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## JITNEY CASE THRESHED OUT BY OFFICIALS

Attorney Representing Highland Bus Attacks Policy Proposed for Adoption by Council.

## TAXICAB OPERATORS EXPRESS OPINIONS

Privilege Accorded Oregon Electric in Taking on Passengers Assailed

The Highland jitney occupied the limelight at last night's motor vehicle hearing before a council committee in the city council chambers.

Aldermen Hal Patton, John Giesy, A. F. Marcus and Joseph Baumgartner learned some new things about the jitney situation when Attorney W. C. Winslow and Joseph N. Smith, of 2361 Hazel avenue presented pertinent facts concerning the situation.

## Policy Criticized

"You are fundamentally wrong when you seek to stifle competition," asserted Winslow while attacking the committee's plan to compel the jitney but to operate over a new route. This route would be unprofitable, according to testimony given last night by the owner of the bus.

"You are demanding that this bus be bonded for \$10,000. This will cost him \$175 annually," Winslow declared. "The people of Highland avenue are satisfied with the present route. This is proven by the petition signed by over 200 residents which has been presented to you. I doubt if you can secure a like petition."

## Convenience at Stake

"The Highland jitney has filled a need in that locality. Residents who would be compelled to walk many blocks are provided with a service which enables them to reach the Kurts, King's and Hunt canneries on a route much more acceptable than that offered by the Southern Pacific street car system of Salem."

Aldermen Marcus and Baumgartner made statements claiming that the local street railroad lines would be put out of business by the competition of this jitney.

Attorney Winslow evoked a general laugh from councilmen and spectators when he ridiculed this stand.

"If Mr. McClean and his poor little Ford are such a menace to the street railway concern that they are being forced to the wall by the loss of a few dollars each day, then they had better close up," asserted Winslow.

## O. E. Privilege Cited

Winslow assailed the proposed franchise policy which prohibits stages from taking on passengers between the Fairgrounds boundary and the Salem terminal. The attorney inquired why the Oregon Electric was given the privilege of taking passengers to the O. E. depot from the Highland and deaf school stations.

"We were not members of the council when that franchise was given," replied Alderman Baumgartner.

Taxicab drivers, truck owners and stage men were also given an opportunity to express themselves concerning the proposed regulatory franchises and ordinances which have recently been devised by councilmen.

During the meeting there were many expressions of discontent from the vehicle owners who assert that the new bonding, license and regulatory rules issued by the public utilities commission are unfair and oppressive.

## Young Woman Interested in Dog, Not its Owner

When paying a dog license at the office of the county clerk, there is thrown in free a dog collar. And as the dog collars are of various sizes to fit all kinds of dogs, the young woman especially in charge of issuing licenses, naturally inquired as to the size of collar wanted.

Yesterday afternoon a prosperous looking young farmer appeared at the dog license counter and laid down the customary fee. After making entry in the book and writing out receipt the following conversation ensued:

Young Woman—What sized collar do you want?  
Farmer—Who, me?  
Young Woman—No, the dog.

## SHOPS BURN

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 10.—The machine shops of the Comox Logging company, with headquarters near Courtenay, B. C., were almost destroyed by fire Wednesday night, according to word brought here today. The shops were equipped with machinery valued at about \$50,000.

## MIRACLE CREDITED WITH CAUSING ACTRESS' CURE



MARY MOORE, captivating actress, who suffered a broken neck, fractured skull, internal injuries and dislocated vertebrae when the motor in which she was riding met with an accident, is now on the road to recovery. Miss Moore's stamina has baffled every one in the medical profession, who say that her recovery is a miracle. She was unconscious and was in a plaster cast for thirty-two days. Miss Moore is lonesome for the stage and is eager to resume work behind the footlights.

## MAMMOTH STILL IS SEIZED BY POLICE, BARRY IS ARRESTED

The largest moonshining plant ever seized in Marion county was yesterday loaded into a truck and hauled to the justice court offices as a result of a two-week's investigation by Chief of Police Verden M. Moffitt.

Ed. Barry, said to use the aliases of Ben Wheeler, Al Worden, and Frank Peterson is held in the city jail on charges of manufacture and possession filed by the district attorney's office. Barry will be arraigned in justice court at 10 a. m., today and will probably be transferred to the Marion county jail unless it transpires that he has financial backing enough to secure his bail from durance vile.

