

HIGHER FARES TO BE TALKED OF

If Company Proposes 6 Cents Discussion Will Be Rife. Better Service Hoped For

Heads of the various civic organizations in the city are becoming aroused to the fact that the Chattanooga Railway and Light company is seriously considering the raising of street car fares. As a result, it is expected that during the next few weeks this vital question will be brought up at the different organization meetings and discussed. The business men who are especially interested in the proposition declare that now is the time for the public in general to speak out and have some say as to whether they are in favor of the increase or not. While the railway company has not come out openly and stated just what the increase will be, apparently every effort is being made to pave the way for an increase just as soon as possible.

Some of the business men feel that if an increase in the rates of something like 1 cent will bring about any better car service they are for it. Others feel that with the going away with the tickets several months ago and the present charge which is being made the soldiers that it should be sufficient without any further raise.

In talking of the situation one of the officials of the Chattanooga Chamber of Commerce stated Thursday morning that he had interviewed several business men this week, including the heads of other organizations in the city, to learn what they think of the matter, and as to what discussion they have heard among their associates. He states that the result seems to be that there is either indifference in the matter or else the people feel that the proposed action of the company has not reached the point where notice can be taken of it. He referred to one man who is at the head of an organization whose members would seem to be affected a great deal by an advance of street car fares. This man stated that in his opinion the people were waiting for the subject to come to a more definite

head, or for somebody to start something in regard to it.

This official of the chamber of commerce further pointed out that in discussing the revenue of the railway department of this public utility that everyone remembers that practically a 20 per cent. increase was effected by taking the tickets off the market. However, he stated that it is as yet not commonly known that the railway company has brought about what must be a material increase of its receipts by putting the soldiers at Chickamauga park on the same basis as that of the civilians. He explained that up until a few weeks ago the soldiers could purchase tickets at 10 cents each way, which gave them a concession of 10 cents for the round trip, as the civilians pay 15 cents each way.

What Will Be the Advance?

In talking further of the situation this gentleman said that another question that naturally comes up whenever a proposed advance is discussed is how much of an advance will it be. He pointed out that the railway company has not come out into the open on this phase of the question. However, he said it is the opinion of many that the company will hardly ask for more than a cent increase, but that this is merely guesswork.

DEALS OF RECORD AT COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Julia Gottschalk to J. N. Trigg, land in the Griffen addition; \$5,300.
A. S. Anderson and wife to F. M. Willis and wife, land in the Sixth district; \$4,000.
Gordon Estill to George W. Estill and wife, land in the Third district; \$200.
George W. Estill and wife to S. M. Harris and wife, land in the Third district; \$450.
Chattanooga Savings bank to W. H. Warrenfels and wife, land at Orchard Knob; \$1,350.
Chattanooga Savings bank to W. H. Warrenfels and wife, land at Orchard Knob; \$1,150.
Chattanooga Savings bank to W. H. Warrenfels and wife, land at Orchard Knob; \$1,275.
Citizen Trust company to W. M. Kelly, land in Boulevard park; \$345.

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ANOTHER NEW BUILDING FOR CAMP GREENLEAF

National Board of Medical Examiners Prepare to Carry Out Work.

Col. Louis A. LaGarde, U. S. A., treasurer and member of the national board of medical examiners, who has been at Camp Greenleaf for the past week, left this morning for Washington.

The national board of medical examiners examines candidates for the United States army and navy and for licensure in the states.

Any candidate passing this examination is eligible to enter the army or navy, or practice in any state without further examination.

Doctors of medicine outside of military service are also allowed to take this examination.

All inquiries on the subject of examination should be addressed to Maj. J. S. Rodman, secretary, national board of medical examiners, general hospital, Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.
A building in which to hold these examinations is to be erected just south of the McLean auditorium. The building will cost in the neighborhood of \$25,000, and the design will be of Italian architecture, two stories high, and will contain laboratory, examination and consultation rooms, lecture hall, office for members of the board, library, common room, living quarters for members of the board.

THOUSAND DOLLAR CLUB AIMS AT \$600,000 NOW

Kiwanis and Rotary to Help Sell Thrift Stamps Thursday, Friday, Saturday.

Six hundred thousand dollars is the market set by the members of the limit club committees in their drive for \$1,000 pledges. At the meeting held at the Hotel Patten Tuesday night reports from the chairmen of the committees showed that there were 500

members of the Limit War Savings club, and since then about a hundred new members have joined or are in line, making a total of 600 members, or 1600,000 pledged.

The Rotary club and Kiwanis club have offered their services in the coming drive for war savings pledges and will devote next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday to canvassing Chattanooga. The city will be divided into sections and committees from one or the other of these clubs will secure pledges from every man, woman and child as to the amount they can invest in the savings stamps, between now and Dec. 31.

