

### CRASH OF WITNESSES BLAME ALL DRIVERS

#### No Action Taken Against Jitney After Testimony as to Traffic Accident.

### MYERS SAYS AUTO SKIDDED

#### Extreme Unction Administered by Priest Who Gets Off Car That Figures in Wreck—Mr. Savage Is Better.

No action has been taken against Norman Myers, driver of the jitney, which figured so tragically in Friday's traffic accident, when two lives were lost. Examination of witnesses by Deputies Deich and Ryan, of the District Attorney's office, brought forth stories which incline to distribute the blame almost equally between motorist and jitney.

The accident occurred on Washington street, near Fifteenth, when the jitney driven by Myers, was caught between two streetcars, and in opposite directions. Myers blames the slippery condition of the street, which was deiced with ice. All eight persons, two were passengers in the jitney, which was demolished.

An inquest will be held by Coroner Dammasch on Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock. The jury was impaneled yesterday by Deputy Coroner Smith, and the victims were viewed so that funeral arrangements might go forward.

#### Mr. Savage Improves Some.

The condition of Edward Savage, manager of the Ice Hippodrome, was said to be slightly improved yesterday at St. Vincent's hospital, where he is considered to be grave. He regained consciousness at intervals, lapsing soon into coma. His skull is fractured and he is otherwise injured.

Though his identity was unknown, Rev. Father Costello, chaplain of St. Vincent's Hospital, who visited shortly after the accident, received extreme unction at the hands of one of his closest friends, Father W. B. Cronan, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Cathedral. As the venerable priest lay bleeding and unconscious, immediately after the crash, Father Cronan dismounted from the eastbound streetcar. Without recognizing the dying man, whose clerical collar was hidden by his overcoat, and whose face was bruised, Father Cronan administered extreme unction.

#### Priest's Burial Tuesday.

The funeral of Father Costello will be held Tuesday morning from St. Mary's Cathedral at 9 o'clock. Archbishop Christie officiating at the solemn requiem mass. Interment will be in Mount Calvary Cemetery. The body is now at the Dunning & McEntee establishment.

#### Funeral Arrangements for Mrs. J. J. Chamberlain.

The other victim of the traffic tragedy, have not yet been announced. The body is at the Finley establishment, and the time of burial will be announced today. Her husband, J. J. Chamberlain, was an auditor of the Albina Engine & Machine Works and auditor of the A. O. Anderson Company.

#### Blame Not Fixed.

"I would not venture to state whether or not the crews of the cars were in any way responsible for the accident," said the San Francisco agent of Chicago & Northwestern Railway, who was slightly injured in the smashup.

"As near as I can recall it, the west-bound car stopped at the intersection, to take on or let off passengers. We turned to the left and attempted to pass the car. It was then that we were on the down grade we kept pace with the car. As I recall it, we saw the east-bound car about a block away, but they tell me that from that position I could not have seen that far, for I would have been looking into the fire station at Sixteenth street."

"The auto might have skidded, but of this I am not certain. My impression is that the left of the auto struck the left of the east-bound car, and then was caught from behind by the following car. We were just beginning to cross in front of the car we had attempted to pass."

Mr. Holder is recovering from a serious nervous shock and today there is thanksgiving for the fact that his mother-in-law, 253 North Twenty-second street, where he is visiting.

### FAMOUS PIANIST TO PLAY TWO SOLOS WITH JULIA CULP HERE

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### SECRET OF MERRY CHRISTMAS FOUND IN GIVING TO NEEDY

Plain Little Woman From Farm Contributes Generously to Various Charities When She Discovers Greater Needs of Others Less Fortunate.

BY MARY INEZ MARTIN.  
SHE was just a plain little woman. Of the hundreds of holiday shoppers who jostled her that day, no one had found her worth a second glance. To the little woman, however, this was an event of such great importance she glowed and expanded in the consciousness that this day the dreams of a lifetime were about to be fulfilled. After all the starved years of her life she had at last found the rainbow, and it was her pot of gold she was now coming to town to spend.

That the rainbow was represented by a wheat crop and the pot of gold the grain buyer's check did not in the least lessen the glory and glamour of this great stroke of luck. Year after year this woman had worked early and late to work on the farm and keep the children in school. Year after year they had gone without the little indulgences and comforts of Christmas cheer, and lived in hopes of better times to come. Pictures and stories of what a real Christmas might mean were all they knew about it.

