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JITNEY FIGHT AT PORTLAND: 52 ARRAIGNED

ENTIRE POLICE FORCE PUT TO
USE IN DRIVING 300 JITNEYS
OFF STREET.

FIGHT TO VERY HIGHEST
COURT BY MEN PROMISED

Jitneys Contend City Cannot Revoke
Present Licenses Which Are Good
Until January Nor Arbitrarily Sub-
stitute Franchise System—Hearing
of Arrested Heard Later.

Portland, Nov. 16.—(United Press)—Fifty-two jitneys have been arrested on a charge of operating without a franchise. They were arraigned before Police Judge Languth but were released on their own recognizance to be examined later.

The members of the Jitney Drivers' fraternity promise to carry their fight to the highest court. The police drove 300 jitneys off the street. The entire police force and 50 deputies participated.

Drivers contend the city cannot cancel the present licenses which they claim are good until January first, and cannot arbitrarily substitute a franchise system.

ELKS SHOW A REAL HUMMER

"Days of '49" Begin With Auspicious
Evening—Play Fire Water and
Bogus Stakes Play Important Part
in Amusement.

Great gobs of money—bogus of course—and barrels of fire liquid, in reality punch and cider, played the principal roles at the opening of the Elks' Days of '49 last evening. The show runs four nights. The patron, and by the way, the public is cordially invited, transfers real money into bogus money at the outset and if he accumulates enough of the bogus kind he will be rewarded liberally the last night. To gain this bogus money, then, becomes a potent business of all.

A unique feature prevails in the jitney dances. It costs 10 cents to dance but the house only gets five—the other half goes to the lady, who then gambles with the jitneys to her heart's content and herself accumulate considerable paper in this way.

The crowd was a whooper the first night and stayed until midnight and the stunts that are put on all attract much notice.

Divorce Proceedings Heard.

In the case of Phoebe Rice against Rowly N. Rice, a suit for divorce, the defendant defaulted and a divorce was granted.

3000 Tags To Be Used.

In an effort to get hundreds into La Grande's churches next Sunday which is a local Go-to-Church day, 3000 tags, to be distributed and placed by church workers, have been printed and will be taken out Saturday. They cost nothing but to wear one is a promise of attending church next Sunday.

If You Don't Get Your Paper, Phone Main 13

The Observer is anxious that all its subscribers receive their papers on the day of publication. If you do not receive your paper any evening phone to The Observer, Main 13, before 7:30 p. m. and a copy will be sent you by special messenger.

Christian Science to be Explained Tonight

Tacoma Man to Deliver Lecture—
Finds Local Prejudice Everywhere
Is Rapidly Disappearing.

Local prejudice, based on misunderstanding of the teachings, which once was a problem before the Christian Science teachers everywhere, is rapidly disappearing and as a consequence membership in the Christian Science church is rapidly swelling, declares Clarence C. Eaton C. S. B., of Tacoma, who is here to deliver a free lecture tonight at the Zuber hall. It is expected that the large membership here and those interested will be out in big numbers tonight to hear him.

"We seek no financial support and we solicit no new members," explains Mr. Eaton. "Our mission is to explain away the mysteries that the uninitiated have placed about us and point to the simplicity of the teachings. We find that the public is enlightening itself about Christian Science, and the local prejudice, previously so marked, is rapidly disappearing."

AGED LADY INJURED

Mrs. Emaline Leighton, an aged lady, mother of Bob Leighton was run down near the Presbyterian Manse at 3:30 this afternoon and seriously hurt. Her left arm was broken but whether or not other injuries developed could not be ascertained in the hasty examination possible by physicians present before she was rushed to the hospital. Her son was one of the first to reach her as she lay in pain on the Manse lawn.

Mrs. B. B. Nutter at the steering wheel of the Nutter car, was rounding into Washington street from Fir, and seeing a motorcycle approaching, attempted to dodge, and probably lost control of her machine bystanders say. The car plunged across the sidewalk and stopped on striking a tree in the Manse lawn. Mrs. Leighton, a gray-haired woman, was struck by the plunger.

Mrs. Nutter was injured about the body by the sudden stop of the car. She collapsed on the scene and became hysterical but after she regained her composure somewhat Mrs. Nutter said she has but a vague recollection of seeing Mrs. Leighton in front of her and feeling the sensation of striking the pedestrian.

OFFICIAL COUNT CONTINUES

Some Precincts Show Gains, Others
Loss for Democrats

San Francisco, Nov. 16.—(United Press)—Official returns with six counties missing show Wilson is 10,000 ahead.

