

JITNEYBUS RULED UTILITY BY STATE BOARD'S DECISION

Found That 69 Automobiles Are Operating on Fixed Schedule Between Rock Island and Moline.

MAY BRING STOPPAGE OF TRAFFIC

Order, Which Has Been Long Awaited, Is Entered by Illinois Commission Today at Springfield.

Springfield, Ill., May 1.—The state public utilities commission made public today an order declaring that some 69 individuals in Rock Island and Moline, Ill., were operating automobiles on fixed schedules for the handling of general passenger traffic and were therefore public utilities. The offending owners were ordered to suspend operation of the jitney buses until they possess certificates of convenience and necessity from the commission. It was said at the offices of the commission that it was very unlikely that the automobile men would apply for the certificates. In two cases exceptions were made because the owners and operators of the automobiles had been doing similar business since a date prior to the creation of the commission.

Death Blow to Jitneys.

Decision of the state utilities commission holding jitneys to be public utilities, is a death blow to the business in Rock Island and Moline. Those in a position to know have long been of the opinion that those operating the machines could not comply with the conditions which would necessarily be imposed, if they were required to come under the provisions of the state commission.

It is declared that the chief difficulty will be in securing the certificate of convenience and necessity which is required in order to operate. C. S. Roberts of counsel for the jitney men declared some time ago that if the commission held that the drivers were operating a public utility, it would practically mean dissolution of the business.

PERSONAL POINTS

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Sexton have returned from a winter sojourn in Tucson, Ariz.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Swisher, Miss Mabel Swisher, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Swisher and Glenn Walker have returned to Rock Island from Greenfield, Iowa, where they attended the funeral of Lois Winifred Walker, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Walker, who died from pneumonia after a two weeks' illness. The mother was formerly Miss Clara Swisher of this city.

Mrs. Charles Schoede, 517 Twenty-sixth street, is critically ill, following a stroke of paralysis which she suffered last week.

A son was born today to Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Meanor, 426 Seventh street.

MLANE ARCHITECT BATTLE CREEK HOME

Architect C. D. McLane received notification this morning that he had been selected as architect for the Y. W. C. A. building which is to be erected at Battle Creek, Mich.

This building is made possible by the gift of I. L. Stone, president of the Duplex Printing Press company, and a prominent citizen of Battle Creek, who has given the association the sum of \$50,000 with which to erect a modern well equipped building.

Mr. McLane has been selected as architect because of his recognized

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If you have friends 50 miles or more away, who formerly lived in this city, send us their names and addresses, and they will receive the daily paper free telling them about our Great

Fort Armstrong Centennial and Tri-Cities Home-Coming

Celebration of June 18-24th.

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position as an authority on association buildings. The building for Battle Creek will include all the equipment required for a modern Y. W. C. A. work. There will be attractive social rooms and club rooms, together with gymnasium and swimming pool, a well appointed cafeteria, and all the rest of the facilities which are required for such a work.

The design which has been accepted by the committee is a colonial design, for a building of brick and stone, which will occupy an important corner in Battle Creek, and will undoubtedly become one of the attractions of that very progressive city.

SITE FOR A LARGE HOTEL IS BOUGHT

Schoenhofen Brewing Company Eventually to Build Fine Structure on Twentieth Street.

Announcement was made today by Reidy Bros., acting for the purchaser, of the acquisition by the Schoenhofen Brewing company of Chicago of the Albrecht property at the northeast corner of Twentieth street and Third avenue for a consideration of \$35,000. The property has a frontage on Twentieth street of 112 feet, extending from the corner north to the Park restaurant. The deal has been pending the past few years.

It has been stated that the purpose of the Schoenhofen company is eventually to erect a fine hotel on the property, but for the present there will be no improvements other than a new one-story saloon structure to replace the one now standing at the Third avenue corner.

POLICE SEEKING NEGRO'S SLAYER

Jacksonville, Ill., May 1.—In addition to the regular police force all the amateur sleuths here were endeavoring today to solve the mysterious killing of "Treetop" McDonald, a local negro. The mutilated body of the negro was found yesterday morning lying in an alley in a sparsely settled part of town by several women on their way to church. The eyes had been cut from their sockets and from other cuts on the body the police were led to believe it was the work of a degenerate or else of a person enraged by jealousy. The body evidently had been brought some distance to the spot where it was found.

BURGLARS GET \$80 IN DAVENPORT JOB

Burglars entered the office of the Prudential Insurance company in the Whitaker building in Davenport last night and secured \$80.50 in cash from two desk drawers. An unsuccessful attempt was made to blow the safe in the office. Holes were drilled near the combination and nitroglycerine used. The police have no clues, but the work was evidently that of experienced yegmen.

