

JITNEURS OPPOSE CARRIER FRANCHISE

Willingness of Railroad Man to Accept City's Terms Stirs Up Storm of Protest.

PROFIT IMPOSSIBLE IS CRY

Question of Grant Put Over Until Monday, Because Mr. Baker Feels Higher Bond Is Necessary. Union's Case Deferred.

The jitney situation in Portland took a peculiar turn yesterday before the City Council when the application of Stephen Carver for jitney lines through the southeastern part of the city was for consideration. The session found Mr. Carver asking for a franchise embodying all regulations and restrictions deemed advisable by the Council, while on the sidelines were officials of the Jitney Drivers' Union protesting against the terms of Mr. Carver's franchise being made so

Mr. Carver in his application not only willingly agrees to all the franchise conditions which the Jitney Drivers' Union refused to accept recently, but he agrees to do what the union officials have contended is impossible, that is furnishing service on a schedule to remote sections of the city, partly over non-paved streets and in no case along streets occupied by streetcar lines. He agrees to maintain service from Fifth and Alder streets on the West Side to East Sixtieth and Division and from the same business district terminal over Division street, East Fifty-second street and Foster road to Lents at Ninety-second street.

Next Meeting Monday.
The Council practically completed consideration of the franchise application as to the question of bonds to protect passengers from injury in case of accident. This question will be threshed out at a meeting Monday afternoon, at which time also the question of regulation for the rest of the jitneys of the city operated by the Jitney Drivers' Union will be considered. The whole subject was to have been considered yesterday, but the entire session was taken up by the Carver franchise.

Mr. Carver in his application asks for jitney lines as follows: Starting at First and Alder street to Morrison to East Water, to Belmont, to East Fourteenth, to Maple avenue, to East Sixteenth, to Ladd avenue, to Division street, to East Sixtieth, a line covering this same territory as far as East Fifty-second street, south on East Fifty-second to Foster road and thence to East Ninety-second street. On incoming trips the lines would operate down Division street to Ladd avenue, to Harrison, to Morrison, to East Twelfth, to East Clay, to East Water, to Hawthorne avenue, to Front, to Taylor, to Fifth, to Alder.

Regular Service Guaranteed.
Mr. Carver agrees to give a minimum of 15-minute service in each direction between 6 A. M. and 11 P. M. on the line to East Sixtieth street and on minute trips to Lents, to be run with the privilege of increasing service as may be necessary.

The franchise he asked is for three years, service to begin within 30 days after the granting of the franchise. He agrees to pay 40 cents a month to the city for each seat. The franchise provides for a transfer system between the jitneys and the Portland & Oregon City Railway, with the right of the passenger to a transfer to any other jitney anywhere on the lines not within six blocks of the starting point.

The question of a bond for protection of the public cash up and found Commissioner Baker favoring a bond of not less than \$2500 on each machine operated, though he said that \$100 would perhaps be sufficient where several hundred cars were operated under one management.

"I will call your attention to the fact," said Commissioner Baker, "that the cities of the state of Washington require a bond of \$2500 for each machine. In King County alone there have been in a year personal injury law suits aggregating \$264,000 against the jitneys and \$28,000 resulting in suits, not counting many settled out of court."

Union Opposes High Bond.
Arthur I. Moulton, representing the Jitney Drivers' Union, declared that the bond should not be so high. He contended that a bond of \$2500 is prohibitory and that it is no more right to impose such a bond on a jitney driver any more than the driver of a private automobile. He contended that taxicabs have no such assets for protection of passengers.

"You are mistaken in that," said T. G. Greene, representing the Portland Taxicab Company, "the taxicabs carry \$5000 bonds on each car."

Mr. Carver said that his jitney system is to be operated in conjunction with the Portland & Oregon City Railway Company and that the assets of the company are behind the jitneys and therefore passengers are protected. "If the Council wishes protection in the form of a bond," said Mr. Carver, "I have no objection to organizing another company separating the assets of the railroad from the assets of the jitneys and furnishing whatever bonds the Council may wish to ask." The Council took the bond question under advisement until Monday afternoon. Inasmuch as Mr. Carver has agreed to all the terms asked by the Council, it is expected the franchise will be granted.

