

JITNEY DRIVERS GO INTO U. S. COURT

Seek Restraining Order to Prevent City Ordinance Being Put Into Effect July 7.

EXPLAIN REASON FOR ACTION

A petition for a restraining order to prevent the city commissioners from putting into effect the recently enacted jitney ordinance was filed in federal court by Attorneys Thurston, Crow and Morrison. Judge T. C. Munger will come from Lincoln Friday to hear the arguments.

The plaintiffs are: Harry M. Carr, Council Bluffs, and Floyd E. Bates, C. T. Pallen, C. R. Coit, Ralph Brosil, Oswald Lewis and Lawrence T. Conklin, Omaha, and others. The city of Omaha is the defendant.

Mr. Carr alleges that he is the owner of three jitneys operating in Omaha, that he has invested \$2,000 in his property, and that others have invested a total of \$100,000 in the business. The petition attacks the ordinance on the ground that it is unconstitutional in being confiscatory of the property and businesses of the complainants and owners and operators of jitney buses. The principal complainant states that he would personally be damaged to the extent of \$10,000 by the provisions of the ordinance.

Cost of the Jitney. The cost of operating a jitney in Omaha is given as follows:

upkeep of car, supplies, repairs, gasoline, oil, etc.	\$ 500
Salary of driver	600
Deterioration	250
Total	\$1,350

The annual receipts of a five-passenger car are stated as \$2,000, leaving a margin of only \$650 for profit. Mr. Carr drives one of his cars himself.

If the ordinance becomes operative the jitney men would have to pay a total of \$800 a year in addition to present costs, thus wiping out all profit.

The jitney men who are filing the petition have organized the Jitney Transit company, and "What they desire in place of a bond for each car is a blanket liability bond," said Mr. Morrison.

"Each owner in the company would give a bill of sale of his car as security. A blanket bond would be secured from a bonding company protecting all the members of the jitney company. If any driver were called upon for liability, it would be taken care of under this bond. The cost to each man would be very small."

The jitney ordinance, against which the petition is directed, is to go into effect July 7.

Fleaharty Says the Jitney Bond Law is Reasonable in Scope

City Solicitor Fleaharty, who drew the new jitney ordinance, believes the jitney men would secure quicker and better results by taking the ordinance into the district court, rather than invoking the initiative and referendum law.

Mr. Fleaharty makes this statement regarding the situation: "The jitney men claim the ordinance would throw 150 men out of employment. They have told us that jitneys earn about \$7 each day. On that basis their annual receipts would be about \$250,000, which revenue otherwise would go to the street car company and would yield the city \$11,500 a year occupation tax. It has been proposed to assess the jitneys a minimum of \$90 a year occupation tax, which would amount to about \$2,500 a year in the aggregate. It would seem that the jitney men defeat their own case if their figures may be accepted. As to the bond requirements, I would say the \$2,500 maximum for one death and a maximum liability of \$10,000 for any one accident, is quite reasonable, if the protection of the public is to be considered."

Government Crop Report Optimistic

The following is the government's crop report for the week ending June 30, coming from the Department of the Agricultural Department at Washington.

"In the winter wheat belt, as a whole, more favorable harvest weather prevailed. Some damage to wheat, and interruption to harvest occurred in restricted areas, especially Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas, but otherwise harvest progressed satisfactorily and threatening is under way in the more northern portions. In the spring wheat belt some what warmer weather, with ample soil moisture, caused rapid growth, and the outlook continues favorable.

"In the corn belt less widespread heavy rainfall permitted much field work, and in most places, cultivation progressed rapidly, resulting in considerably improved outlook, but crop is generally backward, and is still grassy in some sections where the soil is too wet for cultivation, and most of the week was too cool in the central and north portions for rapid growth. In the south portion the outlook for corn continues favorable, except in the southern half of Texas, where it is badly injured by drought. Oats, grass, truck and stock continue in good condition."

NORTHWESTERN ALL READY TO HANDLE BUMPER CROP

Coming over from Chicago to look after business matters and also to play a few holes of golf, R. F. Miller, general freight agent of the Northwestern, says:

"The country never looked better than now and the prospects for a big wheat and an equally as big corn crop were never more favorable. Our road is doing a good business and I note an increase in all lines of traffic.

"We have never been better prepared to handle the crop. Our freight cars have all been run through the shops and have been put in good condition. We have commenced storing them along the line at the smaller stations in the wheat belt, and as soon as grain is ready to start for market, we will be able to handle it. Nothing now indicates that there will be a car shortage. The only thing that would bring it on would be to have new wheat start off at high price and farmers show a disposition to sell as soon as they finish threshing."

"Recently Does Believe Rheumatism. Sloan's Liniment Does give almost instant relief. Nothing better for rheumatism, backache and sciatica. Only 25c. All druggists.—Advertisement."

