

WHAT CONSTITUTES A CABLE CAR.

A Question Which May Be Raised in the Dispute Over Licenses.

A matter that may finally come up for settlement regarding the street car licenses is, what constitutes a car. As is well known, all of the cable roads except the Grand avenue operate two cars together, a grip and a trailer. The Grand avenue company runs cars seating nearly as many persons as can be accommodated by the customary two cars of the other roads, but their grip and trailer are all in one piece. The latter company pays a \$25 a year license on each of its double cars, but the other companies are required to pay for both the grip and closed car. Auditor W. E. Satterlee of the Kansas City Cable company, which has been having a little spat with Comptroller Holmes about licenses, thinks the city is injustice in this, and may bring the question to a final decision before it is allowed to rest. Another point where Mr. Satterlee thinks the city is giving the street railways the worst of it is that they are required to pave and keep in repair parts of the public streets over which they pass, and also to pay a license for it. Hucksters and all other wagons that wear out the streets must pay a license for the privilege, but the city keeps the public highways in repair.