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## MT. SCOTT OWL CAR TRAFFIC IS GROWING-FAST

Mayor Baker's "Go Home Before Midnight" Edict to Citizens Has the Opposite Effect.

Were you ever awakened from a sound slumber about two or three a. m. by the Owl car as it scuttled along in the dark of the night?

And as you rubbed your eyes and turned over, did you wonder sleepily, "why is an Owl car, anyway?"

Then, as you gradually lapsed into dreamland, did you picture to yourself two cars coupled as one, devoid of passengers, swaying along on a wobbly track, with the motorman perhaps smoking a pipe, and the conductor inside lounging in comfort reading the morning paper, or possibly the latest edition of the Mt. Scott Herald?

Well, if such is your idea of the Owl car, your opinion needs revising, quite considerably so.

The picture in your mind's eye is badly distorted. It is absolutely wrong in all respects.

For, in the first place, the Owl car is one car—not two. Of course, if you are familiar with the roadbed, it would seem impossible that one car, without another to steady its course, could make the trip and hold to the track. But the Owl car gets here just the same, and the next paragraph, if you are a railroader, will let you in on the secret of the car's success in keeping out of the deep mud. So, if you are interested, read on.

The car isn't empty, as you supposed, and the motorman doesn't smoke—he hasn't time. He's busy defending himself from being crushed against the vestibule wall by a surging crowd, which has not only filled all available space but has overflowed onto the platform and out on the steps. He stands firmly braced with his back to the mob, gratingly holding his position against great odds.

'Tis the weight of the load, my friend, and skillful manipulation by an experienced crew, that keeps the car on the track.

The last double-car train on the Mt. Scott line leaves Second and Alder, except Saturday nights, at 12:30 a. m. Then comes a lapse of one hour and five minutes when there is nothing doing in the way of transportation. But perhaps you will say, "according to Mayor Baker's published commands, all good citizens are to be at home and in bed by midnight, and no more cars are needed."

That sounds all right, but you're wrong again.

Things work by opposite sometimes and this is one instance where it is true. On the very night following the mayor's proclamation to the people, traffic in the late hours began to increase.

According to carmen who work late shifts on nearly all lines more people stay out after midnight now than before. The recent election indicated that Mr. Baker stood pretty well with Portlanders, too.

On election night, after loading fully 150 people the Mt. Scott Owl left 50 or 60 persons standing in the street at the starting point down town, who were compelled to hire taxis, go to a hotel or wait another hour for another car. The nightly load of this 1:35 a. m. car now is averaging from sixty to more than one hundred, and the seating capacity is only thirty-two! Even standing room isn't comfortable any more.

It would seem that Mayor Baker will have to rescind his "early home, early to bed" order, or the P. R. L. & P. Co. will have to run double service all night on the Mt. Scott line.

## MORTUARY

Marie Schlegel died at her home in Sunnyside, Clackamas county, Oregon, December 3, 1920, at the age of 61 years. She had lived for 32 years in that place and was loved by all of the locality. She was born in Calumet county, Wisconsin. She leaves to mourn her death her husband, Joseph Schlegel, and two daughters and two sons: Sam, Henry, Jane Schlegel, all of Sunnyside, and Mrs. Dan Rush of Lents, one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Smith of Starbuck, Wash., and four brothers, John and Sam of Sycamore, Oregon, and Nick Nelson of Milwaukie, Wisconsin, and three grandchildren, Martin, Marie and Josephine Rust of Lents. The funeral was held at St. Peter's church Monday, December 6, at 9:30 and she was laid to rest in the Sunnyside cemetery.

## NEW AUTOMATIC PHONE SYSTEM IN OPERATION

Last Saturday night the new automatic telephone exchange in the Mt. Scott district was opened with initial equipment for handling 3800 subscribers. Only 1500 were transferred at this time, however, from the Tabor office because of shortage of outside cable facilities.

The new automatic telephones are of the same size, but lighter in weight than the present manual telephones. The new desk telephones have a small dial at the base of the instrument, and but for this dial subscribers would not realize a change has been made.

