

RAIL HEADS  
HERE DISCUSS  
DEPOT UNION

Bee's Proposal of Station Merger in View of War Necessity Attracts Attention Among Business Interests.

Suggestion for a merger of passenger stations in Omaha as a war measure, and as a measure of wartime economy and efficiency, as made by The Bee, has occasioned considerable comment and aroused a great deal of discussion.

Business men, who are learning to cut overhead expense everywhere, and learning to take up the slack ends of their business methods, expressed surprise that nothing has as yet been done in railroad management that would save a nickel in the cost of operation, and that despite the fact that the government management seemed to promise some mergers and more efficient methods at the terminals, these things are so slow in coming about.

RAILROAD MEN DIFFER

Railroad men too discussed the proposal of the merger and the statement by The Bee that there is no longer any good excuse for the separate operation by the government of the two passenger stations in Omaha.

Some difference of opinion still exists among the railroad men of Omaha in regard to the proposed merger.

Fred P. Rutherford, city passenger agent of the Rock Island, who sees the importance of such a merger at this time most clearly, says:

"Everything points to the merger of the city ticket offices here, as well as elsewhere and with this coming, there is no reason why a merger of depot ticket offices may not be expected to follow. I have an idea that when that comes, while I do not know what the plan will be, I fancy that all the passenger trains now coming into and going out of the Union and Burlington stations will be operated through the former. While this might be a war measure, I would not be surprised to see it permanent."

"By merging the two stations, more trackage would be added to the passenger yards and even if the train service should not be reduced the congestion would be relieved."

"By making some slight changes in the arrangement of the interior of the Union station, the waiting rooms could be enlarged and by taking out some partitions, additional space could be provided for such additional ticket sellers as would be required if the Burlington should do its business through the same station as the other roads."

George W. Holdrege, general manager of the Burlington, is more dubious of its practicability right now. He gives his idea as follows:

"Before the war is over the one station idea may be adopted, but never with the number of trains now being operated. I don't think it would be practical. At this time there is not enough trackage at our station for the convenient handling of the trains that we are running. And as I understand the situation, across the way at the Union station the congestion is more serious."

"Out here none of us know what is going to be done in the way of readjusting and eliminating some of the train service. If a large number of trains should be annulled, that would relieve the congestion in the passenger yards and with this belief, if it should amount to considerable, one force of men at one depot could care for the business."

Favors a Subway.

"What I would favor would be the construction of a subway from one depot to the other. This would relieve the situation very materially. There could be an entrance out in the yards, or for that matter, a number of them, and passengers arriving, or going away, or passing through the city and changing trains here, could be handled with much less inconvenience than now."

"Of course, a consolidation of the

business done at the two stations would be brought about and there would be a considerable saving in cash and man power and perhaps it will be done as a war measure."

Eugene Duval, of the Milwaukee, does not believe it practical to abandon one of the passenger stations. But has a novel scheme of his own on that matter, he says:

"It seems to me that the public would be fully as well served by bringing all the trains into one yard. I think the plan of running the trains through the Burlington and the out trains through the Union stations in both yards and would result in a material reduction of the expenses."

"It is certain that before long the government is going to reduce train service and determine the routing of passengers and as soon as this time arrives, it's not going to make much difference what roads people travel over, especially when they are going to terminal points."

COUNCIL BLUFFS

On Monday evening the unit K auxiliary met at the Young Woman's Christian association and received five new members. The smoke fund is in need of replenishing and it was decided to sell tickets for a moving picture show to raise the money. Other ways of helping the mothers' club also came in for their share of attention.

Mrs. R. H. Huntington entertained the Oakland avenue chapter of St. Paul's guild Monday. The regular monthly business was transacted and plans were discussed for a musical entertainment at the home of Mrs. J. E. Wallace the second week in April. Arrangements were also made for the entertainment of the general guild at its next meeting.

Mrs. James Hogg, jr., and daughter, Fannie Ellen, of Kansas City have returned home after a three weeks' visit with Mrs. George M. Irons.

Mrs. N. H. VanOrder, who has been visiting relatives for the last six months, has returned home.

Mrs. B. F. Knight announces the marriage of her daughter, Helen C. Fisher, to D. B. Steeds of Manford, Okl., which took place at Pawnee, Okl., February 28.

