

# HERO TELLS OF WILD RIDE ON RUNAWAY CAR

## Charles Litton, Missouri Pacific Switchman, Attempts to Stop Engine of Death as It Plunges Down Grade.

A story of simple, unassuming heroism surrounds the fearless efforts of Charles Litton, 1513 South Twenty-fifth street, Missouri Pacific switchman, to check the mad flight of the runaway coal car, which plunged down three miles of the Belt Line grade and crashed into a street car at the intersection of the Belt Line and Twenty-fourth street, killing two persons and injuring eight others.

Litton was a member of the switch crew in charge of the train to which the coal car was coupled. The train was moving slowly on its way to the yards.

Suddenly, a drawbar broke. Almost simultaneously the air coupling snapped. And the liberated car, unhampered by the connecting drawbar and air coupling, began to run slowly down the 2 per cent grade on the first lap of its fatal ride.

Boards Speeding Car. Litton was the first man to see what had happened. Calling to C. T. Raschke, his foreman, to sound the warning down the line, Litton raced after the moving car. He caught it, swung aboard and made for the hand brake with all possible speed.

Desperately he pulled, twisted and tugged at the recalcitrant brake wheel. It was rusty from lack of use and it refused to respond to his efforts. Straining every muscle, Litton feverishly fought the hand brake. But it was to no avail. The brake refused to respond.

All this time the car was gaining speed. Dangerously it careened from side to side as it began to pick up momentum. It is three miles from Forty-third and Hamilton streets, where it started on its wild career to Twenty-fourth street where it crashed into the trolley filled with passengers. The slight grade is consistent almost the entire distance and every new second saw the death car gain more speed.

Still Litton strove desperately to force the brake into position. The car at last gained a speed of more than 40 miles an hour, but still the switchman remained at his post in the hope that he might by some stroke of good fortune be able to avert the catastrophe he knew might occur.

Sees Street Car Ahead. Straggling passersby were amazed to see the carning car with its lone occupant struggling with the obstinate handbrake as it flew past them at race track speed.

All this happened more quickly than it can be told. And almost before Litton realized it the wild car had swept around the curve at Twenty-eighth and Boyd streets where the Belt Line track deviates from its northeasterly course to one directly east.

Litton's heart leaped into his throat. For just a few scant yards ahead he saw the street crossing the tracks. Hoping against hope, the heroic switchman made one last futile endeavor to apply the brakes. Then he leaped overboard.

Tenderly nursing a few sore spots on his legs and arms, the result of bruises suffered from his fall the switchman told a reporter his story. It was a modest story as Litton told it. "It was quite a ride," was Litton's simple comment.

## South Side Library Has Great Demand For Books

The South Side library reports the greatest demand on books it has ever had. Saturday the library loaned books to 330 persons.

"The people of the South Side seem to appreciate that, in spite of the war, we do not have bookless and readless days," said Miss Hillis, librarian. "We have had record runs for books for the last month or so. Of course the war books are the most popular. We also have a strong demand for books in foreign languages, of which we have quite a number."

The following new war books have been received: "Fighting for Peace," Henry Van Dyke; "Toward the Goal," Mrs. Humphrey Ward; "Fighting France," Edith Wharton; "Christine," (a war time novel), Alice Cholmondeley; and "The Eyes of the Army and Navy," Munday.

## South Side Mothers Form Unit For Red Cross Work

"Put on your slippers and fill up your pipe, for you are not going by-bye tonight," was heard often by South Side husbands on Thursday night hereafter.

South Side mothers who wish to help with Red Cross work but who must devote the day to their household work and children have planned to organize a class to meet every Thursday evening. They say they will be free to attend class then, for "papa" can stay at home with the children.

The class will take up the work in surgical dressings, under the instruction of Mrs. E. E. Scarr.

## Omaha Rotary Club to Hear Talk on "Censorship"

Omaha Rotary club will hold its weekly luncheon at the Henshaw hotel Wednesday noon. The address of the day will be on the subject of "Censorship."

The gymnasium class on Tuesdays and Fridays at the Khaki club is in full swing under direction of C. H. English. On these occasions Rotarians cast dignity to the winds to put in a good hour of exercise and fun.

## Brief City News

Have Root Print It—New Beacon Press.

Military Wrist Watches—Edholm, jeweler.

J. P. Palmer has moved his law office to 552 Bee building.

OUR ELECTRIC WASHERS will pay for themselves. Special terms. Burgess-Graden Co.

Robt. C. Druesdow & Co., stocks and bonds and local securities, 360 Omaha Nat. Bank Bldg.

Reveries at Benson—Reveries meetings are still on at the Benson Methodist church and converts are coming forward every night. Nearly 100 have already hit the trail.

