

DOORS like gentle spring was bent on reforming for at least a few days before summer arrives.

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WEATHER FORECAST for Kansas: Generally fair tonight and Tuesday; not much change in temperature.

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ROOSEVELT AT STATE HOUSE HUGHES

Jitney Ordinance Passed By City Commissioners At Stormy Session In City Hall This Morning

JITNEYS GRANTED STREETS

Ordinance as Amended Passed by City Commissioners.

Kansas Avenue May Be Used; Restrictions on West Side.

PETITIONS FOR REFERENDUM

Jitney Men Declare They'll Ask for New Law Altogether.

Two Thousand Attended Mass Meeting at Auditorium.

The jitney ordinance as amended and passed by the city commissioners today is nearing a point where Topeka may be benefited by additional service to and from downtown. The city officials, making many changes in the original ordinance after the instigation on the part of the State Journal, passed a measure that in many ways is fair to the drivers of jitneys. It gives them Kansas avenue, streets on the east side and all streets on the west side with the exception of streets used by the street railway.

In this way Topeka has better and more accessible service on the territory not covered by street cars. Now if the commissioners will not insist upon a prohibitive license fee, the new rule will be of advantage to all persons who depend upon the carriers for their trips to and from the downtown districts. The State Journal asks absolute fairness in all regulation—to the street railway as well as the jitneys.

By a three to two vote the ordinance, providing that jitneys cannot run on streets used by street cars, except as amended, was passed by the city commissioners today. Commissioners Tandy and Porter, with Mayor Wasson voted for the ordinance. Commissioners Wasson and Newland voted against it.

Amended for Jitneys.

The ordinance which the commission passed this morning was altered in several points and was not the same as was read Saturday, according to the commissioners.

"The jitneys were given the privilege to operate on Kansas avenue, on all streets east of the avenue and on all streets west of the avenue, except those used by the street railway company under the present license fee. But if the jitneys want to operate on streets west of the avenue on which there are street car tracks they will be taxed the \$300 graduated fee as proposed in the ordinance read Saturday.

The License Fee.

According to the new ordinance which will take effect June 19 all jitney drivers who wish to operate under the new ordinance must pay an annual tax as follows: For all cars not exceeding five passengers \$200 per annum; from five to eight passenger cars \$350; and for those cars carrying eight or more passengers \$400.

This applies if they wish to operate on any street in the city.

The caucus held in the mayor's office did not show signs of breaking up till long after the noon hour when suddenly the jitney committee, who had been allying with the commissioners for over three hours, appeared in the outer office of the mayor and announced that they were unable to agree.

Immediately after this the mayor and commissioners appeared and announced that the ordinance would be passed as introduced at their meeting Saturday.

The commission room was already filled with jitney men and Topeka taxpayers who were friendly to them, as well as a number of street railway officials, who were there to watch the proceedings, when the mayor entered and called the meeting to order.

They men had just finished a short speech to the crowd, in which he told the men that petitions for the referendum would be circulated at once and for them to get busy among their friends with the petition.

J. O. Stevic advised the men "to stand together. Get out and work and within 36 days the question would be decided one way or the other."

The city clerk was instructed by the mayor to read the ordinance section by section, which was done, and the commissioners voted on each section as read and the final, and test vote did not come until after all the sections had been read.

In Effect in 30 Days.

After the passage of the ordinance the mayor advised those present that the ordinance would be held up for a reasonable length of time in order to give the public an opportunity to meet with the commissioners and thresh the matter out section by section.

The petitions were received and ordered filed, but permission was given the jitney men to retain possession of them until the commissioners called for them.

Contract Broken?

When the section referring to the time limit of the licenses was read Attorney Green called the attention of the commissioners to the fact that "the city had already made a contract with the jitney men and now they proposed to break it."

When the time came for the test vote those in the rear of the hall mounted chairs in order that they might obtain a full and clear view of all that was going on.

Poster Voted "Yes."

Intense silence prevailed as the clerk began to call the roll. The first name called was that of Newland, who voted "no" in a loud voice so that there was no question as to what the rest of the voters were taking.

Immediately after the vote was announced the mayor called the attention of the commissioners that they have omitted to legislate the jitney off all the paved alleys in the city of Topeka. They must have forgotten this.

SHOT BY A WOMAN

Young Farmer Slain at Door of His Home.

Mrs. Stephens Claims Kistner Had Ruined Her Life.

SHE LAID PLANS LAST FRIDAY

Waited on Creek Bank Until It Became Dark.

Left Her Child on Porch of Farmer's Home.

Missouri Farmer Was Trying to Shoot Up Home.

Loia, Kan., May 22.—Mrs. Ruby Stephens confessed today that she killed Clifford Kistner, a wealthy farmer, at his home near Bayard last night. She declared Kistner had ruined her life.

Waited on Creek Bank.

Mrs. Stephens upon her arrival went to the bank of a creek near the Kistner home. She remained there until darkness came. Then she went to the Kistner house. Mrs. Kistner answered the door.