St. Paul, Nov. 16.—(United Press)—Official returns in Quiparle county are boosting Hughes' lead to 302.

Albuquerque, Nov. 16.—(United Press)—Official returns in three counties have cut Wilson's plurality 137 votes. Wilson's lead is now 2039.

Capitalist Union Not Feared.

Baltimore, Nov. 16.—(United Press)—News that capitalists have formed a national industrial conference board excited the American Federation of Labor in convention here. President Gompers said: "It would be unwise to comment now."

He instructed his secretaries to obtain additional information.

"The movement will result as others have—it will add thousands to the ranks of organized labor," is the way one official explains it.

SPENCE WORTMAN PROMOTED

Deputy State Sealer of Weights Post
Held by Buchtel, Filled

Salem, Nov. 6.—(United Press)—Spence Wortman, of Portland, has been appointed deputy state sealer of weights and measures, succeeding Fred G. Buchtel, effective January 1st. Buchtel then becomes public service commissioner.

WARDEN CANDIDATES MANY

Governor Said to Favor Cullison, of
Portland, For the Post

Salem, Nov. 16.—(United Press)—Jack Cullison of Portland, C. Burns, Deputy Warden Sherwood, and Jack Day of Portland, are leading candidates to succeed Warden Minto, forced to resign the chiefship of the Oregon penitentiary. Governor Withycombe favors Cullison, it is said.

WHEAT BRINGS \$1.70.

Portland, Nov. 16.—(United Press)—Five thousand bushels of January Bluestem wheat sold at \$1.70 today, setting a new high record.

SUBMARINE REPORTED OFF THE PACIFIC COAST SHORE

Japanese Vessel Reaches Seattle, Lights Dimmed, Think Boat was Assembled on Island

Seattle, Nov. 16.—(United Press)—The Canadian Government has issued a warning that a submarine lies off the Pacific Coast. A Japanese liner, the Inaba Maru has arrived, all lights extinguished, and running inside the three mile limit from the Oregon coast. K. Mizutani, Director of the Yamoto steamship company, said the submarine was possibly shipped to the coast in sections, and assembled at some remote island.

GIFT OF BOOZE INSUFFICIENT

Circuit Judge Holds Alleged Acts of
Frank Turnbow No Crime

Late yesterday afternoon in the circuit court, Judge J. W. Knowles instructed a jury to find Frank Turnbow not guilty of the charge placed against him by the state under the prohibition law, and for which he was on trial. It was claimed by the prosecution that the alleged act of Turnbow, in handing to William Hesse a bottle containing alcohol for the purpose of allowing Hesse to drink some of the alcohol in the bottle as a beverage, without any price being paid therefor, constituted a sale under the prohibition law, which makes unlawful furnishing or giving away intoxicating liquors for the purpose of evading the prohibition law. The state did not pretend that any money was paid Turnbow or agreed to be paid to him but the entire transaction happened on the night of Saturday, October 14, 1916, after a number of young men fell in together on the way to a dance hall and was claimed to have taken place before any of them purchased tickets or entered the hall. It was contended by Turnbow's attorney that the claims of the state constituted no offense and that the prohibition law undertakes merely to prohibit illegal traffic through outright sale of intoxicating liquor or its sale with some other article as a subterfuge. The contention of the defense was upheld by Judge Knowles, who then directed the jury to bring in a verdict of not guilty.

This case ended the trials of the present sitting and the jurors were excused until further call.

Statutory Case Tried.

Harvey Perry was last night bound over to the grand jury by Justice of the Peace Williams after a hearing on a statutory charge. The woman in the case is a married woman, whose husband is now here. She was placed under arrest at Enterprise yesterday and Constable Faulk went this morning to bring her back to La Grande.

Revivals Continue to Grow.

The special services at the Methodist church held every afternoon and evening are gaining in interest. Dr. Danford is delivering strong addresses every afternoon on Scriptural doctrines, and many are availing themselves of the opportunity to hear them. There will be services every day and night this week. A cordial invitation is extended to the public.

COAL FAMINE FEARED BY FUEL DEALERS OF EASTERN OREGON

Coal famine is menacing La Grande. A total of five cars is reported en route but they haven't come and several dealers are completely out while others have some on hand. One dealer anticipates serious trouble all winter on account of the car situation, which is more acute east than here. The O-W is reported to be able to handle its shipments here in a fairly satisfactory manner but shipments originating east destined to La Grande feel the crimp hard. It is not at all certain when fuel dealers will be able to fill orders, yet all hope that promised coal will soon arrive. In the face of the shortage of transportation facilities, difficulty of a more or less serious nature all winter threaten Eastern Oregon towns.

