## GRIFFITH PLEADS FOR SQUARE DEAL

Six-Cent Fare Is Just and Necessary, Asserts Head of Streetcar Company.

#### STOCK IS WITHOUT VALUE

Operation of Jitneys, Says Speaker at Realty Board Luncheon, Gives One Section of City Service

at Expense of Suburbs.

"When will the public realize that men engaged in public service are not different from other men in their respect for the truth?" asked Mr. Griffith. "When will the public realize that public officials charged with the responsibility of regulation can be honest and fair in their statements, even though such position recognizes the claim of the utilities? Why should a decision we do not understand and do a decision we do not understand and do not like forthwith be criticised as dis-bonest and corrupt."

Midway in the address a questioner

fired at Mr. Griffith the query, "How much is the company's stock worth to-

"In the market it is worth nothing," was the decisive reply. "Its actual value depends on the people of Portland. Under public service regulations, franchise conditions as to service are wholly set aside and the utility is re-

wholly set aside and the utility is required to give such service as may be deemed necessary or convenient, although that may be many times the service required by the franchise. "Public service executives are compelled to subordinate their judgment to that of public officials and money invested in public service utilities is subject to the control of the public, through its officers, to a far greater extent than it is in the control of the owners.

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"The company will not provide any dividends at all on the stockholders' equity in the property, until such time as increased business, by building up traffic density, shall reduce the average cost and increase carnings without an increase in expense.

"We believe that the people of Portland should be willing that the public service corporation pay reasonable wages and provide proper working conditions for the men in its employ, even though the higher fare is invoked."

In his lengthy discussion of the street railway company's finances, Mr. Griffith declared that the company, in its reports to the Public Service Commission, had attempted to lay only the truth, thoroughly established, before that body, and that its engineers and experts, who toiled for more than three years in inventory and appraisal of the property, were given such instructions.

The experts employed by the commission presented a report at variance with the company's, Mr. Griffith said, due to the assumption of the state engineers that certain units of the property might have been constructed at a bunch. gineers that certain units of the property might have been constructed at lower cost, and the elimination of property held to be not immediately neces-

Replying to the declaration that jit-neys would bring back the 3-cent fare, the speaker cited the fact that jitneys, as they formerly operated, chose only the profitable runs and profitable.

Frozen salmon trout, or greylings, and catfish, 25 cents a pound.
Soles, 10 and 15 cents; flounders, 8 cents a pound.
Frozen black cod, 13 and 17 cents a as they formerly operated, chose only the profitable runs and profitable hours, were immune from regulation and franchise provisions, and avoided giving the service that the street rall-

posed to the tenement basis of European cities, where some fares are popular, he stated. "It has been recognized, especially in the West, that
close-in residents should pay more
than the actual cost of transportation."

Columbia River smelt, frozen, 7, 12%
Lobsters, 40 cents; shrimps, 20 cents
a pound.
Olympia oysters, 70 cents; Eastern,
60 cents a pint.

Eastern oysters, in shell, 35 cents a n order that the universal low fare be | don

charged to all parts of the city.

"The zone system of farce in Portland," he declared," "would mean the imposing of high rates upon that porties of our people least able to bear them, although such higher rates would not be more than the cost of the service given."

Inventor Lambert Honored.

A signal honor was conferred upon Henry M. Lambert, Portland inventor, at the meeting. Mr. Lambert is the local man whose invention, a new type of au-tomobile tire, won a special medal and diploma at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition at San Francisco, and to him the complimentary luncheon was tendered.

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E. E. Faville, editor of the Western Farmer, made the presentation speech.
Mr. Favelie reviewed the work of the
local inventor, and discussed the value
of the invention to the public. The
idea that set My. Lambert to work was idea that set Mr. Lambert to work was conceived nearly 10 years ago, Mr. Faville explained. The experiments and tests that followed were not all encouraging, but the efforts of the inventor finally resulted in a perfected tire. This tire, which Mr. Lambert calls the "Trublpruf," is now being shipped to and sold in nearly every state of the Union.

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The honor conferred upon Mr. Lambert is unusual in that it has been conferred upon no other Oregon man, and only a very few men in the entire West have received the same recognition. The fact that Mr. Lambert's product has been constructed locally, the first factory having been on Union avenue and Kast Morrison street, the big plant now occupied being at East Hoyt and Grand avenue, also reflects credit on Portland as an industrial center.

Cottage cheese, 20 cents a pound—lois of cream.

Live rabbits, English "pink eye," white, 56 cents each, 51.55 a pair. These are half grown, suitable for children's pets.—acap, scap chips, bath powder, etc., can be found in one of the large groceries.

With the firm conviction of having a "good thing" in hand, the demonstrator—a supable woman—expounds her wares with an energy that certainly deserves success.

After property she owns in Portland.

Her husband is now in France and she was pleased to learn recently that he has been commissioned Brigadier-General since arriving on foreign soil. Colonel and Mrs. Inglis have a wide acquaintance in Portland.