Day Is Notable One.  
But now, for the first time, there had been a good crop and a good price, so this year there was to be a real Christmas in their own home with a tree and presents and turkey dinner—such as would live forever in the memory of her children. Consequently, although no one seemed to notice it, this was an epoch-making day for the plain little woman who had come to Portland with a fat purse to buy presents and make a merry Christmas.

The toy shops, the cloak departments, the music shops, the markets, the milliners, were all visited first. She was getting the first keen edge of her joy by going from shop to shop and laying plans before making her purchases. One whole day she spent in choosing. For herself she decided upon a soft fur collar and a great, comfy muff that would mean warmth and comfort for years to come. For the children she had selected coats, leggings, top boots, sleds, toys, pretty dresses, hair ribbons, dolls, to say nothing of the candy and popcorn and Christmas tree ornaments enough to dazzle old Santa's eyes. Oh, it was wonderful what the Christmas spirit meant! It amounted to an intoxication in her blood to buy and buy and buy these things she had dreamed of and longed for all these barren years.

Gifts Made to Charity.  
And now that her selections were all made, she was just entering the big store on the corner to order her purchases sent up to the farm, when she stopped to drop a nickel in the Salvation Army's pot. Making much of it, she asked cheerily: "Not as much as last year," the girl replied. There were not many coins in the pot, so the woman sent a larger one after her nickel. Inside the shop door an appeal for the Red Cross met her eye. She had been so intent upon her shop-



ping that she had not noticed it before. Now, at last, her selections all made, she gave herself a breathing spell. The poor soldiers in the trenches were in need of everything, so of course she would be glad to give something to them. "Which is this for, the Red Cross or the Christie Home?" the girl was asked. "For the soldiers," she answered, then as an afterthought she said, "Which is the Christie Home?" In a few words the woman heard about the home for orphan girls, the girls who needed love and mothering, the one thing in which her own children were rich. Gladly she gave her help to these orphan girls, with a thrill of gratitude at being able to do so.

Needs of Poor Told.  
As the day wore on she was told of the old people and tiny babies, the sick and the crippled whose Christmas cheer depended upon the generosity of the townspeople. Suddenly the muff she had decided upon for herself appeared as the necessary luxury as she thought about the poor old souls in the almshouse. The orphan girls in the Christie Home, she also decided, needed the bright hair-ribbons and toy mice that her own little girl, who had a home and mother, the children in the free ward of the Good Samaritan were to have a share. She was told—here was a chance to send them some of the ornaments she had chosen for her own tree.

With all these things in her mind she did not get back to the shops to order her things sent that morning, but she never imagines there was so much distress in the beautiful big city. That big fur collar was also unnecessary, she discovered later, after hearing about the wounded fireman and the little blind boy in the county hospital. Her own boy, she knew, would gladly divide the presents that were to be his and the poor, helpless boy.

As each new appeal was presented to her her heart grew warmer and tender, and toward the people who had no homes, no loved ones, and when she heard about the Bank of Sympathy in which one could buy as many shares as he could afford, she understood why a kind Providence had brought her to the city. It was a wonderful thing to be able to bring just a little bright cheer into these empty hearts that ran out in great throbs of love and gratitude as she realized how rich her own blessings had been during the year.

Giving Brings Joy.  
It was a cold, rainy morning when this little woman started back to the farm. She stood on the corner waiting for a streetcar, just a plain little country woman in the same shabby suit, with neither soft fur collar nor warm, comfy muff. The purchases she had not been able to pack in her suitcase were done up in a bundle which she carried. The long list of purchases she had brought to the city with her had dwindled to the proportions of these two small packages. But there were many people less fortunate than she whom she had been able to help a little and her heart glowed with the joy of knowing that her small way she had helped to bring a bit of Christmas cheer into their lives.

Her children would not have the tree and presents and turkey dinner she had promised them, but they would listen, big-eyed and eager, to her white she told them about the soldier boys in the

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Portland Lodge No. 55 and Washington Lodge No. 46 to Hold Ceremony St. Johns Day.