Mrs. Dodge of Forest Grove has been visiting her sister in Lents, Mrs. Inez Gullika.

## COUNTY ASKED TO ASSIST FESTIVAL

A grand march on the county commissioners for the purpose of having them include in their 1921 budget funds sufficient to finance the next Rose festival was organized last night, when the auxiliary of the association met in the green room of the chamber of commerce with the largest representation from the various clubs of the city ever recorded.

Ira L. Riggs, president, was in the chair. Many women were present. More than 100 delegates were in attendance and enthusiastically acted on several important features looking toward the success of the next celebration.

A committee of 55, including men and women from each of the clubs represented, was named by Mr. Riggs to visit the county commissioners at 9 o'clock next Wednesday morning to seek their co-operation to the extent of appropriating approximately \$31,000 with which the board of governors, to be elected Tuesday, December 28, will carry forward the next festival.

## OLDER BOYS' CONFERENCE

Plans for the Older Boys' Conference for the Willamette Valley are practically complete. The program will begin at four o'clock Friday afternoon, Dec. 10th and continue through Sunday evening, December 12th. The conference director, A. E. Yount, will use the first few minutes after the song service Friday afternoon to explain the nature of the conference and state "Why We Are Here." Following this there will be introductions of both delegations and leaders. A nominating committee will be appointed to bring in the names of fellows for permanent officers of the conference. There will be a leaders' meeting at 5:15.

The evening sessions will begin at 7:30; delegation meeting and assembly, 7:45. After election of officers and appointment of committees will follow an address by Mr. W. T. Fletcher, Principal James John High School, Portland. Saturday morning song and devotional period, after which there will be an address on "The Value of an Education," by Rev. E. W. Warrington of Roseburg. Following, conference period to consider "some things needed in the high schools." At eleven o'clock Mr. Henry Hart of the International Y. M. C. A., en route to India, will speak. With the exception of two short periods Saturday afternoon will be given over to recreation. At 6:15 banquet will be given for all boys and leaders of the conference in the First Methodist Church, given by the church people of Salem. Here the program will be varied, consisting of music, toasts, songs, yells and one or two brief addresses. Sunday morning delegates and leaders will attend church with host and hostess. On Sunday afternoon Rev. Warrington of Roseburg will address possibly the largest and best meeting of the conference on the subject: "Four Square." The closing session will be at 7:30, open to all people of the city. From reports which have come in to date, it seems probable that there will be 300 boys and leaders registered in this conference and should be one of the largest in the state this year.

## ELECTRIC BILLS NOT TO COME SO OFTEN

In order to do away with the inconvenience of having meter readers on the premises every 30 days, the Portland, Railway, Light & Power Co. has decided to bill its 30,000 odd residence lighting customers once every two months instead of every month as at present.

There will be no change in the present scheduled rates for lighting and customers will be entitled to the full 5 per cent discount for prompt payment of bills for the two-month period, provided the bills are paid before the date of delinquency.

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING

The Young People's meeting of the Evangelical church will be held next Sunday evening by Mrs. Blanche Hedin. Topic: "Wise Sayings That Have Helped Me." Come and worship with us. The regular business meeting will be held Tuesday evening, Dec. 14th, at the home of Father and Mother Scheuerman, 6223 83th street and 63rd avenue. As this is time for election of officers we urge each member to be present and bring your friends. Visitors always welcome. A social time will be had at the close of the business session. Cor. Secretary.

## BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Chrisman, 6703 53rd street, Nov. 21, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. S. Quick, 3103 53rd street, Nov. 16, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Lester A. Snyder, 7003 43rd St., Nov. 29, a daughter.

## DAILY MAIL

Except Sunday, at Lents station, arrives at 7:36 a. m., 12:50 p. m., and departs at 9:20 a. m., 12:30 and 5:30 p. m.

The Arleta Men's Club have changed the date of their meeting night in December from Tuesday, the 28th to New Year's Eve, Dec. 31st. The members of the club are to bring their wives or lady friends and all who care to come are invited. A varied program is being arranged.

