

# Lardner Considers Traffic Puts Ban on Fat Folk



"Have traffic policemen stationed at every corner in the middle of the side walk."

By King W. Lardner  
To the editor:  
Nobody that drives a car or rides in one will question the statement that the traffic conditions in big cities is something terrible and in small towns even worse.

This fact has been pointed out in numerous times by the undersign and I have also suggested remedies to which nobody seems to pay any attention. I am all through trying to tell the police how to improve same as far as vehicular traffic is concerned, but my tension has now been turned to a traffic situation which is a whole lot worse in small towns on a Saturday night and in big cities all the while, namely, the sidewalk traffic situation.

Like for last, I am a man 37 yrs. of age and 5 ft. 1 and 1/2 inch tall and my weight is 187 lbs. which is exactly what the tables say I ought to be. But there is very few others that are perfect and a specially amongst the ladies. So Mr. Whelton wants a law put in every city and town making it compulsory for every citizen male and female to keep down to the weight which the insurance Co. says they should be according to their height and age and if this was done he claims that enough people would get narrower so that the congestion amongst pedestrians would be reduced to a minimum. And there's no doubt in my mind that he ain't right.

After the passage of the law the enforcement would be the next question and I suggest the following as the best method. Have traffic policemen stationed at every corner in the middle of the sidewalk and also at the entrance to all st. cars, subways and elevators and have these policemen equipped with a reliable scales.

They would be required to observe every individual that come there way. In many cases it would be evident that the party observed was O. K. and fulfilling the law, but when a party come along that looked suspicious the policeman would have authority to stop them, inquire in regards to their age and height and then ask them to kindly step on the scales for just a moment.

If it was found that the policeman's suspicion was wrong, the party would be allowed to proceed after a slight apology on the part of the policeman. If on the other hand the party was found to be over weight he or she would be ordered to stay home till they had trained down to the proper weight. There name and address would be wrote down and if they were caught a 2d. time before they had fulfilled the law they would be locked up a couple wks. in a cell too tight for them.

Of course the statistics as compiled by the insurance Co. is based on what a person weighs when they are not clothed on you might say and as it might not be handy for everybody to stripe in the st. or a office bldg. before they stepped on the scales, why the policeman would half to kind of make a study of gents and ladies clothes and be able to tell at a glance what would be the different in their weight dressed and vice versa. A good many butchers in every age and lines and it might be a good idea to draft some of same in to the police force.

# Town Hall Gossip Gleaned by the Gossiper

Time was when the geographical center of the city of Portland lay on the west side of the Willamette river and not so far from the waterfront. But times do change, and it is now determined that the center is at Dupont and Larabee streets, on the east side of the river, two blocks north of Broadway.

Has this thing of New Year's resolutions gone into the discard, along with blue-glass windows, hoop skirts, bustles, whippersnappers, and strollers? Don't you believe it. The list is in the making right now among city hall officials, and partially, at least, I've learned about it.

Commissioner Mann has resolved not to tell another "story" during city council sessions—at least in the council chamber itself. He may have to get excused and go out into the ante-chamber to tell his new one he's just thought of, however.

Commissioner Bigelow has resolved to try to look upon an alien holder of a city license as a bother somewhat far removed, and to adjudge no man guilty until he has failed to prove himself innocent.

Commissioner Barbur has resolved to buy a new wig for use at "four fifths" sessions of the council—that is, as soon as the old one gets a little more worn out.

Commissioner Barbur has resolved to insist on seeing the doctor himself, although, in many cases, the doctor could be taken care of by some member of the office staff. And he's times the waiting list gets impatient because the doctor is behind closed doors with some one who got there first.

Dr. George Parrish, city health officer, is an amiable man and a busy one. Frequently his office is swamped with callers, and he insists on seeing the doctor himself, although, in many cases, the doctor could be taken care of by some member of the office staff.

John Mann, city commissioner under whose supervision come The Cedars, came back from Salem the other day with the state budget committee, and expressed elation that all was well.

Rebecca West, author of "The Judge" (Doran), has been engaged by Lee Keedick for a lecture tour of the United States next fall. Her subjects are not announced.

December 27 was the hundredth anniversary of the birth of Frederick Douglass. The life of the most perfect man who has ever entered the kingdom of genius is good enough reading for anyone. The best biography available in this country is that by Rene Valery-Badot. (Doubleday, Page & Co.)

Christmas cheer was carried to 64 destitute families by operators of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. company exchange during Christmas week, and, according to reports just made by nine central office committees. Through bazaars and benefit dinners the operators of the nine offices succeeded in raising \$400 before the holidays. To this amount was added a large amount of contributions in articles of clothing. Baskets of Christmas food were prepared. Money, clothing and food were sent in many of the families in addition to the baskets.

# Syracuse Says Journal Radio Is Heard There

D. L. Peters of Rio Vista, Cal., reports that concerts from The Journal studio and the chimes come in so loudly on his set that by using a magnifying glass on the river one half mile from the station one can hear it.

Many such reports have been received by the local station but credence has not been given them due to the failure of those writing to give any details of the broadcast. Only in this way is a sure check made, for the call letters of other stations might be mistaken for KGG.

This would be impossible, however, if KGG were actually operating for that station announces its signal as "King, George, George." The time of reception, 7:30 Pacific time, would indicate that The Journal's news bulletins were being received.

The communication from Webb is addressed to: Station KGG, Portland, Oregon. It reads: "We heard your station last evening about 10:30 Eastern Standard time. Came through very clear."

