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**THE ELECTRIC LIGHT FRANCHISE.**

Probably so important a question has never been brought before the citizens of Bemidji as is the renewal of the electric light franchise by the city to the Warfield Electric company.

The proposed franchise, as was printed in the Daily Pioneer of Saturday, came up for its final passage last evening and at the request of over fifty of the heavy tax payers of the city the final passage was deferred until next Monday evening, that the citizens might have more time in which to investigate the advisability of the passage of the franchise as that article was drafted and presented to the city for its adoption.

A special meeting of the citizens is called for this evening and the commercial club invites the citizens of Bemidji to attend this meeting and express their views on the proposed ordinance.

Questions of a public nature of this kind which affects the taxable property of the city for fifteen years should be gone over carefully before entering into the contract.

A franchise of this kind is, or is not, a valuable asset to a city; as the people of the city make it.

The Pioneer hopes to see a representative body of the citizens of Bemidji at the commercial club meeting this evening.

**UNCLE SAM'S MAIL ORDER BUSINESS.**

The newspaper press association in the various organizations over the United States are protesting against the government, which, in the light of the local printer, is the newspapers' worst competitor. An editor of prominence, speaking before the Ohio association, gave facts and figures showing that the post office department was not making a cent, but losing money on production of stamped return envelopes.

One special feature as grounds for remonstrance is that Uncle Sam is not doing the printing, but gives work to a private printing institution located at Dayton, O. Figures show that the government loses annually on the stamped envelope deal \$250,000.

Another, perhaps the greatest opposition the government makes for the local printers, a Dayton concern which publishes millions of circulars, advertising jobs, etc., and the government, the people pay out annually \$1,600,000 to this printing establishment, and with Uncle Sam as agent, with sub-agents at every cross-road in the country, work is solicited for this private establishment, to the detriment of the local printer. Is this not sufficient grounds for the home printer, who urges patronage of home institutions, to appeal to the senators and representatives to call a halt of Uncle Sam's "Mail Order" house.

**CAUSTIC COMMENT.**  
 (A. G. Rutledge.)

The Oklahoma judge who said a rich man just acquitted of murder was really guilty inspires a vision of blindfolded justice taking a peek.

Vassar girl's college, 'tis said, will graduate 216 students this year, with no assurance that one of them can make a decent apple pie or batch of bread.

An Indian chief who was in New York City, not long ago, complained that he was robbed of \$2. He ought to be placed in a museum, as being the only living man who ever got away from Gotham so cheaply.

A Japanese doctor says that modern civilization has brought a great increase in insanity in his country. The czar of all the Russias will agree that insanity is not the worst the Japs acquired with their new culture.

Some Boston word sharp has discovered that 85 per cent of the English cuss words are words of one syllable. We have often observed this awful deficiency and frequently yearned for a nice collection of Russian and Japanese words to express some grand stormy emotion called forth by the weather, or something like that.

**CURTISS WINS CHIEF EVENT**

**American Aviator Captures International Cup.**

**BREAKS FORMER RECORDS**

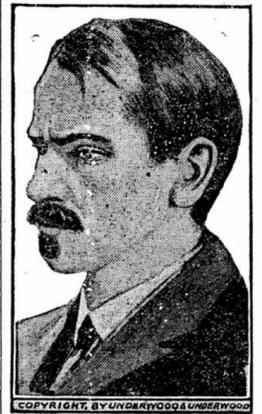
Covers Two Laps of the Course, About Twelve and One-half Miles, in Less Than Sixteen Minutes, a Rate of Over Forty-seven Miles an Hour. Closest Competitor Only Five Seconds Behind.

Rheims, France, Aug. 3.—Glenn H. Curtiss, the only American aviator at Betheny, won the international cup of aviation, the most important event of aviation week. He covered the two laps of the course, twenty kilometers, or 12.42 miles, in 15 minutes 50 3/4 seconds. This is at the rate of 47.65 miles an hour.

Bleriot, his most formidable competitor, made the distance in 15 minutes 56 1/2 seconds. Latham did not start.

The international cup of aviation is known otherwise as the Gordon Bennett trophy. It is an object of art valued at \$8,500, which goes to the winning club, and \$5,000 to the aviator. The course is two laps of the Betheny aerodrome.

Before starting in the contest Mr. Curtiss made a trial heat in 7 minutes 55 1/2 seconds. All three rounds defeated the best previous records of



**GLENN H. CURTISS.**

all aviators. The distance covered in each round was slightly over six miles.

Bleriot, one of the French contestants, started in the international cup contest soon after the Curtiss machine was on the field and made a trial round in 7 minutes 58 3/4 seconds. Bleriot, in his flight for the international cup, covered the first round in 7 minutes 53 3/4 seconds, two-fifths of a second behind Curtiss' best time for a lap. His time for the two laps is given officially as 15 minutes 56 1/2 seconds, five seconds slower than Curtiss' time for the full distance. Latham did not start and consequently Curtiss is the winner in this great international event.