## "Suppose the United States Had Public Markets in All Its Big Cities."

By CLARENCE W. BARRON, Veteran American Journalist.

Suppose the United States had public markets in all its big cities, as they have in Europe, where the farmer, the producer, the fisherman and the butcher daily bring goods and place them before the public, for the wholesaler, the retailer, or the consumer, if he is willing, to come early, buy for cash and take away his purchases. What a regulator we would have on the high cost of living in this country! But here our cities are getting so big and terminals and waterfronts so valuable that the small producer is being barred out.

Now I look forward to a great development from gasoline transportation both on land and sea, where the individual farmer or producer can by motor boat or by motor on the highways reach the consuming centers and sell his goods directly without paying middlemen or commissions or high tariffs or high taxes.

There should be not only public markets in every city and village, but there should be ways of easily getting to them. There should be public landing places on the waterfronts and public markets at the waterfronts.

## GREAT SUMS HANDLED BY CITY TREASURER PORTLAND HOMES LOOTED BY ROBBERS

The city has handled more money during the last fiscal year, ending November 30, than in any previous year, according to City Treasurer Adams.

The city received \$13,350,831.39 and paid out \$13,350,831.39. Bonds were sold for several million dollars and \$500,000 was borrowed to pay the city's debts before the tax revenue was paid into the treasury.

## ARLETA BAPTIST CHURCH

Cor. 64th St. and 48th Ave.  
REV. OWEN T. DAY, Pastor

Friday evening, December 10, the W. W. G. Girls will hold their pie social and entertainment in the new junior room of the church. Each lady is to bring a pie which will be auctioned off, the proceeds to go towards the girls' missionary box.

Sunday morning at 9:45 the church school convenes with C. S. Hessemer as superintendent. It is a graded school throughout with classes for persons of every age.

At 11 o'clock the pastor will preach, taking for his text, "Prayer: A Working Force."

At 6:15 Sunday evening the junior, intermediate and senior young people's societies meet in their rooms. The senior society will be led this week by Miss Eunice Hartman, the topic being: "Wise Sayings That Have Helped Me." The senior society will hold a get-acquainted meeting just preceding this service, beginning at 5 o'clock.

The evening service at 7:30 will be entirely in charge of the young ladies of the church. It is to be "Young Ladies' Night," with young lady ushers and special music by young ladies.

Monday evening the boy scouts meet in the church.

Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock the officers and workers of the Sunday School will hold their regular monthly meeting in the church. All who are interested in the methods and furthering of this work should attend. On Wednesday evening at the midweek service the subject to be discussed will be: "My Favorite Proverb." On account of Dr. Bittner giving his stereopticon lecture on Wednesday evening, Dec. 8th, it was decided to hold this subject over.

On Thursday evening our choir, under the leadership of the new director, Mr. McFall, will rehearse. All people who sing are invited to attend.

## THE ARLETA LIBRARY

is open every day from 2 p. m. until 9 p. m., except Sundays.

There are at present 10,000 idle men in Portland, 5,000 of whom are men of ample means who come to the city every winter with no intention of working while here, according to Chairman Bigelow of the committee appointed recently by Mayor Baker to check up on the situation.

The city council on Wednesday received the report of City Engineer Laugard for improving Powell Valley road from 42nd to 82nd street S. E., a distance of 40 blocks. Plans call for taking over the county road right of way, thereby making the purchase of any land unnecessary.

Mrs. Elizabeth Smith came from her home in Starbuck, Wash., to attend the funeral of her sister, Mrs. Marie Schlegel.

George Pirie holds delinquent tax certificates against seven city lots in the Dalton, East Creston and Beaumont additions. The city has improvement claims against these lots. Pirie, through his attorney, has notified City Auditor George R. Funk that inasmuch as the lots cost him \$935.60 he considers \$348.96 a fair interest on his investment and for the original cost plus the margin asked he will relinquish title to the lots, giving the city possession that it may proceed to foreclose on them for the improvement assessments. The lots are numbered 1 and 2, block 2, and lots 1, 2 and 3, block 3, Dalton addition; lot 1, block 25, East Creston, and lot 12, block 10, Beaumont addition.

