

# JITNEY DEATH KNELL EXPECTED AS RESULT OF COUNCIL MEETING

Will Instruct Daly to Adopt Zone System Before Outlined by Council.

## JITNEYS LACK FRANCHISE

Council Also Will Consider Granting Franchise to Operate Motor Buses on the Central West Side.

Today may be the last in which the former jitneys may operate as for-hire cars under a zone system, as the city council this afternoon purposes having Commissioner Daly adopt the zone system drafted by the majority of the council aimed to preclude the jitneys from operating in certain districts for 5 cents.

The jitneys have no franchise and so far the council and the jitney interests have come to no agreement as to a franchise, so it is probable that the ruling of the council expected this afternoon will be the death knell for the "taxi-jitney."

The council is also to consider the applications of Stephen Carver for a franchise to operate motor buses through the central east side and on three routes of the west side.

## MAYORS OF TWO CITIES MEET

Astoria and Portland Start New Regime of Civic Friendship.

"Good morning, Mr. Mayor," said the mayor-elect.

"Good morning, Mr. Mayor," the mayor replied.

And thus did Astoria and Portland start off a new regime of civic friendship that may be destined to rouse the attention of the known world.

Mayor F. C. Harley, the poll-hud and portentious chief executive of the lower river, newly elected, paid his official call upon H. R. Albee, chief magistrate of the Rose City, this morning.

"How are you handling the north end?" was one of his queries. Mayor Albee told him.

"How about the police department?" then inquired Harley. On this also he was enlightened.

"Astoria is going to be run for the people, the newly elected mayor stated during his Portland visit. "I was elected by the Republicans, the Progressives, the Democrats and the Prohibitionists, and all are going to have a say in how their city is run. The talk about a wide open town is all bunk. What the people elected me for—that they will get."

Harley is preparing to give a great and gorgeous inaugural ball, one of the most epoch-making in Astoria's social history.

"It'll be a humdinger," declared the mayor. "Everybody will be there and we'll have some time."

This event will come soon after the first of the year.

## Vote Guardsmen's Families Big Sum

Washington, Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—The house today passed the urgent deficiency bill carrying an appropriation of \$4,578,250. Included is an item of \$4,350,000 for the relief of dependent families of guardsmen on the border.

Other items cover contingent expenses and wages at the Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco mints, the New York assay office and miscellaneous expenses for the supreme court of the District of Columbia.

## Bill Barring Liquor Ads Given Approval

Washington, Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—The senate postoffice committee today reported favorably the bill barring from the mails in dry states all liquor advertisements.

## Rankin Says:

"Only 2 more days till Xmas"—"So do your shopping where our Personal Service saves you Time and Money."

Neckwear, his kind, \$2 down to .50c

Shirts for men who know, at \$2 and \$1.50

Pure Linen Kerchiefs .25c

Men's Hose, Xmas boxes—4 pairs . . . . . \$1.00

Collar Button and Cuff Link Sets initial Belt Sets . . . . . \$1.00

Combination Garter and Suspenders Sets. \$1.50 down to 50c

A "Ranco" Hat will fit him—they're . . . . . \$3.00

Pajamas, Suits . . . \$2 and \$1.50

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## Real Umbrellas

Storm, Rain and Wind-proof. Sturdy frames, lasting fabrics—made to wear, with our guarantee behind each—\$1.05 to \$15

## DOUBLE PHONE Exchanges.

QUICK DELIVERY to any address.

CAR TICKETS on sale.

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for any desired sum.

## U. S. POST-OFFICE in Basement

With full Money Order and Package Service.

## Rich Cut Glass

Hoare's—none finer and very moderately priced. Fine cutting, no pressed blanks.

## Candlesticks

in finely turned mahogany, art brass, bronze, porcelain and cut glass. With them we show those fetching little silk and paper shades with neat holders.

## Pottery

every piece the finished task of an American Artist. Soft shades of green, brown and Pompeian red in forms of beauty.

## FINE PERFUMES are again in vogue

—hot the rank, musty odors of other days, but those fascinating floral extracts with a fragrance which ever attracts, never repels the mark of good taste. The French, ever excellent, still lead with—

VIOLET (spoken Vee-O-Lay) HOUBIGANT ROGER & GALLET

Attractive packages from 50c to the edition De Luxe in etched glass at \$24.00.

