baucht, also an ordinance establishing the grade of Winston avenue, from Date to Avila streets, also an ordinance establishing the grade of Custer avenue, from Temple street to Bellevue avenue, also an ordinance to establish the grade of Ninth street, from Pearl to Alvarado, also an ordinance of intention to construct a sewer on Jackson street, from Wilmington to a certain lot on Alvarado street, also an ordinance changing the name of Washington street between Central avenue and Alameda street, also an ordinance to construct a sidewalk on Lucas avenue, also specifications for street paving with hydraulic cement and broken stone concrete base and asphalt surface. All of the above were approved and adopted, and the engineer was given a ten days' leave of absence.

THE MOTIONS MADE. Motions were made in the council yesterday as follows: By Councilman Fessell that the superintendent of street sprinkling have Central avenue between Twenty-ninth street and Vernon avenue, and Wilmington avenue between the junction of San Pedro street and Vernon avenue, sprinkled. Referred to the finance committee.

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I have therefore directed all teachers in the annexed districts, excepting Vernon, to report to our office in accordance with our rules, and to prepare their pupils to enter our grade work when we open schools in September. The statistical report of the three districts, for the month ending May 8, shows: Boys enrolled, 714; girls enrolled, 1349; average number belonging, 1275; average daily attendance, 1193; per cent of attendance, 81.7; new pupils entered, boys, 174; new pupils entered, girls, 142; total, 316; number suspended, 5; no cases corporal punishment; 65 numbers absent for one or more days.

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When the cab collided with the buggy in the confusion Madam Van lost her pocketbook, which had been lying in her hand where it had been snatched away, and was too full to know where it went to. There was no such sum as \$700 in the pocketbook, but there was much. The party whom they ran down saw no robbers, but merely a drunken fellow lashing his horses and tearing down the street. The man who lives about nine miles from the city, just this side of Sentous Bros' abattoir.

This matter was not reported to the police for the very good reason that there was nothing to report. Taking the counts as published as a basis, Detective Bogert tried to prove that the Madam Van will say nothing. This is the ghost of a gauzy tale laid and the facts presented.

AFRO-AMERICAN LEAGUE. Second Annual Congress of the California League to Meet Here. The second annual congress of the Afro-American leagues of this state will convene in this city Tuesday, August 12th. The call for the convention says: "It is highly important for each league to obtain and furnish the delegates with the statistics of the race—to be prepared for the most accurate possible—giving population of the race; from which the delegates come and in which the league is located; that is, the total number of men, women and children of the race in each country; the number engaged in business pursuits, their different occupations, the number of property owners, the estimated value of property owned by them, and any other data that may be important for the members of the congress to possess and that can be used to the advantage of the race historically.

All leagues organized in the state before the assembling of the congress, Republican in politics, and who are in sympathy and accord with the objects, purposes and aims of the Afro-American leagues of this state, are requested to send delegates to the congress to represent their respective leagues in accordance with the provisions herein enumerated, under the following conditions: Every member of the race should regard it as their duty, even though some self-sacrifice be necessary, to attend the sessions of this congress if possible. We are ambitious to fill places of honor and trust, and this should be coupled with the faculty to administer public affairs. Our people deserve some recognition politically, and we must by numbers and a united front demand that we should not be overlooked in the future as we have been in the past.

Street Corner Row. Robert Kelly and M. Buttery are the names given by two men arrested at the corner of First and Main streets last night for disturbing the peace. They engaged in an argument which waxed warm and finally ended in blows. At the station each pleaded guilty to the charge and their appearance in court ready to answer.

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