According to Mrs. Inglis the regiment sailed from this country on December 27. If and arrived in France December 27. She has received two letters from the Colonel since his arrival there and he says the woyage was uneventful, no

Colonel since his arrival there and he cays the voyage was uneventful, no submarines being sighted. On Christmas day a splendid meal was served, including turkey, plum pudding and everything that goes with a regular old-fashioned Christmas meal.

Mrs. Inglis was at Camp Mills for several weeks before the regiment sailed and was the guest of friends nearby.

### GOOD THINGS IN THE MARKET

H OOD RIVER has developed still another new apple—the Swaar, which promises well. It resembles the Yellow Newtown, but of firmer flesh,

California, 5 cents each

Buerra de Anjou pears, fine color, 60 tents a dozen. Red bananas, 50 cents a dozen; yel-low, 25 to 35 cents. Oregon Tokay grapes, 20 cents a Cranberries, 25 cents a pound.

In the vegetable market: The new-est arrival, and a herald of Spring, is green string beans from California, which look very tender, 30 cents a

In the fish market: The supply is

Eastern oysters, in shell, 35 cents a

Butter clams, 26 cents a pint. Crabs, 20 cents čach; very scarce, Salmon eggs, 20 cents a string. Hard-shell clams, 5 and 6 cents

In the poultry market: Milk-fe hens, 25 to 28 cents; other stock, 3 cents a pound. Friers and broilers, 40 cents a pound very scarce.

Spring chickens and capons, 35 cent
a pound.

Geese and turkeys, 40 cents a pound some geese can be had at 30 cents. China pheasants, \$2.50; guinea-fowl \$1.50 each.

Jack rabbits, skinned or unskinne 49 cents each.

Best eggs, 50 cents a dozen.

Rellable ranch eggs, 50, 52, 52 and 5 cents a dozen.

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Eggs. warranted fresh, 51 cents a dozen, in paper sack.

Pullet eggs, 50 cents; storage, 45 cents a dozen, guaranteed.

Best butter, 68 cents a pound; \$1.26 a roll.

Good creamery, 58 and 55 cents a pound; \$1, \$1.05 and \$1.15 a roll.

Dairy butter, 45 cents a pound.

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Mrs. Wife of Colonel William M Inglis, of Seattle, in command of the Invented by a Pole, Dr. L. L. Zamenhod, It was intended to serve as an auxiliary Second Washington, is a patron of the Portland Hotel. She is here looking the national languages, not to replace Portland Hotel. She is here looking the national languages.

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SHORT TERM CONSIDERED

Former Member of Legislature Is Urged by Friends to Make Race. Election for Two Terms This Year Raises Problem.

H. S. Hudson, of this city, supremmaster of the United Artisans fo Oregon, may be a candidate on the Reand may perhaps be more used as a cooking than an eating apple.

The Swaar has been raised in the foothills of Mount Hood. The retail friends are insisting that he make the price is \$1.98 a box.

The right of a public service corporation to fair consideration and treatment, such as is accorded private individuals and concerns, was maintained yesterday noon at the weskly luncheou of the Realty Board, by Franklin T. Geriffith, president of the Portland Ballway, Light & Power Company, speaking on "Why a s-Cent Fare Is Just and Necessary."

Every table in the crystal room of the Hotel Benson had its quots of interacted listeners and the entry was blocked with auditors. Though Mr. Spitzenberg, \$1 to \$2 a box.

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been officially determined that they can aspire for both terms of the same office.

In his ruling, Attorney-General Brown held that the voters this year would elect two United States Senators—one for the short term extending from next November until the following March and another for the full term of six years beginning next March and holding until March, 1935. But he did not decide the question of whether the same candidate could run for both terms, explaining that this point was not involved in the query he was asked to unravel. to unravel.

which look very tender, 30 cents a pound.
Walla also sends a holhouse supply of string beans at 25 cents.
Rhubarb, 12% to 25 cents a pound.
Cauliflower, from small heads at 5 cents to large ones at 15 and 20 cents each.
Egg plant, 20 cents a pound; two pounds, 25 cents a pound; two pounds, 25 cents a pound; two pounds single stalks, 5 cents each.
Ruda-haga, 5 cents a pound; other stock, four pounds for a dime.
Artichokes, 10 and 12% cents each.
Tomatoes hothouse, from Southern California, 25 cents a pound; other ateck, 15 and 20 cents.
New green pepper, hothouse, 60 cents a pound.
Cucumbers, 15 and 20 cents each.
Celery hearts, 20 cents a bunch: stalks, 5 and 10 cents each.
Burbank potatoes, \$1.25 to \$2 a saciof 100 pounds. Seven pounds, 10 cents; is pounds for a quarter.

MISSING GIRL IS FOUND

Frances Boreham, Who Disappeared on Wednesday, Safe With Friends.

S and 18 cents each.

Brussels aprouts, 15 cents a pound; apinach, 10 cents, three pounds for a quarter.

Oyster plant and mustard greens, 5 cents a bunch.

Celery root, 18 cents a bunch; horseradish, 16 cents a pound.

White and red cabbage, 5 cents a pound.

Curly or Savoy cabbage, three for 10 cents.

