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RED HOT POLITICAL BATTLE

NEBRASKA DELEGATION TO PRESIDENTIAL CONVENTION.

TAFT, LAFOLLETTE, HUGHES

Taft Secured Endorsement of Last State Convention, But Frank Harrison Thinks LaFollette Has a Show, While Hughes is Waiting.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 19.—Special to The News: Political manipulators are now engaged in red hot battle for the Nebraska state delegation. Last fall Taft secured the endorsement of the republican state platform convention. Several weeks ago F. A. Harrison, clerk of the federal court at Lincoln, filed his resignation and started a boom for LaFollette.

Now there is a vehement demand for a state primary. The LaFollette campaign is being directed by Harrison, who is aided by several workers from Wisconsin.

State Chairman Hayward says the primary scheme would cost the party organization \$20,000 and he insists that it is impossible to raise the necessary sum of money. He urges a convention to choose delegates. C. O. Whedon and others are agitating for a direct vote of the people. Hughes has an organization in Lincoln and Senator Burket's name has been mentioned in this connection. However, the fight will be between the Taft supporters and the LaFollette men.

Governor Sheldon and Senator Burket have both been suggested as vice presidential candidates. Neither has given consent for the use of his name, however.

NET WEIGHT RULING STANDS

Attorney General Holds With Food Commissioner.

Lincoln, Dec. 19.—Until a court orders changes in conditions, Nebraska food products put up in package form must be branded with net weight and measure of contents. An opinion was given by Attorney General Thompson to Governor Sheldon, embodying this view, and it will be followed by the food commissioner.

Governor Sheldon asked the attorney general the meaning of the pure food law with respect to branding packages. In his letter the governor mentioned the belief of the executive department and asked if this was correct. The attorney general says it is, and, in a lengthy opinion, details his reasons. He says the interpretation is in line with the holdings of the court. And while it is more strict than the federal pure food law, the state legislature evidently regarded the national law too lax and made the provisions purposely.

Formerly it was the custom, the opinion recites, for people to go to the grocery store and buy in bulk by weight what they now receive in package form already weighed by the manufacturers. The law was evidently brought forth by the practice of dishonest wholesalers, who defrauded customers by short weights. By losing the confidence of the public they called down upon themselves this legislation, intended to provide full weight and standard quality.

In his opinion the attorney general says there are products that shrink and whose weight in package form may be variable. He believes the law will permit the dealers in this sort of goods to arrive at some agreement on branding with the food commissioner.

LaFollette Opens Headquarters.

Lincoln, Dec. 19.—W. L. Mouser of Madison, Wis., who is in Nebraska in the interest of the presidential candidacy of Senator LaFollette, established permanent headquarters in Lincoln, and said an aggressive campaign would be made to secure the Nebraska delegation to the Chicago convention.

DOYLE-BURNS CASE GOES ON

Supreme Court Orders Another Trial of the Famous Suit.

Des Moines, Dec. 19.—There must be another trial of the famous Doyle-Burns lawsuit in Pottawattamie county, unless the parties settle the big suit out of court, which they are not likely to do. The supreme court affirmed the last action of the district court in setting aside the verdict of the jury because of misconduct on the part of the jury and for other reasons.

This is the third time the case has been in the supreme court. On the first trial in the district court at Council Bluffs Doyle got a verdict of \$700,000 on the default of the defense. This was set aside and a trial had, which resulted in a verdict of \$450,000 for Doyle. Then there was an appeal to the supreme court by Burns and the results of the district court trial were reversed. On the next trial there was a verdict for Burns, and Doyle entered a motion to have this verdict set aside, alleging misconduct on the part of jurors.

The suit was started by Doyle to secure an accounting, alleging a partnership with Burns in valuable gold and silver mine properties in the Cripple Creek district of Colorado.

Jews Given Notice to Move. St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.—A dispatch received here from Vladivostok declared the Jews here had been ordered to depart within four days. Jewish proprietors, however, are given eight days in which to vacate.

DEAD MONARCH AT REST

Immense Crowds Line Streets as King Oscar Takes Last Ride.