Barry, who claims Minneapolis as his home, is said by officers to have been involved in liquor operations for about two years in Multnomah and Marion counties.

Only a pint of liquor was taken from the elaborate 250 gallon still and complete equipment were seized yesterday. A portion of the outfit was hidden in the underbrush near Salem while the remainder was taken from 319 South Eighteenth street. Chief Moffitt, inspectors Frank Minto and W. W. Birchett of a Patrolman Victor participated in the raid.

## Forty Gallons Per Run

The still itself is the largest "can" ever brought into the city, according to county and city officers who viewed it yesterday. The big container is said to have a capacity of 40 gallons of moonshine at a run. Seven large 50-gallon vats and a high-pressure kerosene heating equipment were found. Caramel coloring barrels of many sizes and other apparatus were included in the haul.

According to reports circulated concerning this still, its product was put out under "Scotch" labels with fake revenue stamps attached. It was reported yesterday that there were indications that the labels and stamps had been destroyed prior to the raids.

## Pooled Order: Filled

Officers have information that Barry's method was to cater only to prominent individuals who would pool their orders. When these orders totaled 60 to 100 gallons, a "run" would be made and the liquor delivered at once, it is claimed. The still would be set up in rented rooms and would be moved after operating for about three weeks, this method eliminating danger of detection through lumes from the mash.

Officers claim that the equipment had been moved to the South Eighteenth address only a few days ago. Prior to that time it was located at 1205 South Fourteenth street, it is reported. Barry is said to have been so proud of his still that he had it photographed while in operation. Several prints and an enlargement were recently made by a local photographer. These photographs were seized during yesterday's raids. Local moonshine drinkers

## KIDNAPED MEN STILL MISSING AND NO CLUES

As Far As Known Imperial Government Has Taken No Steps to Liberate Stolen Ulsterites.

## GRIFFITH INFORMED MEN WILL BE SAFE

Lieutenant Brown of Kildare Shot Dead As He Returns To Barracks

LONDON, Feb. 10.—(By the Associated Press)—Late tonight there was still no news of the liberation of the men kidnaped in Ulster, or any knowledge of their whereabouts. No further kidnappings had been reported, however.

The northern government today again telegraphed Viceroy Fitzalan asking what steps had been taken in their behalf. Sir Dawson Bates, home secretary in the north Ireland cabinet, declared that he was not aware that the imperial government had taken any steps to liberate the captured men.

## Early Release Hoped For

On the other hand Sir James Craig, the Ulster premier, said the imperial government was hopeful of the early release of the kidnaped Ulsterites.

A communication issued tonight from the premier's office said that Arthur Griffith had another interview today with Premier Lloyd George and Austen Chamberlain, lord keeper of the privy seal, who impressed upon him the gravity of the situation and Mr. Griffith informed the premier that he had been assured the men would be safe and that the provisional government would be able to get them gradually released.

Mr. Griffith added that he was going to Dublin tonight and would do his utmost to hasten the freedom of the captured men.

## Officer Killed

BELFAST, Feb. 10.—Lieutenant Morgan Brown of Kildare was shot dead today by two armed men as he was returning to the barracks at Curragh with \$500 he had just drawn from the bank. His assassins escaped with the money.

## Strikers Seize Roads

CORK, Feb. 10.—(By the Associated Press)—An event unprecedented in the history of the Irish railways occurred today when 800 striking railway workers assembled outside strike headquarters and were ordered to march to the various railway stations and to prevent the movement of trains on behalf of the Railways' Industrial Operative society.

The railways were seized at 1 o'clock this afternoon with no disorder. No opposition was encountered by the strikers, whose officials installed themselves in the board room of the stations.

The action of the strikers as due to the men having refused to accept the terms of settlement of the strike arrived at by the Dublin conference today. The strikers are demanding a 70 shillings weekly pay and a revision of the hours of work.

## Palmito Del Verde Club House Plans Are Made

Fred A. Legge, architect, is drawing plans for the club house to be erected on the Mexican island of Palmito Del Verde, where so many Salem people have been spending the winter.

The club house is to be 18 by 36 feet, with a porch on each side and of two stories. It is to be located about 400 feet from the shore. The lower story is to be of Mexican brick, 8 by 16 inches and two inches thick. The second story will be white cement finished in blue. There will be a pergola at each end of the club house, and the entire lower floor of the building will be grown over by native vines. The general style is that of the Spanish mission type.