Commissioner Daly prior to yesterday had objected to the franchise sought by Mr. Carver because of the plan to carry passengers only to East Twenty-second and Division streets, and transfer them there to the railroad line. This objection was eliminated yesterday when Mr. Carver announced that the jitneys would be operated to Fifth and Alder streets.

NEW ZONE SYSTEM SUBMITTED

Evidence Apparent That Mr. Daly Is Still Trying to Trick Council.

In accordance with instructions from the City Council City Commissioner Daly yesterday completed the preparation of a proposed new zone system for taxicabs and "taxi-jits." The revised system is extremely complicated in appearance, but it is considered merely another subterfuge to permit jitneys to continue to operate and evade regulation insisted on by the Council. It probably will be before the Council this morning.

The revision was demanded from Mr. Daly following his recent approval of a zone system devised by the Jitney Drivers' Union, which enabled the jitneys to continue operating under the guise of taxicabs in violation of the Council's mandate that jitneys must obtain a franchise to continue.

A study of the new system indicates that in reality the only difference be-

tween the new system and the one the Council objected to is a mere subterfuge for the jitneys is that the rate of fare to every part of the city is indicated now instead of the rate being indicated to certain parts and the rest of the city being subject to service on an hourly basis.

The zone plan is worked out in such way that the 5-cent fare can be posted in all territory now served by the jitney. The rest of the city is so blocked off that higher rates can be posted. By this plan the jitney can continue as under the former zone plan along the streets desired and can collect regular taxicab rates for service off these streets.

That this is the real purpose is indicated by a footnote on the zone drawing which orders that in remote zones shall be calculated from Fifth and Washington streets as a common center or starting point.

MINSTREL AT ORPHEUM

EDDIE LEONARD APPEARS ON NEW BILL COMING SUNDAY.

Mrs. Leonard Also on Programme but in Act of Her Own That Is Clever Offering and Is Enjoyed.

Eddie Leonard, "The Prince of Minstrels," is the principal star of the Orpheum show coming to the Heilig Theater next Sunday. Mr. Leonard is the originator of the "waw-waw" type of song so popular among blackfaced and



Eddie Leonard, "Prince of Minstrels," Coming to Orpheum Sunday.

in stage circles he is regarded as having no equal as a softshoe dancer.

Mr. Leonard's Orpheum act is entitled "The Minstrel's Return." It is a little story of the South in a musical setting. The famous minstrel is assisted by Anthony Howard and Fred Mayo. The act is staged elaborately and the costuming is rich.

"The Minstrel's Return" was written and staged by Mr. Leonard, himself, and in it he features his own songs. These include "Lost My Mandy," "Boo-Boo Eyes," "I Wish I Was a Girl's Beau," "I'da," "Roly Boly Eyes" and his latest song, "Black Eye Lou." Carl Reiter, manager of the Seattle Orpheum, who visited Portland for a few hours Wednesday, declares that Mr. Leonard is receiving such a rousing reception in Seattle that the applause "stops the show."

Mrs. Leonard also is among the artists of the new Orpheum show, but she has an act separate from that of her husband. On the stage Mrs. Leonard is known as Mable Russell. She and Mr. Leonard and company are appearing in a comicality programmed "Call It What You Like."

The act starts with Eddie Leonard as Homer B. Mason and Marguerite Keeler, who are presenting "Married."

ORPHANAGE FUND GROWS

CHRISTIE HOME CAMPAIGNERS TURN IN \$1830 MORE.

Dr. Andrew C. Smith Addresses Workers at Luncheon, and Urges Necessity of Persevering.

A new impetus was added to the fund-raising campaign of the Christie Home for Orphan Girls at the luncheon yesterday, when it was announced that another sum, amounting to \$1830, had been added to the fund.

In his talk to the guests at the luncheon Dr. Andrew C. Smith, general chairman of the fund-raising campaign, impressed upon the workers the necessity of keeping up their courage to assure themselves of ultimate success.

Those attending were addressed by the Rev. M. P. Smith, of New York, who praised the efforts that had already been made for the home.

A benefit entertainment for the home was announced for Thursday evening, December 14. It is to be given under the auspices of the Immaculate Heart Club No. 1049, Catholic Order of Foresters.