Stockholm, Dec. 19.—The body of late King Oscar was laid to rest today in the Dairholm church, where all the kings of Sweden are buried. The ceremony was one of the most impressive ever held in this country. During the passage of the pagan hundreds of thousands of people lined the streets, heads were bared despite the severe cold and the greatest reverence was shown the dead monarch.

Dewey's Seventieth Birthday. Washington, Dec. 19.—Admiral George Dewey gave a dinner in celebration of the seventieth anniversary of his birth. The actual anniversary does not occur until the 26th inst., but the celebration was advanced in order that the president, who was anxious to accept the admiral's invitation to attend, might be present. Mr. Roosevelt expecting to be away from the city for a time next week.

Message from Steamer Grant. On Board Steamer President Grant, by wireless, via Halifax, N. S., Dec. 19.—Secretary of War Taft, who is finishing the last stage of his journey around the world on the President Grant, will probably reach New York tomorrow. In commenting on the departure of the big American fleet of warships for the Pacific, the secretary said he viewed the undertaking with real satisfaction. He regards the cruise as necessary practice and valuable as placing the men and ships under condition approximating a war footing.

KITTRIDGE WILL OPPOSE

SOUTH DAKOTA APPOINTMENT LIKELY TO BE HELD UP.

LOTTERY AGREEMENT VIOLATED

E. C. Wagner, Nominated on Recommendation of Senator Gamble, Under the Lottery Agreement, is Booked For Trouble.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—E. C. Wagner of Alexandria, S. D., has been nominated for the office of United States attorney for the district of South Dakota. The nomination was made on the recommendation of Senator Gamble, who won the attorneyship at the white house lottery presided over by President Roosevelt. While Senator Kittredge has made no formal announcement on the subject it is known to be his purpose to oppose the confirmation of Mr. Wagner. As Senator Kittredge occupies a position on the committee on judiciary the Gamble nominee has a rocky road to travel. In the controversy that was supposed to have been terminated when President Roosevelt tossed a coin in the air in the presence of Messrs. Kittredge and Gamble the United States attorneyship was the bone of contention. Kittredge had been successful in his efforts to defeat the confirmation of James D. Elliott. Elliott and Wagner are both obnoxious to Mr. Kittredge, especially Wagner, and the latter's chances of confirmation are extremely slight.

All this means that every nomination made for appointment in South Dakota will be held up at the instance of one senator or the other. Senator Kittredge is fighting to retain his seat in the senate. Senator Gamble would like to see the toga hanging from the shoulders of Gov. Coe I. Crawford.

BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS.

Affairs of the Hansen Mercantile Company of Tilden.

Burt Mapes was in Tilden again Thursday afternoon in his capacity as receiver for the Hansen Mercantile company of Tilden. Bankruptcy proceedings have been instituted against the Hansen company in the federal courts, the company being given until next Tuesday to file an answer to the proceedings. The answer, if the firm decides to contest the proceedings, will be filed at the federal building in Norfolk. If no appearance is registered in Norfolk, bankruptcy will be certified to and the matter turned over to E. P. Weatherly of this city, referee in bankruptcy.

It now appears that the Hansen Mercantile company is indebted in the sum of about \$16,000, there being about \$10,000 due the wholesale houses in addition to the \$6,000 claim of the German bank of Tilden. The stocks being involved. Its value is placed at between \$12,000 and \$13,000.

Vain Suitor Kills Himself. Missouri Valley, Ia., Dec. 19.—J. M. Hoffman, twenty-five years of age, shot and killed himself because Laura Moonmy rejected his proffer of marriage. The young woman, a waitress in a restaurant, is in a state of hysteria as a result of the tragedy.

Internal Revenue Receipts. New York, Dec. 19.—The annual report of Commissioner Caspers of the internal revenue bureau shows that for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1907, the receipts of this bureau were \$269,664,022.85, an excess of \$29,581,384 over the preceding year.

Blind Girl Kidnaped. Milwaukee, Dec. 19.—Little blind Pearl Burnett, twelve years old, a member of a local school for defective vision, was kidnaped from the school, presumably by a woman of West Pullman, Ill., from whom the child was

SLUGGED FOR HIS MONEY

ALONZO SNYDER, PIERCE COUNTRY FARMER, ROBBED.