Despite the holiday season, when the radio set is forgotten in the corner, the station has given only one concert during the past week, a large number of reports have been received. The list is printed below. A usual only the California stations having heard KGG for the first time are listed.

- California—The chimes were very good. L. B. Whitton, San Francisco.
- Colorado—The chimes came in strong. C. V. Finch, Denver.
- Illinois—Your programs are coming in better than ever. W. H. C. Dixon, Urbana.
- Michigan—Your music is fine. O. I. Olson, Ann Arbor.
- Minnesota—Your modulation is fine. J. W. Mason, Minneapolis.
- Montana—The chimes come regularly. E. C. Hansen, Great Falls.
- Nebraska—Your program last night (December 19) was a social program. W. H. C. Dixon, Omaha.
- Nevada—Your music is fine. E. H. Goddard, Reno.
- Oregon—You break through local interference very well. William Emery, Astoria.
- North Carolina—Your program was very good. A. L. C. Dixon, Raleigh.
- Texas—Your program was very good. N. M. C. Dixon, Dallas.
- Utah—Your program was very good. E. H. Goddard, Salt Lake City.
- Washington—Your program was very good. W. H. C. Dixon, Seattle.
- Wisconsin—Your program was very good. W. H. C. Dixon, Milwaukee.

## Oregon Journal KGG-KGN NEW YEAR'S EVE 7:00-8:00 P.M. MAURICE LEPAGE, VICE PRESIDENT

10:15-12:15—KGG (The Journal Studio) festive and musical program arranged by McDougall-Phelan Music Company

12:15-1:00—Melody Friends

1:00-2:00—Special program in a new year's eve specialty as part of the National Radio week program.

- 1—"Hot Foot Tonight."
- 2—"The Darkies' Rapper" Ball."
- 3—"Sweet" An Oriental Romance."
- 4—"Albany Lak" a "Rose," chimes by Barbers.
- 5—"Hot Lips," De Man in society chorus.
- 6—"De Man," Strauss.
- 7—"Hammond Blues," De Man in society chorus.
- 8—"After Every Party," special arrangement.
- 9—"Columbia in the Morning," special arrangement.
- 10—"Get to Cool My Doggie Now."
- 11—"The Leaves Come Tumbling Down."
- 12—"Gallagher and Sheen," Lamoureux and De Man, Strauss.
- 13—"Daddy," sax solo by De Man with Hot Foot Trio.
- 14—"Japanese Stomp," Lamoureux and Barbers.
- 15—"Foot on Japanese Street."
- 16—"I Wish I Could Shimmy Like My Sister Kate."
- 17—"The Clock in the Morning," Barbers on chimes.
- 18—"Meditation Blues," piano solo, composed by De Man.
- 19—"It'll Be in My Dixie Home Tomorrow."
- 20—"The Old Year," chimes by Barbers.

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# Radio News

GREAT chimes in The Journal building tower which will ring out the old year over the radio for people all over the coast and which will probably be heard all over North America. Below—Bozanson's Melody Friends, the splendid musical organization which will give the concert tonight in The Journal studio. Joseph H. Hallock, "the man with the million-dollar voice," at the left holding program. Clifton H. Watson is handling the transmitter. Hallock & Watson operate The Journal studio and broadcast The Journal news bulletins.



## Letter-Name Scheme Wins Fans Praise

ADOPTION of the letter-name system of giving the call signal of their station has won many favorable comments for KGG station, broadcast-ers of The Journal news bulletins, and concertists from The Journal building studio.

Similarity of letters when pronounced alone makes it difficult for listeners to correctly ascertain the call of the many stations now on the air, especially if some distance from the broadcasting station. Interference from static or local stations also tends to make it impossible to separate the calls when the letters alone are given.

J. H. Hallock, broadcast announcer for station KGG, now uses the system that has proved highly successful. The system is used in the United States navy to designate the flags of the signal code. Instead of calling out the letter alone each has a name beginning with the letter the flag represents.

Using this system the call KGG is now broadcast as "King George George." Before this was adopted replies from distant points were often addressed to station KGB, KGD, KGB or any of the combinations that phonetically sound like KGG.

Since the letter-name has been used there has been no trouble experienced by those who have heard the station.

## RADIO SALE To Be Continued Until Our Stock Is Sold

Stock is not complete now, but if you need anything in the Radio line, it will pay you to find out if we have it before buying elsewhere. A few bargains left are listed below:

Kilbourne & Clark Receiver Detector and 2-Stage Amp. Reg. (marked)	\$118.00	\$50.00
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Murlock Head Phones, No. 55, 2000 ohms	\$10.00	\$5.00
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Knobs and Dial, Studier, 2-inch, 4-inch hole	\$1.00	\$0.50
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Dr. Arthur Keith's lecture, "Nationality and Race From an Anthropologist's Point of View," being the Robert Boyd's lecture delivered before the Oxford University Junior Scientific Club in 1913, is presumably not obtainable at the book stores and may not be readily available at all public libraries. But, though an exceedingly brief and more than elementary survey of some important problems, it is well worth whatever trouble it may cost to get hold of it. It does not solve any of the riddles that trouble the world, nor provide ready-made answers for any of the questions that perplex

statesmen. But it does declare those riddles and proposes those questions in their simplest terms. It is an exposition of scientific racial and political fundamentals which indicates the nature and direction that human investigations must take, if it does not forecast in any profound degree the results which those investigations are likely to achieve.

You cannot explore the secret sources of the "big" things and other national manifestations, unless you have grasped the immensity of man's uncharted history.

"For the anthropologist," he continues, "there are only two well-marked phases in human history. The first phase is that of natural selection—