Warm Wave Appears—A warm wave has appeared in the northwest, the weather bureau reports, and it will be warmer in Omaha Wednesday.

Beveridge in Chicago—Superintendent Beveridge of the public schools is in Chicago to attend a conference in the interest of a Junior Red Cross membership campaign among school children.

Lee Hobson to Deming—Lee Hobson of the Omaha Young Men's Christian association has been transferred to Camp Cody, Deming, N. M., where he will assist E. F. Dennison, who has charge of the work there.

State Bank of Omaha, corner Sixteenth and Harney streets, pays 4 per cent on time deposits; three per cent on savings accounts. All deposits in this bank are protected by the depositors' guarantee fund of the state of Nebraska.—Adv.

Revoke Soft Drink Permits—City council has revoked soft drink permits as follows on account of convictions of law violations: Lawrence Lund, 714 North Sixteenth street; John Moberly, 4942 South Twenty-sixth street; Joe Jasper, 4910 South Twenty-fifth street; Walter Johnson, 1301 Davenport street; J. G. Lisco, 2002 N street.

Firemen Get Raise—City council approved recommendation of Superintendent Withnell of the fire department that captains and firemen of the department shall be paid maximum scale as provided in an amendment to the city charter as follows: Senior captains increased from \$120 to \$130 per month; junior captains from \$105 to \$115 per month; firemen from \$90 to \$100 per month.

Benson & Thorne Buyers Go East—A group of buyers for Benson & Thorne will leave for the east this evening on an extensive buying trip. They will visit New York and Philadelphia and other eastern markets. Miss Mary Sturgeon, advertising manager, will make the trip for new ideas in the way of merchandising. Others who will leave at this time are Miss Mary Olson, manager of the suits department; Mrs. Agnes Rogers, manager of sweaters and underwear, and Miss Helga Peterson, manager of the girls' department.

Fine fireplace goods at Sunderlands.

## NEW RED CROSS AUXILIARY IS ORGANIZED HERE

The Casper E. Yost Red Cross auxiliary, composed of 130 office women employees of the Nebraska Telephone company, held its first meeting Monday night at the Scottish Rite cathedral. Telephone operators are not included in this unit. Mrs. Mae Davison and Mrs. Marie Needham organized the unit which will meet each Monday between the hours of 7 and 9.

Mrs. Frank W. Judson will direct the work of the new unit which will make surgical dressings. Mrs. Charles Offutt, Mrs. Arthur Remington, Mrs. Victor Caldwell, Mrs. W. A. Pixley, Mrs. E. M. Fairfield and Mrs. F. L. Ellick are her assistants. Officers will be named at a future meeting.

## Funeral Services Held for Real Nebraska Pioneer

Funeral services for John Youngquist, resident of Nebraska for a half century, who died last Saturday, were held at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Arthur Kronstedt, 3030 California street, at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon. The body was taken to Wilsonville, Neb., for interment. Mr. Youngquist was 87 years old. His daughter was the only surviving relative.

## TO SUBMIT BOND ISSUE AT COMING CITY ELECTION

### Voters Will Be Asked to Favor \$1,000,000 Proposition for New School Addition.

Board of Education Monday unanimously voted to submit to the voters at the spring election a bond proposition of \$1,000,000 to relieve conditions at the High School of Commerce.

The board does not commit itself at this time to the erection of an exclusive commercial high school, leaving open for further consideration the proposal, as suggested by President Reed, of building a commercial and technical high school.

The \$1,000,000 bonds, if approved by the voters, would include the purchase of a new site if the board should decide not to use a site already acquired at Twenty-second and Chicago streets. The plan which has been favored is to build on the site now owned and use the new heating plant of Central High school for both high schools.

Students Number 1,000.

Last fall the board voted to submit at a special election on November 20 a bond proposition of \$2,250,000 for High School of Commerce, north high school, junior high school and several new elementary schools, but rescinded that action under a belief that those improvements would be against the policy of the national council of defense.

There are nearly 1,000 attendants at High School of Commerce. Engineers and janitors of the schools asked in a petition for an increase of pay of not less than 25 per cent beginning February 1, and an eight-hour day.

## Uphold Medical Inspection.

An objection of the committee of protest, received in writing at the last meeting, against the legality of the medical inspection feature of the school system, was overruled. Member Bekins voted against the adoption of the report of the judiciary committee which concurred with Attorney Woodland.

Resignations of Mabel Bliss and Helen Morton, teachers, were accepted and the following were granted extended leaves of absence: Myrtle Graham, Grace D. Walker, Fern Eads and C. A. Cairns, the last mentioned having entered the balloon school at Fort Omaha.