Robbers of various classifications Sunday afternoon and night broke all known rules and regulations of the Portland Porchclimbers' and Highwaymen's union byworking overtime. A list of 14 burglaries, a holdup and an encounter with a burglar were reported to police headquarters before midnight, leaving the possibility of other lawlessness occurring before morning.

## ST. PETER'S CHURCH

The ladies of St. Peter's parish are preparing a big Xmas tree for the married and single children of the parish. The committee in charge consist of Mesdames Stubbs, Grassens, Holway, Beyer, Elkins, Kearns and Al. Boland.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Schlegel, who died at her home in Sunnyside Friday, was held Monday from St. Peter's church, and interment was in Sunnyside cemetery. The great esteem in which the deceased was held was evidenced by the long funeral cortege of 50 cars that accompanied her to the last resting place. Mrs. Schlegel was born in Calumet county, Wisconsin, 61 years ago and the last 31 years was spent in Sunnyside. She leaves to mourn her a husband, two sons, two daughters, four brothers and one sister.

Funeral services for Peter Roth were conducted by Chaplain S. O'Donovan in the Catholic Military church at Coblenz, pall bearers, fighting squad, men and officers attending. His organization commander, Lieut. Desmond O'Keefe paid a warm tribute to his many good qualities. The remains are being shipped to his parents.

Many liberal contributions were handed in to the Rev. J. P. O'Flynn by his parishioners for the St. Agnes Baby Home, which is badly in need of funds.

Christian Doctrine classes are held Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and Sundays at 9. The average attendance is over 100.

Services on Sundays are at 8 and 10:30. Special music is rendered by the choir at second mass.

## A FEW SUGGESTIONS

for your Christmas shopping. What would be more appropriate and more appreciated than a nice white sink for the kitchen or new fixtures for the bathroom, or say a laundry tub for the basement or kitchen, a gas heater—all the essential things that go to make the work lighter and easier for mother and the whole family. Come in and talk it over. B. F. Miller, 5926 92nd St. S. E., Automatic 618-34.

Woodstock residents have organized for improvement of their district, under the name "Woodstock Peps," and held a rousing meeting Monday night, Dec. 6, at the Methodist church at 44th and Woodstock avenue. They want more sewers, walks, paving, fire protection, more police, mail delivery, better car service, etc.

Officers were elected by Mt. Scott chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Thursday evening, as follows: Worthy matron, Maud K. Darnall; worthy patron, Benjamin F. Miller; associate matron, Estelle Katzky; secretary, Maud Connell; treasurer, Jessie Sanders; conductress, Emma Hauken; associate conductress, Mayme B. Hogue. The officers will be installed December 27 at a joint installation with Lents Masonic lodge.

J. F. Coffman, one of the progressive old timers of Lents, suggests that, since 92nd street has secured a cement sidewalk, owners of property along this thoroughfare get busy, clean up the rubbish and prepare to paint and improve the general appearance of their premises. Mr. Coffman has set the example by adding copious applications of paint to dwellings owned by himself in the district mentioned.

Ela E. Wilson, dean at Franklin high school, will entertain the senior girls' mothers on Dec. 22. The P. T. A. regular meeting will be held Dec. 14.

## MONEY NEEDED FOR PISGAH HOME

An appeal is being made this week for funds to improve the Pisgah home for the indigent aged, located in the Woodmere district, at 7511 64th avenue S. E.

The home has at present 60 occupants varying in age from 70 to 94 years, two of whom are blind and others more or less helpless. Two nurses are required in addition to the regular help.

A tag day will be held tomorrow (Saturday). This is a most worthy cause and should be assisted by all who can.

