

CITY TRAFFIC EXPERT FINDS 337 JITNEYS NOW IN OPERATION

Survey Shows 247 Cross the Bridges Each Day; Average Gross Receipts \$2.57.

EXPENSIVE FOR TRAM CAR Estimated Falling Off in Streetcar Receipts Each Night Means To \$980.

According to investigation by traffic experts of the department of public works there are now in operation here and 247 of them cross the bridges over the Willamette river.

The results of the investigation are given in a report of Traffic Engineer Kirkpatrick to Commissioner Dieck and are to be used by the city commissioners when considering regulations for jitneys and auto buses.

Kirkpatrick says that the jitneys and buses passing Fifth and Washington streets, the busiest intersection of the city, have caused an increase in traffic of 236 per cent since a traffic survey was made in 1914.

He says that the influx of jitneys and buses on transfer routes causes a congestion through the west side business district which he considers serious.

The report shows that on the Broadway bridge the jitneys and buses have caused a 29 per cent increase in traffic. There are 37 jitneys and one bus operating over this bridge.

Five jitneys and two buses operate on the Burnside street bridge, causing an increase of 9 per cent in traffic conditions. On the Morrison street bridge 89 machines are in operation, causing an increase of 21 per cent, and on the Hawthorne bridge there are 77 jitneys and eight buses in operation which have caused an increase in traffic of 40 per cent.

Kirkpatrick estimates that the jitneys and the auto buses are cutting into the revenues of the Portland Railway, Light & Heat company at the rate of \$366 during each eight hours of daytime.

VALUATION IS UP TO COURTS Land is Needed for the Widening of Mill Street.

The courts are to determine the value of property owned by Patrick Holland at sixteenth and Mill streets, needed by the city in the widening of Mill street from sixteenth to Chapman.

HEARING SET FOR MARCH 20 Railroad Commission Will Investigate Railroad Crossing. The state railroad commission is to start an investigation to determine whether or not the O. W. R. & N. Co. is affording adequate protection to the public along its tracks through Sullivan's gulch to East Eightieth street.

HEARING SET FOR TUESDAY Ordinance to Regulate Jitneys and Buses Nearly Ready.

Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock is the date set by the council this morning for hearing arguments for and against the regulation of the jitneys and the auto buses. The tentative draft of the revised regulatory ordinance was not completed for the council this morning, but Commissioner Daly says that everything will be in readiness for the hearing on Tuesday.

Censorship Ordinance Discussed. The recently adopted motion picture censorship ordinance was explained to the members of the present board of motion picture censors and the motion picture viewers at the monthly meeting of the board held yesterday afternoon in the city hall. Mayor Albion did the explaining.

Don't Neglect THROAT Troubles because the swollen glands and inflamed membranes often affect other tissues and impair their healthy action. SCOTT'S EMULSION affords great relief because its cod liver oil is speedily converted into germ-resisting tissue—the glycerine is curative and healing, while the combined emulsion strengthens the lungs to avert lung trouble.

SOLDIER HAS SCORES OF THRILLING EXPERIENCES

One Exploding Shell Tears a Big Hole in Ground, Killing All Near, Writes.



August Butgerut.

August Butgerut, who for five years until November a year ago worked at the Southern Pacific freighthouse here, is in the midst of the battles between the German and Russian forces in Russian Poland.

The letter was written in sections, the first on January 25 and the second on January 24, the interim having been spent on guard in the trenches.

Speaking of the exploding shell, he writes: "Within five steps of me a cannon shell exploded and killed nearly all. It made a hole two meters deep and three meters in diameter."

In these same battles he says he saw trenches filled with human bodies dead and wounded, so that losses were heavy on both sides.

Butgerut was a native of East Prussia, in the vicinity of Konigsberg, and left here to visit his relatives.

Issues Defy to City. Defying them to do their worst, Mark Schluessel, agent for building in South Portland ordered torn down by the council, in a letter to the council this morning, says that if the council's attempt to remove the structure without due process of law, he will hold each and all of them personally responsible.

No Entrance to Dock Site. Owing to the fact that there is no entrance to the street of property which the city proposes to purchase from the O. W. R. & N. company in Lower Albina for a site for the berth of the fireboat George H. Williams, action on the ordinance appropriating \$4500 for the purchase was postponed by the council this morning until an investigation is made to determine whether or not a right of way to the street may be secured.

City Will Fight Damage Suit. City Attorney La Roche is to represent W. H. Warren, secretary to Mayor Albion, and members of the moral squad, in the suit brought by A. E. Ingersoll and his wife as the result of their arrest in the Minook hotel.