Things at Nashville are picking up and a greater interest than ever before is being shown by every one in the report received at state headquarters here. The board of governors of the Commercial club met with the Davidson county war savings committee on Thursday and agreed to take up this work and put Davidson county "over the top." Nashville has been somewhat behind in the war savings pledges but the action of these men is expected to make it one of the first to go over the top. D. J. Loventhal, of Nashville, has agreed to take the chairmanship for the drive. The campaign will first be launched for \$1,000 and \$500 subscriptions. In this way it is expected that more than \$1,000,000 will be raised. The remaining amount to be raised will be gotten in the same way the amounts are being raised in Chattanooga.

IGNORES OPINION OF COUNTY ATTORNEY

Election Commission Refuses to Put Names of Additional Candidates on Ballot.

The Hamilton county election commission at a meeting held Friday afternoon ignored the opinion of Will F. Chamblee to the effect that the redistricting bill was constitutional and declined to hold the election on August 1 for four justices of the peace within the territory embraced by the city of Chattanooga. The commission further declined a petition signed by practically every resident of Missionary Ridge, and refused to order the name of Squire H. H. Eager placed on the ballot as representative from that district. In these holdings the election commission declined absolutely to interfere with the new redistricting act. Mr. Chamblee in his opinion upheld that part of the redistricting act which allowed the first civil district four justices of the peace. The petition of Squire Eager is only a forerunner of what has been predicted by the News for several months and in the next few days, a bill which has already been drawn up by attorneys for Squire Eager, will be filed in an effort to mandamus the commission to have his name placed on the official ballot.

The election commission through its secretary, J. B. F. Lowery, asked County Attorney Will F. Chamblee for his opinion and after receiving it, they ignored it. Attorneys for Squire J. J. Bork will proceed upon the theory that the opinion of the county attorney is correct and Squire Bork the legal nominee for the fourth place from the first civil district. Attorneys for Squire Bork insist that the primary committee certified his name to the county executive committee and they in turn recommended that if there were four justices to be elected that Squire Bork's name be placed on the official ballot. In this manner, it is the contention that Squire Bork has been nominated as were other county candidates who were endorsed by the executive committee and their names ordered placed on the official ballot. Squire Bork's attorneys further insist that his name should be placed on the democratic instruction card. In the mean time, the mandamus proceedings which will follow, will be awaited with interest.

DEPARTMENT HEADS WANT TOO MUCH MONEY

Squire Ragon, Watchdog of the Treasury, Says They Must Cut Their Garment to Fit Cloth.

Judge J. E. Ragon, chairman of the finance committee, has issued a call meeting of joint finance and advisory committees and has invited the head of the various departments to be present with some good reason why the enormous amount they have asked for should be allowed. The heads of the schools are the main cause of the increase asked for. The 1917-18 budget asked for last year was \$970,529 and all told this year the finance committee has been asked for \$1,066,696, an increase of \$97,167. Judge Ragon stated yesterday that the tax rate would not be raised and he had been advised that the assessed valuation of property showed approximately an increase of \$300,000. Judge Ragon, who has and is always doing every thing he can to save the taxpayers and who is endeavoring to make both ends meet estimates the committee can figure on an assessed valuation of \$56,900,000. The present tax rate is \$2.20 in the section outside the city of Chattanooga and \$2.10 inside the city proper. Following is the compared budget for 1917-18 and 1918-19:

	1917-18	1918-19
Workhouse	\$50,000	\$45,000
County hospital	25,000	25,000
Salaries	45,012	44,732
Circuit court	26,000	26,400
Sheriff and jail	17,000	16,000
Courthouse and office expenses	13,000	13,000
Trustees' commissions	20,000	20,000
Public buildings and schoolhouses	2,450	10,000
County court per diem	600	600
Elections	2,000	4,000
Bridges	22,562	22,500
Pauper burials	2,500	2,500
Lunatics	1,500	1,500
Coroner	200	200
Miscellaneous	30,000	25,000
Interest and sinking fund	241,791	242,331
Industrial school	15,000	15,000
Erlanger hospital	20,000	20,000
Pine Breeze sanitarium	10,000	9,000
Public library	4,000	5,000
Vine Street Orphans' home	2,500	2,500
Old Ladies' Home	1,200	1,200
Associated Charities	2,500	2,500
Children's Refuge	1,000	1,000
Crittendon Home	700	1,000
Humane society	600	1,000
Grammar schools	187,975	252,250
High schools	51,878	70,150
City schools	162,668	195,000
Lookout Mountain schools	3,792	4,476
Total	\$970,529	1,066,696

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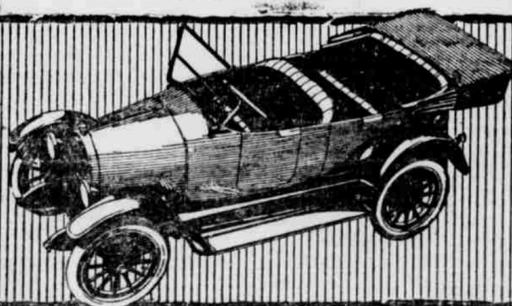


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