## WOODARD CLARKE CO.

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## PLUMMER DRUG COMPANY

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## XMAS OFFERINGS

Novelty Dolls, Teddy Bears, Tinkertoys, Revolver Toys, Lowney's Goggles, Perfumes, Stationery, Flashlights, Cigarettes, etc. Courteous, prompt service. Moderate prices.

DOUBLE S. & H. GREEN TRADING STAMPS all this week.

The Family Drug Store.

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# Sugar Prices Go Up On Would-Be Buyer

With Purchasing Agency Established Monsoons' League Expect to Retail Sugar at \$4 Per 100 Pounds.

The price of sugar has advanced from \$2.46 to \$4 per 100 pounds, with L. D. Mahone, chairman of the Hoosier League, recently organized to combat the high cost of living.

At a meeting of the league held in the Central library, December 10, Mr. Mahone made a statement that he could lay down sugar in Portland direct from the manufacturers for \$2.46 and that he expected to have sugar coming into the city in large lots within a week or two.

In answer to a query this morning Mr. Mahone said that any idea that sugar could be bought for \$2.46 was a misapprehension, as this was the cost of manufacture and naturally any buyer would have to allow the producer a profit.

"With the establishment of an exchange or purchasing agency we should be able to retail sugar at about \$4," he said. "This price would include cost, freight and a margin for overhead in the conduct of the exchange, which is opened as soon as we can get enough sponsors for it." A meeting will be held at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon in the Central library to discuss further plans for the proposed agency.

# WILL LOOK INTO THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF P. R., L. & P. CO.

Isaac Swett Will Head Committee to Get Facts Regarding Jitney Contest.

An investigation of the financial condition of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, with a view of making public its true condition, is the purpose of a committee to be appointed as a result of a mass meeting held in the Central library last night. Isaac Swett, chairman of the committee, this morning and the others are to be named within a few days. C. E. Lenon, who presided at last night's meeting, is to name the members of the committee.

The committee also proposes to get all information possible concerning the present jitney controversy and the position of the streetcar company and public officials in the controversy. Will H. Daly, commissioner of public utilities, discussed the proposed municipal lighting plant at the meeting last night. He said that detailed plans, specifications and estimates of

# STORY OF PROSPERITY COMES FROM A VERY UNEXPECTED SOURCE

Fewer Families of Able-Bodied Men Now Seek Help Than Heretofore.

A "Prosperity story" came to day from the last place in the world you would expect it—the Public Welfare bureau, successor to Associated Charities. "There are fewer families headed by able-bodied men who are seeking help," said A. R. Gephart, secretary of the bureau. "As an organization we are receiving more calls for help from families broken from ordinary causes such as misfortunes, sickness, age, lack of bread winners, but that is because such organizations as the Muts and the winter relief bureau have not been active this year. In other words, while our task is somewhat heavier the burden of need upon the city is much lighter. But during November we received 224 calls as compared with 295 calls for assistance during November of a year ago. By turning over all matters pertaining to employment to the municipal free employment bureau our staff is able to accomplish more in dealing with those who seek aid and there is less confusion." In addition to its other duties the Public Welfare bureau has undertaken to investigate applications for relief received by the county board of relief in return for the use of rooms in the court house. Although the county disburses \$16,000 to \$18,000 a year for help of the needy no plan of investigating the spirit of those seeking help had ever been devised before. The bureau's fund from public subscriptions now approximates \$10,000. It has asked for \$25,000.

"We would be glad if those who know families in need of Christmas cheer would communicate with us as soon as possible," said Mr. Gephart. "It is less difficult to respond to the calls as they should be cared for."

## State Health Board Is Meeting Today

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## Father Will Drag River for Daughter

Salem, Or., Dec. 21.—John Hrbacek, father of Miss Lillian Hrbacek, who is believed to have drowned in the Willamette river here Friday morning, arrived here today and will drag the river for the body. He is a resident of Shaniko, Wash., and Grappler Brady, of Portland, will be secured.

With tears in his eyes, he related his story to the county clerk and told of his two brothers and eight children killed in the European war and the death of his mother because of grief. He comes from Bohemia. He learned of Lillian's death Tuesday evening.

# Greek Masher Is Let Off With \$15 Fine

Prosecutors Complain at Night Punishment Meted Out to Fellow on Mashing Charge.

After Gus Bandiskis, a Greek, had been fined \$15 in the municipal court this morning on a charge of mashing, he was rearrested on a state warrant issued by Deputy District Attorney Ryan, charging assault and battery.

