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PRICE FIVE CENTS

MAY ABANDON CAR LINES

MORE THAN MILE OF CAR TRACK SLATED FOR REMOVAL HERE

Ordinance Passes Second Reading to Allow Destruction of Lines and Substitution of Motor Bus Service—Residents Said to be Willing—Excessive Costs Given as Reason

Permission to abandon more than one mile of street car track in the city of Salem and to substitute two motor buses to serve the residents of the affected districts is being sought by T. L. Billingsley, superintendent of the Southern Pacific street car company. The plan, in the main, has met with the approval of a special committee of the city council which conferred with Mr. Billingsley last Thursday night and an ordinance covering the proposal passed its second reading at an adjourned meeting of the council last night. A majority of property owners on the streets served by the street car company are said to be in favor of the plan as it eliminates unnecessary transfers.

NATIONALISTS OPPOSE PLAN

Under the ordinance eight-tenths of a mile of track on Summer between Market and Chambermeke would be abandoned and the tracks, wires and poles removed. The same would apply to the North Sixteenth street line between Center and D, with that portion of Seventeenth between D and Market still with the track.

Leader of German Party Announces Opposition to Conference Agreement

BERLIN, Aug. 25.—(By The AP.)—The German nationalist party is opposed to the reparations agreement received at the London conference and will oppose all measures to put it into effect. This announcement was made in the reichstag today by Dr. Hergt, the leader of the party. Dr. Hergt expressed his party's distrust of the government and severely criticized what he termed its attitude at London on the question of evacuation of the Ruhr. He also accused Ramsay MacDonald, the British premier, of having changed his views on the subject and appealed to him to reconsider.

COMMITTEE FILES FURTHER REPORT

Investigation of Stocks and Bonds Enlarged Upon in Second Statement

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 25.—A second report in the course of an investigation of the sale of bonds and securities in the state of Oregon was filed today with Governor Walter M. Pierce by the special committee he named several months ago. The report dealt in detail with the sale of stock in four finance companies.

Two Unsuccessful Globe Circlers Meet at Dinner

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 25.—Major Frederick L. Martin, first commander of an American squadron flying around the world who wrecked his plane near Port Moller, in the Aleutian Islands in April, motored here today from Bellingham, Wash., to attend a dinner in honor of Major A. Stuart MacLaren, British flier, who also failed in an attempt to circle the globe, and his companions. Upon meeting, Major MacLaren said: "I was sorry to hear about your crashing." Major Martin laughed and replied: "The same to you."

ROME CELEBRATES

ROME, Aug. 25.—(By AP.)—The news that Lieut. Locatelli had been found was received with great rejoicing. Most of the afternoon newspapers issued special editions.

Has It Ever Occurred to You

That perhaps what you want is advertised today in the Want Ad Column. It pays to read The Statesman Want Ads every day. It pays to use them, too.

MONT. STATE ELECTION TO START TODAY

Balloting in Statewide Primaries Will Begin Today at Twelve o'Clock

HELENA, Mont., Aug. 25.—Montana's statewide primary campaign closed tonight with candidates holding election eve rallies in their home districts. The balloting will start at noon tomorrow.

DAWES VISITS WITH COOLIDGE

Vice Presidential Nominee Discusses Politics With U. S. President

PLYMOUTH, Vt., Aug. 25.—Charles G. Dawes, republican vice presidential candidate, visited for two hours this afternoon with President Coolidge at the latter's paternal home here, discussing politics, government business, particularly the agricultural situation—European conditions, and posing with his host for a battalion of photographers.

The president and his running mate held about a 35-minute conference just after dinner, walking across the road for a while to the one room Union church. They talked for some time also in front of the church just before Mr. Dawes left to see the newspaper men. The president, looking straight ahead and twiddling a cigar, talked very deliberately, and occasionally his guest would turn and enter the discussion using his arms energetically for gestures. They parted laughing. Mr. Dawes drove to Rutland en route to Chicago.

Mr. Dawes said his discussion today on the European situation was not of a political nature and when asked to discuss it, declared he would not do so now or on the "stump," so far as the reparations plan was concerned. "In the first place," he continued, "it would more than likely be considered demagogic."

NEWS BRIEFS

Dishwashing Invention.

CESRARDS CROSS, ENR., AUG. 25.—Mrs. Mary Bolton has invented a dinner wash which automatically washes the dishes while they are being wheeled into the kitchen.

Storm in Atlantic.

