

USES OF A PUBLIC LIBRARY

How the People Are Benefited by Such Institutions.

WHAT THE LIBRARY SHOULD BE LIKE

John Cotton Dana of Newark Tells of "A Certain Library" and Gives Some Details of Its Workings.

John Cotton Dana, librarian of the public library at Newark, N. J., read a paper before the joint session of the Nebraska Library association...

"Newark has a population of about 300,000. It is seven miles from New York. It is a manufacturing suburb of that city. But it is more. It has an identity, a civic consciousness of its own."

"Newark outgrew its own conception of itself. It felt, to the older folks, like the quiet, conservative village it once was. It was, in fact, a great city."

"I have said our building is large enough and well lighted. Perhaps that is sufficient praise. Of few libraries could can these things be said. It is also convenient."

"I feel free to praise this building highly, as I had nothing to do with the planning. Mr. Hill and his directors put it up, not on theory or precedent, but on a careful study of their needs."

"Newark is a manufacturing city, consequently it has a very large proportion of laborers and mechanics, skilled and unskilled. In its population it is thirty minutes and 10 cents from New York; consequently most of its artistic, literary, scientific and musical, and much of its financial and social interest centers there."

"These meet in our rooms, day or evening, without charge. And these and others are supplied with light for lantern exhibitions when needed."

"Seven—We should encourage the development of an interest in art, both fine and applied."

"Fine Arts Commission. We have tried to do this. Our directors have secured the services of three of our leading citizens to serve as a fine arts commission."

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# WHAT A SNAP!

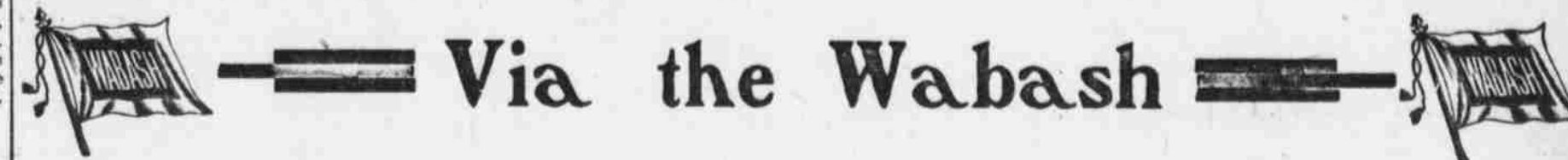
It took less than four yearly prepaid subscriptions to win a trip to St. Louis in the first exposition "election." There are fifty more trips to be voted for, and you might as well be one of the fifty, or see that one of your friends is one of the people who gets an inexpensive vacation.

## Ten More Trips To Be Voted For This Week.

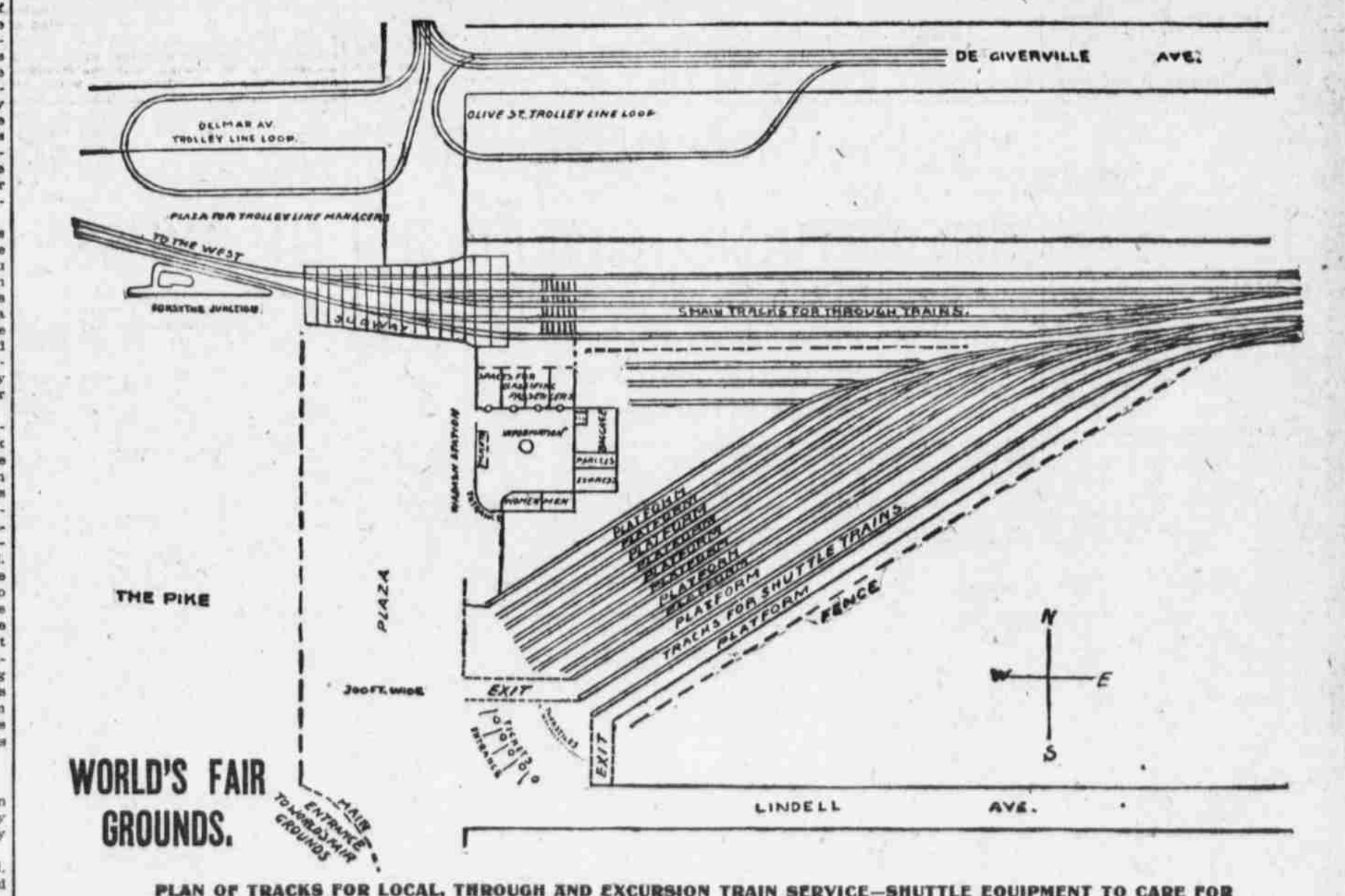
The second "election" started on Friday, the 25th, and ends next Thursday, March 31. Look over the following list of last week's winners and the number of votes they secured. They were certainly easy:

John H. Disney, David City	4,832
John Woodworth, Omaha	4,491
George Backus, Omaha	3,574
M. A. Martin, South Omaha	3,556
Miss Ruby Spigel, Omaha	3,223
Anna Carlson, Florence	2,632
Emma Hoskovec, Omaha	2,381
Mrs. E. Peterson, Omaha	2,209
W. S. Robertson, Omaha	1,924
Miss Ruth Cornett, Nebraska City	1,723

These ten and fifty more will take a trip to the World's Fair at St. Louis any time they please during the exposition. They will go



This road direct to the exposition grounds, and in addition to saving a day for you either going or coming, to be enjoyed at the exposition instead of starting from the station in St. Louis, it will save you time, because it is the shortest road between Omaha and St. Louis.  
**THE DIAGRAM BELOW SHOWS: WABASH LINE WORLD'S FAIR TERMINAL STATION LOCATED IN FRONT OF THE MAIN ENTRANCE**



Work on the Wabash World's Fair terminal is now in progress and will be pushed to completion as rapidly as possible. This is an important undertaking and will cost for an outlay of \$300,000. The cars for the shuttle train service will be especially constructed for the purpose, having steel underframes and with seats arranged across the car, similar to the summer cars in street car service, and will have a capacity of 120 persons to each car. There will be run in trains of eight or ten cars, and President Ramsey estimates that it will be possible to handle about 25,000 passengers per hour with these trains.

**Rules of the "Election"**  
The ten persons receiving the largest number of votes at the close of each "election" will be furnished, at The Bee's expense, as prizes, each a free trip from Omaha to St. Louis and return, to be taken any time during the exposition. No restrictions are placed as to where the party lives as a candidate for one of the exposition trips. All votes must be counted for employes or agents of The Omaha Bee. All votes must be made on coupons which will be published each day in The Bee. Prepayment of subscriptions may be made either direct to The Bee Publishing Company or to an authorized agent of The Bee. No votes sent in by agents will be counted unless sent in accordance with instructions given them. The vote from day to day will be published in all editions of The Bee. The "elections" will close each Thursday at 5 p. m. Votes may be deposited at the business office of The Bee or sent by mail. No votes sent by mail will be counted which are not in the Omaha postoffice or delivery at 4:30 p. m. on the day of closing. Address, "Exposition Department," Omaha Bee, Omaha, Neb.

**COUPONS ON PAGE 2.**

**Woman's Nature**  
Is to love children, and home can be completely happy without them, yet the ordeal through which the expectant mother must pass usually is so full of suffering, danger and fear that she looks forward to the critical hour with apprehension and dread. Mother's Friend, by its penetrating and soothing properties, always nausea, nervousness, and all unpleasant feelings, and so prepares the system for the ordeal that she passes through the event safely and with but little suffering, as numbers have testified and said, "it is worth its weight in gold." \$1.00 per bottle of druggists. Book containing valuable information mailed free. THE BRADFIELD REGULATOR CO., Atlanta, Ga.