

Advocates Operation of Trunk Railways

Moner Would Have States Handle Branch Lines—La Follette Takes Issue With Scheme.

By Universal Service.
Chicago, May 26.—Progressive leadership organized what will be known as "The National Conference on American Railroads," to have an organization in every state and will solicit the co-operation of the public.
Senator Robert M. La Follette of Wisconsin, was elected national chairman of the organization which will fix the operation of railroads, hoping to accomplish, in a few months what the Interstate Commerce commission has been working on for years. With that end in view the new organization authorized the executive committee to retain legal counsel, engineers and accounting experts.
Other officers are:
Representative George Huddleston, Alabama, first national vice chairman; Senator Robert L. Owen, Oklahoma, second national vice chairman; Edward Keating, Colorado, third national vice chairman; Representative W. T. Williams, South Carolina, secretary, and William H. Johnston, Washington, treasurer.

Observers tonight predicted that the conference is on the eve of a great battle between corporate interests and champions of the public interests.

Bryan Addresses Meeting.

It was as a representative of the public that William Jennings Bryan today said he wished to address the conference.
Mr. Bryan spoke for two hours at the public session of the conference, advocating government ownership and operation of a trunk line reaching into every state, with branch lines owned and operated by the various states.

Hinting that a compromise might be reached on the question of revaluation, Mr. Bryan precipitated a clash with Senator La Follette, chairman of the conference, and its sponsor.
"I am unalterably opposed to a compromise," declared the Wisconsin senator at the close of Mr. Bryan's address.

Charge Values Inflated.

The 300 invited delegates were given to understand that the sole purpose of the conference was to lay plans for urging the Interstate Commerce commission to make an equitable revaluation of the railroads with a view to bringing down freight and passenger rates and thus cut the high cost of living. Charges that values are greatly inflated were made by various speakers.
"When I was invited to address this conference from the standpoint of the public I first examined its general direction," said Mr. Bryan. "I found it was right. Then I accepted the invitation."
"I am glad Senator La Follette has been placed in charge."
"It is only when prominent persons connect themselves with a movement that things are done."
Mr. Bryan said he had not changed his opinion of 1893 that "private monopolies are intolerable," although he was called a nihilist because he favored giving the railroads a "reasonable return on the cost of rebuilding."

Favors U. S. Ownership.

"I believe the federal government ought to own a trunk line system running into every state," Mr. Bryan continued. "The states, under my plan, would own the feeder lines in their respective territories."
Developing his theme that while man was a God-made creature, a corporation was man-made, and therefore subservient to him, Mr. Bryan brought the galleries into applause when he said:
"I am in favor of keeping a man-made giant from injuring a God-made man."
It was his only attempt at an oratorical flight, the rest of the speech being delivered in simple statements, often spiced with epigrams.

Railroads, Mr. Bryan said, undoubtedly will claim the basis of value to be either the original cost of construction or the cost of reproduction, adding: "Personally, I don't think we can decide which is correct now, but I believe in fighting for the best there is in sight." It was this remark to which Senator La Follette took exception, asserting that he "would not be satisfied with a compromise."

Agriculture at Low Ebb.

W. C. Langston, speaking for the farmers of the country, declared that agriculture is at its lowest ebb in the history of the United States. High freight rates were to blame for it, he said.
Loans and mortgages aggregating \$17,000,000,000, Mr. Langston said, weight down the farm properties of the country, valued at \$77,000,000,000. Production last year totaled but \$11,000,000,000.
With every state in the so-called "farm bloc" represented at the railroad valuation conference, a call was issued for a national wheat conference to be held in Chicago, June 19 and 20.
The call was signed by Governors Preuss of Minnesota, Small of Illinois, Davis of Kansas, Hyde of Missouri, Donahay of Ohio, Nestor of North Dakota, Walton of Oklahoma, Senators Capper of Kansas, and Copeland of New York, as well as executives of various national farmers organizations.
"The disastrous condition of a large portion of our agricultural population is very largely due to the price of wheat which, measured by the cost of production or by the purchase power of the farmers' dollar, is lower today than in a half century past," the call read.
The object of the conference is to seek to establish a fair price for wheat.

Jersey Bandit and Woman Kill Two Policemen

Frank J. Sage



Martha Muear & Scene of Tragedy

Barricaded in this little house in Jersey City, Frank J. Sage, alias Frank Miller, a Jersey "two-gun bad guy," killed two policemen and wounded two others when they sought to arrest him for participation in a \$19,000 payroll holdup. His woman companion, Mrs. Martha Muear, alias Miller, is alleged to have killed one of the policemen and to have loaded the pistols, while Sage kept up the fight. He was not arrested until overcome with tear-gas bombs. Infuriated policemen beat him terribly and would have killed him but for the pleading of Deputy Police Chief Thomas Wolfe, who captured him.