## Two Firms Have Chance At Ventilating System

Theo M. Barr of Salem and the firm of Rushlight & Hastorf of Portland were the lowest bidders yesterday for the installation of a ventilating system in the state house. The Rushlight & Hastorf bid was \$14,492 and the Barr bid was \$14,718. The two are under consideration. The legislature appropriated \$18,000 for the purpose.

## MABEL NORMAND CALLED TO PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE LAST NIGHT AND QUIZZED BUT NO ENLIGHTENING STATEMENT MADE BY HER

## Bonus Tax Plan Is Announced by Ways And Means Board

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—This program of soldiers' bonus taxes was agreed upon today by a house ways and means subcommittee.

Two and one half per cent on the undivided profits of corporations, estimated to yield \$22,000,000.

On parcel post packages on which the postage amounts to 25 cents or more, a tax of 1 cent for each 25 cents or fraction thereof, \$20,000,000.

One cent a gallon on gasoline, \$70,000,000.

Twenty-five cents per horsepower on automobiles, \$50,000,000.

Double the present 10 per cent tax on admissions where the charge exceeds 25 cents, \$60,000,000.

Double existing documentary stamp taxes, except in the case of sales or transfers of capital stock on which the rate would be increased from 1-50 of 1 per cent to 1-10 of 1 per cent, \$64,000,000.

An increase of 50 cents per thousand in the tax on cigarettes, \$25,000,000.

An increase of 2 cents a pound on smoking and chewing tobacco, \$5,000,000.

## TEACHERS MULCTED OUT OF MONEY BY BOOK PEDDLERS

If you are a book agent or have prospects of becoming one, here is something being tried in the north end of the county, especially in selling books to school teachers.

The agent drives up to a schoolhouse, and in an impressive manner, tells the young teacher that he is an educator and would like to discuss educational matters.

After a short talk on educational matters, the book agent springs the idea that if the young teacher keeps up with the times and is desirous of a good income, she should purchase a set of books. The contract is drawn for a pretty liberal payment for books and the agent drives on to the next district.

Another idea to interest the unsuspecting school teacher is as follows, and it has also been worked in this county.

## KING BING M'GILCHRIST HAS COMMITTEES FOR 1922 LISTED

At the February meeting of the Cherrians, to be held next Tuesday evening at 6:15 o'clock in the auditorium of the Commercial club, plans will be discussed and committees appointed for the activities of the organization during the coming spring and summer.

At the last monthly meeting, E. Cooke Patton, upon being called upon to express an opinion as to what should be done by the organization, expressed the idea that the time was ripe for a big entertainment in the way of a Cherringo, like the famous one held in the armory eight or nine years ago.

Blossom Day Boosted  
At the meeting a month ago, others expressed ideas as to what the Cherrians should do during the spring and summer and it is probable that some of the suggestions may assume a concrete form at the Tuesday night meeting.

All were agreed that the organization should take an active part in observing Blossom day, aiding to make it one of the big annual events of the year. To take charge of the Cherrians' part in the big event, King Bing McGilchrist will appoint a special committee.

At the last monthly meeting of the Cherrians every member was called upon for an expression of opinion as to the activities of the organization, and following in line with a number of the suggestions, King Bing McGilchrist has assigned committees and will begin at once to organize for work.

## GOVERNOR IS REQUESTED TO GIVE DIVORCE

Wife of Man Sentenced to Hang Asks Olcott for Legal Dissolution of Marriage

While other persons are trying to save Elvie D. Kirby, one of the men implicated in the slaying of Sheriff Til Taylor of Pendleton, from going to his death on the gallows, Kirby's wife, Mrs. Jennie B. Kirby is trying to obtain a dissolution of their marriage, and she wants Governor Olcott to grant her a divorce.

The governor was in receipt of a letter from Mrs. Kirby yesterday. She is at Paradise, Utah. She wants to know what was done with Kirby and requests the governor to issue a divorce decree and grant her custody of their child. She declares she has ample ground for divorce.

The governor has replied to the effect that he has no authority to grant her or anyone else a divorce and suggests that she take the matter up with an attorney. He informs Mrs. Kirby that the reprieve of Kirby has been extended to July 7.