The arrest provoked a row in the municipal court between Judge Langguth, Ryan and Deputy City Attorney Stadler. Bandiskis was arrested at second and Burnside streets by Patrolmen Nelson and Barker on the complaint of Mrs. Harry Hill.

She said that Bandiskis grabbed her arm as she walked across the Burnside bridge last night, and gruffly bade her to "come along with me." She retaliated by hitting him over the head several times with her umbrella, and then followed him to where the arrest was made.

"I guess \$15 ought to be about enough in this case," said the court, and he was fined \$15. Stadler and Ryan protested for a higher penalty, but were unsuccessful. Ryan then took Mrs. Hill to his office and she was greatly surprised when it was taken to him for his signature, but signed it under protest. Bandiskis will probably be tried on the second charge this afternoon.

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# LAW LIBRARY FEE ACT WILL COME UP FOR HEARING IN FEW DAYS

Judge Davis to Hear Arguments on Constitutionality of Present Tax.

The constitutionality of the act which provides that the county clerk of Multnomah shall collect, in addition to the regular filing fee, \$1 for each complaint filed and 50 cents for each answer, these sums to be turned over to the Multnomah law library, will be argued before Circuit Judge Davis next Saturday morning.

On the amended petition of the state, on relation of Macdonald Potts, Judge Davis yesterday issued a writ of mandamus directing County Clerk Coffey to accept for filing a complaint, without charging the additional \$1, or appear in court next Saturday morning at 10 o'clock and show cause why he should not.

It is the contention of the plaintiffs that the law requiring the collection of fees for the benefit of the law library is unconstitutional for the following reasons:

"It does not impose a payment in the same sum on both plaintiff and defendant."

"It does not impose an equal burden on all in the same class."

"It grants immunities to a class of citizens which are not on the same terms accorded to all citizens."

"It is not equal and uniform in its application."

"It attempts to invest and empower

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a county to do an act prohibited by the constitution.  
"The tax is not imposed and collected for any public purpose."  
"It is not imposed and collected for any governmental purpose."  
"It is imposed and collected for a private purpose appearing in the act."  
"It is not imposed and collected to meet any necessity."

## Wright Is Lincoln Captain.

E. K. Wright, center of the Lincoln high school football team, was yesterday elected captain of the football eleven for 1917. Wright played his first season last year.

Henry Stevens has been elected captain of the basketball team. He is a second year man.

## Borah Explains Position.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Explaining his attitude in opposing immediate action by the senate on the peace resolution offered by Senator Hitchcock, Senator Borah said:  
"By objecting to the consideration of the resolution this morning, I did not of course, intend in any sense to criticize the action of the president. He has undoubtedly acted upon full information and after long and mature reflection."

# French Cruiser Cut Steamer in Twain

Marseilles, Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—An Italian steamer was cut entirely in twain by collision with the French cruiser Ernest Renan, according to dispatches received from Toulon today. Fifteen perished on the steamer, the other 115 aboard the Italian vessel being rescued by the French warship. The accident occurred at night.

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Tomorrow and Saturday. No reservations or exceptions. Oils, Water Colors, Gravures, Carbons, Engravings, Pastels, excellent subjects—every one worthy a place in your home or office.

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### Ivorex Panels

handwork of a famous English artist, showing in bas relief Shakespeare's birthplace, London Bridge, The Tower, Sir Galahad, Scenes from Ann Hathaway's Cottage, Dickens and other famous subjects, priced from 75c up.

### Dainty Sewing Cases

silk lined, Scissor Sets, Music Rolls, Hand Bags, Roll-Ups, Pullman Slippers, Auto Sets, Week-end Fitted Bags, Diaries, Flasks, Guest Books—w cannot name them all.

### Headquarters for "THERMOS" Bottles

"ANSCO" Cameras ENGRAVED STATIONERY GREETING CARDS WATERMAN PENS

### Shaving Mirrors

adjustable and the VACUUM which you can attach to any wall without a nail or hook—holds itself.

### Autostrops and Twinplex

Make your Razor blades new in a moment. Real Badger and Bristle Shaving Brushes.

### Self Shavers

like our store, its assortment of Razors leave nothing to be desired. Gillette's famous Safeties, gold finished up to \$25.—others at \$1. Straight handle Swedish Steel at a dollar.

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New, practical ideas which lessen the housewife's work and save money for the wage-earner.

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**Bicycles**  
For Boys and Girls  
Will give more pleasure and health than anything else.

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