JERSEY, A BRINDLE COW, IS SEEING CITY

Never before today did anyone gaze upon "Jersey," a brindle cow, as important to the community. Jersey's popularity grew in leaps and bounds, however, at noon today when it was found that she had ventured forth from her pasturing grounds on property owned by O. Z. Cervin, Tenth avenue near Thirty-fifth street. Mrs. R. A. Monroe, 3129 Tenth avenue, who owns Jersey, has the whole police department on the lookout for her. People in all directions from the pasture have been warned to watch for the wanderer as Mrs. Monroe got busy on the telephone as soon as she discovered that somebody had left the gate of the pasture open and Jersey had availed herself of the chance to see the city.

CARBON CLIFF

Mrs. Charles Sickler of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, visited the past week at the home of Louis Weitz.

Alfred Wood of Moline, spent a few days at the home of his brother, Charles Slater.

Mrs. John Holland spent Tuesday with her daughter, Mrs. P. W. Beck with at Davenport.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Methodist church was entertained at the Hennegan hall Thursday afternoon at the regular meeting, Mrs. Harvey Fryermuth acting as hostess. There was a large attendance of members and visitors and they enjoyed the afternoon sewing. Refreshments were served following the business session.

John Ewart, who has been quite ill the past week, is improving.

Mrs. L. Sickler and Miss Dorothy Weitz on Tuesday attended an afternoon tea at the home of their sister, Mrs. Fred Maason in honor of her birthday anniversary.

Harry Welch of Rock Island was a business caller here, Friday.

Mrs. William Willis of Watertown visited Tuesday with her mother, Mrs. Aavalla Johnson and sister, Mrs. C. Hanson.

Miss Minnie Schultz of Silvis visited Thursday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schultz.

Sheriff and Rancher Slain.

Fort Collins, Col., May 1.—Frank Roach, sheriff of Cheyenne, Wyo., and Nels Nelson, rancher 18 miles west of Cheyenne, were ambushed, shot and killed 25 miles northwest of Boxelder, Col., while heading a posse hunting horse thieves. The thieves escaped.

SEDIMENT FOUND IN MILK SAMPLES

Lactical Product From Seventeen Dealers in Rock Island Not Up to Standard.

FIVE SHORT WEIGHT BOTTLES

Fire Department Answers Twenty Calls During April, Report of Chief George Newberry.

Seventeen samples of milk taken from wagons and dairy stations in Rock Island during April were found to contain sediment, according to the report of Dr. M. A. Hollingsworth, foods, weights and measures inspector.

Five samples were also found below the standard in amount of butter fat, in one case milk in bulk was being improperly handled and five milk bottles were discovered below standard in capacity. Dr. Hollingsworth tested 269 light scales, three coal scales, and made 60 inspections of grocery stores, meat markets, candy stores, restaurants, etc. He has collected \$32.50 in fees.

Twenty-five fire alarms were responded to by the Rock Island fire department during April, the report of Chief George Newberry shows. Loss on personal property was \$857, value involved \$35,700 and amount of insurance \$37,000. Loss in buildings involved \$149,650 and insurance \$40,000. The department traveled 140 miles in answering calls, used 46 gallons of chemical, 2,350 feet of hose and 223 feet of ladder.

Collect \$791.40 in Fines.

The April report of the police department completed today by Desk Sergeant Walter Flanagan shows that fines in amount of \$791.40 were collected by Police Magistrate Smith and Justice of the Peace Carl Kuehl. One hundred and thirty-two city cases were tried and 58 state, of which 14 city and 16 state cases were dismissed. Ten ambulance and 200 wagon calls were answered and 410 persons were given sleeping quarters. Fifty-three meals were furnished at a cost of \$10.16 and 37 lights were out for a total of 333 hours. Thirty-one women were tried on city warrants and seven on state warrants.

Plumbing Inspector John Joers collected \$106 in fees, approved 30 plans, made 19 final tests and 191 fixture and sewer inspections, during April, his report shows.

Obituary

William S. Parsons, son of the late Walter S. Parsons, born in Rock Island May 5, 1866, but for many years a resident of Minneapolis, Minn., died suddenly April 24 in the Wittenberg hospital at Williston, N. D., after an operation for acute appendicitis. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lillian Warner Parsons, and one daughter, at home, Alice Gale Parsons; his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth S. Parsons, and a sister, Mrs. George O. Fuller of Saskatoon, Canada. Burial took place in Minneapolis.

Mrs. Rebecca Palmer Johnston. After an illness of several months, Mrs. Rebecca Palmer Johnston passed away yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of her son Alvin G. Johnston, a mile and a half south of Milan. Death was due to hardening of the liver.

