

SEEKING A FRANCHISE.

The Interstate Telephone Company Asking Favors of Kansas City, Kas.

The Interstate Telephone company's franchise ordinance was reported to the Kansas City, Kas., council last night by the franchise committee with a recommendation that it be passed. October 3 was fixed as the date for its final consideration. The Interstate company is a local corporation and is supposed to be a branch of the Harrison International Telephone company, which was organized in Chicago several months ago with a capital stock of 80 millions. It proposes, if the franchise shall be granted, to construct and maintain a complete telephone system in Kansas City, Kas., finally, it is understood, extending its operations to this city.

The Harrison company owns numerous telephone patents, and the local managers of the Interstate company say that they will very likely use the Harrison system and that their enterprise will be backed by that company.

In the ordinance reported the company asks the privilege of using either poles or conduits, or both, on or under all the streets of Kansas City, Kas., and to maintain a telephone system for a period of twenty years.

The maximum rate fixed by the ordinance for business purposes is \$50 per year and for residences \$30. The company also permits the city to use free its poles for a fire alarm system, and it further agrees to furnish telephones for the city offices free.