

BLAME FOR JITNEYS PLACED ON PUBLIC

Mr. Baker, After Study, Re-ports Problem Vital to Wel-fare of Northwest.

OPERATING COST GREATER

Autos Are Patronized for Comfort and Sentiment, Is View—Situation in Spokane, Tacoma and Seattle Investigated.

The jitney is the biggest problem now confronting cities of the Northwest in the opinion of City Commissioner Baker, who returned yesterday from Spokane, Seattle and Tacoma, where he went last week to make a study of the jitney problem. He says he found the jitney situation in those cities almost identical with the condition in Portland and is convinced that it is time for the public to take aside sentiment and look the proposition square in the face, because of the problem's vital importance to general welfare in cities.

"There is one great outstanding fact in this whole proposition as I have found it," said Commissioner Baker yesterday, "and that is that the question is being looked upon and dealt with too generally as a thing purely of the present. A great many people are not looking ahead into the future, the time when the real problem is bound to present itself. In this, I express not only my own views, but the views of officials in other cities.

Sentiment Believed One Cause. "For this very reason officials in all cities are having difficulties. I find that the streetcar companies are condemned by certain classes of people and that the jitney is patronized for its comfort and convenience and for sentimental reasons. "Officials have this to face when they attempt to deal with the question of regulation. They find themselves being crucified and getting into deep water in trying to buck sentiment and shortsightedness.

Permanent Competition Doubtful. "For a year the machines were operated and a study was made of the results. It was found that it costs two-thirds of a cent more per passenger-mile to operate motor-driven machines than the cost of streetcars. For that reason the company charged off the \$50,000 as a loss and gave up the proposition with the firm realization that the motor-driven car cannot compete permanently with the electric car.

"In every city in Washington each jitney is required to furnish a bond of \$2500 for the protection of passengers who may be injured. This bond costs the operator \$25 a year. I have a list of damages to cars and passengers, including suits for less than \$25,000. These suits are confined to King County alone. There has been collected in these suits a total of \$25,000. Many cases have been taken to court and many other cases are still pending.

"In Seattle I find there are 275 jitneys operating, 70 of them over four lines for 10 cents and 205 on an average run of one and one-half miles for 5 cents. They operate on the same streets as the streetcars. In Seattle they are affiliated with organized labor, as they are in Portland, and they operate individually.

Spokane Car Service Cut. "In Spokane there are 72 jitneys operating on seven routes. Here the streetcar company, claiming heavy losses, has cut its service materially in the outskirts of the city so as to compete with the jitney on the short haul. One-man cars have been installed to cut all jitney expenses. An outstanding fact in Spokane is that the jitney operates only during good weather. There are heavy snow storms there, and the jitney makes no effort to operate until the car tracks are cleared by the streetcar company.

"Tacoma has 35 jitneys, Seattle 275 and Spokane 72. At the time when the jitney first sprang up Seattle had 700, Spokane 350 and Tacoma 200. In the opinion of officials of other cities there is only one ultimate proposition for the future, and that is that the jitney cannot replace the street railway systems and cannot compete with them on equal basis permanently."

SEAL SALES ARE \$1426

OVERLOOK IMPROVEMENT CLUB ADDS \$80.00 TO TOTAL.

University of Oregon Alumnae Are to Have Charge of Booths Today in Many Public Buildings.

Proceeds from the sales of Red Cross Christmas seals reached a total of \$1426.81 last night, it was reported by the Oregon Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, which is handling the campaign in Oregon.

The largest single contribution to the fund came yesterday in the form of a check for \$80 from Mrs. Elizabeth C. Good.

Seal sales for today in the booths at Meier & Frank's, Lipman, Wolfe & Co.'s, Olds, Wortman & King's, postoffice, Multnomah Hotel, Owl Drugstore, and Woodard & Clarke Drugstore will be conducted by the University of Oregon alumnae, directed by Mrs. John R. Leach.

The Overlook Improvement Club had charge of the sales yesterday at Meier & Frank's, Lipman, Wolfe's, Olds, Wortman & King's, the postoffice and the Oregon Hotel, and netted for the day \$56.93. Those actively engaged in the sale yesterday were Miss Harriet Campbell, Miss Grace Campbell, Mrs. H. C. Haven, Mrs. F. D. Brockridge, Mrs. R. A. Willison, Mrs. E. B. Wheat, Mrs. Trostertoff and Mrs. E. H. Farrar. Mrs. Rayen was in general charge.

The Shakespeare Club will be in charge of the booths on Friday and the Tuesday Afternoon Club on Saturday.

CASCADE BORE IS URGED

Campaign Is Begun in Washington by ex-Army Man.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—General H. M. Chittenden, United States Army, retired, of Seattle, today

sent to every Chamber of Commerce and commercial club in the state a letter explaining further the Cascade Mountains tunnel plan outlined in his recent article published in The Engineering News and reprinted in the Seattle papers. General Chittenden asks co-operation in his undertaking.