**RESULTS ARE SATISFACTORY**

Aviation Week at Rheims a Revelation to the World.

Paris, Aug. 1.—Minister of Public Works Millerand has returned to Paris after an exhaustive study of the aeroplane work now being conducted at Rheims. He expressed the opinion that the world was face to face with a revolution in the matter of transportation and communication. The results obtained at Rheims, the minister said, demonstrated the possession of various factors, which, brought together and elaborated, were bound to make aviation a success.

Flying in the air will soon rival railroads and automobiles, M. Millerand continued, and France could well be proud of the achievements at Betheny, which were a proof of the resources and vitality of the nation. It was the duty of the government to aid aviation and the minister said he intended personally to neglect nothing that might be of assistance to France's valiant flyers.

**AERONAUT BADLY BRUISED**

Delagrang's Aeroplane Falls Heavily to the Ground.

Rheims, France, Aug. 3.—As Leon Delagrang was turning the first pylon in the course of an exhibition aeroplane flight the propeller of his machine broke from its shaft and the aeroplane fell heavily to the ground. Fortunately the height at the time did not exceed twenty-five feet. Delagrang was badly bruised and shaken up, but none of his bones was broken.

Lightning Fires Oil Tanks.

Bowling Green, O., Aug. 3.—During a heavy electrical storm lightning fired three oil tanks of the Ohio Oil company at Cuyahoga, each containing 35,000 barrels, causing a probable loss of \$100,000.

**RECOVERS RUSSIAN ESTATES**

Street Sweeper of Omaha Member of Czar's Nobility.

Omaha, Aug. 3.—John Panuska, a humble street cleaner of Omaha, receiving \$1.75 a day for sweeping up refuse, shoveling it into barrels and carting it away to the dump, has found himself a duke of Russia, member of the czar's nobility and owner of an estate valued at several million dollars. The mails brought Panuska the news of his good fortune. For hundreds of years the Panuska

family ruled over one of the small provinces not far from Warsaw, but about 100 years ago the great great grandfather of John Panuska was driven from his estates and the dukedom usurped. Recently a brother of Panuska's took the matter into the courts and won and the Omaha street sweeper, as eldest son, inherits the title and estates.

**GIFT FROM JAPANESE RULER**

Five Thousand Cherry Trees to Beautify Washington.

Washington, Aug. 30.—Prince Kuni of Japan may have an announcement to make regarding 5,000 cherry trees his government is to give this country when he arrives at New York on Sept. 7. The prince, Princess Kuni and their suite are expected to spend some time in the United States. They will pay a visit to President Taft. The cherry trees, a gift from the mikado, are to be used in beautifying the streets and parks of this city.

**HARRIMAN STOCKS AGAIN HARD HIT**

**Rumors Regarding Financier's Health the Cause.**

New York, Aug. 30.—The conflicting rumors concerning the health of Mr. Harriman found their reflection in a very irregular opening of the stock market. The Harriman stocks were the most conspicuous feature, with a loss of 3/4 points in Union Pacific and 1 in Southern Pacific. Losses in other active issues ran from 1 to 1 1/2 points. Soon after the opening Union Pacific made a further fractional decline, placing it below the low figure of last Thursday. There was some pressure upon United States Steel common, but market movements as a whole were rather confusing. Some disposition was manifest to shake off the influence of Mr. Harriman's health and to consider rather the condition of his properties.

Soon after the first hour a fresh selling movement appeared in the Harriman stocks, which sent Union Pacific down to 194 1/2, a decline of five points, and Southern Pacific down to 125, a loss of 2 1/2. Reading was off 2 points and New York Central and Northern Pacific as much or more. The general list sold off in sympathy and the selling movement was strongly suggestive of wholesale liquidation. The downward course of the stock market was arrested in the second hour, when semi-official statements were issued denying the reports that Mr. Harriman was to undergo a surgical operation.

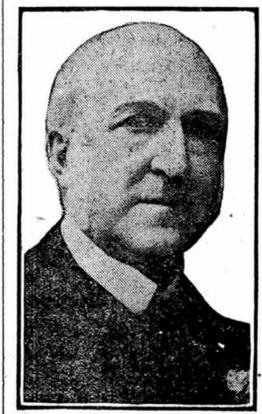
The dying off of the early scare was reflected in a constantly broadening and strengthening market, which reached its climax at the close. Union Pacific was bid for eagerly and the scramble for the stock sent it up over three points from the lowest, to 197 1/2, where it ended. Full recoveries were scored by some other stocks, particularly Reading and United States Steel, the last named being heavily absorbed around 75 1/2.