The contest between campaign teams is now well under way, the relative standings being as follows:

Mrs. Andrew C. Smith	\$1,280.00	\$1,998.52
Mrs. James P. Cooke	477.80	
Mrs. E. M. Holway	282.75	
Mrs. J. E. Fisher	227.36	
Peter Van Housen	89.90	
Oscar W. Horne	72.50	
Total	\$6,234.17	\$8,234.17

The statement shows that the city's great bonded indebtedness for streets and sewers was reached in 1913, at which time the total debt was \$14,872,171.44. The indebtedness now is \$12,940,511.65.

God Presented Pastor.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—A purse of gold was presented by the Aberdeen Swedish Mission Church congregation last night to Rev. J. J. Hulsea, their pastor for eight years, who today left to accept a position in Minnesota. The presentation was made at a large social held in his honor. Rev. Mr. Hulsea's successor has not been named.

CAMPAIGN FOR FLAX MILLS NUMBER NAY

Western Oregon Committees Propose to Get Linnen Factory as Well.

FARMERS ADD ACREAGE

Nathan Strauss Offers to Take Entire Output of Plant for Next 10 Years and Question of Market Is Settled.

Flax mills and a linen factory for Western Oregon!

That is the programme of the joint committee of flaxgrowing enthusiasts authorized to take charge of the campaign at Eugene on Wednesday.

Portland members of the committee returned yesterday and dug right into their task of further promoting the industry.

The complete committee follows: George Quayle, E. H. Miller and David Auld, of Eugene; Theodore Roth, Joseph Albert and Thomas B. Kay, of Salem; Professor G. B. Hyslop, of the Oregon Agricultural College; ex-Governor of Washington Miles C. Moore, of Gaston, and Dr. E. A. Pierce, W. F. Lipman, William McMurray, H. B. Miller and H. A. Hinchaw, of Portland. Dr. Pierce is general chairman of the whole committee.

"We have demonstrated conclusively that flax can be grown successfully and profitably in Western Oregon," said Dr. Pierce yesterday.

"The next thing now is to get enough flax mills to take the farmers' products, and to secure linen factories to take the products of the flax mills."

The Portland people who were at Eugene report that farmers of Lane County offered to grow more than twice as much flax as the small mill there can use. Farmers in that territory are enthusiastic. Some of them are turning their hop lands into flax fields.

It is probable that the joint committee will send a representative through the East this winter to study the flax situation there. Samples of Oregon flax will be taken. They will be presented to the various Eastern linen factories for inspection. Flax mill operators will be asked to give the Oregon field a trial.

Professor Thomas Shaw, agriculturist for the Northern Pacific and Great Northern railways, who was in Portland yesterday, reported that a new type of mill has been invented by a Minnesota man and that it operates more successfully than any other mill now in use. It saves every part of the plant, and does not mutilate the seed, which can be used either for commercial purposes or for germination. The Oregon committee will get further reports on this mill.

Dr. Pierce and other members of the Portland committee have been working on the flax industry in Oregon for more than five years. It has been hard work, but they believe now that they have succeeded. Substantial aid was given through the experiments conducted during the last two years by Governor Withycombe at the state penitentiary. The Portland Chamber of Commerce gave \$1000 to assist in developing the industry near Eugene. Portland's substantial interest in flax is well known. Eugene people immensely reported Mark Woodruff, representative of the Chamber of Commerce on the Eugene excursion.

"They have buried the so-called 'Portland bog' for good and all," said Mr. Woodruff. "Eugene people have forgotten the tradition that Portland is interested only in her own development, and indifferent to the progress of other parts of the state."

The next big work before the committee is to interest at least half a dozen communities in Western Oregon in flax mills. These mills are to be installed at small cost. In some communities in other parts of the country they are operated on the co-operative plan.

Half a dozen mills will supply enough flax fiber to run a linen factory. The question of when to start with the linen caused some apprehension at Eugene for a few minutes, but was quickly dispelled when Nathan Strauss, representing Fleischner, Mayer & Co., wholesale dry goods, promised to buy the entire output of the proposed factory for 10 years.

