

A NEW FRANCHISE NOT REQUIRED BY THE WATER WORKS

It is Intimated That the Company May Break Off Negotiations With City and Wait Until 1912.

ALMOST PERPETUAL IS THE FRANCHISE

This Fact Was Pointed Out to Corporation After an Investigation Made by Attorney Robbins.

Does the Richmond City Waterworks Company's franchise expire in 1912, except inasmuch as one section is concerned? This section relates to hydrant rentals.

It is believed it does not. The fact that the company may not need a new franchise is somewhat of a surprise to its officials and likewise to the city officials and the general public. It is very probable that unless the company desires to continue negotiations with the city, now pending, everything will be broken off and nothing further done until 1912.

While prosecuting their personal of the present franchise, officials of the waterworks company called the attention of their attorney, John F. Robbins, to it. He made an examination and enlightened his clients with the statement that the franchise is practically the same as perpetual. It will require no renewal except in the one section referred to.

Must Find a Way.

Unless the city can find some way to compel the company to secure a new contract, it will be without power to require a duplicate main for the purpose of better fire protection. Neither will the city be able to require more powerful pumps, nor increased pressure.

The circumstances governing the franchise subject are the most peculiar that ever have prevailed in this city regarding a public service corporation. Some officials of the city and of the company were under the impression the franchise now existing expired in toto three years hence. Preliminary steps have been taken toward bringing about a revision. But now it becomes known the franchise will be just as good in 1913 as it is today with the exception of the one small part.

Hold The City Has.

The only hold the city has upon the waterworks company, according to the franchise-ordinance under which authority for constructing and maintaining its system was given, relates to the rental of hydrants. The ordinance provides that in consideration of the benefits to accrue to the city, the city shall agree to rent a certain number of hydrants.

This provision originally was for seven years. Then it was renewed for twenty years and this is the clause that expires in 1912. Can the city, when making a new contract for the hydrant rental force in other provisions, such as duplicate mains, abolition of meter rental charges, etc? Unless it can, there will be no need for any revision of any kind. The city attorney believes it can be done. Officials of the company are skeptical and probably hope it can not.

May Be Repeated.

The city was able to secure additional consideration when it renewed its hydrant rental contract in 1892. And what has been done once probably may be repeated. In the year referred to, the city required that as additional consideration for the extension of the franchise and the privileges thereunder, the company should agree to put in enough additional pumping machinery to double the then capacity of the waterworks.

As the result of this provision the company now maintains two engines at its pumping station. It is seldom that both engines have been in use at the same time. But the city in 1892 proceeded upon the theory an accident might happen and one pump

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Peru Ar.	1.13p	2.13a	4.00a	4.42p	1.13p
Marion	1.25p	2.25a	4.00a	4.42p	1.25p
Muncie	2.01p	4.10a	7.50p	7.52p	2.01p
Richmond	4.20p	6.21a	9.22a	7.40p	4.20p
Grove	4.20p	6.21a	9.22a	8.13p	4.20p
Cincinnati	6.50p	7.20a			6.50p
	10.10p				

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STATIONS	1 Lv	2 Exs	3 D	4 D	5 Sum
Cincinnati	9.15a	10.05p			9.15a
Ct. Grove	9.55a	11.05p	9.55a		9.55a
Marion	11.05a	12.05p	7.00p	10.30a	11.05a
Muncie	12.55a	2.15p	9.00a	10.30a	12.55a
Peru Ar.	1.13p	2.13a	10.30p	1.13p	1.13p
Richmond	2.01p	4.10a	7.50p	7.52p	2.01p
Grove	4.20p	6.21a	9.22a	8.13p	4.20p
Cincinnati	6.50p	7.20a			6.50p
	10.10p				

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become disabled. In such an emergency, the city would have been with out pressure, so the extra pump was required.

What City Seeks.

Can a duplicate main be secured this time when the contract is renewed? This is one of the things the city seeks but it must seek it in connection with the renewal of the hydrant rental portion of the franchise. If it can not be done, the city may as well give up the fight before it has gone further. There is a difference of opinion on the subject and the settlement must either come in court or by amicable adjustment.

It becomes necessary to destroy the impression that seems to have become general among the citizens that the franchise of the company is expiring and a new one must be obtained. The franchise will be permitted to remain, in all probability, as it now stands and the only alteration come in connection with the hydrant rental contract.

Argument of Cates.

