

Rail Head Scores Public Ownership of Electric Lines

ATLANTIC CITY, (AP) — Public ownership was scored as "unstable and in line with the untimely and unwise with politics and inefficiency," by C. D. Emmons, of Baltimore, president of the American Electric Railway Association, addressing the organization in convention here today.

"The problem before all who would preserve a proper national unity is to demonstrate to the untimely and unwise the fact that the public ownership of electric lines is not a new thing, but a thing that has been tried in many places and has failed in every instance."

The Detroit municipal street railway situation was cited by Mr. Emmons as an example of the failure of municipal control. He said that the city officials proclaimed, at the end of a year's municipal operation, that they had made a profit of \$1,000,000 under a five-year lease, but that the city had lost \$1,000,000 in the process.

"The people of Detroit were promised the finest equipment and payment for the property out of earnings, and no more bond issues by municipal control," he said.

"Such promises are easily made, but not easy to live up to. Were it possible for a municipality to employ labor and buy materials at lower prices than privately owned companies, the public ownership of electric lines might be kept. But this cannot be done, and that is the reason why the public ownership of electric lines is a failure."

right, but they did nothing different from what were privately owned property had had to do in similar circumstances.

"In this connection I think it is timely and proper to state again the attitude of the Association toward public ownership. That we are opposed to it is common knowledge, but when we are opposed to it may not be understood by the public. Our opposition is not because we fear the loss of our property—the laws of this country protect all enterprises from confiscation without payment of the full value of the property taken. Our opposition is not due to fear of loss of profits, for some of the largest railroads in the country have made no profits for several years."

"Why, then, are we, and all other business organizations, opposed to public ownership? Because it is foreign to and in conflict with the fundamental principles of the American government; because it is a violation of the right of private property; because it is a violation of the right of the citizen to be free from the control of the government; because it is a violation of the right of the citizen to be free from the control of the government."

"The public in most communities has come to understand that the street railway companies are making every effort to provide adequate service, and that they cannot do this unless a fair deal is accorded them by the people."

"We have no quarrel with the private automobile owner and we have no quarrel with the bus except when the bus enters territory that is rightfully that of the electric railway. I do not rightly believe the station and equipment in raising the company's right to do business in the street, retain to themselves the power to regulate service and control rates of fare. Having done that, the duty of the public to the railway should be obvious—the public must protect the railways in their rights, and the public itself will be the loser."

Not Having Less Snowfall Says the Weather Bureau

"No, we are not having lighter snowfalls than when grandfather was a boy," says the Weather Bureau of the United States Department of Agriculture. "Our records show that we are having about the same amount of snow as we had when our grandfathers were boys. We do not have the big snows nowadays that we did when I was a boy, and I don't think we will ever have them again," one may answer with conviction that the records of the Weather Bureau tell another story. As a matter of fact, the heavy snows remembered by the men who were boys in the snowing of winter probably reached that boy's school days, but would be less than inches high with his present stature. Again, many men who now live in cities were brought up in the country, where large drifts are piled up when the wind has felt across over the prairie.

more, 65.3 inches was only two years later. At Portland, Me., the greatest snowfall for a winter, 125.5 inches, occurred in 1856-1857, but last winter, with but one-half inch less, was next in amount. In the West we find that Cheyenne's winter of least snow was in 1886-1887, and the greatest some 19 years later. The greatest snowfall at Salt Lake City occurred in 1915-1917, and the second, third, and fourth, since then. Viewing the subject in a broad way, one is led to conclude that there will undoubtedly be heavy snows in the years to come just as there have been in the past, and it is probable that present records will be exceeded in many places.

UMATILLA OFFICERS CONFISCATE LARGEST STILL ON RECORDS

PENDLETON — The largest still ever seized in the county, as far as local records go, was taken yesterday by Sheriff Zeeb Hunter on his ranch of Umatilla, near near Pilot Rock. The still had an estimated capacity of 400 gallons for a 24-hour run and is made of copper.

No charges have been filed against Mr. Wyland, according to a member of the sheriff's force because there is no reason to believe that the still had been in use. It was formerly in use at Weston in the distillery there, was numbered, and will be turned back to the government by the local officers. Mr. Wyland is said to be a relative of the man who operated it at Weston, and he merely held it in storage, according to a statement made from the sheriff's office this afternoon.

Buckaroos Practicing For Hermiston Game

PENDLETON — In spite of the deplorable manner in which the Buckaroos defeated Athena last Saturday, Coach Taylor is not entirely satisfied with the progress made by his proteges and is driving them hard in the daily workouts to get them in shape for their game with Hermiston at Hermiston Saturday.

Last year the vibrators romped away with the long end of the score and coach and players alike are determined that there will be no repetition of that happened this year. Coach Taylor will likely use the same line-up that started against Athena last week with the exception of Louis Hartweg whose ankle suffered a severe twist against Athena and who is not yet out for practice. Hartweg, who made a spectacular dash around and for 50 yards last week will take his place.

FAMOUS COMEDY STAR IS CLERK

HOLLYWOOD, CALIF. (AP) — Frankie Bailey, woman star of the old Weber and Fields theatrical company and known a decade or more ago as the girl with "the red-tinted star legs" is serving behind the counter in a Hollywood drug store.

NEW RECORD IN MOVIE RETURNS

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. (AP) — The Southern California district during the month of August had 26,000,000 admissions to moving picture theaters according to figures just made public by Rex Goodell, collector of internal revenue. This figure sets a new record, not surpassed \$322,514, as compared with \$210,074 in August, 1922.

DAMAGE GRAIN AT THE PARK

THE PARK (Special) — The Laymonts of Union last week, to have some dental work done.

Some of the grain which has been left out will sustain considerable damage, if the present rain continues. There was so much of a large crop this year that it was impossible to care for it all in time, and it must be remembered that we are a little later than the rest of the valley for our seasons in the mountains are shorter than elsewhere. At the same time we have had heavy losses of grain because of crop loss, so all in all we are just as fortunate as the rest.

Enter Miller, took his water to town by auto, Friday.

Charles Vanover is rounding up his week which has been running in the mountains.

Mr. A. H. Henshaw and Mr. Wilbur Henshaw of the firm Henshaw and Lewis of Union, were at John H. Henshaw's home on business Saturday.

Charles is going on in that large timber left on Catherine creek which is involved in that big timber deal between the Scott, Lumber Co., the Henshaw, Lumber Co., and the Henshaw and Lewis' holdings, and the four Mountain Lumber Co.

Several hunters were in evidence up and along the creek Saturday, despite the rain pouring down, the number of campers was small.

The sheep have all come down from their summer pastures on the Forest Reserve. Some 25,000 woolies are in camp in this section.

There has been a number of hunters who were rewarded for their efforts by taking home several grouse and pheasants the last week.

Miss Gaudin, the school teacher has instituted a spelling bee every Friday among the children. They report great fun in and of the new amusement which is very instructive, as well as a pleasant feature.

Miss Violet McDowell has sent

Wilhelm, in Need of Cash, Sells First Wife's Jewelry

AMSTERDAM, (AP) — Wilhelm Holman is raising money by the sale of some of the jewelry belonging to his first wife and by the sale of several pictures. Pictures by French masters, and certain Holman's pictures have been disposed of through a Dutch firm and a number of old Dutch and German paintings will be brought into the market shortly.

Some of the late winter's jewelry, including a beautiful pearl necklace, were sold through a Dutch jewelry store some time ago a number of French paintings, including one which had been sold privately to Americans, and the proceeds used for the purchase of Dutch lands.

We shall not get excited about the influenza until the flu and its main disease and the flu asks for attention.

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