Jessie Glass was appointed as librarian at High School of Commerce and Miss Darle Taylor was placed on assigned list of teachers.

The board voted expense money for Superintendent Beveridge to attend the superintendents' meeting of the National Education association at Atlantic City, and to investigate junior high schools at Cleveland and Buffalo, and to Miss Myrtle Fitz Roberts to attend a meeting of vocational guidance directors at Chicago.

Lowell school, South Side, will be abandoned because attendance of 29 children does not warrant employment of two teachers. These children will be transferred to other schools.

W. E. Reed occupied his seat for the first time as president of the board and D. C. Eldredge and E. G. McGilton, new members, were seated.

Treasurer of the school district reported that school warrants outstanding on February 8 amounted to \$548,081.34, and Secretary Bourke reported a deficit of \$508,083.65 on February 1.

Washington Appointments.—Washington, Jan. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Ethel Perstein of Douglas county, Nebraska, has been appointed stenographer in the Agricultural department. Herbert W. Gray, Rapid City, S. D., has been appointed teacher at Indian school at Colville, Wash.

## GODDARD GIVES SECOND LECTURE ON INCOME TAX

### Tells Advertising and Selling League How Law Affects Business Men, Financiers and Newspapers.

Members of the Advertising and Selling League of Omaha gathered to the number of 175 at Hotel Fontenelle last night where they had a discussion on the war income tax by C. E. Goddard, deputy collector of internal revenue for Nebraska. Mr. Goddard's talk covered in a general way those phases of the war income tax which affect business enterprises.

He dealt also with the problems of corporation and co-partnership, and with the sub-division of the law, as it affects the manufacturer, the retailer, the financial institutions, and the newspapers.

Many Council Bluffs business men including a number of bankers were present. They came on invitation of the Advertising and Selling League, for the league is anxious to merge the business men of Greater Omaha, Council Bluffs and Pottawattamie county, Iowa, into this big new advertising and selling organization. Sectional officers were elected as follows:

Financial section: E. P. Droste, chairman; J. B. Ferriot, vice chairman. Advertising service: C. E. Corey, chairman; C. B. Ayers, vice chairman.

Retailers' section: Charles Koethen, chairman; V. E. Kirven, vice chairman. Manufacturers and wholesalers: Penn E. Fodera, chairman; G. D. Adams, vice chairman.

Publicity: A. E. W. Halm. Entertainment: J. E. McGlynn.

## WOMAN'S CLUB TO INVEST FUNDS IN WAR SAVINGS

AM the Omaha Woman's club's available funds, \$49.44, will be invested in War Savings stamps, the club voted at the meeting Monday afternoon in the Metropolitan club.

A budget committee, to consider all club expenditures, was ordered. Mrs. J. H. Dumont, in behalf of the Social Settlement, asked the club to raise its annual donation to the institution. The settlement has procured some lots and is planning to build in the near future.

Captain E. L. DeLaney of Fort Crook gave a lecture on "Insects" following the business meeting. The civics and health committees had charge of the program.

## Three Negroes Arrested on Worthless Check Charge

Mark Louder and Alcan Louder, 2103 North Twenty-seventh street, and Robert Louder, 2104 Patrick avenue, are under arrest at the city jail, charged with passing worthless checks. All three are negroes. Among their "alleged" victims are W. W. Cramer, 2519 North Twenty-fourth street, Max Kurtzman, 1231 Douglas street, and A. Zauett, 705 North Sixteenth street.

## Widow of Late Arthur Butler, Printer, Dies at Age of 56

Mrs. Arthur E. Butler, 56 years of age, widow of the late Arthur E. Butler, a printer, died Monday night at her home, 1503 Corby street. Mrs. Butler had been a resident of Omaha for 30 years. She is survived by one son, Raymond. Mrs. Butler was a member of the Degree of Honor and Women's auxiliary of the printers' union.

# BURGESS-NASH COMPANY.

"EVERYBODY'S STORE"

Tuesday, Jan. 22, 1918. STORE NEWS FOR WEDNESDAY. Phone Douglas 137.

## Here Are More of Those Splendid Values Made Possible by Our Fourth ANNIVERSARY SALE

It's Greatly to Your Advantage to Profit by This Occasion

### Store Hours

9 A. M. to 5 P. M.  
SATURDAYS, 6 P. M.

### A Clearaway of White "Dix-Made" Uniform Dresses

for Maids, Nurses and Governesses, Specially Reduced to \$1.50

HERE is one of the biggest of anniversary specials — the well known "Dix-made" uniform dresses, made of a splendid quality white material especially desirable for such dresses. The dresses are slightly soiled, but are otherwise perfect, and are very unusual values at the reduced price of \$1.50. All sizes, 34 to 46.