NORFOLK, Va., Aug. 25.—A gale was reported by ship's wireless today as raging off the Atlantic coast and a general warning to shipping was issued by the weather bureau.

Accident at Manila.

MANILA, Aug. 25.—(AP.)—An explosion today on board the submarine S-2 at Cavite navy yard killed Chief Petty Officer Engel and injured Seaman Moratki. It was caused by a backfire in the engine room.

Insurance for Employees.

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—The Northern Pacific railway company announced today it had insured its 25,000 employees for \$50,000,000 in a group policy written by the Aetna Life Insurance company of Hartford, Conn.

Construction Contract Is Awarded in Mount Angel

MT. ANGEL, Ore., Aug. 25.—(Special to The Statesman)—At a special meeting of the city council tonight, called for the purpose of opening bids for the paving of about 11 blocks within the village limits, the aldermen voted to award the contract to the Andrews Construction Company of Portland on a bid of \$12,010. Work on the improvement will begin as soon as the contract has been passed upon by the city engineer and attorney. About seven concerns had bids for the work, including some Salem firms.

PRESIDENT OF N. J. COMPANY ISSUES DENIAL

Thomas E. Wilson, of Wilson and Company, Declares Principal Charge in Petition False

NOTICE OF INTENTION WAS NOT GIVEN, CLAIM

Statement Is Further Made That Wilson Co. Was Not Present at Hearing

TRENTON, N. J., Aug. 25.—Commissioner Edward Maxson, of the department of banking and insurance, was appointed today as temporary receiver for Wilson & Company, Inc., in bonds of \$25,000. The appointment was made by Vice Chancellor Backes on application of Maurice I. Klein of Newark, owner of 25 shares of stock with a total par value of \$2,500. He alleges the corporation, which is engaged in the general packing business, is insolvent.

CHICAGO, Aug. 25.—Receivership proceedings against the Wilson & Co., one of the big four packers, at Trenton, N.J., today by Maurice I. Klein, a stockholder, were very unusual and the principal charge in Klein's petition was false, according to a statement from Thomas E. Wilson, head of the company, issued here tonight.

Telegraph Denial

Mr. Wilson, who is in New York conferring with bankers on a reorganization of the company, telegraphed that Klein's assertion in his receivership petition that the June 1 and August 1 interest payments on the company's bonds were in default was not true. On the contract, \$400,000 interest was paid on the convertible sixes on June 1 and \$345,000 was paid on the cumulative 7 1/2's on August 1, Mr. Wilson's statement said.

No notice of intention to bring receivership proceedings was given the company, Mr. Wilson said, and the company was not represented at the hearing when a temporary receiver was appointed. Klein holds 25 shares of common stock with a par value of \$2,500.

Re-financing Plan Announced

A re-financing plan for Wilson and company was announced last February. It was asserted the company has been doing a large and satisfactory business but its indebtedness had become top heavy. The plan contemplated issuance of prior preferred stock, but aroused opposition from certain preferred stockholders and the plan was defeated. Then came formation of a bankers' committee headed by Frank O. Wetmore, a Chicago banker.

Wilson & Co. has large packing houses in many parts of the world, with headquarters in Chicago. Its capital stock is listed on the New York and other exchanges.

Skagit River Project to Be Completed This Week

SEATTLE, Aug. 25.—Power from a hydro-electric project built by the city of Seattle on the Ekag river at the foothills of the Cascade mountains 125 miles from here will be ready for this city by the end of this week, A. J. Turner, supervising engineer of the plant, announced today. President Coolidge is to press a button at Washington, D.C., setting the plant in operation.

FLYERS START THURSDAY

ABOARD USS RICHMOND, Aug. 25.—(By The Associated Press.)—Lieutenant Smith and Lieutenant Nelson, the American army aviators, notified Rear Admiral Magruder, commander of the convoying squadron, today that they expected to leave Thursday on their flight from Greenland to Labrador, after changing engines.

CHICAGO BOY PROVES TO BE TENNIS STAR

Makes Sensational Debut in Net Circles By Defeating Famous Veteran

FOREST HILLS, N. Y., Aug. 25.—(By Associated Press.)—A new star appeared in the tennis firmament today when George Lott Jr., 17-year-old Chicago school boy who holds the national junior championship eliminated R. Norris Williams II, of Philadelphia, twice former title holder, in a sensational upset marking the opening day of play in the national men's singles championships. Play in this major title tournament for the first time, Lott uncocked the best game of his brilliant young career to give Williams the most ignominious setback he has suffered since he reached national heights in 1914 and 1915. The youth took four sets to win, 6-1, 6-1, 1-5, 6-4, and though Williams, favoring an ankle he twisted in the Olympics, was obviously not at his best, Lott gained his triumph impressively and with the most spectacular sort of tennis.