Mrs. Charles R. Smith entertained the Morningside chapter of St. Paul's guild Tuesday. Only routine business and the other affairs incident to the closing of the year's work was considered.

Mrs. Spooner entertained the Ideal club at luncheon this week. The menu was arranged especially with a view to reducing the cost and conformed strictly with the conservation rules, in accordance with the policy of the club. The delegates for the biennial meeting were chosen. They are Mrs. Cutler, Mrs. James Hunter and Mrs. W. B. Richards, alternate. Officers for next year were also chosen. They are: President, Miss Mary DeVol; vice president, Mrs. C. Bonham; second vice president, Mrs. M. B. Moon; secretary, Mrs. W. A. Southard; corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. P. Organ; treasurer, Mrs. C. E. Swanson; auditor, Mrs. James Hunter.

On Tuesday the club will meet at the Red Cross work.

Miss Bessie Triplett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Triplett of Mc-

Clelland, and Walter Underwood, son of John Underwood of that city, were quietly married at the home of the bride's parents at 2 o'clock on Monday afternoon. The Rev. George A. Ray of this city performed the ceremony. The bridal couple were unattended and the ceremony was witnessed by only the members of the immediate families. The bride wore her white georgette crepe graduation dress with a tulle veil and carried lilies of the valley. Mr. and Mrs. Underwood were fellow students of the Council Bluffs High school. They will be at home to their friends after a short wedding trip at Spring Valley farm, Council Bluffs.

Mrs. Pardum entertained the Tuesday History club at luncheon. She was assisted by Mrs. Hollingsworth, Mrs. Goodrich and Mrs. Cooper. The regular study hour followed the luncheon. Mrs. Gray spoke on the secluded life of the Trappists, Mrs. McManus on taxation and Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Tyler told of a number of local men and women who are prominent in the history of the state. Mrs. Siphert reviewed French's "Captured Dreams."

The South Side Kensington club was entertained by Mrs. John Homes on Wednesday afternoon. Prizes in games were won by Mrs. Nels Johnson and Mrs. C. O. Wood. A two-course luncheon was served by the hostess. Mrs. Nels Johnson will be the hostess at the next meeting.

The L. T. club was entertained at 1 o'clock luncheon on Wednesday by Mrs. James Wallace. The next regular meeting of the club will be omitted.

Mrs. F. C. Lougee entertained at luncheon on Thursday. The guests were Mrs. N. J. Hunt, Mrs. J. H. Arthur, Mrs. F. H. Orcutt, Mrs. Charles M. Harl, Mrs. W. B. Hughes and Mrs. H. Vrooman.

The R. E. M. club was entertained on Wednesday by Mrs. J. B. Harford. Mrs. M. W. Alexander was the guest of honor, as she was celebrating her birthday. Officers were elected and Mrs. J. B. Harford was chosen president and Mrs. Alexander secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Alexander will be the next hostess for the club.

DUNDEE

Mrs. Charles Kleyla, who fell on the ice and injured her knee a month ago, is improving, but still confined to the house.

Mrs. H. R. Folliner spent last week in Lincoln.

A son was born last Friday to Mr. and Mrs. Chester Wells.

Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Russell of Ord, Neb., who have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. W. B. Howard, and Mr. Howard, all winter, spent the last week with friends in Tekamah.

Miss Gail Howard, who is a Red Cross nurse awaiting a call to service, came from Lincoln last week to visit her parents.

The Thursday Bible class met with Mrs. R. C. Peters. These meetings will be discontinued through the remainder of March and April.

Mrs. Ray Williams of Kearney, Neb., is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. D. L. Johnston, and Mr. Johnston.

Mr. Silas Willard has been the guest the last week of his mother, Mrs. J. J. Lampe.

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Mr. B. S. Phelps left Tuesday for a visit in Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Barley left last week to make their home on a farm near Binghamton, N. Y.

Mrs. C. C. Sawtelle was hostess for the Westminister guild Tuesday evening, a social hour followed the business and study session.

Mrs. J. Calvert has news that her nephew in England received a D. S. M. medal for bravery at the front.

Mrs. J. T. Pickard will be hostess for the P. E. O. sisterhood Monday afternoon.