EAST IS TO BE INTERESTED

Governor Points Out Experiments Show Money Can Be Made.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 7.—That Eugene and all Oregon will get an immense amount of good from the flax meeting held yesterday in Eugene, is the belief of George Quayle, secretary of the Eugene Chamber of Commerce and of Dr. T. H. Miller, chairman of the flax committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

At a conference of representatives of the various organizations held here last night, it was decided to send a representative East within a short time to get in touch with manufacturers using flax fiber and to endeavor to interest them in the establishment of factories in Oregon.

"The thing that appeals most strongly to me," said Mr. Miller this morning, "is the spirit of co-operation manifested by the three largest commercial bodies in Oregon. That Portland, Eugene and Salem can get together and untiedly pull for the establishment of such an industry for Oregon, speaks well for the future of the state."

In an interview on the flax experiment in the state, Governor Withycombe said:

"The experiments at Eugene, while on a smaller scale than those conducted at the State Penitentiary, are the best examples to the farmer as to what may be done along the flax line in Oregon. They have been successful, and are well worth studying by those desirous of ascertaining just what may be done with flax in this state as an industry by profit for the rancher."

'HIP' BILL GETS LAUGHS

COMEDY AND THRILLS DIVIDE ATTENTION OF AUDIENCE.

Aerial Act Holds Interest, Pretty Girl in Clever Impersonator and Good Skit Appears.

There is something radically wrong with anyone who doesn't laugh long and loud when he visits the Hippodrome and sees the new show that opened there yesterday to run until Sunday. Martini and Maximilian, comedy tricksters, are positive joy manufacturers. A clown who is unbelievably funny exposes his clever partner's magic in this act. The comedy is all in the way he does it. Then there are the four casting Kays, who are circus marvels. High above

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DAMAGE CLAIM SLASHED

MRS. LOMBARD SUES CITY FOR \$60,000, AWARDED \$3000.

Piece of Property Assessed at \$3780 Declared by Owner to Be Worth \$65,000.

Appeal from the decision of the City Council to award Corinne S. Lombard \$3000 damages for the injury to her property in Rose City Park by reason of the change of street grades to eliminate railroad grade crossings, availed Mrs. Lombard nothing in the Circuit Court yesterday. The decision of a jury in the court of Circuit Judge Morrow was that she should receive \$2000 damages, and no more.

Damages of \$60,000 were asked by Mrs. Lombard, who held the property to be worth between \$65,000 and \$70,000. Witnesses for the city testified that the property was worth between \$13,300 and \$19,000. Its assessed valuation was only \$3780.

This was the first of 10 similar suits filed against the city by property owners who were dissatisfied with the amounts of damages awarded by the city because of the grade changes.

In this case the estimate of the city engineer placed the property damage at \$1475. A committee of five appointed by the Council held the damage to be about \$1400, but this was with the understanding that a building on the premises would have to be removed, which it was understood later was not imperative. A third committee report assessed the damages at \$475. The Council compromised by offering \$3000.

Knox Plurality Is 230,345.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 7.—The plurality of Philander C. Knox, Republican, over Ellis L. Orvis, Democrat, for United States Senator at the recent election, was 230,345, according to the official computation of the vote announced today. The official report for Presidential candidates probably will be completed tomorrow.

EXTENSION LECTURES SET

Three Special Addresses on Schedule at Library Tonight.

Special lectures will be given before three of the University of Oregon extension classes meeting tonight at 8 o'clock in the Central Library.

In philosophy Dr. Rebec will speak on the subject, "Fundamental Philosophy During the Nineteenth Century."

Dr. DeBuck will address the child psychology class on "The Hygiene of the Ear in Relation to Learning," and Dr. Sheldon's subject in current problems in American education is "Progress in the Primary School as Exemplified by the Ideas of John Dewey."

Architecture classes meet tonight in the north gallery of the Library.

California Killed on Somme.

Rev. W. J. Fenton, pastor of the First Methodist Church South, yesterday received information from California, that Lewis Robertson, sergeant in the Twelfth Machine Gun Company, British forces at the Somme drive, had been killed. Mr. Robertson was a resident of Visalia, Cal., and sang in Dr. Fenton's choir there. He left for Canada, in August, 1915, and probably was sent directly to the front.

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