MERGER INVOLVES BILLION AND HALF

Erie Railroad Company Approves Offer of Van Sweringen Interests

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—Directors of the Erie railroad company today approved the offer of the Van Sweringen interests of Cleveland to consolidate the road with four others in their proposed \$1,500,000,000 Nickel Plate system. The action of the Erie railroad virtually completes the merger plans of the Van Sweringen interests which will result in unification of almost 14,000 miles of railroads in the eastern section of the country.

Employing Printers Will Resist Higher Pay Demands

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 25.—Employing printers of Portland today voted almost unanimously to stand by the decision of their wage fixing committee and resist the demands of the typographical union for an increase in the wage scale of \$40 a week to \$48 a week. The employers and printers are deadlocked on the issue of arbitration, the employers holding out for a local board and the printers holding out for the state board. Secretary Ray Fennell said that the employers expect to continue to operate without difficulty should the union men strike.

Only Five More Days in Great Seashore Contest and Triple Votes Given

Subscription votes will clinch the victory for you. If your friends have promised a subscription, see them at once, sometimes they forget and you lose the votes. The vote of Saturday was one of the largest cast on a single day since the contest started. Almost all of the leading candidates were heard from, and some voted hundreds of votes. This has caused great changes to take place in the standing of the contestants and a glance at the list will show the interest that is being taken by almost all of the contestants.

Some of the candidates think it a good plan to be in the lead at this stage of the game and are making every effort to get there. Votes go out daily to people who are not interested directly in the contest and they generally cast their votes for the candidates who stand well in the list.

Triple Votes Beginning Monday, August 25, at 8 a. m. The Statesman will give double votes on all subscriptions until the end of the contest. This will be the last, also the best offer during the contest, and every contestant should take advantage of it, as it might be the means of your winning the prize you are after. This offer is bound to meet the approval of every contestant who is desirous of winning one of the prizes.

DARROW ENDS HIS PLEA FOR 2 MURDERERS

Three-Day Argument in Defense of Confessed Killers is Ended By Famous Courtroom Philosopher

MANY OF SPECTATORS ARE STRONGLY MOVED

Judge Caverly Flushes as Attorney Makes Strong Appeal for Clemency

CHICAGO, Aug. 26.—(By The Associated Press.)—Pleading for the future, for posterity, for the progress of law and for "that time when we shall realize that mercy is the highest attribute of man," Clarence S. Darrow, 67 year old philosopher of the courts and foe of legal rigidity, ended today his three day argument for Nathan Leopold Jr. and Richard Loeb. Darrow blushed as he entreated for "that noble quality of mercy with which we may eventually overcome cruelty and hate and malice with kindness and gentleness and love."

He disliked his own tears and disposed of them with a little show as possible. Spectators Are Moved There was visible emotion among many of the spectators and Judge John H. Caverly flushed as he pressed a pencil to his lips. Neither Leopold or Loeb moved, but they centered on their aged lawyer looks of unwavering interest and the former touched Mr. Darrow's sleeve as he passed him going out of court. He indicted the present age for "cruelty. He indicted war for callousing the hearts and sympathies of men. He indicted the educational system under which "young, plastic minds" are given the pagan philosophies of all times. He spoke with scorn of the tendency of jurists and lawyers to move in ruts of legal terminology in utter disregard of the advances of science and the advancement of thought. He pointed to the "weird mentalities" of his clients and the "irrational, mad and horrifying" crime which they contrived as the product, even the responsibility of ages.

Assaults Capital Punishment

He characterized as "an ancient superstition and nothing more the theory that hanging is a deterrent to crime. "Hanging grew up in the age of barbarism, from which we are so (Continued on page 6)

TUMBLE DOWN STAIRS KILLS PORTLAND BOY

Five Year Old Youth Dies in Hospital as Result of Fractured Skull

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 25.—Robert Lingas, aged five, died at a local hospital today from a fractured skull, received when he lost his balance and fell down a flight of stairs at his home yesterday.