In discussing the subject with the board of public works recently, Edwin H. Cates, president of the company and a heavy stockholder, spoke several times of a new franchise. He suggested that the company prepare a new franchise and the city prepare another. The company's representatives are to meet with the city's and add to or eliminate until a satisfactory agreement is the result. It would be gained from Mr. Cates' remark he was under the impression an entirely new franchise had become necessary. It may be that in order to bring about a revision of the hydrant rental matter, the company will propose to surrender its present franchise and accept one entirely new in form, but slightly different from the old in details. If such a plan be undertaken the city will be compelled to worry with a far larger proposition than it appears on the face.

The fact the city has obtained concessions previously when the company sought to renew its contract portion of the franchise, perhaps may taken to augur something to the city's advantage in future dealings.

Dance, Bealview Park. Music by Renk's Orchestra. Tuesday night, August 3.

HAD DEMONSTRATION

London Women Enthusiastically Cheer Companions Freed From Jail.

PRESENTED WITH MONEY

(American News Service) London, July 31.—A great suffragette demonstration in honor of the leaders who were recently released from jail as a result of their hunger strike took place in Trafalgar square this afternoon. The women who were freed led a long procession waving flags to the square, and there addressed a crowd describing their prison experiences, while thousands cheered. Lady Cook, formerly Tennessee Clafin, entertained the ex-prisoners at breakfast and gave them \$500 for the Woman's Freedom League.

SILENCE IS BROKEN

After Six Months Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Taylor Announce Their Marriage.

ILLNESS CAUSED DELAY

After a silence of six months during which time not even their most intimate friends knew of their marriage, the event was announced last evening by Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Taylor of this city. The marriage took place last February in Kentucky. In a communication to this office, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor state that they remained silent owing to the serious illness of Mrs. Taylor, who was before her marriage Miss May Hunt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Hunt. The bride is a graduate of the Richmond High school of the class of 1900. Both are well known in this city.

RURAL CARRIERS

GET INVITATIONS

They Plan to Attend State Meeting.

RALSTON ARRESTED

Invitations have been received by the local rural mail carriers to attend the annual convention of the Indiana Rural Mail Carriers' Association at New Castle Monday, September 6, which is Labor day. A very interesting program is being prepared and it is hoped by the arrangements committee to make this year's event one of the best ever held. The majority of the local carriers as well as those from all parts of the county will attend.

WILL ARRIVE TODAY

The first advance car of the Barnum and Bailey circus was scheduled to arrive in this city today. The advance car has just completed billings Springfield, Ohio, and vicinity. The bill posters will start out Monday and bill Richmond and vicinity.

A TRIP TO BUFFALO

William E. Toms Will Take a Long Journey on a Motorcycle.

PLANS TO MAKE FAST TIME

One of the longest trips to be taken by a local motorcyclist will begin today when William E. Toms leaves for Buffalo. Mr. Toms intends to make the entire trip both ways on his machine. Unless the condition of the roads interferes, he expects to make splendid time. Mr. Toms' machine had a narrow escape from destruction yesterday afternoon and it was only by persistent work at the repair shop it was put in condition for the trip. The machine was standing at the curb in front of the Waking shop on Main street, when an automobile was cranked up with the clutch open. The car leaped forward and struck the motorcycle. A horse and buggy were struck also, and horse, buggy, motorcycle and auto were entangled in a beautiful mixup. The cycle suffered the worst damage. The automobile was the new Ford of Clarence Mayhew.

Baseball Results

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Pittsburgh	64	25	.719
Chicago	57	30	.655
New York	51	35	.593
Cincinnati	45	44	.506
Philadelphia	40	48	.455
St. Louis	37	49	.430
Brooklyn	32	56	.364
Boston	25	64	.273

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Detroit	50	34	.633
Philadelphia	56	38	.596
Boston	54	43	.557
Cleveland	49	44	.527
Chicago	47	46	.505
New York	43	50	.462
St. Louis	40	52	.435
Washington	26	68	.277

RESULTS YESTERDAY.

	National League.		
First Game.—	R. H. E.		
Brooklyn	0		
Cincinnati	1		
Bell and Berger; Gasper and McLean.			

Second Game—

Cincinnati-Brooklyn, rain.

R. H. E.

New York	4	10	0
Pittsburgh	0	1	1
Wiltse and Meyers; Maddox and Gibson.			
Philadelphia	0	6	1
Chicago	1	7	0
Corridon and Doolin; Ruelbach and Archer.			

R. H. E.

Boston	2	7	1

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