Mrs. Stephens said she told the young wife. Kistner stepped to the door. "You have ruined me," Mrs. Stephens said, as she fired the revolver.

Mrs. Stephens said she met Kistner three years ago. He was unmarried and she had a young child. She married him, but she was not satisfied with him.

Divorced at Columbus.

Columbus, Kan., May 22.—L. O. Stephens was granted a divorce from Ruby Stephens in district court here May 24, 1915. The defendant did not appear at the trial.

SPRING HAS RETURNED

Bright, Clear and Pleasant Although Temperature Is Below Normal.

Hourly temperature readings furnished by the weather bureau: 7 o'clock... 72; 8 o'clock... 82; 9 o'clock... 85; 10 o'clock... 88; 11 o'clock... 89.

Smallpox Abroad.

New York, May 22.—The Southern Pacific line steamer Proteus, which arrived today from New Orleans, was detained at quarantine and the health inspectors reported that one of her second-class passengers had developed a case of smallpox while on board.

MUNICIPAL COW GIVES 3,304 GAL. MILK IN A YEAR

Cleveland, May 22.—Jolie Topsy Pauline De Kol, a four-year-old Holstein cow, has just set a new world's milk production record for one year.

DR. WAITE FACES OWN CONFESSION ON TRIAL TODAY

New York, May 22.—The task of selecting a jury to try Dr. Arthur Warren Waite for the murder of his father-in-law, John E. Peck, millionaire drug manufacturer of Grand Rapids, Mich., was completed shortly before 3:30 o'clock today.

TORNADO KILLS 9

Thirty-Eight Hurt in Storm in Oklahoma.

Kemp City Destroyed; Bodies Hurled Hundreds of Yards.

Denison, Texas, May 22.—Nine persons were killed and thirty-eight more or less seriously injured and Kemp City, Okla., eight miles east of Denison, wiped off the map in the tornado which swept a path three-quarters of a mile long through the town.

Twister Near Birmingham

Birmingham, Ala., May 22.—Three persons, two men and a woman, were killed and ten or more injured, as the result of a tornado which struck Sunnyvale and Song, ten miles south of Birmingham, early today.

LANSDON IN TOPEKA

Salina Candidate for Governor a Speaker Before Democrats.

W. C. Lansdon of Salina, Democratic candidate for the nomination for governor, will be the guest of honor and the principal speaker this evening at a banquet to be given by the Shawnee Democratic club and the Topeka Democratic club.

SHE CHARGES HIM

Girl in Crittenton Home Says Tannehill Is Father of Child.

Thomas Libby, father of thirteen-year-old Fay Libby, an inmate of Crittenton home, swore to a complaint in the court of Topeka today charging Harry Tannehill with being responsible for her condition.

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BIG SLUMP IN KANSAS WHEAT CROP, IS REPORT

Hessian Fly and Dry Weather Do Damage. Rather Discouraging Report Issued by Mohler.

OUTLOOK FOR 108 MILLIONS

Decreased From 126 Millions Since Last April. Corn Outlook for 86 Per Cent of a Full Yield.

Wheat conditions in Kansas have taken a big slump, according to a report today by J. C. Mohler, secretary of the state board of agriculture, who estimated a wheat crop of 108 million bushels.

SAVE AMERICAN

J. C. Lynch, Sentenced to Die, Granted Clemency.

T. R. OR BUST!

Secretary of National Committee Issues Edict.

Week to Accept Him or Four Years to Regret.

Chicago, May 22.—The Progressive national committee turned loose a broadside of publicity today while the cover of Topeka today charging national committee was on the way to Chicago to get in on the play.

TO MEET IN TWO YEARS

Methodists to Facilitate Work of Reunion With Church South.

Saratoga Springs, May 22.—The possibility of the union of all methodism was brought two years nearer today by the action of the general conference, which unanimously adopted a resolution providing for adjournment of the date to be fixed by the board of bishops.

BASEBALL TODAY

National League.

New York at Cincinnati, game postponed; wet grounds. Brooklyn at Pittsburgh, game postponed; wet grounds.

BRYAN WANTS DRY PLANK IN DEMOCRAT PLATFORM

Atlantic City, N. J., May 22.—William J. Bryan will endeavor to have a prohibition plank written into the Democratic national platform at St. Louis, he indicated in an address to the Presbyterian general assembly.

NAVY GUNNERS CRACK SHOTS AT ONE MILE RANGE

San Diego, May 22.—Forty-seven hits out of 65 shots at a range of 1,800 yards was the record made by the three-inch gun pointers of the cruiser Pittsburgh at elementary practice in torpedo defense on the drill grounds off this harbor last week, it was announced today.

AUSTRIAN, VICTOR

Win Hotly Contested Battle for Alps Fortress. Total of 16,000 Italians Captured During Campaign.

Berlin, May 22.—Austro-Hungarian troops have carried the peak of Armentara ridge, the scene of some of the heaviest fighting in the recently inaugurated offensive along the southern Tyrol front.

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