Fuel Famine Feared

Baker, Nov. 16.—(Special)—The city is in danger of a fuel famine.

Fuel Shortage in Pendleton.

Pendleton, Nov. 16.—(Special)—Pendleton is threatened with a fuel shortage.

CITY'S BUDGET ORDINANCE IS PASSED ON A 15-MILL BASIS

La Grande's tax levy is 15 mills for the coming year, as was predicted by the Observer last evening. The city commission last evening passed the budget ordinance which carries an outlay for septic tank repairs and for the city's share of the new viaduct.	supplies,	400.00
The Commission estimates the revenue to be derived from all sources for carrying on the municipal government for and during the fiscal year from January 1st 1917 to December 31st 1917 to be as follows:	Street Dept., salary, labor and teams,	5,100.00
Water Rents estimated,	Street Dept., material and supplies,	1,900.00
Special Interest, taxes,	Septic Tank and Sewer Acct.,	7,000.00
B. C. P. L. Sinking fund,	Lighting Acct.,	1,200.00
General Fund, taxes,	Engineering Acct.,	1,500.00
Street Appropriations, taxes,	Viaduct Acct.,	2,900.00
Licenses estimated,	Fire Dept., salaries,	1,000.00
Engineer's Percentage,	Fire Dept., supplies,	600.00
Fines,	Volunteers, Acct.,	300.00
Miscellaneous Receipts,	Health Dept., salaries and supplies,	3,000.00
Park Appropriations, taxes,	Police Dept., salaries and supplies,	3,000.00
Library Appropriations, taxes,	Police Dept., supplies,	4,400.00
Tax for Redemption, General & Imp. No 27 warrants, taxes,	Salaries, Officials,	250.00
Septic Tank and Sewer Appropriations, taxes,	Supplies for Officials,	350.00
Estimated Expenditures 1917.	Officers bonds and insurance	
Water Dept., salary, material and labor,	Interest on Sewer and City Hall bonds,	3,750.00
Water Dept., interest on bonds,	Interest on City Warrants,	4,000.00
City Recorder, salary and supplies,	Interest on Imp. and General Fund Warrants,	500.00
City Treasurer, salary and	Advertising Acct.,	500.00
	Miscellaneous Expense,	500.00
	B. C. P. L. Sinking fund out of water,	8,000.00
	Election Expenses,	200.00
	Fuel Acct.,	300.00
	City Building Acct.,	600.00
	Redemption, Gen. and Imp. Warrants No. 27,	1,600.00
	Park Acct.,	1,800.00
	Library Acct.,	2,500.00
		\$80,700.00

Rector Contends all Should Attend Church

Go-To-Church Sunday Brings Forth
Discussion of Real Purposes of
Church Going—First of All a Duty.

La Grande, Ore., Nov. 16.—(To the Editor) As a special effort is to be made this week to increase the congregations on Sunday, I beg to say something concerning the purpose of public or corporate worship, in your columns.

Public worship is a duty, privilege and benefit. It arises from the relation between God and man. Its obligation is instinctively sensed by mankind, as wherever there is a belief in God, no matter how crude, this is manifested by act of public worship.

I. Public worship is first of all a duty. To hear Dr. So and So preach, is usually given as the reason for going to church, but this is only a secondary one. If Dr. So and So. proves disappointing, being dull, prosy and soporific in his discourse, it would be excusable to remain away, if there were not a more fundamental and essential reason.

Worship implies offering to God, that which is His due or homage.

The book of Common Prayer explains this as follows:

a. To render thanks for the great benefits we have received at His hands.

b. To set forth His most worthy praise.

c. To hear His most Holy Word. We are dependent absolutely on God for all things. This may seem a commonplace, but is none the less true. A belief in God confirms that "Every good and every perfect gift cometh down from above." The first part of public worship then, is to offer thanks to God, for mercies past and present, to declare our acknowledgements to Him.

Having rendered our thanks and acknowledgements, we naturally proceed to praise Him, for praise is an integral part of worship. This is expressed in the opening verse of the great Christian Anthem of Praise, "We Praise Thee, O God, we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord." Thus by thanks and praise having paid homage to God, we complete our worship by an act of fealty and recognition of His authority, we hear His most Holy Word, which sets forth His will for us. The sanction for Dr. So and So's discourse in public worship, lies in it being based on God's Word.