MAN UNCONSCIOUS. TEAM LOOSE

After Being Robbed, Snyder is Placed in His Own Buggy and the Horses Headed for Home—Hold up Man Disappears.

Pierce, Neb., Dec. 19.—Special to The News: One of the most daring crimes it has been the duty of Pierce county officials to investigate, took place last Saturday night near McLean. Alonzo Snyder, a farmer living a few miles west of that place, had gone into town with a large roll of bills for the purpose of paying some debts. He was not over cautious in displaying the money and was evidently watched by some culprit, for when Mr. Snyder climbed into his buggy to go home, he was accosted by one Leonard Linger, who asked to be allowed to ride a few miles with him to the home of a friend. To this Mr. Snyder was willing, but when the place designated was reached, the man signified his intention of riding further. The way led through a dark, deep gulch and when in the shelter of this, the man leaped toward Snyder and hit him a blow on the head with some dull weapon, stunning him slightly. He then threw him from the buggy, drove the team to a nearby post and tied them. After this, the villain returned to Mr. Snyder, hit him another blow on the head, remarking, "Now, I guess you're done for," and when assured of the insensibility of his victim, proceeded to rifle his pockets. Fortunately, the man had but \$12 left in his pocket, which was taken by Linger. Snyder was next taken by Linger and placed in the buggy, the horses turned loose and headed for home. Mr. Snyder reached home the next morning in a semi-conscious condition and immediately when reaching home entered a complaint. The county officials, on going to the place where Linger was expected to be found, discovered that he was not in evidence but every means will be employed to locate the man and it is hoped that he will soon meet with the punishment he so deserves.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The coal mines of the United States are killing three times as many men per 1,000 employees as those of most European countries. In the last seventeen years 22,840 men have given up their lives in the mines of this country. As many violent deaths have occurred in the mines during the last six years as during the preceding eleven years. The number of fatal accidents each year is now double that of the year 1895. In 1906, 6,861 men were killed or injured in the mines, the dead numbering 2,961 and the injured 4,900.

These terrible facts have been gleaned by government experts, acting under orders from Secretary Garfield of the interior department to investigate the nature and extent of mine accidents, particularly those resulting from explosions, and to make suggestions as to how mining conditions may be improved and accidents prevented. George Otis Smith, director of the geological survey, through explosive experts, made a number of examinations of the more dangerous coal mines of the Indian territory. In addition, the nature and causes of a number of disastrous coal mine explosions in several of the states were made. The conclusions of the experts were found in a bulletin issued on coal mine accidents, their causes and preventions. The statement in the bulletin that an increase in the number and in the seriousness of mine explosions may be expected to continue has already proven a fearful, for since the words were written the country has been startled with the news of three mine explosions, costing nearly five hundred lives. The first explosion occurred in Pennsylvania, in the early part of December, and cost thirty-two lives. Then followed the Monongah mine disaster in West Virginia, with a loss of nearly four hundred lives, and the explosion in Alabama the other day with sixty-one lives lost.

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Lehigh Runs Down Schooner. Vineyard Haven, Mass., Dec. 19.—The schooner Jesse Barlow was run down and sunk in Pollock Rip slough by the tug Lehigh and its crew of six men, who narrowly escaped being carried down with their vessel, reached the tug and were brought here.

Railroad Dividend Raised. Philadelphia, Dec. 19.—The directors of the Pennsylvania company, which operates Pennsylvania lines west of Pittsburg, raised the dividend on the stock of the company from a 6 to 7 per cent basis.

Los Angeles Bank Falls. Los Angeles, Dec. 19.—The state bank commissioners took charge of the West End bank, a small state institution, located in the western section of the city. The bank has deposits of about \$38,000.

Total of \$106,050,000 Gold. New York, Dec. 19.—The Irving National Exchange bank announced an engagement of \$700,000 gold for import. This makes a total of \$106,050,000 engaged during the present month.

Senators Urge His Resolution for Currency Reform. Washington, Dec. 19.—In the senate resolutions were introduced by Senator Tillman, asking the interstate commerce commission to report whether any corporation engaged in interstate commerce is the owner of the stock of any other corporation transporting passengers and freight and calling upon the interstate commerce commission to define the authority of the federal government and of the states in respect to the control of the liquor traffic through the operation of the interstate commerce law. These resolutions provoked considerable debate and were finally referred to committees, though one of them was transformed into a bill.