LA FOLLETTE MAKES PLANS

Third Party Candidate Spends 9 Hours in Conference With Aides

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—Campaign strategy was discussed by Senator La Follette of Wisconsin, independent candidate for president, and Senator Wheeler of Montana, his running mate, for eight hours today at an executive conference with their principal supporters.

The candidates discussed what was to be said in their campaign and where it was to be said, and endorsed tentative arrangements made for them by campaign committees, but when John M. Nelson, the national manager, left for Chicago late today, participants declared that little had been put in shape for public announcement.

Herman L. Eckern of Wisconsin, one of the campaign fund directors, was among those participating in the conference but no statement was forthcoming as to financial plans. Likewise such financial mapping out as was done was held back for consultation with local supporters in the territories where the candidates may speak.

In a speech tonight for the local La Follette for president club, Charles A. Lyman, former secretary of the national board of farm organizations, predicted that the farmers may support Senator La Follette "because they trust him." They know his record, he added, and that "he has shown himself a leader who will never compromise with those who seek special privilege at the expense of public welfare."

NOTED DOCTOR VISITS CITY

Dr. Walter H. Brown Seeks Western Location for Health Demonstration

Dr. Walter H. Brown, field representative of the child health committee of the American Child Health association, was in the city yesterday, accompanied by Dr. Frederick D. Stricker, state health officer, and Dr. Estela Ford Warner, medical director of the state board of health.

The child health demonstration committee is established at Fargo, N.D., Mansfield, O., Athens, Ga., and in Rutherford county, Tenn. and it is now the intention to select one city in the west for a five year program of child health work. The committee will select its fifth city from the Rocky mountain and Pacific coast states, the city to have a population of between 20,000 and 75,000.

The work of the American Child Health association is financed by the Harkness family of New York, the family that built the Harkness memorial for Yale university. Dr. Brown, who was accompanied by his wife, was shown over the city and given opportunity to meet a number of the medical profession. Before returning to Portland last night, Dr. Brown met at the Marion hotel a number of city and county officials and others interested in child welfare work, including Dr. W. B. Morse, member of the Oregon state board of health; Dr. G. C. Bellinger, (Continued on page 6)

ITALIAN GOVT EXPRESSES ITS THANKS TO U. S.

Premier Mussolini Has His Appreciation Conveyed to American Embassy for Rescue of Flier

CONGRATULATION AND RELIEF ARE EXPRESSED

Official Calls are Made at the State, War, and Navy Departments

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—The warmest and deepest thanks for the rescue by the American navy of Lieutenant Locatelli, missing Italian aviator, off the coast of Greenland, was conveyed in a message received by the Italian embassy today from Premier Mussolini.

Directing the charge d'affaires to express these feelings to the Washington government, the premier said: "Following the news of the rescue of Locatelli and his companions thanks to the efforts of the American navy, I have expressed to the American ambassador in Rome the gratitude of the royal government for that noble proof of human solidarity and comradeship performed by the American forces."

Officials Call

The appreciation of Italy for the service performed was expressed by officials of the embassy in calls at the state, war and navy departments, and messages of congratulation and relief in the case were transmitted by both Italian and American officials to American officers on flight duty and to Lieutenant Locatelli himself.

Regret that the Italian flier had been compelled by engine trouble to land at sea, and that he could not continue with the American world fliers was general but Major General Patrick, chief of the army air service expressed the common feeling when he said this regret had been overshadowed by the relief felt by all officials when advices were received telling of the rescue.

Praised Navy

For this happy circumstance he added, the navy deserved all credit.

According to a tentative schedule worked out by air service officers, the American fliers, commanded by Lieutenant Smith, are expected to leave Iqviut, Greenland, tomorrow, on the flight that will land them again on the North American continent. It is regarded as certain that the fliers will go direct to Indian Harbor, Labrador, where they will take on fuel, and in all probability then jump to Cartwright harbor where anchor buoys have been prepared for them.

Harbor is Restricted

Indian harbor is classed by the air service as a restricted harbor, small in size and, in the opinion of officials there will not be afforded the protection from storm that is available at Cartwright, 40 miles south. The stop at Indian harbor, however, is held to be necessary since no fuel supply will be available at Cartwright.

THE WEATHER

OREGON: Fair Tuesday except cloudy or foggy along the coast; continued warm in the interior; moderate westerly winds.

LOCAL WEATHER (Monday)

Maximum temperature, 88. Minimum temperature, 55. Rainfall, none. River, -2.3. Atmosphere, clear. Wind, northeast.