Two important installations will occur at sessions of Portland Lodge No. 55 and Washington Lodge No. 46 on the evening of St. Johns day, December 27, at Grand Lodge Hall, Lowndesdale and Morrison streets. Most Worshipful Grand Master Will Moon will officiate and the newly elected worshipful masters, Ray Hurlburt and Harry Cowgill, Jr., will be installed by their fathers, Thomas M. Hurlburt and H. E. Cowgill, who are past masters of their respective lodges. These two installations are considered an unusual occurrence.

The programme will include musical numbers by the Gul Reazee Band, the Washington Lodge male quartet and the Schumann ladies' quartet.

Through the courtesy of Mount Tabor Lodge No. 42 an interesting part of the programme will be supplied by an illustrated lecture describing a visit to the Holy Land. The pictures cover a journey between Joppa and Jerusalem, and will be presented by Professor J. B. Horner, of the Oregon Agricultural College.

All Masons are invited to attend, and it is expected that this will be one of the largest Masonic gatherings of the year, including, as it does, the meeting of the two largest blue lodges of the state.

Dr. Chapman to Talk.  
Dr. C. H. Chapman will address the

### LIQUOR IS WYOMING ISSUE

Measure to Submit Question to Voters to Come Up.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 23.—Prohibition will be the chief issue before the 14th State Legislature, which will convene here January 9. An active campaign was conducted for the anti-saloon bill submitting a prohibitory amendment to the people at the next election. The liquor interests throughout the state are endeavoring to resist the passage of a submission bill.

Although the state went Democratic on the Presidency, the United States Senators, the Republicans will have a majority in both houses of the Legislature. In the Senate the liquor will be 16 Republicans and 11 Democrats; in the house 32 Republicans and 25 Democrats.

The Democrats were pledged in their state platform to the prohibition of the people of all issues of popular concern. Most of them are expected to vote for the prohibitory submission bill. The Republican party took no stand on the issue, but the anti-saloon leaders say they will support submission.

Sherwood Masons Install.  
SHERWOOD, Or., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—The annual election of the officers of Sherwood Masonic lodge was held Saturday evening, December 16. After the election a public installation was held attended by the wives and families of the Masons. The following officers were installed by the retiring worshipful master, R. W. Rasmussen, John Chapman, worshipful master; Charles Dickson, senior warden; James Hoy, junior warden; C. I. Calkins, treasurer; R. W. Rasmussen, secretary.

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### CHARLES H. GROUT DIES

Hotelman and Manager of Union Pacific Commissary Passes.

Word has been received here of the death in Laramie, Wyo., of Charles H. Grout, ex-commissionary of the Union Pacific lines in Portland. Mr. Grout lived in Portland a year and had occupied his position in Laramie, that of manager of the company hotel, for only a few days. He was 46 years of age and leaves a widow.

Before coming to Portland Mr. Grout was publicity manager for several hotels at the Panama-Pacific Exposition, among them being the Portland, Denver and others.

He was several years ago superintendent of service for the Idaho Hotel, of Boise, where he lived for three years.

### LINN MAN, 93, CELEBRATES

Barney Burtenshaw, of Lebanon, Is Active Each Day.

LEBANON, Or., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Barney Burtenshaw, early settler of Linn County, last week celebrated his 93rd birthday at his home in this city. Mr. Burtenshaw came to Oregon nearly 50 years ago and settled on a farm. He was at one time warden of the State Penitentiary. He was born in Kentucky in 1823. He is still hale and appears to be about 75 years old.

He is upmost almost every day, reads the papers every day and usually attends the Masonic Lodge meetings. His wife died a few years ago after a married life of more than 60 years.

Rabies Epidemic Subsides.  
NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Animals suspected of rabies, and on account of the quarantine declared against that disease in 10 counties in this part of the state, has measurably subsided here. Many dogs are muzzled, but no concerted effort is being made to enforce muzzling. Two dogs suspected of having the disease were shot in the Wide Hollow, several miles west of this city, this week.

deep. The bear weighed 500 pounds alive. Mr. Fratsch had the bear in his possession since the day of its birth, the cub being born while the dogs were chasing its mother. He fed it on bread most of the time and the bruin always remained plump.

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