The above constitutes the three great elements of public worship, which admit of a variety of manifestations, but one underlying root principle, that of sacrifice, the complete submission of ourselves to God. Nor is it sufficient to render them in private and alone, for no one is an independent unit. We are each members one of one another, as we enjoy common blessings, common privileges and common duties, so common thanks, common praise and common worship are due.

II. But public worship is also a privilege. It is one of the distinguishing marks of a rational being. The opening words of the ancient Jewish service, "The Lord is His Holy Temple," are true today. Although the Divine Presence may not be visibly manifested, yet it is felt in the heart of the sincere worshiper. And if we would consider it an honor to meet the president of our country, or a royal personage, how much more of an honor is it to meet God and come into His presence. And if to ignore an invitation to meet the president be a rank discourtesy, what about ignoring an opportunity to meet God?

III. But God always returns a gift in increased measure. If He demands our tithes and offerings, He promises to pour out on us an overwhelming blessing. So public worship involves a benefit. After having rendered God His due, we may ask for those things that are requisite and necessary as well for the body as the soul. The worshiper departs enriched, purified, strengthened and refreshed in every way. A detective in San Francisco said, that Sunday worship was an absolute necessity for him, to sterilize the germs of crime, he encountered during the week. A prominent financier in New York, always attended

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Cove Home Burned and Contents Lost

Cove, Ore. Nov. 16.—(Special)—The Edwin Van Vlack residence about a half mile from Cove was burned last night. Nothing was saved except some bedding. The origin of the fire is not known.

STREET LIGHT CONTRACT LET ON 5-YR. PLAN

SAVING OVER OLD CONTRACT IS
\$96 PER MONTH WITH MORE
SMALL LAMPS.

TOTAL COST EMBRACES
75 ACRES; OTHERS SMALL

Some Opposition to Five-Year Term
Develops But Ordinance Is Passed
With Two Votes For It—Many
Multiple Incandescent Lights Pro-
vided by Change.

After hanging fire for several months the contract with the Eastern Oregon Light & Power company for street lighting has been renewed and on a five-year basis. The ordinance calling for the following distribution and prices was passed with two commissioners for and one against:

Seventy five, four-ampere luminous vapor arc lamps, all night service, at \$5.50 per lamp per month.

Thirty-one 250-candle power incandescent lamps all night service at \$3.00 per lamp per month.

Two multiple 80-candle power incandescent lamps all night service for \$1.50 per month.

Fourteen multiple 80-candle power incandescent lamps all night service, for \$1.50 per lamp per month.

Thirty-two 80-candle power incandescent lamps installed as cluster service from dusk until 1 o'clock a. m. for \$1.00 per lamp per month.

Briefly the new contract provides for less arc lights than last year but more of the small lights and at a saving of \$96 per month. Most of this saving is gathered in removal of the two lights from the three-cluster street lights.

Some opposition developed at the meeting to a five-year contract, but Commissioner Haworth was alone in his objection and the contract ordinance passed with the votes of Palmer and McKennon.

ANCORE TUSSLE NOT ABATED

Every Weapon of Warfare Used by
Germans At One Point and They
Make Gains by Them—Teutons Fall
Back at Monastir.

Paris, Nov. 16.—(United Press)—Franco-Russian forces have defeated Germans and are arriving within four miles of Monastir. Germans are steadily forced backward throughout Macedonia.

London, Nov. 16.—(United Press)—General Haig has reported considerable shelling at Ancore. The battle is raging on a 60-mile front. British are still smashing forward northward. German counters forced a slight French retreat on the southern flank. Germans attacked a junction of allied armies, using all calibre guns, grenades, aeroplane bombs, machine guns, poison gas, shells, rifle and bayonet. The gains were insignificant compared with tremendous losses.

Berlin, Nov. 16.—(United Press)—Germans stormed and recaptured the eastern portion of Sailliz village, a statement today says, and continues: "Hand to hand grenade combats resulted. Our fire halted stronger attacks against Grandecourt. There is bloody fighting between Sailliz houses. Hanovrian fusiliers stormed French trenches north of St. Pierre woods and brought back eight officers, 324 men and five machine guns."

Kirtley Lecture Tomorrow Night.

Dr. Kirtley, noted Chicago lecturer appears at the high school auditorium tomorrow night as a lyceum attraction. He will be a number worth while—on that score the public may rest assured.

Weather Forecast.

Fair tonight; slight temperature changes; east winds.