Senator Culberson spoke on his resolution calling on the committee on finance to investigate and report on the cause of the present financial stringency and to recommend measures for the prevention of its recurrence. The resolution was referred to the committee on finance.

Cortelyou Cited into Court. Disgruntled Bidder Seeks to Have Him Enjoined from Delivering Bonds. Washington, Dec. 19.—Justice Gould of the District supreme court cited George B. Cortelyou, secretary of the treasury, to appear in court Jan. 2, to show cause why he should not be enjoined from turning over or delivering the balance of the \$21,450,000 of the Panama canal bonds to certain banks and persons to whom he had announced allotments.

The citation issued by Justice Gould is based on a petition filed by George W. Austin of New York, who describes himself as a taxpayer and property owner in the United States and who declares he made a proposal to purchase bonds of the advertised issue of the face value of \$8,000,000. He avers he had agreed to pay at the rate of 102.87, and accrued interest per \$100 and on notice of the acceptance of his subscription stands ready to deposit the amount with the assistant treasurer at New York.

Oklahoma's New Banking Law. Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 19.—The new banking law for Oklahoma, wherein is provided a guaranty fund for the protection of depositors in insolvent banks, will become operative Feb. 17, 1908. Its makers believe it will make impossible a run on an individual bank or permit a money panic in the

MARLIN RIFLE IN COURT

Long Missing Gun Placed in Evidence in Powers Case.

Georgetown, Ky., Dec. 19.—For the first time since it sent a bullet speeding on its fatal mission into the body of William Goebel, Jan. 20, 1900, the Marlin rifle, about which so much has been said, was placed in evidence in the Powers trial when Grant L. Roberts took the stand. It is now in the custody of the court as an exhibit in the noted case. When the gun was brought into court it was found to have been carefully screwed up in a wooden box. The steel bullet and smokeless powder cartridge remaining in its magazine after that one shot had been fired, had been removed by Mr. Roberts before packing it, and these, too, were filed as exhibits in the case. Arthur Goebel, brother of the murdered man, closely watched every detail connected with the incident. Caleb Powers, while closely watching every movement made, was sheltered from the gaze of the curious by a large iron screen used as a heat reflector. Every eye was strained.

That the defense expects to reap some benefit from the introduction of the weapon is certain. That it may not so end is possible, for the man on the witness stand created the one flaw in the defense's plans. Grant Roberts would not identify the gun without qualifications. He was "pretty sure" that this was the long missing rifle which he had bought from Clarence Fugazzi of Frankfort, but would not speak with absolute certainty.

MINE BLASTS KILL MANY

MARKED INCREASE IN NUMBER OF FATAL EXPLOSIONS.

BULLETIN ON MINE ACCIDENTS

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Beyond requesting the sheriff to come at once, prepared to trail sheep camp raiders, no particulars are obtainable. From the tone of the message it is believed to have been serious.

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ON TRIAL FOR LAND FRAUD

H. C. WYATT, WHO OPERATED IN ROSEBUD LANDS.

IN KANSAS CITY FEDERAL COURT

His Two Associates Have Already Been Convicted—A Relic of the Balm Days When Bonesteel Was the Land Center of the Universe.

Kansas City, Dec. 19.—A case of considerable importance, in which land fraud is charged, was begun in the federal court yesterday. H. Clay Wyatt of Lawton, Ok., is the defendant. For complicity in the case B. F. Geeter and Savannas Van Tees, both of Butler, Mo., were fined \$1,000 each last May, with the alternative of undergoing four months in jail. Geeter paid his fine by mortgaging his home. Van Tees could not get \$1,000 on everything he had to offer, so he went to jail, doing penance in the jail at Warsaw. Wyatt pleaded not guilty on being arraigned and yesterday went to trial. It is expected the case will occupy three or four days.

At the time the Rosebud agency lands were being opened Wyatt was in Bonesteel locating claims, and one of the two other men went there, unknown to him, to get a claim. During the search for a suitable site acquaintance was made, and in the end Van Tees began work in Butler to induce old soldiers in that vicinity to send instructions to Wyatt to locate claims for them, the understanding being that instead of having to go to the agency to settle on the lands, Wyatt would find buyers for the relinquishments.