Resolution Corrects Error. Owing to an error made by the department of public works in the proposed assessment district for the resurfacing of Washington street from

tic reasons. The Russians followed them and treated the German inhabitants with considerable consideration and paid for everything that they took for their own use.

Twentieth to the entrance of Washington park, the city council this morning had to rescind its former action and pass a new resolution authorizing the improvement.

Lead Contract Awarded. The Crane company this morning was awarded the contract by the city council for 200,000 pounds of pig lead, to be used by the water bureau in construction work.

Evening Star Grange Meets. Evening Star Grange will hold its regular monthly meeting at its hall on the Section Line road tomorrow, initiating six candidates in the third and fourth degrees at the morning session starting at 10:30 o'clock and arranging a public lecturer program, arranged by Miss Nellie Pawcett, lecturer, tomorrow afternoon.

Preference to Married Men. Where possible in the future, married men supporting families will be given preference in different departments of the county government employing labor. The county commissioners yesterday made the order to that effect.

Willing to Aid School Work. They might learn opportunities for cooperating in improving Portland's public school system, a committee of the Portland Collegiate Alumnae, in company with Superintendent of Schools L. R. Alderman, visited Ladd school, Lincoln high school and the Girls' Trade school this morning.

St. Paul now has Jitney bus lines in operation.

ALIEN LABOR LAW OF NEW YORK SUSPENDED BY SUPREME COURT

Writs of Error for Review of Court of Appeals Decision Granted by High Tribunal.

Washington, March 5.—The supreme court all its members concurring, yesterday issued an injunction suspending the operation of the New York state alien labor law and granted writs of error for a review of the decision by the New York state court of appeals which held the law constitutional in a decision handed down February 25.

Protests have been filed by the Italian ambassador, Count de Cella, that the law violates Italian treaty rights, and by Great Britain. Although no formal protest had been made by Japan, it is understood the Japanese ambassador is watching developments with great interest.

Writs of error granted yesterday by the supreme court call for a review of two suits—that of William E. Heim, who sought to restrain the public service commission, first department, of New York, from declaring forfeited contracts calling for construction of subways in New York city because of the employment of aliens; and that brought by the state of New York against Charles Crane for violating the law.

Opposition to the New York statute is made on the ground that it is unconstitutional, it being alleged that it violates the provision "that no member of this state shall be disfranchised or deprived of any of the rights or privileges secured to any citizen thereof, unless by law of the land or judgment of his peers," and that "no person shall be deprived of life, liberty or happiness without due process of law." It is also contended that the law is unconstitutional in that it is made to apply to contracts already in existence at the time of its enactment, and that it makes acts penal which are otherwise harmless.

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BUSINESS PICKS UP

Discharged Street Cleaner Had Ready Answer at Investigation.

How appropriately the phrase, "Business is picking up," was used by J. W. Novel, a member of the "white wings" squad of the street cleaning bureau, who had been discharged for not attending to his duties, was brought out in the hearing of his case before the civil service board yesterday afternoon.

Novel had been accused of spending

too much time talking to pedestrians during working hours.

"You were talking to one man for some little time one day. Just what was that conversation?" asked Deputy City Attorney Myers, handing the case for the city.

"Well, he asked how business was," replied Novel, "and I told him it was picking up. That's all I said."

The board took his case under advisement.

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MACHINES BARRED

Gum Venders Held to Be Gambling Device by Municipal Court.

With the instruction to the police to bring in all other machines of the kind in the city, Municipal Judge Stevenson this morning found Lester C. Moon of 1018 Belmont street, and F. A. McKinley of 1018 Belmont street guilty of maintaining a gambling device in gum vending machines they had in their pieces of business. Sentence was postponed.

about 45 such machines are in operation in the city. The defendants maintained that the machine does not furnish a game of chance, because the player always receives a piece of gum with the nickel deposited, and stands a chance of getting trade checks in addition, with a lucky turn of the wheel.

Judge Stevenson ordered the machines disposed of, however, and said that for further offenses he would inflict fines.

Men! See the blue serge suits I am selling at \$14.75. \$25.00 worth for \$14.75. Jimmy Dunn, Oregonian building, 3d floor. (Adv.)

Do you know how delicious a Hood River Newtown really is? Along with the Hood River Spitzenberg, the Newtown Pippin is the highest rated quality apple in the world. Big, golden, meaty apples—the ideal Winter apple, which is at its best right now when the yellow is blending with the brown.

FIRE SALVAGE SALE The \$55,000 Fire, Smoke and Water Damaged Stock of Phegley & Cavender Ordered Sold at 25c to 50c on the Dollar