The general plans a campaign to obtain state aid for the construction of a great tunnel through the base of the Cascade Mountains to be used in common by all transcontinental railroads now running into the cities of Puget Sound from Eastern Washington, to reduce gradients to a minimum and eliminate present handicaps of high operating costs.

With his letter he sent out two important memoranda regarding the tunnel project. One seeks to answer arguments of those who assert that electrification of the mountain railroad divisions will eliminate excessive costs of operation and the other outlines the benefits to be derived by the state at large from the construction of the low altitude tunnel. A feature of the latter memorandum is General Chittenden's advocacy of what he calls a "ferry" service for handling automobiles and other vehicles of like class through the tunnel.

FORT TABLET REMOVED

MULTNOMAH FALLS OREGON TRAIL MARKER WRONG.

Daughters of American Revolution to Replace Bronze Memorial with Another. It Is Said.

The bronze tablet placed on a large boulder along the Columbia River Highway in front of Multnomah Falls has been taken down by the officers of Multnomah Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, following the protest of Leslie M. Scott, who pointed out that the inscription was misleading inasmuch as it professed to mark the course of the historic old Oregon Trail.

The tablet which was installed on the boulder recently with ceremony is to be replaced with another tablet bearing a memorial to Oregon pioneers, but containing no reference to the Oregon Trail. The original tablet is to be placed at some historic point along the Oregon Trail, but, as Mrs. Davis remarked last night, the officials of the Daughters of the American Revolution intend to be real sure of their ground before they conduct another installation.

Announcement to the above effect was made by Mrs. James N. Davis, regent of Multnomah Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, following a report from a party of motorists, who believed that the tablet may have been stolen. On last Friday night the little Multnomah Hazelwood tavern, situated alongside the highway in front of the falls, was broken into by thieves, who stole all of the high-priced cigars and chocolate they could get their hands on, during the temporary absence of D. H. Hansen, the man in charge.

WOMEN'S TEAM AHEAD

CHRISTIE HOME WORKERS TURN IN \$1750 AT LUNCHEON.

Mrs. J. A. Hamilton Brings \$188.11, the Largest Single Amount—Outside Clergymen Send \$80.

The women's teams in the campaign to raise a \$100,000 fund for the benefit of the Christie Home still appear to do work twice as effective as the teams of the men, it was indicated in the reports turned in at the rally luncheon at the Portland Hotel yesterday, on the second day of the campaign.

The total amount brought in by the teams was \$1750, the largest amount being from Mrs. J. A. Hamilton for \$188.11. The women's team now leads the men by about \$527.50 total.

Donations were received yesterday from the Rev. Francis Black for \$50, and the Rev. A. Hillebrand, of Oregon City, for \$10.

Following is the standing of the teams in the lead in the campaign:—

—Women.
Mrs. James P. Cote.....\$44.82
Mrs. Andrew C. Smith.....\$39.90
Mrs. J. A. Hamilton.....\$188.11
—Men.
Andrew C. Weber.....\$206.75
Peter Van Housen.....\$80.00
Oscar W. Hone.....\$9.00

LIQUOR CARRIER FINED

Taxi Man Delivering Package Is Surprised by Contents.

BAKER, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—How an unsuspecting taxi man who delivers packages may be guilty of bootlegging was revealed by N. Q. Wattles, a respected citizen, when he entered a plea of guilty in Justice F. L. Hubbard's court today on the charge of acting as a go-between for the purchaser and seller.

He declared money was given him to pay for a package which he took to the individual furnishing the money. Neither of two gave him any idea of what the package contained, he said, but he did not reveal the name of the man. He paid \$25 fine and costs.

Joseph Spelman was arrested this morning on a charge of bootlegging. His brother, Frank, was found guilty yesterday.

COW IN ELECTION BOOTH

Member of Herd Being Driven Through Sheridan Inspects Polls.

SHERIDAN, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—A deer-eyed Jersey cow, one of a herd being driven through Sheridan streets Monday, suddenly left the ranks and made her entrance into the polls of one of the voting precincts where a city election was being held. She quietly scanned an election notice that she observed on one of the walls and appeared to be perfectly at ease in the environment of the polls. Her owner, A. J. Bewley, a local stockman, declared that, although the animal had been properly registered, he had no faith in the "vote" of a three-acre cow. The cow, a three-acre cow, was named "Lilly," and was being driven by Miss Grace Lilly, instructor in the English department.

Unoccupied Land to Be Used.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—To secure food supplies more readily, King George has signed an order-in-council empowering the board of agriculture to take over unoccupied or occupied land for the purpose of cultivation.