They May Break Knott, but They Are Not Able to Make an End of Him

George Knott, switchman in the passenger yards at the Union station and who was caught between the bumpers of two cars a week ago and nearly crushed to death, is back on the job, ready for another close call.

Bad luck has been a boon companion of George Knott almost from the day of his birth and there are few men who have sustained more injuries than he and are still living. When a boy, his bad luck started when he was caught in a street railway turntable at Twentieth and Lake streets. At that time he was cut and bruised and surgeons debated for a week relative to cutting off both his legs. However, the legs were saved. Some years later and after he had grown to manhood, Knott was out hunting. He

pulled his gun from a wagon and the wagon was discharged, tearing away part of his right side.

Some years ago Knott went railroading and one day he fell from the top of a freight car, breaking both legs. This sent him to the hospital for nearly six months and shortly after coming out he fell again, breaking both legs again. This crippled him so that he could not follow the occupation of a brakeman and he secured employment in the switch yards. There bad luck followed him, he sustaining numerous minor injuries. A week ago he was caught between the bumpers of two cars and when he was taken out the attending surgeon asserted that he could not live. He did, however, and now he is back on the job.

TRACES HIS FAMILY BACK 1,000 YEARS

F. A. Agnew Connects Ancestry with Signers of Declaration—Will Help Receive Bell.

MANY ARE BEING HEARD FROM

F. A. Agnew, South Side resident, can trace his ancestry back 1,000 years. He will be a member of the local reception committee which will serve on July 9 when the liberty bell will be here.

Commissioner Kugel, chairman of the Liberty bell general committee, is beginning to hear from the descendants of persons who were identified with the days of '76.

The commissioner wants Omahans to delve into their genealogical records and help form this ancient and honorable society of sons and daughters of '76 for service on July 9.

Back to the Signers. Mr. Agnew writes that his maternal great-grandfather was first cousin of John Morton of Philadelphia, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. His mother's father was a captain in the war of 1812. General Charles Morton, who was stationed here and who died in Washington, D. C., a few months ago, claimed his relatives and the Morton branch of the Agnew family are descendants of William the Conqueror of England.

"My mother's ancestors came to this country in 1800, and the Agnew family came in 1860," wrote Mr. Agnew.

J. M. Ledy will be another "vice president" during the visit of the Liberty bell. His great-grandfather fought in the revolutionary war and he adds that the Ledy family settled in Philadelphia in 1682.

J. M. Greevy, secretary of the Pennsylvania society, is busy on this matter. His society will meet Tuesday evening in the pioneer's room at the court house.

Next Tuesday Chairman Kugel will have a meeting with the various subcommittees and others interested in the visit of the bell to this city. Mr. Kugel will endeavor to have a band of music greet the special train as it arrives.

May Plant Ivory Spike on Course for Chumps' Help

Speedway officials are thinking of planting an ivory spike at the spot where a band of exuberant newspapermen last fall looped-the-loop in a spark-knock afflicted, 8-mile-an-hour Ford, in which they tried to tour the new \$100,000 race track. Since it required a car capable of seventy-mile speed to achieve the forty-five degree turns, the statement is superfluous that the machine afterwards resembled a tin wedding souvenir and the scribes looked like inhabitants of the late Rheims, when the Hohenzollern family finished up with it.

Julia Starts On Trip Up the River

At dawn yesterday the Julia and large laden with an Omaha cargo bound for Decatur moved out of the harbor under the Douglas street bridge and began to breast the current of the Missouri toward Decatur. Captain Stevens said the boat would not attempt to reach Decatur in less than three days, as the distance is seventy-five miles by river. The boat is to ply regularly between Omaha and Decatur, so that the latter river town without railway facilities may now have a direct traffic communication with the metropolis.

Of the first cargo was a shipment from the Standard Chemical company, Sunderland Bros., Paxton & Gallagher, McCord-Brady, Adams & Kelly, Cudahy Packing company, Cudahy Oil company, Standard Oil company and the Crane company.

Convention for Deaf to Be Held in Omaha

The June number of The Frat, the official publication of the National Fraternity of the Deaf, is filled with information about the annual convention of the society, held in Omaha July 5 to 12. The Hotel Rome will be headquarters. J. Schuyler Long of Council Bluffs is president of the Omaha division of the society. The local committee in charge of the convention are headed by Wald H. Rothert, James J. Wittwer, John W. Barrett, Perry E. Seely, Harry G. Long and Mrs. Ota C. Blankenship.

To Ward Off Summer Complexion Ills

To keep the face smooth, white and beautiful all summer, there's nothing so good as ordinary macerated wax. Discolored or freckled skin so common at this season is gently absorbed by the wax and replaced by the newer, fresher skin beneath. The face exhibits no trace of the wax, which is applied at bedtime and washed off mornings. Greasy creams, powders and rouges on the other hand, are apt to appear more conspicuous than usual these days of excessive perspiration. Just get an ounce of macerated wax at any drug store and use like cold cream. This will help any skin at once and in a week, or so the complexion will look remarkably young and healthy. Sun, wind and flying dust often cause stinging and other irritations which make wrinkles. You can quickly get rid of every line, however caused, by using a harmless wax lotion made by dissolving 1/2 oz. powdered borax in 1/2 qt. witch hazel.—Advertisement.