## MOTOR VEHICLE OWNERS

who have not applied for their 1921 licenses are urged by the Secretary of State to do so at once in order to avoid congestion in the Department around the first of the coming year and also that they may avoid arrest by the peace officers for failure to carry 1921 license plates after January first. The law will be rigidly enforced by the inspectors of the department. There are now over 103,000 licensed cars in Oregon. To this time about 9,000 applications for 1921 licenses have been received. The facilities of the Department are limited and unless the work involved in issuing licenses is distributed over a reasonable period car owners cannot expect to receive their license plates promptly. By delay they are improving their chances for arrest for failure to have their 1921 licenses by Jan. 1, 1921. About Oct. 1st blanks were forwarded to all the owners of motor vehicles for applying for 1921 licenses. If any of them failed to receive blanks it has been by reason of change of residence not reported to the office or failure of the mails. Application blanks may be secured of your chief of police or marshal, city or town recorder, sheriff, county clerk and the licensed motor vehicle dealers in your locality, or by request of the Secretary of State, Salem, Oregon.

## PARENT TEACHERS PROGRAM

December 17, promptly at 2:45, "Health of Children," Dr. Virgil MacNichols, a speaker from Women's Advertising Bureau; "Teachers' Tenure," Mrs. Jennie Richardson, president of grade teachers; songs, first primary, Miss Tvard's class; songs, Misses Chapman and McDonald's classes; recitation, Miss Ewart's pupil. Refreshments. Mrs. O. A. Hess, chairman.

## LIBRARY HOURS—LENTS

Every day 2 to 6 p. m. Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, from 2 to 9 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. John Howe of 5405 Eighth-second street, had Sunday as dinner guests Dr. and Mrs. O. A. Hess and children, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Droste and daughter Frances, Mr. and Mrs. John Hanken, Mrs. Melvin McCord and son Linwood.

Miss Ruth Reynolds, Masters Richard Hess and Clyde Sager and Dorothy Hess, all of Lents, assisted Mrs. C. E. Goetz in her entertainment given at the Old Folks and Children's Home of the I. O. O. F., Holgate and East Thirtieth street, last Friday night.

Mrs. Ella Ryman, of One Hundredth street, whose family has been in quarantine for the past four weeks for diphtheria, were able to be out again Saturday. On Tuesday Mrs. Ryman will resume her work in Lents school, where she has charge of the lunch service.

There are 14 pupils now attending the free night school at Arleta. Meets at 7:15 to 9:15, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. There are classes in English for foreigners including reading, spelling, writing. Subjects for part time students, citizenship and Americanism.

Loyal worker class of the Evangelical Sunday school, composed of young men, held a business meeting at the church Friday night. Officers were elected as follows: President, Everett France; vice president, Clarence O'Neil; secretary, Oliver Bohana; treasurer, Howard Culver. Following the election plans were made for their Christmas exercises.

The Hazlewood company has been found guilty by a jury of manufacturing adulterated butter—making over rotten, rancid stuff, and is liable to a fine of from one to five thousand dollars, and the officers no doubt are laughing in their sleeves, having probably made tens of thousands in the past by their nefarious work. The cold clammy jail is the only proper place for such birds.

On Tuesday p. m. Mr. P. F. Black gave a demonstration of "Wear Ever" Aluminum at the home of Mrs. J. G. Lehman on 82nd street. Mr. Black gave a very interesting talk on how the "Wear Ever" utensils are made, how to use them, how they should be cleaned, and how by their use gas bills may be reduced a great deal. He then cooked a meal using all "Wear Ever" utensils, and in a very short time those present were served with roast beef and brown gravy, mashed potatoes, steamed rice, baked apples and coffee. About ten ladies were present and all praised Mr. Black as a lecturer but thought him a wonderful "chef." This is the same war recently put in the Eggman Market.

## NEWSY LETTER; TRAVELS OF THE BLANCHARDS

Having the Time of Their Life Visiting Kin Folk and Sight Seeing

Columbia Hotel, Denver, Col., December 3, 1920.

