

Portland, Oregon, Sept. 19th 1888.

To the Honorable the Mayor  
and Common Council of the City of Portland:

Gentlemen:

The undersigned proposes to establish in your city an electric light plant operating the well known "Brush System".

This plant will be competent to supply street lights superior in quality and of much greater illuminating power than <sup>those</sup> now in use here, and at a less cost. Time is required to make the necessary arrangements in order to be in readiness to furnish the city with light at the expiration of the present contract.

Your Honorable body is therefore respectfully petitioned to submit the matter of public lighting for bids at the earliest date possible. This will insure healthy competition among bidders, as it will afford ample time for the erection and completion of efficient electric works.

And your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray etc.

California Electric Light Company,

By

*Chat. R. Lloyd*  
Agent.

Petition  
of  
California Electric  
Light Co

Sept 19<sup>th</sup> 1888

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Filed Sept 19<sup>th</sup> 1888.

D. H. Wood  
Auditor

Portland, Nov 7<sup>th</sup> 1888.

To the Hon. Mayor and Common Council  
of the City of Portland.

Gentlemen.

Your Committee

to whom was

on Ways <sup>and</sup> Means  
referred the annexed Petition of California  
Electric Light Company by Chas. R. Lloyd  
agent. praying that Public Lighting be submitted  
for bids at the earliest date possible,  
beg respectfully to report that we have given the subject matter thereof  
due consideration and respectfully recommend to your Hon. Body that

that we have conferred with Mr Lloyd with the object of obtaining information, as to the benefits <sup>to the city</sup> to be derived by granting said Petition, and also as to what said Company would be able to propose, - but have learned nothing definite;

We therefore recommend that said petition be placed on file and that the further consideration thereof be indefinitely postponed.

(2) In connection with this matter, we respectfully report that we have received a proposition from the Electric Lighting and Power Company for an increase of Arc Light service, which is as follows;

Said Company offer to erect 60 additional Electric Arc Lights of 2000. Candle power, at such places on Front, Second Fourth Fifth and Sixth Streets as the Council may designate, within 30 days from the acceptance of the proposition, the price per month for each to be \$15.00

together with those already erected  
and now in use to be \$15<sup>00</sup>  
Each

This appears to be a  
reasonable proposition and  
in the opinion of your Committee  
it will be greatly to the advantage  
of the city to have additional  
arc lights on the streets named  
Many property owners and business  
houses on said streets having  
within the past year petitioned  
for such lights, and urged  
their erection as necessary

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To the Hon. Mayor and Common Council  
of the City of Portland.

Gentlemen: }

Your Committee

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beg respectfully to report that we have given the subject matter thereof  
due consideration and respectfully recommend to your Hon. Body that

Respectfully submitted,  
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W Showers

Committee on *Paup & Means*

REPORT

—OF THE—

COMMITTEE

*Raymond Mears*

—ON—

*Patton Caldarini  
Electric Light Co*

Filed *Nov 27* 188*8*

Auditor and Clerk.

*Morgan*

J. H. SCHWAB & BRO., 5 WASHINGTON ST.

*Part reading to Station  
accepted - Remanded  
Refer back to Court*

Portland, Nov 20 1888

To the Hon. Mayor and Common Council  
of the City of Portland.

Gentlemen:

Your Committee

to whom was

on Ways and Means

(3) referred the annexed Report of your Committee  
in regard to an informal proposition  
of the U.S. Electric Lighting & Power Co.,  
beg respectfully to report that we have given the subject matter thereof  
due consideration and respectfully recommend to your Hon. Body that  
and submit herewith a formal  
proposition embodying the  
same matter, received from  
the Millamite Falls Electric  
Co. successors to said U.S. Electric  
Lighting and Power Co.

Your Committee is of the opinion  
that the proposition is a reasonable  
one, and that additional  
arc lights are necessary, and  
we herewith submit an ordinance  
providing for <sup>new</sup> a contract with  
said Company for such additional  
~~arc lights~~.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Farnell  
Richard Gerdes  
W. Howers

Committee on Ways & Means

REPORT

—OF THE—

COMMITTEE

—ON—  
Ways & Means

—ON—  
Proposition for  
Electric Lighting

Filed Nov 20<sup>th</sup> 1888  
H. Wood  
Auditor and Clerk.