Deceased, whose maiden name was Miss Rebecca Palmer, was born Jan. 21, 1854, in Greensburg, Pa., and came to Illinois with her parents when but three years of age. She was united in marriage to Thomas Y. Johnston, Feb. 24, 1874. He died Aug. 19, 1881. Four children were born to the union, two passing away in infancy and Mrs. Ada Smith dying in

AN OLD RECIPE TO DARKEN HAIR

Sage Tea and Sulphur Turns Gray, Faded Hair Dark and Glossy.

Almost everyone knows that Sage Tea and Sulphur, properly compounded, brings back the natural color and lustre to the hair when faded, streaked or gray; also ends dandruff, itching scalp and stops falling hair. Years ago the only way to get this mixture was to make it at home, which is messy and troublesome.

Nowadays we simply ask at any drug store for "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound." You will get a large bottle for about 50 cents. Everybody uses this old, famous recipe, because no one can possibly tell that you darkened your hair, as it does it so naturally and evenly. You dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning the gray hair disappears, and after another application or two, your hair becomes beautifully dark, thick and glossy, and you look years younger. Harper House pharmacy.—(Adv.)

FAMILY WASHINGS

Each washing done separately. R. L. NEW WET WASH LAUNDRY Office 4109 Seventh avenue. Phone R. I. 888. Phone not listed in directory.

1891. One son, Alvin, three grandchildren and the following four brothers survive: John, James and George Palmer, Milan; and Isaac Palmer, Bondurant, Iowa. Mrs. Johnston was a life long member of the Methodist church at Milan and was especially active in the M. W. B. society.

FORSYTHE TO BE GIVEN FREEDOM

Smooth Check Man Will Be Released Under Watchful Eye of Probation Officer Golden.

W. C. MASON IS HANDED 10 DAYS

Stole Check From Rock Island Southern Employee and Cashed It at Kroeger Saloon.

J. D. Forsythe, smooth check man, who was indicted for confidence game several months ago, appeared in circuit court this morning and pleaded guilty. He was accompanied by his wife and counsel, T. P. Sennett.

Mr. Sennett made a plea for leniency and stated to the court that \$10 of the \$15 which he secured on bogus checks had been repaid. State's Attorney F. E. Thompson recommended the release of the defendant to the probation officer, and Judge W. T. Church announced that this would be done as soon as Probation Officer W. A. Golden filed formal report recommending the same, which it is expected will be done within a few days.

Forsythe passed bad checks on the Hotel Harms and C. N. Isaacson. The court gave the defendant a straight-from-the-shoulder talk and plainly informed him that the first break in the provisions of the parole would mean the penitentiary for him.

Gets 10 Days.

Another defendant to ask for another chance was W. C. Mason, who pleaded guilty to petty larceny and was given 10 days in the county jail and fined \$1 and costs. Mason was charged with stealing a pay check for \$15, on Feb. 4, 1916, from L. Whitley, agent at the Rock Island Southern station, and passing himself off as Whitley, cashed the same at the saloon of George W. Kroeger. H. M. McCaskrin was counsel for Mason, who stated he had already made arrangements to pay back the money taken.

Hansen Must Appear.

Judge Church entered an order in court this morning requiring John Hansen to appear in court Friday morning at 9 o'clock and show cause why he should not be dealt with for contempt of court for failure to pay alimony to his wife, Mrs. Selma Hansen, as ordered by the court April 6, last. H. A. Weld is counsel for Mrs. Hansen.

City Briefs

Buy a home of Reidy Bros. Tri-City Towel Supply company.

For express, call William Trefz. Japanese barberry (thumbergii), spiraea, red and white waxberry, for lawn decorations, 15 cents; 320 Seventeenth street.

Union machinists are requested to attend a joint meeting of all tri-city lodges at the Rock Island Industrial hall tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock. Business of importance will be up for transaction.

Because of inclement weather conditions grading of the Coal Valley road, which was scheduled to start this afternoon, was postponed. The Rock Island Plow company has promised the free use of a Heider tractor to pull a six-horse grader in improving the road.

The 97th anniversary of the founding of the Odd Fellow order will be observed at a joint meeting of Rock Island lodge No. 18 and Ucal lodge No. 608, to be held tonight at Odd Fellows' hall. A program to start at 8:15 has been arranged.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Objectors to the confirmation of the assessment roll for the paving of Ninth street appeared in county court this morning and Judge N. A. Larson gave them until next Saturday to file objections, although arguments of counsel probably will not be taken up until Monday. Roll carries with it an estimated expenditure of \$81,749, of which amount \$20,437.25 is assessed against the city of Rock Island as public benefits. The three objectors who appeared in court this morning were L. B. Strayer, Chris Koehler and William McCartney. It is understood they have retained Searle & Marshall.