Good Will Found in Western Trade Trip

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taught by the period of depression are bound to be of lasting benefit."
L. B. Clough, M. E. Smith & Co.:
"Business although not quite normal in some sections, taken as a whole shows a healthy condition. Prospects for fall business are very good. The copious rain of last week makes crop conditions as good as could be expected. All merchants are in good spirits, much better than a year ago."
Optimism Is General.
F. E. Pearce, Paxton & Gallagher Co.: "We found a general optimistic feeling. Everyone is looking for a good season's business and the restoration of old-time trade conditions. Stocks are clean and collections show a gradual improvement. Our trip was most timely and apparently appreciated."
H. G. McGowan, Fairmont Creamery company: "Interested as we are in the farmer and his produce, this excursion has proven especially valuable to us. A striking thing is the promise of more extensive dairying in the western half of Nebraska and certain parts of Wyoming. Dairying, in the largest part of the territory covered, is the farmer's best bet. They are realizing this fact, and the tendency is toward more intelligent selection of dairy herds. There is also an increase in purebred poultry. Cows and chickens spell success for the farmers when everything else fails."
Trip Satisfactory.
Roy E. Byrne, Byrne-Hammer Dry Goods company: "We never made a more satisfactory trade trip. Merchants everywhere speak with reviving enthusiasm of the prospects for excellent summer and fall business. Stocks of merchandise, while not large, are well balanced. As never before, country merchants appreciate the special service facilities which the Omaha market is prepared to render the merchant, who is working for a more rapid turnover of his business."
Don T. Lee, Beebe & Runyan Furniture Co.: "For many years our firm has been in close touch with conditions in the territory that we have covered on the trade trip, and from observations that I have made, in comparison with previous excursions, I have never seen the country look better, crop conditions more ideal, and merchants any more optimistic than now."
First Trip Pleases.
J. F. Barnes, United States Rubber company: "On this, my first Omaha trade excursion, I am more than pleased with results obtained. I firmly believe that conditions are rapidly improving and that the outlook for fall business is good. All merchants interviewed were exceptionally optimistic and expressed pleasure in being able to meet so many representatives of Omaha's manufacturers and jobbers. The heavy rains have stimulated business greatly."
Bruce Cunningham, Pioneer Glass and Paint company: "There are two matters that I have noticed especially. Rural communities and farmers are realizing that it is cheaper to paint than not to. They are expending money on a large scale for paints and varnishes, not simply for beautification, but for protection of their property. The second is the snappy, neat and up-to-date manner in which the merchants are displaying their merchandise, both in improved store fronts and interior displays."
Two Towns Co-Operate.
F. H. Garrett, Harle-Hass company: "The Council Bluffs contingent has thoroughly enjoyed the trip. They appreciate the courtesy of the Omaha business men in asking them to make the trip. Omaha and Council Bluffs business men are working side by side. Their region covered is one in which the resources are unlimited. Prospects for this year are great, and the country merchants are happy. The people greeted us royally."
P. V. Peck, Burgess-Nash company: "Owing to the fact that I was the only retailer on this wonderful trip, I felt very much handicapped. In spite of this fact, I thoroughly enjoyed it, and feel well rewarded."

Small Kansas Wheat Crop.

Topeka, Kan., May 26.—Kansas will harvest its smallest winter wheat crop in five years—99,538,000 bushels—according to May estimates issued today by the state board of agriculture. Last year's production was 116,742,000 bushels. The Hessian fly, chinch bug and late rains are contributing causes for the small yield.

Bank Deposits Show Big Increase During Past Year

Quarterly Report Filed With Secretary of Trade and Commerce Shows Business Growing Stable.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.
Lincoln, May 26.—Deposits in 949 state banks in Nebraska have jumped \$23,032,954.74 in the last year, according to figures compiled in the office of J. E. Hart, secretary of the state department of trade and commerce.
These figures were obtained from the regular quarterly report of banks at the close of business March 28, 1923.
In 1922, deposits totalled \$250,170,141.45, while in 1922 the total deposits were \$227,137,206.67.
Loans and discounts a year ago were \$208,285,133.55, while this year at close of business March 28, they totalled \$213,667,481.87. The Hart report follows in full:

Loans and discounts	\$213,667,481.87
Overdrafts	1,146,855.74
Bonds, securities, mortgages, claims, etc.	32,186,703.46
Due from banks	44,356,321.29
Banking houses, furniture and fixtures	7,131,562.63
Other real estate	4,382,392.59
Current expenses	5,318,776.69
Cash	23,860.47
Total	\$297,772,678.95
Reserves	\$297,772,678.95
Capital stock	\$24,559,709.00
Surplus	3,879,947.21
Dividends unpaid	6,531,627.84
Individual deposits subject to check	70,743.24
Certificates of deposit	112,339,498.58
Due to banks	130,420,473.35
Bills payable and notes re-discounted	250,170,141.45
Depositors' guaranty fund	7,874,722.98
Total	\$1,159,365,588.58

Ted-Jed-Sokol Tournament to Be Held at Dodge in August

Fremont, Neb., May 26.—The national tournament of the Ted-Jed-Sokol Gymnast society will be held at Dodge August 13-19, with participating classes from Chicago, Minneapolis, Boston and other points. A special meeting of the business men of Dodge and the Tricounty Community club was called to complete the necessary arrangements.
Medals will be awarded by judges appointed by the national body to the classes in all calisthenic drills, contests, exercises and turning. The special committee in charge of arrangements are F. A. Janacek, Thomas Vogelstanc, J. B. Miller, John Mikes and R. J. Zaloudek.

Randolph Farmer Killed by Falling Haymow Door

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.
Randolph, Neb., May 26.—Albert Jelnko, farmer, 65, was accidentally killed when a large haymow door fell, striking him on the head. A wife and several grown children survive.

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4,000 Men's Shirts



Made by The Elder Mfg. Company and bought by us at such a price advantage that we will sell them Monday at

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Values 2.00 to 3.50.

- Silk Stripe Cloths
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In collar attached style with the new low collar and the regulation soft collar in several of the most desired stylings. There are button-down style collars and neckband styles for those who wish them.

Plenty of white, tan, gray, blue, neat striped, new check. Silk striped shirts and shirts of finest woven madras. Sizes 13½ to 17½. You should

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The weather man says wear 'em—style says wear 'em. Comfort, style and price, all three, say, "Buy it at Brandeis"—for there is comfort in every shape that we have—style in

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Of Fine All Wool Fabrics

Every suit is a good style, every material all wool, every suit well tailored and well finished. They are reduced only because sizes are broken, and for that reason we do not wish to carry them as regular stock. We have made the reductions important enough to effect immediate disposal. Make your selection early.

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The finest tweeds, cassimeres and chevots. Single and double-breasted sack suits. Extreme and conservative models are included. Sports models in a great variety of Norfolk and belted effects.
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Heralding Happy Vacation Days Come These New Arrivals in White Footwear

Unusually clever are the many styles represented in this assortment.



White Glazed Kid Sandals—White Glazed Kid Strap Pumps with flexible soles and wooden Cuban, baby or high Spanish heels—White Nile Cloth Oxfords—White Nile Cloth Strap Pumps with light weight welt soles and wooden Cuban heels—White Glazed Kid Sandals with red, green, blue or gray kid trimmings.

Shoes for Street, Sport, Semi-Dress and Dress Wear
Prices Range From
6.00 to 12.50
Third Floor—East

THE BRANDEIS STORE

ANNOUNCING---THE LAST GREAT MAY SALE OF WALL PAPER

Only three shopping days left in May. Already the biggest month of the current season, we are conducting this huge sale in the hope of making May, 1923, the biggest month of any season. Help us realize our hope by helping yourself to the unprecedented wall paper values included in this great month-end sale.

FIRST DAY FEATURES

- Light Colored Papers to brighten up that attic or basement room. Kitchen papers in block stripe and allover effects. Extraordinary values, sold only with dainty borders to match... **4½c**
- Plain 30-inch Oatmeal Papers in all the wanted shades. Beautiful bedroom papers in floral, stripe and allover chintz effects. Pretty papers for the parlor, dining room and hall in a variety of patterns. Values to 24c; attractive borders to match... **9c**
- Washable Varnished Tile Papers for the kitchen and bath. Regular 29c grade. Harmonella blends, the popular 30-inch paper suitable for any room in the house. Regular 31c. Decorative borders and hands to match... **19c**

LAST MAY SALE--SPECIAL Tapestry papers for the living room, hall and dining room. A large variety of patterns in the most desired workings and colorings included in this lot. Many patterns worth up to 60c per roll; specially priced for Saturday at, per roll... **24c**