Editor Mt. Scott Herald: According to promise, I will send a few notes of interest of our travels. We left home November 10 at 8 a. m., arrived at The Dalles the same day at 12 noon; spent two days there with the members of our former pastorate. We found the wife of Rev. Hartman, who is now pastor of the U. B. church of The Dalles, very ill. On Friday we went to Maryhill, Wash., where we stayed all night with Mrs. Maria (Amos) Sterling, late of 67th street S. E., Portland, and from there to Cliffs, Wash., where we stayed a week with Mr. Blanchard's sister-in-law, Mrs. Alice Blanchard. Crossing the river at Cliffs, Wash., in a skiff, we got on our main line at Rufus, Oregon. Our next stop was at Bliss, Idaho, with our nephew, Ray Blanchard, where we ate our Thanksgiving dinner.

The residents of Idaho are full of praise for their state, believing it to be the stock raiser's paradise. We had dinner at the home of John Sanborn, a noted stockman of Hagerman valley, who was elected state representative of Owyhee county this last election. Mr. Sanborn lived in Portland in 1912 and 1913 and is a staunch republican. Hagerman valley is one of the valleys that is irrigated from its natural springs, being in the direct location of the famous thousand springs of Idaho.

Thousands of sheep and cattle roam the hills of Idaho and it is said that millions of dollars are realized each year by the cattle and sheep men, but to me it seems to be the land of sagebrush, Jackrabbits and coyotes.

We left Bliss, Idaho, the 30th of November and our next stop was Denver, Colorado, where we still are but leave tonight for Athol, Kansas. Denver is a hustling little city which lies at the intersection of the South Platte river and Cherry Creek, population, 256,269. It is the largest city of the Rocky Mountain region. By formal vote of the National Park superintendent it has been declared the gateway to twelve national parks and thirty-two national monuments. It is a very wealthy city and its public buildings are among the most beautiful of our nation.

Its government is different from any other municipality in the United States. By amendment to the state constitution, Denver was given power to make its own charter and this charter centralizes all executive power in the mayor, creates an independent council and an independent auditor, all elected by the people.

There are many points of interest here, and we have spent three days in "seeing Denver," but have not been able to cover the 889 miles of streets. Among the points of interest are the capitol building, marble post-office building, public library, city park grounds and museum, and the 15-story tower and department store of Fisher & Silvers on 16th street. The largest industry is represented by the stock yards and packing interests, covering an area of 150 acres and representing an investment of \$14,000,000.

The parks here are too numerous to mention. Suffice to say, they are divided into two divisions: first, city parks and boulevards; second, Mountain parks and highways. In the first mentioned, there are 39. The total area of parks within the city limit is 1,459 acres.

Mr. Blanchard and I are both favorably impressed with the city; also with the climate. We expected it to be cold here, but find the climate as genial as California; sunshine and no rain. We cannot wear our coats, as the weather is so warm. Talking with acquaintances we make when they find out we are from Portland, the first question asked: "Is it raining there?" Portland sure has a reputation for rain. More anon.

MRS. C. P. BLANCHARD.

P. S.—We forgot to say we have been noticing the prices here, and find Portland compares favorably, except on meats. Shoulders of pork sell for 17¢, hams 34¢ and good side meat 45¢. Apples sell by the bushel and are \$2.85 per basket. Sugar 10 cents.

C. P. B.

## HIGHLY HONORED

H. K. Hedge of the Lents Hardware Co. was elected Worthy Patron of Rose City Chapter of the Eastern Star last Friday evening, and the evening following his wife, Mrs. Elfreda F. Hedge was elected Worthy High Priestess of the White Shrine.

## DEATHS

reported at A. D. Kenworthy parlors the past week:

John Quinlan, 4721 87th street, died Dec. 3, aged 76 years; single and a retired farmer. Rev. Smith officiating at funeral ceremonies.

Daniel Llewellyn, a resident of Lents for 12 years; age 72; leaves a widow.

Rev. Hubert T. Cash, 717 E. Ankeny, aged 49; funeral service Thursday at 2 p. m. Leaves wife and five children. Buried in Mt. Scott cemetery.

John Frye, 1619 62nd street, died last Saturday. Interment in Mt. Scott cemetery.