## MONDAY MAY BE LEGAL HOLIDAY

Question Taken up With Governor by Clearing House Association

Whether Monday will be a legal holiday in Oregon depends on action by Governor Olcott after he has a formal opinion from the office of Attorney General I. H. Van Winkle. The Portland Clearing House association has requested the governor, since there is doubt about the status of the day, to declare it a holiday so there may be no danger of business being transacted on a day when it cannot legally be transacted.

Sunday is Lincoln's birthday, which is recognized in Oregon as a non-judicial day and also as a school holiday, but with doubt existing as to whether it is an absolutely legal holiday. When the occasion of a holiday falls on Sunday the holiday is observed on the following Monday. Some of the Portland banks already have declared their intention to remain closed Monday and do not want to discontinue business by deciding now to remain open.

In telephone conversations with the Portland men late yesterday Governor Olcott told them he was opposed to declaring the day a legal holiday, but because of the attitude taken in Portland he would consider it by consulting the attorney general. The latter, in a verbal opinion to the governor, indicated that Lincoln's birthday really is not a legal holiday in Oregon, pointing out that the legislature never has adjourned on that day.

The governor had intended to keep the executive offices open Monday, and it is understood that most of the other offices in the state house had expected to remain open for the transaction of state business.

Captain Lusti Refuses To Discuss Ship Loss  
NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Captain William Lusti, of the former transport Northern Pacific, destroyed by fire off Cape May, N. J., arrived today with the 27 rescued members of his crew from Newport News, Va., where they were landed by rescue ships.

The captain and several members of the crew immediately went before the United States steamboat inspectors to tell what they knew about the origin of the fire. Captain Lusti said:

"I have just gone through a trying time and do not care to discuss the matter. You must go to the shipping board to get your information. I would be glad to discuss the details but I have been requested to not to."

## SANDS GUILT DOUBTED

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## Comedienne Declares She Can Offer No Solution Whatever to Mysterious Killing of Film Director

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 10.—"Sands is the man we must find," declared Thomas Lee Wollwine, district attorney at midnight after a night of investigation into the murder of William Desmond Taylor, film director, that included the questioning of Mabel Normand, screen star, for more than three hours.

FRESNO, Cal., Feb. 10.—A man believed to be Edward F. Sands, wanted in Los Angeles in connection with the murder of his former employer, William Desmond Taylor, slain motion picture director, will be arrested early tomorrow, Sheriff W. F. Jones said tonight.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 10.—Mabel Normand, famous film comedienne, issued a statement tonight through her manager in which she declared she could "not offer any solution whatever" for the mysterious slaying of William Desmond Taylor, motion picture director. Miss Normand, who was among the last persons to see William Desmond Taylor, alive, arrived at the district attorney's office at 8 o'clock tonight in response to a summons from that official.

With Miss Normand was William Davis, her chauffeur who drove the actress to the Taylor home the night the director was murdered and who previously, in statements to the police corroborated her declaration that Taylor accompanied her to her automobile when she departed.

"No one will ever know how I regret the terrible tragedy. I have told truthfully everything I know and am very sorry indeed I cannot offer any solution whatever as to the motive which prompted the terrible deed. I have satisfied the Los Angeles authorities, both police and district attorney's office, that I know nothing about the murder and have offered my services or a statement at any time I may be called to help apprehend the assassin."

"The handkerchief and gown found in Mr. Taylor's apartments have been identified as other than mine. It has been established that I was not in love with Mr. Taylor; that he escorted me to my car that evening and chatted until I drove away when we waved goodbye to each other."

"Please tell the public that I know absolutely nothing about this terrible happening and that Mr. Taylor and I did not quarrel."

The manager, A. McArthur, said Miss Normand was ready to "do her utmost" to solve the mystery.

At 10:45 p. m. Mr. Woolwine emerged from his office and announced he had nearly finished questioning Miss Normand and had obtained from her "nothing that would throw any further light on the case."

Mr. Woolwine stated that when he had finished with Miss Normand, he would summon her chauffeur, Davis, but expected to question no further witnesses tonight.

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## KILLS FATHER

FORT MADISON, Ia., Feb. 10.—Declaring he had been commanded by strange voices in a dream to kill his father, Clark Huff, 23, arose during the night and shot to death his father, John Huff, 62.

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