The allegation is that this resulted in scores of old soldiers' names being used. Some cases were reported in which it was said by the government secret service men that the claim locators were getting as high as \$200 for relinquishments, but giving the old soldiers in whose names the claims had been taken up not to exceed \$25 or \$50. Yesterday's testimony in the Wyatt case was limited to the introduction of official records. Today oral testimony will be begun.

YAQUIS ON THE WARPATH

Twelve Prisoners Stripped Naked, Stood Up Against Trees and Shot.

Nogales, Ariz., Dec. 19.—Information which has just reached here tells of the frightful murder of twelve men by a band of 100 Yaqui Indians, forty-five southeast of Magdalena, state of Sonora, Mex. P. J. McIntyre and a party of mining men of this section have arrived from the scene, where they viewed the remains of the murdered men. The Yaquis captured the party of thirteen men. Among the number was Jose Fernandez, son of President Fernandez of the town of Cuyourpa, and owner of the mesquite plantation, where the killing occurred. The others were Mexican laborers on the ranch and some Casanea miners looking for work along the Dolores river. One American was among the number, but he was rescued by men who told him that they were Americans. The prisoners were stripped naked, stood up against trees and shot through the head. A band of Yaquis is reported to be on the warpath.

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THE CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Temperature for Twenty-four Hours. Forecast for Nebraska.

Conditions of the weather as recorded for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 a. m. today:

Maximum	31
Minimum	21
Average	26
Barometer	29.92

Chicago, Dec. 18.—The bulletin issued by the Chicago station of the United States weather bureau gives the forecast for Nebraska as follows: Fair tonight and Friday. Not much change in temperature.

Diamond Jo Line Sold.

Burlington, Ia., Dec. 19.—The Diamond Jo line of steamers on the Mississippi has been sold to a wealthy syndicate of men, who will improve the fleet of passenger and freight boats and increase its carrying capacity very materially. The price is stated to be \$1,500,000. In addition to the boats, the Diamond Jo company owns valuable wharf privileges and warehouses along the river from St. Paul to St. Louis.

Warren Garst a Candidate.

Des Moines, Dec. 19.—Lieutenant Governor Warren Garst, in a letter to H. W. Macomber of Carroll, announced his candidacy for governor of Iowa, subject to the primary election on June 2 next. The announcement of Mr. Garst is the first formal announcement for the place and it is expected that now the ice is broken other candidates will follow.

PEACE MOVE AT GOLDFIELD

ENVOY OF WESTERN FEDERATION REACHES MINING CAMP.

REFUSES TO DISCLOSE TERMS

Attorney Hilton of Denver Will Appear Before Government Commission and Present Miners' Side of Controversy.

Goldfield Nev., Dec. 19.—O. A. Hilton of Denver, general counsel for the Industrial Workers of the World and special counsel for the American Federation of Labor, arrived in Goldfield, empowered by President Moyer of the Western Federation to make terms of peace with the mine owners of Goldfield. Just what are the terms on which peace may be secured, Attorney Hilton refuses to say, but he states that they are such that if they are refused by the Goldfield Mine Owners' association that body will be put on the defensive by the Western Federation. Attorney Hilton will meet the executive committee of the local miners' union today and go over the details of the terms to be submitted to the mine owners, and later a meeting between the Western Federation's attorney and the executive committee of the Mine Owners' association will be sought. The officers of the Mine Owners' association say they cannot say whether the offer of the Western Federation to present peace terms will be accepted or not until after a meeting of the executive committee can be held.

Attorney Hilton says also that he will appear before the commission sent by President Roosevelt to investigate labor conditions here and present the Western Federation's side.

A small number of men from California and a few from Arizona arrived in Goldfield and will go to work in the mines. Work is proceeding in three of the mines without interference. The break in the power wires was caused by a snowslide.

The commission sent by President Roosevelt is examining witnesses and conducting an inquiry into labor conditions, but no statement of their progress is being given out.

Governor Sparks has left for his ranch near Carson City and today General Funston will leave for San Francisco. General Funston has ordered a general court-martial to convene at Goldfield. This order would indicate, say army men, that the troops now on duty at this place would be held here for some time to come.