RUNAWAYS GO HOME

Juvenile Tramps Are Tired of Life of Road.

QUARTERS ARE CONDEMNED

Prosecutor Aroused by Necessity of Placing Lads in Poorly Kept Section of Jail and Will Ask for Parental Home.

Four 16-year-old boys, riders of the brake-beams and engine tenders, picked up at the Union Depot Sunday, were started on their way home yesterday by Deputy Probation Officer Evans, of the Juvenile Court, when taken to Vancouver, Wash., given \$1.25 each and bidden goodspeed.

Two live in Spokane, one in Tacoma and the fourth in Hartford, Wash. The presumption is that they will make their way homeward by the same means by which they arrived in Portland—stolen rides. All are runaways who have tired of tramping and want to go home, they say.

Since Sunday the boys have been quartered in the County Jail in poorly lighted, ill-kept cells in an isolated part of the jail. There was no other place to put them. There was no charge against them in the Juvenile Court, to whose care they had been referred by the police.

Place Considered Filthy. They could not be sent to the Frazier Detention Home. They were not wards of the county, but rather homeless boys, they went to jail the same as do all of their age, pending dismissal of charges filed against them in the Juvenile Court or their sentence to the State Training School.

"The place these boys were kept in is filthy," said Deputy District Attorney Robinson yesterday. "The cells are not fit kennels for thoroughbred dogs. Yet the county will spend hundreds of thousands for roads and deny the Juvenile Court \$5000 necessary for the establishment of a parental home capable of caring for 14 boys."

Mr. Robinson said he would go before the Commissioners at the taxpayers' meeting December 23 and plead for a parental home.

\$5 Given to Lads. E. N. Clark, E. B. MacNaughton and E. S. Jackson, witnesses in a Circuit Court case Tuesday, were taken about the jail by Mr. Robinson at their own request. When shown the quarters occupied by these boys they expressed great surprise that such conditions existed and that no better provisions had been made for detained juveniles. Mr. Clark gave \$5 to Mr. Robinson for the lads. That money was divided among them when they started on their way home yesterday.

Mr. Robinson dubbed that section of the County Jail "Portland's Parented Home." He said that such detained juveniles have had no better quarters than those for four years.

The boys who started homeward yesterday were: Arthur Sheldon, 1201 North Oak street, Tacoma; Paul Patterson, 3612 Longfellow street, Spokane; Dolph Winters, Hillyard suburb, Spokane; and Roy Stearns, Hartford, Wash. Herbert Guth and Harold J. Hatch, 17-year-old delinquents, also occupying cells in this portion of the jail.

FIVE RELATIVES ELECTED

Western Star Grange Names Husband Master, Wife Secretary.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—Five of the 14 officers chosen by Western Star Grange, located near this city, in its annual election this week are named Hulbert. All are related and are members of a prominent family.

R. A. Hulbert was elected assistant steward; Emma Hulbert, chaplain; W. H. Hulbert, treasurer; Alden Hulbert, gatekeeper; and Grace Hulbert, lady assistant steward. Another coincidence is that a husband and wife were chosen master and secretary, respectively. The two leading offices in the grange, Walter S. Hense is master and Lottie Hense secretary. Other officers chosen: Ceres, Rosa Newell, Flora, and Alvilda Blevins, organist.

Read The Oregonian classified ads.

BILL AT STRAND VARIED

SMARTLY DRESSED LADS GIVE BURLESQUE ON HULA HULA.

Other Acts on Programme 'Tender and Well Chosen, With Film That Holds Interest.

The new bill at the Strand is nicely balanced and offers plenty of variety for either movie fan or vaudeville fan. Downs and Willis, a team of smartly dressed young chaps, breezy and buoyant, sing new songs and step into new dances. They give a novel and screamingly hilarious travesty on the Hula Hula, burlesquing all the accepted variations in this native dance and sending the audience into gales of mirth. The two are really excellent dancers, and their teamwork is accurate and in close harmony.

Adeline Carr is a saucy, merry lass from the land of the blarney stone and shamrock. She offers patter of an optimistic cheer-up strain, with a story or two, and sings in a big pleasing voice. She understands vaudeville audiences, too, and has picked her songs to please.

A clever duo are Hall and Guilda, a man and a maid, who appear in attractive costumes and present fancy

dances. They revive the always delightful old cakewalk and make it as popular as ever it was.

The Von Zants are excellent entertainers. They have a high-class balancing and acrobatic act, and both the athletic man and woman who offer the daring maneuvers are post-graduates in their art.

The picture part of the show is a Bluebird film, entitled "The Sign of the Poppy." It is a mystery picture, featuring a Chinese tong war with twin American brothers arrayed against each other. The Oriental atmosphere is apparent and the story is full of thrills and interest.

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