TRAFFIC CONDITIONS

Mass Meeting Will Be Held in City Hall Monday to Discuss New Ordinance.

to Interests Involved and Relieve Congestion in Down-Town Districts.

A traffic ordinance mass meeting, with representatives of the various traffic interests invited to meet with the street committee of the City Council and City Attorney Grant, will be held in the City Hall at 10 o'clock Monday morning, when an effort will be made to draft an ordinance for passage Wednesday by the Council.

Automobile dealers, the Draymen's Association, Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, police department. Oregon Taxicab Company, congested district property owners and others have written to Mr. Grant suggesting changes in the proposed traffic laws. The diversity of opinion presages much argument and deliberation before an ordinance is drafted satisfactory to the majority.

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President Josselyn, of the Portland Raflway, Light & Power Company, suggests, among other things, that the state law requiring the carrying of head or tall lights be incorporated in the new city statute, contending that the express wagons and other vehicles require traffic protective lights as well as automobiles. He also suggests that all vehicles be required to stop at railroad tracks, thus eliminating a great menace in the manner in which motorcyclists and automobilists cross tracks at present.

Car Company Makes Suggestion. Under the streetcar franchise held y the Portland Railway, Light & Pow. by the Portland Railway, hight & row-er Company the cars are limited to a rate of speed of 12 miles per hour. A prospective change is to hold the speed at 10 miles in the fire limits and 25 miles outside. The streetcar company miles outside. The Streetcar company holds that it is essential that speed of 25 miles be reached to give proper service to the citizens of the remote districts, such as Vancouver, St. Johns, Mount Scott and other suburbs.

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The committee of the automobile dealers, headed by E. W. Hill, would fix the rate of speed for seif-propelled vehicles, exclusive of tracks, 15 miles per hour in the so-called restricted districts, with a speed of 25 miles per hour for the same vehicles outside of the restricted districts. The automobile trucks are divided into classes of 2000 pounds capacity and under, between 2000 and 5500, and all over 6000, with speeds of 12 and 18 miles respectively for the two districts for the first-named class, 10 and 15 miles for the last.

In addition the automobile men ask for a special street for the testing of automobiles, and a clause permitting the crossing of intersections without stopping unless signaled by a traffic

Draymen Offer Objections.

The petition of the "congested district" property owners, confined within the limits of Third, Tenth, Washington and Morrison streets, that automobiles and other vehicles be barred from standing on either side of the streets of the district, except for the purposes of loading or unloading, is attacked by the Draymen's Association. A committee submits objections and changes calling for a congested district bounded calling for a congested district bounded by Oak, Third, Park and Morrison streets. It is also pointed out that it will work a hardship on many con-serns unless their vehicles are per-mitted to back to the curbs during quiet hours of the day. A point is also made that the proposed ordinance would prohibit a vehicle from backing up to the curb for unloading when the goods are to be delivered into a re-mote part of a building, a strict con-struction forcing the driver to draw, away from the curb before going into the building.

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W. H. Warren, of the Oregon Taxicab Company, takes exception to only one section of the proposed ordinance, that giving streetcars right of way between cross streets. He argues as follows:

"Owing to the narrowness of some of the cross-streets, this will work a great hardship not only on the automobiles, but to pedestrians, as well as to the traffic policeman stationed at these intersections. We will say for example, that an automobile going south on Fifth street, between Stark and Washington, approaches the intersection of Fifth and Washington streets. The policeman in charge holds the automobile until a safe time to signal it to cross. A streetcar approaches from behind. If the motorman of this streetcar gives the signal, it is the duty of the driver, according to this section, to immediately turn out. You will say see that this section will readily see that the substitution of a section which prohibits all drivers of automobiles and other vehicles from which prohibits all drivers of automobiles and other vehicles from the curb prosecution when he was a suspended several months ago following the charges preferred by the masseuse that Maddux he described with Frank Reed, a former policeman, had extorted \$50 from her under threat of arrest. Maddux was came up the star policeman, had extorted \$50 from her under threat of arrest. An extend you was not present.