Private Jules Sagaert has returned to Camp Funston after a week's visit at the G. Vercruyse home.

Mrs. Roy Marshall was hostess for the Presbyterian and Mrs. A. Werli for the English Lutheran Ladies' societies on Wednesday, and Mrs. N. K. Anderson for the Augustina on Thursday afternoon of last week.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Emil Carlson Tuesday.

Mr. George W. Steiger of Thayer, Mo., spent a few days last week visiting at the home of his father, C. Steiger.

Mrs. W. A. Wilcox acted as chairman on Saturday for the Serbian Relief fund drive in Benson, she was assisted by a number of members of the Woman's club.

Mrs. J. J. Amish entertained at lunch Saturday evening in honor of Mrs. N. Christiansen of Omaha.

The young women of the Queen Esther circle entertained at an "Evening in Erin," social on Friday evening.

A birthday social was given on Friday evening by the women of the Presbyterian church, a luncheon was served following the program.

Mrs. W. M. Coryell has returned from the Methodist hospital to her home, and Mrs. S. T. Woodling of Elliot, Ia., is with her for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. James Walsh have returned home from an extended stay at Corpus Christi, Texas.

Mrs. A. J. McClung visited in Lincoln last week before leaving to join her husband at Camp Greening, where he is working among the boys at the camp.

A number of employees of The Bee met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Oliver Wednesday evening and organized The Bee Musical club.

WEST AMBLER

Those participating in the program were Mrs. J. C. Edwards, Mrs. Robert Allen, F. B. Oliver, Charles W. Rogers, Chester Charles and Walter Krelle.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hansen and son, Henry have gone to live on a farm west of Benson, Mr. Hansen has been water commissioner.

James Russell expects to leave the coming week for Billings, Mont.

Frank Potter, who has been spending the past week with his aunt, Mrs. Clay Peterson, in Colorado returned home Saturday.

Miss Gurtha Long of West Side and Mrs. L. Pittman were guests of Mrs. H. S. Miller Tuesday.

The West Side Women's Christian Temperance union will hold its monthly meeting for Red Cross work at the home of Mrs. LeRoy Frazell Thursday afternoon.

Special revival services will begin at Jennings Methodist Episcopal church Sunday evening. Rev. R. G. Cleveland in charge.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Winn returned from California, where they spent the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Stier of Dundee took possession of their new home on South Forty-sixth and Pacific streets Thursday.

Mrs. James Rapp and Mrs. M. Kelly gave a dinner Wednesday in honor of their house guests, Mrs. William Carburg and daughter, Miss Hattie.

The Ladies' Aid society met Thursday for their all-day meeting at the home of Mrs. O. G. Miller on Fifty-sixth and Jackson street, and completed their winter work.

A miscellaneous shower was given Friday afternoon by the Jennings Epworth league and West Side Women's Christian Temperance union at the home of Miss Sarah Givens and sister, Mrs. Albert Dowling, in honor of Miss Gurtha Long, a spring bride, who will be married to Mr. Louis Arbust at Jennings Methodist Episcopal church Wednesday evening at 7 p. m., March 27, by Rev. G. Chenoweth. The popular bride-to-be has been a teacher on West Center street four years past, president of the Epworth league and an officer in West Side Woman's Christian Temperance union. Following were present: Mesdames, F. Thomas, L.

Frazelle, F. Hensman, E. Stevens, F. Cockayne, B. E. Gantz, A. King, R. G. Chenoweth, D. Givens, H. Gantz, W. Roessig, C. Long, I. Miller, H. Nielsen, J. Fulmer, C. Milson, E. G. Grover, P. Jensen, A. Dowling; the Misses Marian Dowling, Sarah Givens, Margaret, Lizzie, Fanny and Clara Arbust; Margaret, Dorothy and Mabel Pahl.

Labor Wants to Share

In Final Peace Treaty

At the weekly meeting of the Central Labor union last night at Labor temple, Sixteenth and Capitol avenue, a motion was carried by the members to endorse a petition requesting that representatives of the Federal Labor union be present when this government signs its final peace treaty with the central powers.

Nearly all the members of the Central Labor union attended the meeting last night. A service flag containing 600 stars, was unfurled.

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