Leeks, carrots, paranine, etc. 5 cents.

butions for war funds without proper authority. Mr. Falting explained yes-terday that he heartily approved the Estimates Vary Widely.

"In the recent fare investigation," said Mr. Griffith, "the chief engineer of the commission, whose integrity and shillty is such that he has been employed by the Canadian government to appraise the Canadian Northern railway system, testified that the street railways of Portland could not now be produced for an amount 40 per cent in excess of the value found by the commission."

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as they formerly operated, chose only the profitable profitable runs and profitable and profitable and profitable pours, were immune from regulation and franchise provisions, and avoided giving the service that the street railway company carries, at a loss, to distant parts of the city.

"It is an American principle that the inhabitants of our cities should have the opportunity to live in comfortable surroundings, which is absolutely opposed to the tenement basis of European cities, where zone fares are popular, he stated. "It has been recognised."

Lossers, 40 cents; shrimps, 36 cents a pound.

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## Save a Life? -at a cost of 17c each per day?

Saturday!

Life Saving Day!

-will be Armenian

The week is nearly gone, and not half of the necessary amount has been secured.

Will anyone refuse to

Every man, woman and child must help to save the lives of 2,500,000 people who are starving to death this very minute.

Let's make Saturday the biggest Humanity Day Portland ever saw. We can do it, if each of us will

# Be a Life Saver!

Every cent you give will positively get to them immediately-no delay-no overhead-and no expense for this campaign, as it is paid for by private contribution.

Armenian Relief Committee, Ben Selling, Treas., Portland Hotel.

PROFESSOR DEFELL PROVES HE WAS WRONGLY ACCUSED.

United States District Attorney Giver Out Statement Declaring He Will Not Prosecute.

Professor J. Harthan DeFell, formerly of the University of Oregon, was re-

The evidence has been very conflict-Walls. 18 550.00 108E Cloudy Washington 80 420.00 E Cloudy Winnipeg 8 200.00 W Clear on May 27, 1885, for which reason there will be no prosecution by this office against him."

Retired kancher Dies Suddenly.

PENDLETON, Or., Feb. 8.—(Special.)

—Samuel A. Mentzer, a well-known retired farmer of this county, died last night at Corvallis, according to word received here. He had been visiting his son and daughter, Alta and Leland Mentzer, who are students at Oregon possession without an accompanying least two-thirds of a box of caps in his possession.

This was telephoned to the office of the United States District Attorney by Sheriff J. C. Applegate, who effected the arrest. Under the explosives act passed by Congress in October, no person, alien or citizen, may have explosives in his possession without an accompanying least two-thirds of a box of caps in his possession.

City Takes Entire Issue of \$60,-

870.24; Several Bids Received.

Professor J. Hartnan Dereil, formerly of the University of Oregon, was released yesterday from detention in
rooms of a Portland club, where he had
been ordered to remain during the past
two weeks, while under investigation
by the Federal authorities. He said
he would seek to discover just who was
to blame for his plight.

The order releasing Mr. DeFell because suspicions directed at him were
found unwarranted, was one of the last
acts Clarence Reames, retiring United
States Attorney, performed in his official capacity yesterday. Mr. Reames
gave out a statement, the pertinent
part of which follows:

"Investigation today has disclosed
that Mr. DeFell's application for life insurance, the original record signed by
him at the time he entered the United
States at New York, and the original
records of MoGill University at Montosal, all show that he was born in
Dorpat, Russia, on May 27, 1886. His
father, who was a professor of music,
has also confirmed the date as May 27,
1886, and has furnished proof of that
date.

The evidence has been very conflict-

When Arrested.

Conrad Ludwig, alien enemy, was ar-rested yesterday in Washington County with 20 sticks of dynamite, 30 feet of fuse and two-thirds of a box of caps

Corvallis, and Alta and Leland, now attending Oregon Agricultural College.

Under provisions of the enemy allen act the Federal authorities have the power merely to intern Ludwig. He is not to get off so easily as this, declared Mr. Rankin.

PORTLAND BONDS INVITING

Agricultural College. He was stricken permit, explained Robert 'R. Rankin, in the state for evident violation of the suddenly. Mr. Mentzer was a native of now acting United States Attorney. At the same time Mr. Rankin announced it is not at all likely to be the last. Our own citizens are entirely too carewife and five children, Ed Mentzer, of sale prosecutions of Oregon residents disregarding the new regulations and the President's proclamation bearing the normal structure. The same time Mr. Rankin announced it is not at all likely to be the last. Our own citizens are entirely too carecastic, of Pendleton; Mrs. Roy Kirkpatrick, of Pendleton; Mrs. L. J. Allen, of the President's proclamation bearing them in their possession on the matter.

Read The Oregonian classified ads. This is to be the first prosecution

## NOTICE!

Spend your money today, Saturday-ARMEN-IAN LIFE-SAVING DAY-with business concerns that display in their window the following

### LIFE-SAVING DAY!

Today we are giving a percentage of our entire gross receipts to the Armenian Relief Committee to help

SAVE A LIFE!