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pany to present "The Goddess of Imberty" in a tour of the United States after his vaudeville engagement expires here next Sunday. Howard will be the star of the production and Mabel McCane, who is with him at the Orpheum, will be his principal support. Remaining prominent parts in the musical comedy will be held by Eastern girls, Howard not selecting any talent in the Pacific Northwest. The company rehearses daily at the Orpheum, the song composer and his comedienne partner devoting their morning hours to that work. The tour of "The Goddess of Liberty" will begin at The Dailes September 25. Thence the company will go to Pendleton for the Round-Up, and later the musical comedy will be presented at Walla Walla, Lewiston and Spokane. The itinerary from that point has not yet been decided.

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MANY OPINIONS OFFERED

Sam Tuck, who managed Williams & Walker for years, is at the head of the revived company, and James Dunworth, formerly with Savage productions, is the advance man. Howard appeared here in "The Goddess of Liberty" at the Hellig last season. A

PHYSICAL INSTRUCTOR HERE TAKE CHARGE IN PORT-LAND HIGH SCHOOLS.



Carl H. Smith.

Carl H. Smith, new physical in-Carl H. Smith, new physical instructor in the Portland high schools, has had many years of teaching physical culture in large private schools in the East. He comes here from St. John's Military Academy at Delafield, Wis. Before that he was the director of a thletics in the McKenzle School at Dobbs Ferry, on the Hudson. He also has had experience as an instructor in the public schools of the City of New York. At present he is stationed at the Jefferson ligh School, where he will remain until the gymnasiums at the Washington and the Lincoln High Schools are and the Lincoln High Schools are finished, when he will take charge of those also. Jefferson High is to have an instructor, too, but he has not been selected

large part of the scenery he is taking with him for the tour was painted in Portland.

TANNER ON STAND DENIES ALL GUILT

Alleged Accomplice in Wallace Murder Tells Cool Story to Court.

Street Bridge at Time of Killing. Face-to-Face Accusation by Girl Is Invited.

If the story told by Willard Tanner on the witness stand in Judge Kavanaugh's court yesterday afternoon is true he is altogether innocent of any part in the murder of Ray Wallace and the victim of a chain of circumstances which would furnish material for a which would furnish material for a dime novel of the most thrilling type. If, however, there was any way of establishing conclusively that his narrative was a concoction, the hundreds who gave tense attention to every word which came from his lips undoubtedly would be unanimous in declaring that he is the coolest and cleverest liar it has ever been their lot to give ear to. Tanner's eyes gazed unfilickeringly into those of the 12 men who are to pass on his fate, as in a clear and collected voice he assured them, with a pass on his fate, as in a clear and col-lected voice he assured them, with a world of detail as to his exact move-ments, that he was hanging over the rall of the Morrison-street bridge at the exact time Wallace was heaten to death with an iron boit in an apart-ment occupied by himself and Hazel Erwin at Lownsdale and Alder streets on the night of June 19 between 1 and 1:30 o'clock A. M., and that he knew nothing of the crime until the woman, without giving details, referred to it the next day at Salem.

Erwin Girl Is Dared. "If Hazel Erwin will come and stand before me and eye to eye tell the story about me killing Wallace, which she told on the witness stand here yestertold on the witness stand here yester-day, I will voluntarily mount the gallows, put the rope around my neck and tell them to spring the trap door," he dramatically declared in answer to a question from Joe Hammersly, one of his attorneys.

Deputy District Attorney Fitzgerald vehemently objected to this answer being allowed to stand in the record, referring to it as brayado and buncombe.

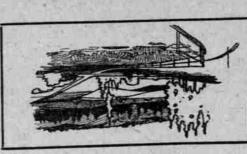
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"I left the bridge and walked west towards the apartment," said Tanner. "At the corner of either Eleventh or Twelfth and Alder streets I saw Hazel coming along with a tail man dressed in a gray suit. He was carrying our two suitcases. When they saw me he dropped them and went hurriedly away. I went over and demanded an explanation. She said that she was leaving the apartment and that he had simply come along accidentally in time to help her with the suitcases. She did not know who he was, she said.

Girl Smoked Violently, He Says.



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