**MAY REMOVE TO CALIFORNIA**

Said Senator Depew Will Spend Declining Years in San Diego.

San Diego, Cal., Aug. 30.—Senator Chauncey M. Depew of New York may come to San Diego to live permanently. He will spend the winter here at least.

C. M. Depew, a nephew of the senator, has rented a fine home on Twelfth street and has moved his



**SENATOR DEPEW.**

family here. He says others of the Depew family will come later to spend the winter and that Senator Depew intends to come.

"The senator will doubtless spend the rest of his life here if the climate agrees with him," said the nephew.

**MISMANAGEMENT IS ALLEGED**

Receiver Asked for the Cumberland Glass Company.

Trenton, N. J., Aug. 30.—Mrs. Sarah Allen of Bridgeton, N. J., has filed a bill in the court of chancery applying for a receiver for the Cumberland Glass Manufacturing company of that place. The assets of the company are given in the bill at \$896,000 and the liabilities at \$2,018,500. Mrs. Allen charges that affairs of the company have been mismanaged.

Young Woman's Neck Broken.

Norfolk, Va., Aug. 30.—While returning in an automobile from a dance at Pine Beach, a summer resort on Hampton Roads, a party of three men and three women were thrown over a fifteen-foot embankment, the automobile turning a somersault in the plunge. Blanche Burns, twenty-six years old, one of the party, was instantly killed, her neck having been broken.

**CIRCLE DRAWN CLOSER STILL**

**No Information Regarding Harriman Given Out.**

**VISITED BY JACOB SCHIFF**

Flying Trip of New York Banker to Arden Interpreted to Mean That Railroad Wizard is Able to Attend to Business or Else Wishes to Clean Up Important Matters as Soon as Possible.

Arden, N. Y., Aug. 3.—Either Edward H. Harriman is not too ill to discuss business or wishes to clean up certain important financial matters as soon as possible.

These are the two divergent views of a flying visit made to the financier in his mountain fastness by Jacob H. Schiff, the New York banker.

The importance attached to Mr. Schiff's visit was shown by the fact that a through express train was stopped at the Arden station to permit the banker to alight. Mr. Schiff, who remained only a short time in the house, declined to discuss the purpose of his visit or to comment in any way upon Mr. Harriman and his interests.

The circle about Mr. Harriman has been drawn closer than ever. William McClellan, the superintendent of the Harriman dairies, drove to the postoffice and general store and gave orders that no newspaper men or strangers should be allowed to use the telephone. This order, it was found, applied to the whole line. The telephones in Arden and Turner are all on this line, which is a private one under Mr. McClellan's supervision. The reason given was that outside calls were keeping the line so busy that it was difficult for subscribers to get proper service.

Repeated denials by members of the household and the absence of further confirmation strengthened the belief that there was at least no immediate intention of operating on the financier.

**DECIDE AGAINST OPERATION**

Consultation of Physicians at the Harriman Home.

Cleveland, Aug. 31.—In a private telegram received here, the source of which was withheld but the authenticity of which is not to be doubted, George W. Crile, the Cleveland surgeon, called into consultation regarding the condition of E. H. Harriman, is reported to have said that he did, in company with other physicians and surgeons, make an examination of Mr. Harriman and that it was decided that no operation would be made.

Dr. Crile also is thus indirectly quoted as saying that Mr. Harriman's condition is not serious and that an operation would not hasten nor give added assurance of his ultimate recovery. The nature of Mr. Harriman's illness is not mentioned.

**HARRIMAN "FEELING WELL"**

No Preparations Being Made for an Operation.

New York, Aug. 3.—A close associate of Mr. Harriman in this city said that it was not true that preparations were being made for an operation. This gentleman said he had heard from Arden and that Mr. Harriman was "feeling well."

As to whether there was to be a consultation of physicians to discuss the illness of the distinguished patient Mr. Harriman's friend would neither affirm nor deny.

**MINISTER PAYS FOR "SOUSE"**

Detectives Get Intoxicated Securing Evidence Against "Piggers."

Minneapolis, Aug. 3.—Under orders of Rev. Carl Swain and his colleagues Jacob P. Brandt and Lewis M. Carson, detectives for the Anti-Saloon league, became intoxicated, according to testimony presented in the Minneapolis police court against Fred Hawkins, accused of "blind pigging" at Excelsior.

Mr. Swain believes it proper to furnish money for a man to become intoxicated if a violator of the law can be caught by that means. The expenses for the Brandt-Carson "toot" were paid by the minister and his associates.

**TWO KILLED; MANY INJURED**

Terrific Powder Explosion at Neck City, Mo.