NEW HOSPITAL HEAD HERE FROM PEORIA

Dr. Charles Read, new superintendent of the Watertown State hospital, arrived today to enter upon his duties, succeeding Dr. J. A. Campbell, who was transferred to the state hospital at Anna. Dr. Read was formerly assistant superintendent of the Peoria state hospital. Dr. Campbell left last evening for his new post.

MILAN

Mr. and Mrs. John Walsh of Coal Valley and Mrs. Swain Pearson and daughter Alice of Rock Island were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James McQuaid.

Mrs. Charles Anderson visited at the home of George Berg in South Rock Island Sunday.

A jolly crowd of young people went to Rural in automobiles and surprised Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Caldwell Tuesday evening.

Charles Brandenburg who has been in St. Anthony's hospital in Rock Is-

All selling records smashed—Never in the store's history have so many room-size rugs be sold in such a short space of time

A continuance all this week of the home furnishings sales—notable among the "specials" are RUGS, Linoleums and Drapery Materials at prices lower than ever offered before at so seasonable a time of the year.

About Your Window Shades!—Why not phone for our representative to call and make you an estimate—Services Free

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THE BIG STORE ON THE BROADWALK

Window Shades—3d Floor. Rug Department—3d Floor.

Select your Rugs, Linoleums, Shades this week—a small payment down will hold any purchase until it is delivered

High-grade linoleum—suitable for the office, kitchen or bathroom—new spring designs—every conceivable coloring in a broad range of choice designs—will be on sale tomorrow

Your rooms measured—Linoleum cut and laid free

69c

A Square Yard

Customers may take advantage of sale—delivery made any time

Owing to the heavy demand for new spring floor coverings, we advise early selections—a small payment down will hold your purchase, with the understanding to have the linoleum laid any time in the future

Every yard of Linoleum guaranteed to be the best quality obtainable, deep printed designs with extra heavy composition burlap backs—the surface is highly finished and wear-resisting—qualities that are priced in most other stores at 75c and as high as 85c a yard.

Upwards of 500 dozen Window Shades—nearly 2,000 yards of Shade Cloth—bought prior to the raise in price—selling at Lundt & Co.'s at the old price

6-Foot Water Color Window Shades 25c Heavy quality water color window shades, made of close woven cloth, mounted on patented rollers with strong springs, 36 inches wide, cut to fit casing.	Oil Finish Roman Striped Window Shades 35c Oil finish Roman self striped window shades, excellent grade cloth, entirely new with lasting finish—measure full 6 feet long, 3 feet wide, complete with fittings.	High-grade Oil Opaque Window Shades 49c Oil opaque window shades, high grade, with finely finished surface, mounted on the best grade rollers, with guaranteed springs.	Special Prices in Quantity Purchases Workmanship and Qualities Guaranteed 79c Oil opaque window shades, measured, made and put up free of charge—high grade rollers furnished, and the best of materials.
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Two remarkable lots of Room-size Rugs priced decidedly low for this week's selling

Sizes 8-3x10-6 **\$14.90** Choice of the Lot

Full Reversible **\$5.98** All Are Fast Colors

The best standard qualities of full 9-wire Seamless Tapestry Brussels Rugs—close woven pile, strong backs, small neat designs, in perfect range of colorings—rugs suitable for any room in the house—highly recommended for service.

Genuine wool and fiber rugs, patterns that are reversible, can be used either side up—rugs especially appropriate for bed rooms or living rooms, colorings to harmonize with almost any kind of interior decoration.

land, came home Wednesday.

Henry Ditzon moved to Davenport Thursday.

Mrs. A. McNulty of Des Moines, Iowa, came to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Zahn Thursday.

A number from here attended the funeral of Mrs. Rachel Clark of Black Hawk Wednesday.

E. Holden is visiting friends in Nebraska this week.

Miss Ruth Dupew of Fairview en-

tertained her cousin, Miss Iva Utts of Sheffield, Ill., last week.

Dutch Leaving Germany.

The Hague, Netherlands.—The exodus from Germany of the numerous Dutch workmen's families resident there has been in evidence for many months past, and the movement is proceeding steadily. Most of these people hail from the Rhenish West-

phalian industrial region.

They declare unemployment is increasing on every hand in various branches of German industry. Margarine and oil factories are here and there entirely at a standstill; the weaving factories have not been at work for some time and now the army gun-cotton factories, including those at Rocholt, have had to reduce their operations to two days per week, the cause in all cases being lack of raw material.