

## CARVER IS WILLING TO PUT UP BONDS TO SHOW HIS GOOD FAITH

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## NEW DISTRICTS TAPPED

Regular Schedules to Be Maintained; Foster Wants Exclusive Rights to Linnton.

Answering charges that he is not acting in good faith, Stephen Carver, of the Portland Trackless Car company, who is seeking three franchises to operate motor buses over 11 routes of the city, meeting with the city council yesterday afternoon, agreed to give bonds totaling \$2500 to guarantee the establishment of the service and the continuation of it for at least six months.

The agreement provides for a bond of \$1000 on each of the two franchises for routes on the east side and \$500 for the franchise for routes on the west side. If at the expiration of six months it is found that the business is unprofitable the council agreed with Mr. Carver that service could be discontinued.

The service which Mr. Carver says he will establish is to be wholly different from the present jitney service. The cars are to operate on definite schedules, into districts where there is no streetcar service and the cars are to be of the large bus variety.

Streetscar Man Objects. F. L. Fuller, vice president of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, and R. A. Lietter, one of the attorneys for the company, were both in attendance at the session yesterday afternoon and interposed numerous objections to the proposed service being routed on the same streets with the streetcar lines.

Members of the council objected to buses being operated on Twenty-third street on the west side. This route is the only one which follows the line of the streetcar company for any distance and it is said to be the best paying line of the streetcar company. Mr. Carver insisted that he should be permitted to operate on this route but did agree, however, to investigate the feasibility of a route on some other street.

Righteously Indignant. The Carver franchisees are to be discussed by the council again next Tuesday afternoon.

During the discussion yesterday Commissioner Baker took occasion to tell other members of the council that he objected to the insinuations that the council was in collusion with the Portland Railway, Light & Power Co. to put the jitneys out of business.

"I'm getting tired of these insinuations," he declared. "You've got a lot more of them coming," sympathized Mayor Albee. "I find a very easy way to dispose of them is to say that they are not true."

L. M. Lepper, attorney for Carver,

declared that representatives of the union of jitney drivers said they would invoke the referendum on the franchise if granted to his client, but A. A. Thielke, president of the organization, denied that he or any authorized head of the union had made such a statement.

Wants Exclusive Right. If the franchisees are granted the understanding will be that no other franchises for service into the same districts will be allowed.

W. M. Foster, seeking a franchise to operate buses between the business district and Linnton, told the council yesterday that he did not want a franchise unless he could have it exclusively. He said that he had heard that others were to apply for a franchise on the same route. He objected to the publication of his proposed franchise until it was seen whether or not other applications were filed. The council fixed Tuesday as the time limit for the filing of other applications.

The council took no action on the adoption of the zone system for franchises. This question was expected to be settled at yesterday's meeting, but the discussion of the franchisees took up the entire afternoon.

## Members of I. W. W. Released by Court

Judge Langguth Finds That No Disorderly Conduct Occurred in Connection With Their Picketing.

The 17 members of the I. W. W. arrested for disorderly assemblage in front of the Oregon bakery and coffeehouse, at First and Madison streets, yesterday were freed by Judge Langguth in the afternoon, when it was shown that there had been no violence in connection with their picketing. Waiters at the restaurant are on a strike.

All of the defendants, however, did not escape so happily. One face in the crowd looked familiar to several police detectives who attended the trial, and after the prisoners left the courtroom light came.

As a result, the man who gave his name as Ira Porter was rearrested at I. W. W. headquarters half an hour later. He was identified as Harry King, who was convicted last summer of holding up a Greek with a rusty revolver, in a north end rooming-house, and robbing him.

King was sentenced to three months in jail, but while acting as a trustee at the St. Johns sub jail, escaped about two months ago. More than half of his sentence remains to be served.

## W. U. Mercuries Have Xmas Dinner

Western Union messenger boys celebrated Christmas merrily last night with a banquet and theatre party as the guests of the company.

Preceded by the Sons of Veterans' drum corps the boys marched to the Multnomah hotel for dinner and concluded the party by attending "Twin Beds" at the Helix.

W. A. Robb, Portland manager for the Western Union, was toastmaster, and O. M. Plummer, member of the school board, was the principal speaker, telling the lads of the value of education. Others on the program were G. A. Curtis, chief delivery clerk, and L. E. Beach, director of the drum corps. Art Van, M. Levenson and L. Kelleker responded for the messengers.

## JOURNAL'S CARRIERS GIVE THEIR BIGGEST AND FINEST PARTY

Young Men and Their Friends Make Merry at Cotillion Hall; Fine Entertainment.

By Ella McMunn.

Last night I went to the party given by The Journal Carriers' association at Cotillion hall. I am sure that there were 1,000,000 there, because I counted them "till I got tired and quit, although Prof. Ringler and David Smith, who was the boss of the show, said there were only 500.