Women's Boudoir Slippers Reduced to 75c and \$1.00 pair  
Boudoir slippers, slightly soiled, in different negligee shades, specially reduced to 75c and \$1.00 a pair.

Infants' Silk and Wool Underwear Reduced to 95c  
Infants' silk and wool undergarments, in the anniversary sale, specially reduced to 95c.



### Special! WOMEN'S Union Suits At 89c

An exceptional anniversary special for Wednesday. Women's white, medium weight cotton union suits, ankle length, with high neck and long sleeves, or Dutch neck and elbow sleeves, also low neck and sleeveless. We consider them extreme values at the sale price, 89c.

Women's Sample Vests at 15c  
A big lot of women's sample, lightweight vests, white cotton, low neck and sleeveless and taped. Very special at 15c each.

## These Silk Specials in The Anniversary Sale Are Certainly Exceptional Values

TWO big groups which it took months of careful selection to get together for this big annual event.

### Silk of the Most Wanted Sort Priced at 98c

36-inch Silk Canton Crepe, in wanted shades.  
32-inch Satin Stripe Shirting, in white grounds, fast colors.  
36-inch Black Chiffon Taffeta, for skirts and dresses.  
32-inch Imported Natural Pongee Silk.  
36-inch Black waterproof and perspirationproof Jap silk.  
36-inch white heavy Japanese wash silk for waists.  
36-inch Japanese silk with printed figures for kimonos.  
32-inch Imported pongee with printed sport figures.  
36-inch Black Silk Poplin, rich raven black.  
36-inch Colored Rangoon Shantung, 10 pretty shades.

### Another Magnificent Collection of Silks Priced at \$1.49

36-inch Black Charmeuse Satin, raven black.  
36-inch White Crepe de Chine, all silk.  
40-inch Printed Silk Chiffon, flowers and figures.  
36-inch Fancy Stripe Taffeta, for skirts and dresses.  
36-inch Fancy Stripe Satin, for skirts and dresses.  
36-inch Check and Plaid Taffeta, for skirts and dresses.  
40-inch Black Crepe de Chine, heavy quality.  
36-inch Black Peau de Soie, all pure silk.  
40-inch Brocade Silk Poplin, in brown and green.  
36-inch Black Chiffon Taffeta, excellent for wear.  
36-inch Imperial Satin, 40 different shades.

## C'MON Let's Go Skating

AND there certainly was never a better time, for the ice was never better, and you can buy skates here Wednesday at a special price reduction. We've reduced the price, even in the face of our advancing market, as a special for the Anniversary Sale. There are skates for the little fellows, the double-runner kind, as well as regulation. Hockey skates for boys, men and women. Price, 50c to \$4.25.

## ANNIVERSARY Sale of Embroideries At 25c

A big group, including flouncings, corset covers, wide galloons and bands, in widths 12 to 18 inches. Sale price, 25c a yard.

### Embroideries, 10c

Embroidery edges, insertions, headings and flouncings in Swiss and nainsook, pretty patterns, at 10c a yard.

### Val Laces, 5c

Val laces, edges and insertions to match, new 1918 patterns. Special, at sale price, 5c a yard.

### Allover Laces, 50c

Allover laces, 18 inches wide, Venice embroidered nets and vals, in cream and white. Special sale price Wednesday, 50c a yard.

## SLEDS Reduced for Wednesday

ANOTHER anniversary sale special—our entire stock of sleds and flexible flyers have been reduced in price for Wednesday.

With the coasting good now on all the hills around the city this announcement should receive a generous response. The offering includes our entire line of sleds and coasters, as well as flexible flyers. Price, \$1.00 to \$4.75.

## HELLO!

### Yes! These Shirts in The Anniversary Sale at Burgess-Nash Are The Best Values I've Seen in a Long Time at 95c, \$1.45 and \$2.95

AND I'd advise you to get in on them quick, for although they had a big lot of them, they will not last long at these prices. Yes, they're samples, but you know what that means, the cream of the line. New 1918 styles, the road men's line of a big manufacturer, made coat style, with soft turn-back and stiff cuffs, in an extreme varied assortment of colors and patterns. The materials are madras, pongee, fiber, fiber silk, fine percales, cords and many durable materials especially desirable for men's shirts. Too much stress cannot be brought to bear on the real importance of this sale—it's the one big shirt buying opportunity of the season, so come prepared to share generously in it, and tell your friends about it, too, they'll thank you for the tip.



## "He Comes Up Smiling"

Easiest thing in the world to radiate good cheer, and it helps one ahead.

Cut out the harmful habits. Treat the nerves right and get proper sleep. If you're a coffee drinker the first step is to use

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instead of coffee.

## "There's a Reason"