

TO TEST THE ACT'S CONSTITUTIONALITY.

Attorney General Brings Suit Attacking the Law Consolidating St. Louis Street Railways.

CONVEYANCE IS THE BASIS.

Court Is Asked to Set Aside Transfer of Southern Electric Property to the United Railways Company.

Suit was brought yesterday in the Circuit Court by the United Railways Company to test the constitutionality of the law under which the street railways of St. Louis operated by the St. Louis Transit Company were consolidated.

The action is based upon the transfer of the property of the Southern Electric Railroad Company, which is made a defendant together with the United Railways Company and the St. Louis Transit Company. The court is asked to set aside the deed conveying the property of the Southern Electric Railroad Company to the United Railways Company and to restrain the United Railways Company and the St. Louis Transit Company from the execution of the terms of the deed.

Regarding the conveyance of the property of the Southern Electric Company to the United Railways Company the petition says:

Plaintiff states that said deed of conveyance is void in law and void for the reason that the property transferred is not the property of the Southern Electric Company and the same is not the property of the United Railways Company.

It is further alleged that the conveyance was unauthorized by law and that the property was sold, transferred and assigned to the United Railways Company in violation of the laws of the State of Missouri.

Attacked Consolidation Law. The petition also alleges that the act under which the street railways of St. Louis were consolidated is unconstitutional.

The plaintiff further states that the United Railways Company was organized for the purpose of acquiring the franchises, rights and privileges, liberties and franchises of the street railways of St. Louis.

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Passenger Conductor Wallace of the Baltimore and Ohio Railway, the presiding genius of the train making the run between Annapolis and Washington, is now greatly perplexed as to the whereabouts of his son, a 12-year-old lad, who disappeared from his train a short time ago.

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THE MAYOR: "SAY IS IT YET THE STRIKE?"

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PROMISES TO SUE KER COMPANY.

Mayor Ziegenhain Says Action Will Be Brought to Recover \$200,000 on Its Bond.

FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT.

City Probably Will Have a Hard Battle to Get the Money—National Surety Company the Security.

Mayor to Enforce Contract. Officers to Recover \$200,000 of Ker's Bond. The Mayor will sue the Ker Company for breach of contract.

According to the Board of Public Improvements, it is up to Mayor Ziegenhain to direct the City Council to bring suit against the Ker Incandescent Gas Light Company.

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SCOTCHMEN AT BANQUET.

Caledonian Society Enjoys an Evening at the Planters.

The Caledonian Society held its quarterly banquet in parlor B at the Planters Hotel last night.

INJURED BY BEES.

But Jack Hartzell and Wife Recued Their Cow.

Her back into the house. The bees gathered numbers of them, and she was soon stung.

TOBACCO WORKERS' ACTION.

Withhold Union Label From St. Louis Firm's Product.

At the meeting of the local Advisory Board of the Tobacco Workers' International Union in the Granite building last night the alleged grievance of a shop committee woman employed by the Weismann & Co. tobacco company was discussed.

POLICE RELIEF BENEFIT.

It Will Take Place at Forest Park Highlands Next Week.

The Police Relief Association benefit, which has been postponed a number of times this summer, owing to the street railway strike, will begin at Forest Park Highlands Sunday and continue through the entire week, ending July 21.

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