DREXEL PLANS TO STOP JAYWALKING

Has White Marks Painted on Street Crossings for the Pedestrians to Follow.

HAS A PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECT

The business of educating the dear public is a tedious undertaking, as any seller of gold bricks or something will tell you. The latest attempt to work upon the collective mind of Omaha is being put forth by the city in the interest of better traffic regulation.

Painters appeared on busy downtown corners and produced glaring white lines several inches wide and about ten feet apart, on every intersection. The object is to make a sort of imaginary pen, or coop, for wayward feet, and thus prevent cutting the street cross-corner, or "jaywalking," as it is more popularly known. Of course there is nothing to prevent the wayward feet from straying out of the bounds except the traffic policeman in the middle of the street, but he's generally so busy that the pedestrian is nearly across before noticed.

Traffic Officer Charley Chapman at Sixteenth and Howard was standing on the sidewalk watching the painters mark out the paths, when a would-be was approached.

"Hey, Charley, what is this—have they got you here to keep folks in the 'straight and narrow path'?"

"Nope," answered Chapman. "I'm here to answer foolish questions."

Commissioner Drexel said: "The lines extend from sidewalk to sidewalk and are so glaring that when one steps 'out of bounds' he will instantly notice it, and remember the traffic rule about 'jaywalking.' There's an explanation of the working of the human mind which will show you why these lines will be a great preventer of jaywalking, and I'll tell you what the explanation is, only I forgot it. However, the lines work out well in other cities, and it won't take long to educate the public not to 'jaywalk' downtown."

Apartments, flats, houses and cottages can be rented quickly and cheaply by a Bee "For Rent."

Hold that Stock in Federal Reserve Bank Must Pay Tax

A Request Made by Bankers to the Douglas County Board of Equalization that Capital Stock in the Federal Reserve Bank at Kansas City be Exempt from Taxation was Refused.

The board held that stock in the reserve bank, should be assessed at its face value in spite of representations that the federal bank's operations show a deficit since its establishment. The United States National asked that \$30,000 stock held by it in the Kansas City reserve bank, be exempted from taxation.

The board held its customary evening session, to which bankers were invited, and assessed twenty-five banks of Douglas county on a valuation of \$7,000,000. The following bankers were present: W. H. Buchholz and J. De F. Richards, Omaha National; H. S. Clarke, Corn Exchange; W. A. Rathack, Security State; G. E. Haverstick, United States National; James B. Owen and J. C. French, Stock Yards National; W. J. Coak, Packers' National; T. L. Davis, First National, and Luther Drake, Merchants National.

The Bee's Fund for Free Milk and Ice

No, we know it has not been very hot yet—but the heat is bound to come.

Then the little tots will need fresh milk and ice and the fund will have plenty of demands to meet.

Contributions from 10 cents to \$5 are solicited and will be acknowledged in this column.

Previously acknowledged	\$55.50
G. B. Bors	5.00
W. E. Reeves, Omaha, Mo.	1.00
C. W. B.	1.00
W. Farnam Smith	1.00

Sections of State Visited by Heavy Rains and Hail

The south half of Nebraska and northern Kansas was hard hit by rain and hail Tuesday night, according to the reports coming to the railroads. Practically all that portion of the country south of the Platte river and extending down into central Kansas was visited by a heavy rain, the precipitation ranging from one to three inches. In a number of localities there was hail, severely damaging crops in its path.

Both the Rock Island and Burlington roads sustained considerable loss by reason of the rain that again threw the streams out of their banks. The only report coming to the Rock Island is that the rain was very heavy and that the damage will be considerable.

Along the Burlington west of Stamford on the St. Francis branch the cribbing that was put in following the washouts of a week ago was all washed away and the line again put out of commission.

On the main line across the southern part of the state a number of small washouts were reported west of Edison and Oxford. West of the first named place a stretch of track a mile in length was under water. Up the Republican valley a washout was reported between Franklin and Riverton, seriously delaying traffic and necessitating the diverting of trains to the Sterling line. A severe hailstorm was reported between Alliance and Halsey on the Billings line.

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Those who created me cease to be—the brains and heart's-blood that nourish me go the way of human dissolution. Yet I live on—and on.

I am Majestic in my Strength—Sublime in my Power—Terrible in my Potentialities—yet as democratic as the ragged boy who sells me for a penny.

I am the consort of Kings—the partner of capital—the brother of toil. The inspiration of the hopeless—the right arm of the needy—the champion of the oppressed—the conscience of the criminal. I am the epitome of the world's Comedy and Tragedy.

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