Nona Lawler, who belongs to The Journal, sang like a bird, and although I didn't know what it was about, I was sure it was beautiful, and the audience applauded until the mistletoe and the flowers waved over our heads and she came back and sang another wonderful song about some wonderful thing. Then The Journal quartet, composed of three men of medium length and one very tall one, sang, and The Journal orchestra played and they had several readings which were not readings, because the people all knew their pieces by heart. And Miss A. L. Paget, who is a pretty girl, even though she doesn't belong to The Journal, came out on the stage and danced splendidly. Besides Miss Paget, there were hundreds and hundreds of other beautiful girls in beautiful dresses, who danced, though not on the stage.

There were 200 of the carriers, who marched past a committee and were given fountain pens, books and some other useful things for boys.

Everybody said it was the finest party The Journal Carriers ever had, and Mr. Smith said he would take me up front if I would promise not to say anything about it in the paper, and I am keeping my promise just as he wanted me to.

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## Plan Entertainment For the Teachers

State Teachers' Association Will Foot Arrangements to Greet Visiting Educators Next July.

Entertainment plans for the convention of the National Education association, which meets here next July, will be discussed at a joint meeting of the State Teachers' association, the city board of education, and the civic and conventions bureau of the Chamber of Commerce, which will be called soon after January 1. Representatives of the railroad will be invited and their tentative assurance of special excursion rates to the great gathering has given the local committees much encouragement.

It is proposed to outline a comprehensive plan for holding the details of the convention and a nationwide publicity campaign will be put on. It has been pointed out that the convention's chief importance to this city will be the fact that the delegates, teachers from all over the United States, will return to their homes with lasting impressions of the city and the northwest, and will be transmitted to their circle of influence in the school and among their friends.

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Bigelow Emphatically Denies He Approves Albee and Dieck's Arrangement.

The proposed zone system for for-hire cars, over which William H. Daly, commissioner of public utilities, today lost supervision, was the subject of a spirited tilt between Commissioner Bigelow on the one side and Mayor Albee and Commissioner Dieck on the other.

During the controversy Commissioner Bigelow emphatically denied that he was in favor of the zone system as planned largely by Mayor Albee and Commissioner Dieck. He said that he was opposed to the system, as the zones were too large, and gave for-hire cars operating under it an opportunity of increasing their rates. A local morning newspaper had stated that Commissioner Bigelow was with the majority of the council in its approval of the new system.

The trouble began when the appeal of the Oregon Taxicab company, asking that Commissioner Daly's zone system be set aside, came before the council.

"I move that the objections be sustained," said Commissioner Dieck and Commissioner Baker promptly seconded the motion.

"What is this?" asked Bigelow. "It is rejection of the present zone system and the substitution of the new system," he was told.

"I'm not in favor of the new system," said Bigelow. "I thought you approved it," said the mayor.

"I never saw it," retorted Bigelow. "Sure you did," interrupted Dieck. "Not the final form," replied Bigelow. "I have never approved it. A reporter on a morning newspaper told me that you said that I had approved it and it's not so."

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you had seen it," explained Dieck. The tilt came to an end when Dieck presented the outline of the new system. The scheme provides for 20 zones scattered throughout the city with a common or central zone embracing the downtown section and the other zones scattered around it. The system makes no attempt to fix rates but does provide a basis for all charges.

Later in the meeting George W. Stapleton, representing the Oregon Taxicab company, presented a resolution and asked the council to adopt it. The resolution criticized Commissioner Daly's zone system and was aimed to have the system officially rejected. Commissioner Daly immediately objected to the resolution being handled by the council and he was sustained by Commissioner Bigelow and Mayor Albee. Daly declared that the council should prepare its own resolutions. Under the new zone system it will be an easy matter to end the lives of the jitneys operating as for-hire vehicles. As soon as Commissioner Dieck takes charge of the regulation of transportation utilities all he has to do is to adopt the zone system and machines operating either to comply with the system or go out of business. It will be impossible, say the jitney drivers, to operate for 5 cents in districts now served under the zone system once it is adopted.

Mrs. Barnes Freed Of Murder Charge

Chicago, Dec. 22.—(U. S. N. S.)—Mrs. Iva Barnes was found not guilty of the murder of her husband, James Barnes, at 3:40 o'clock this afternoon by a jury that had been deliberating since 12:45 p. m.

Twenty-eight women have been tried on murder charges in Chicago in the past four years. Mrs. Barnes is the twenty-second to go free.

Mrs. Barnes was charged with shooting her husband last September after a separation that followed when he found another man in her apartment. The defense contended that the shooting was accidental.

Mr. Jeffery No Better. No change was noticeable today in the condition of E. J. Jeffery, pioneer contractor, who lies seriously ill at his home, 641 Washington street. Mr. Jeffery, who is 81 years old, suffered a stroke of paralysis on Monday.

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