TAKES ISSUE WITH GOMPERS

Underwood Says Wages Will Drop With Price of Raw Materials.

New York, Dec. 19.—Frederick D. Underwood, president of the Erie Railroad company, declared that Samuel Gompers, head of the American Federation of Labor, was reckoning without his host when he said, as quoted, that the wages of organized labor would not have to come down along with the prices of raw materials in the present general business and financial depression. "The inexorable law of supply and demand, which is the basis of political economy," said Mr. Underwood, "will make itself felt in the case of organized labor, as well as in all other branches of business, Mr. Gompers notwithstanding. In case an effort is made to hold up the present abnormally high price of labor, when the earnings of railroads and industrial corporations do not warrant it, the alternative will be to shut down.

"Labor has been at a premium for the last four years, and it has also been less efficient than ever before. All classes of employes have pointed to the heavy earnings and, in consequence, have received their share in the shape of higher wages. Now a change has come. Earnings are falling off and employes will receive a

JAPAN WELCOMES FLEET

WILL INVITE SQUADRON TO VISIT THE FLOWERY KINGDOM.

NOW BEYOND THE GULF STREAM

Squadron Scarcely Shaken Down as Yet, But Still Keeps at Perfect Distance—Wireless Telephones Are Being Used With Success.

Tokio, Dec. 19.—An official interview was given out by the foreign minister today in which he says that Japan will not only welcome the American fleet to the Pacific waters, but will extend an invitation that the great squadron visit Japan.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 19.—The Savannah-DeForest wireless station was in communication with the flagship Connecticut, the Georgia and the Minnetonka of the battleship fleet. Many official and private messages being sent to Norfolk, Washington and New York from officers and correspondents with the fleet were caught.

The messages showed that the wireless telephones are being used on the trip and are proving successful. The ships in the squadron carry on conversations and receive orders for formation by wireless telephone. At 8 o'clock the fleet was reported as in communication with the wireless station at San Juan, P. R.

The following message was caught at the Savannah station: "Course remains southeasterly; fleet 560 miles southeast Jacksonville; Evans signaled double column, interval 1,600 yards; well executed; flagship signals 'Well done Louisiana.' Beyond gulf stream, moderate swell; weather perfect; magnificent picture, blue water, two lines white ships, crew white dress; squadron scarcely shaken down, but keeping perfect distances."

STOESSSEL ACCUSED OF COWARDICE

Alleged to Have Shown White Feather Under Fire.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.—Lieutenant General Stoessel was accused of having shown the white feather under fire on two different occasions. This accusation was made by Colonel Gurko, who was on the stand as a witness before the court-martial which is trying the general for his alleged failure in the proper defense of Port Arthur. At the moment the court was investigating the circumstances of General Kuropatkin's order dated June 18, 1904, in which General Stoessel was told to turn over the command of the garrison to General Smirnov and join the Manchurian army. General Stoessel disregarded this order, and it was repeated three times. He suppressed the copy of the order addressed to General Smirnov and finally was allowed to remain at Port Arthur.

General Kuropatkin testified that early in May, doubts had arisen as to the fitness of General Stoessel to command the fortress, owing to his nervousness. This idea was strengthened by a communication sent by General Smirnov to his aide, Colonel Gurko, that Stoessel was a coward and apt to lose his head during an assault and that it might be necessary to place him under arrest to prevent the fall of the fortress.

Answering General Stoessel's query as to what grounds he had for making such a statement to General Kuropatkin, Colonel Gurko related two instances in which General Stoessel had ordered his staff to scatter under fire, himself heading the dash for shelter.

LIGHT AT LAST FOR THIBET

Home of Grand Lama Will Soon Be Gladdened by Newspaper.

Peking, Dec. 19.—The throne has sanctioned the construction of a telegraph line into Lhasa, the capital of Thibet and the residence of the supreme head of the Lamaist hierarchy. This innovation was recommended by the Chinese representative at Lhasa, who, since the advent of the British expedition of 1904, has been working for the enlightenment of the Thibetans. The throne furthermore will give hospitals, schools and a mail service to Lhasa, and it is reported that a request has been made for permission to publish a newspaper there.

INTERURBAN FARE COMING UP