

## RAILROADERS FORM CLUB

Organize to Place Representatives to Forward Their Interests.

Chestnut's hall was the rendezvous of a large delegation of railroad men Saturday evening, when over one hundred members of the Railroad Employes Non-partisan club assembled and held a "smoker."

Toasts, speeches and music were the order of the evening and all were especially enthusiastic when refreshments in abundance and of various descriptions were served.

The order was organized last week in the interest of the "Fellow Servant" bill and organization was perfected at this meeting.

Officers were chosen as follows: O. H. Webber, president; A. Mosher, vice-president; Peter Gowrie, secretary-treasurer; Jas. O'Riley and Geo. Mathison, reserve committee.

The following paper was introduced and accepted:

We, your committee appointed at the temporary organization of the Railway Employes Non-partisan Club recommend:

First—That the temporary organization be made permanent.

Second—That all railway employes, officials exempt, are eligible to membership in club.

Third—The objects of said club are to attain places for members of club on the different political parties for members of legislature and state senators.

Fourth—The conditions that said members will enact such laws as are beneficial to railroad employes.

Fifth—That members signing membership to this club thereby pledge themselves to support the candidates for said senate or legislature endorsed by club.

Sixth—That club will not endorse or consider other candidates on the different political tickets, other than senate or legislature.

Seventh—That funds for maintaining club will be secured by the initiation fee, which will be 50 cents per capita for employes whose salaries are or exceeds \$2.00 per day. Those whose salaries are less will be admitted upon signature—said fee being exempt.

Eighth—That the officers of said club shall consist of president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer and two other members of club.

### WHERE IS SPUD?

"Spud" McInnis, who has resided with his parents in this city during the eleven years of his young life, and who has always borne a good reputation up to the time of his departure a short time ago for Great Falls, seems to have strayed from the path of virtue. The Tribune of last Sunday states:

"Frank McInnis, a newsboy, who is known among the fraternity as "Spud," was a prisoner in the city jail for a few hours yesterday, having been arrested during the early morning hours for stealing Tribunes from in front of Ross' news stand, on Central avenue.

"Spud" took the circumstance of his arrest very coolly, it appearing not to worry him that he stood an excellent chance of spending the next eight

years of his life at Miles City, and during the day he adroitly thought out a scheme of escape. Upon being taken to the police station by Acting Sergeant Rydel, the youngster was locked up in one of the cells in the women's quarters. Several times he sought an interview with Day Jailer Bjornstead, but failed. Toward six o'clock in the afternoon Chief of Police Cook appeared at headquarters, and when he went upstairs he was interrogated by "Spud," who asked to be given the liberty of the corridor for a few moments.

The chief opened the cell door and walked down stairs, intending to return in a few moments to lock the youngster up again. "Spud" took no chances, however, and while the chief was talking with someone in the private office he sneaked quietly down stairs and was gone as fast as his little legs would carry him. When the chief returned upstairs the bird had flown.

For several mornings a report had come to The Tribune office that papers were being stolen from in front of stores and news stands in the downtown district, and a watch was placed upon the places from which the complaints came. Yesterday morning was the unlucky one for "Spud," and he was " nabbed" as he was about to carry off a bundle of fifteen papers from in front of the Ross news stand, where they had been left by a carrier.

It was intended to turn the boy over to Otto Schoenfeld, executive officer of the state bureau of child and animal protection, and if he had not succeeded in making his escape it is probable that he would have eventually been committed to the reform school. A search will be made for him, and if he is caught it may go seriously with him.

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