I. H. SCHWAB & BRO., 5 WASHINGTON ST.

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1 To The Honorable the Mayor and  
2 ~~The Committee on Ways and Means of the~~  
3 Common Council of the City of Portland, Oregon.  
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6 The undersigned the Willamette Falls Electric Co.  
7 respectfully represents and shows:

8 That it is a corporation incorporated and organized under  
9 the laws of the State of Oregon and having its principal  
10 office at the City of Portland.

11 That it is the lawful assignee of The United States  
12 Electric Lighting and Power Co. of Portland, Oregon of its  
13 contract with the City of Portland entered into on the 29<sup>th</sup>  
14 day of April, 1887 under the provisions of Ordinance No.  
15 5065, approved by the Mayor, April 25, 1887, and under  
16 Ordinance No 5127 and the expenses made thereunder

17 That there are now in use 31 arc lamps on First,  
18 North First, Third and North Third streets and 706 incan-  
19 descent lamps elsewhere for City street lighting.

20 That your orator proposes to add 60 arc lamps to be  
21 placed on Front, North Front, Second North Second, Fourth, North  
22 Fourth, Fifth, North Fifth, Sixth and North Sixth streets;  
23 12 arc lamps to each of said streets between Market and  
24 G streets in addition to the 31 arc lamps now in use. That  
25 in addition it will furnish 600 incandescent lamps for  
26 street lighting, and it will cancel its present contract with  
27 the City

28 That the additional compensation from the City will be  
29 \$550.00 a month making the total charge per month \$2703.70

1 instead of \$2153.<sup>70</sup> at present.

2 That it will furnish all additional arc lamps (not  
3 more than a quarter of a mile from any other arc light  
4 used for City lighting) for \$15.<sup>00</sup> a month for each lamp.

5 That it will furnish all additional incandescent lamps  
6 (not more than two blocks from any other incandescent  
7 lamp used for City street lighting) for \$2.<sup>25</sup> per month for  
8 each lamp.

9 All of said arc as well as incandescent lamps to be  
10 of same capacity as now in use for City street lighting and  
11 to be lighted every night from twilight at night to twilight of  
12 the morning following.

13 Said new contract to be for a period of two years.

14 Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November 1888

15 Willacette Falls Electric Co

16 By P. F. Morey

17 Manager  
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Portland, Dec 4, 1888.

To the Hon. Mayor and Common Council  
of the City of Portland.

Gentlemen:

Your Committee

on Ways & Means to whom was

referred the annexed Ordinance granting the  
right to erect and maintain poles and stretch  
wires thereon, and other conduits & apparatus  
for the purpose of transmitting electricity;  
and repealing certain Ordinances

beg respectfully to report that we have given the subject matter thereof  
due consideration and respectfully recommend to your Hon. Body that

it appearing that the Ordinance  
required amendment in many  
particulars we respectfully  
recommend that the further con-  
sideration of the same be indefinitely  
postponed. And we submit  
herewith a new Ordinance  
granting such franchise and  
recommend that the same  
be passed in lieu of such  
original Ordinance

Respectfully submitted,

S. Farnell

Richard Gerdes,  
W. H. Showers

Committee on Ways & Means.

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REPORT

—OF THE—

COMMITTEE

—ON—  
*Hay & Means*

—ON—

*Advance granted  
March to  
William Falls  
Electric Co.*

Filed *Dec 5<sup>th</sup>* 188*8*  
*W. Wood*  
Auditor and Clerk.

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T. H. SCHWAB & BRO., 5 WASHINGTON ST.

*Dec 5<sup>th</sup> 88*  
*Adopted*

# The Oregon National Bank

OF PORTLAND.

VAN B. DE LASHMUTT, - President  
 GEO. B. MARKLE, Jr., - Vice-President  
 D. F. SHERMAN, - Cashier

Portland Or. Dec. 8th, 1888.

To the Hon. Common Council  
 of the City of Portland,

Gentlemen:-

I have the honor to return to you the ordinance granting to the Willamette Falls Electric Company the right to erect and maintain poles, and stretch wires thereon, and other conduits and apparatus for the purpose of transmitting electricity, etc., without my approval.

Section 1 grants to said Company the right to locate, erect, place, use, operate and maintain in, under, upon and over the streets, alleys, public parks and public grounds of and within the City of Portland, poles, wires and underground conduits, for conducting, conveying and transmitting electricity, for the purpose of lighting, power, and such other purposes as electricity is now or may be hereafter used." Section 2 provides that "the rights and privileges hereby granted are subject to reasonable regulation by the Common Council, but not so as to interfere with or prevent the said Willamette Falls Electric Company, its successors, and assigns, from carrying on the business of furnishing electricity for the purpose of illumination and power and for such other purposes as electricity is now or may be hereafter used."

How do we know for what purposes electricity may be hereafter

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used? and might it not become advisable at some future time to require that all wires should be located under-ground? Section 2. of a similar ordinance, granted to George W. Weidler and others, being ordinance No. 3538, granted similar rights over the streets of the city of Portland, with the additional safe-guard that the rights and privileges granted should be subject to modifications, limitation and change by the Common Council, when-ever in their judgment the public interests require it," which, it occurs to me, is a wise precaution and should not be omitted in the ordinance under consideration. The erection of poles and stringing of wires and the general construction of the plant should, in my judgment, be under the supervision of some properly constituted city authority, such as the Street Committee or Superintendent of streets, which is not the case in this ordinance. I can hardly believe that your honourable body intended to grant perpetual rights which would place the Company completely beyond the control and

(over)

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regulation of the Common Council, which will be the case if this ordinance becomes a law.

I therefore return the ordinance without my approval, ~~and request your honorable body to~~  
~~retain the same.~~

I have the honor to be,

*Van B. De Lashmutt*  
Mayor

# Ordinance No.

An Ordinance granting the right to erect and maintain poles and stretch wires thereon, and other conduits and apparatus for the purpose of transmitting electricity, and repealing certain ordinances.

The City of Portland does ordain as follows:

Section 1. That there be and is hereby granted unto the Willamette Falls Electric Company (a corporation incorporated and organized under the laws of the State of Oregon and having its principal office at the City of Portland, Oregon) and unto its successors and assigns the right, privilege and authority and it and they are hereby authorized and allowed to locate, erect, place, operate, maintain and use in, upon and over, <sup>& under</sup> the streets, alleys, public parks and public grounds of and within the City of Portland, poles and wires and other conduits for conducting, conveying and transmitting electricity for the purposes of lighting, power and such other purposes as electricity is now or may be hereafter used.

Section 2. Said Willamette Falls Electric Company, its successors and assigns shall have the right,

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privilege and authority to erect poles and thereon to fasten wires and to stretch wires through, over, in and upon said streets, alleys, public parks and public grounds but so as not to interfere with the free and unobstructed use of the streets for travel and shall erect the poles at reasonable points in the streets and on the sidewalks and place the wires at reasonable heights. The right and privilege hereby granted is subject to reasonable <sup>Regulations</sup> ~~modifications~~, ~~limitations~~ and changes by the Common Council but not so as to interfere with or prevent the said Willamette Falls Electric Company its successors and assigns from carrying on the business of furnishing electricity for the purposes of illumination and power and for such other purposes as electricity is now or may be hereafter used.

Keep power in council to regulate

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**Section 3.** Whenever it shall become necessary in the erection, removal or repair of such poles and wires for said Company its successors and assigns to dig into or in any way or in any manner interfere with any public street or any part thereof it and they shall without delay put the street in as good condition as it was before it was so broken up, dug up or disturbed, and shall remove all surplus sand

earth, rubbish or other material.

**Section 4.** It shall be unlawful for any person or persons unless authorized by said Willamette Falls Electric Company its successors or assigns to interfere with, meddle with, injure, impair or remove any of said poles, wires or any cross-arm, lamp or other apparatus used in connection with or connected with said poles or wires, or any other conduit of electricity used by said Company, its successors or assigns.

~~State~~ except Council

**Section 5.** Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of Section 4 of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction before the Police Judge be fined not less than twenty dollars nor more than one hundred dollars or be imprisoned in the City jail not more than twenty days at the discretion of the Police Judge.

terminate in  
30 years

**Section 6.** Ordinance No. 4039 entitled "An Ordinance granting the right of way through the streets of the City to erect poles and stretch wires for electric light purposes"; approved November 24, 1883, and Ordinance No. 4291 entitled "An Ordinance granting the right to erect poles and stretch wires thereon for electric light purposes"; approved, July 3, 1884 and also all other ordinances giving or granting privileges, rights and franchises to any person, persons, corporation or

corporations to erect poles and stretch wires in, over or upon the streets of the City to be used for or in connection with electric lighting that are not now owned by persons or corporations now actually engaged in the City of Portland in furnishing electric lights are hereby repealed and such rights, privileges and franchises, except as above provided, are hereby declared terminated and hereby made null and void.

Ordinance No.

Consolidation  
of laws

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