Carthage, Mo., Aug. 3.—In a terrific powder explosion at the "Quick Seven" zinc mine at Neck City, northwest of here, two men were instantly killed, a third so seriously injured that he will die and many others were hurt. Every ambulance in the county was summoned to the scene.

Shot by Divorced Wife.

Dallas, Tex., Aug. 3.—K. B. Flannery, superintendent of the registry department of the Dallas postoffice, was shot and fatally wounded by his divorced wife in the heart of the business district of the city.

**WILL TESTIFY AT INQUIRY**

Strikebreakers Who Deserted Plant at McKees Rocks.

Pittsburg, Aug. 30.—About fifty men who deserted from the plant of the Pressed Steel Car company at McKees Rocks appeared at the federal building to resume their testimony concerning alleged ill treatment. The hearing was before Special Agent Hoagland of Washington, D. C., sent here by the department of justice to investigate charges of peonage in connection with the strike.

While evidence substantiating the peonage charges is lacking up to this time it is said information charging assault and battery will be made against a number of guards in the plant. Several of the men who fainted during the inquisition on account of their weakened condition, occasioned through their inability to digest food furnished them, were discharged from hospitals. Some of them returned to their homes in the East, but a majority, filled with resentment and indignation, remained to testify to the treatment that they had received.

**TO AID ACCUSED AMERICAN**

Ex-Senator Hopkins Goes to Mexico to Defend Harold Sanborn.

Chicago, Aug. 30.—Former United States Senator A. J. Hopkins is on his way to Mexico, where he will represent the Sanborn interests in the complications arising over the arrest of Harold Sanborn and his subsequent flight while at liberty on bonds.

If the Mexican government prosecutes the case against the young man the United States government may be drawn into the fight.

Young Sanborn was arrested at Vera Cruz a few months ago, following a fight on his plantation, by the Mexican authorities on the charge that he was responsible for the death of a girl who was shot by a stray bullet.

**BIG TREES ARE IN DANGER**

Forest Fire May Destroy the Famous Merced Grove.

Yosemite, Cal., Aug. 30.—The forest fire which started Thursday in the Yosemite national park is completely beyond control and is sweeping up the canyon toward the famous Merced grove of big trees. The flames at the last report were within three miles of the grove.

The hotel at El Portal, which was threatened during the day, is out of danger, as the fire swerved away from it.

It is feared that the big trees will be destroyed.

**Deafness Cannot Be Cured**

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by Catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars free.

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Why not call on our local agent, **H. A. SIMONS**, Postoffice Block, and let him show you some real snaps in business and residence lots in the city, or at Oak Beach, on the north shore of Beautiful Lake Bemidji.

Write or call on us for detailed information regarding the city as a business, residence or manufacturing location.

**Bemidji Townsite and Improvement Company.**  
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**Real Estate For Sale**

Below we offer a few of the many farms we have for sale. These are desirable for investments and the intending purchasers will do well to give them careful attention.

No. 19. \$1280 buys 160 acres in section 19, township 151, range 27. This land is nicely located on good road five miles east of Northome. Good house and barn on place; soil excellent; part of timber on this quarter section is reserved. It will pay you to investigate this proposition.

No. 20. Five 40-acre tracts bordering on Blackduck lake; mostly hardwood timber; heavy soil; some meadow; all within easy market. Prices range from \$10 to \$15 per acre.

No. 21. \$300 buys the most attractive two-acre island in Blackduck lake. This is one of the most beautiful spots for summer resorters known in northern Minnesota.

No. 23. \$3200 buys a half section of land in town 150, range 30 (Town of Langor). This place is natural meadow land and will cut upwards of 100 tons of hay; not a foot of waste land; heavy soil equal to any land in the state. There is timber enough on the place to pay for the land. The land is located one mile from school house; has running water and would make an attractive stock farm. Terms to suit purchaser.

No. 24. \$2000 buys a good 160-acre tract in section 22, township 146, range 34, Grant Valley. Good agricultural land bordering on two lakes; 25 acres broken; balance easily cleared. Within easy reach of good markets. Terms to suit buyer.

No. 25. \$2400 will buy 160 acres well-improved hardwood land bordering on Turtle River lake and one mile east of village of Turtle River. 8 acres under cultivation; 1 mile of attractive lake shore. An especially good bargain for one who desires the land for summer resort. Terms, one-half cash.

No. 26. \$5 per acre buys good quarter tract of land in section 9 township 150, range 32. Good meadow, valuable timber; some improvements; terms, cash.

No. 28. 400 acres in one body. Blackduck river running through the land as well as school house in one corner. Land partly improved; good level soil, free from stones; not one foot of waste land in the entire ground. Forty acres in crop and timber enough to pay for land. Timber can be delivered on the bank of the river. No richer land in Minnesota. \$12.50 per acre.

No. 29. \$1,000 buys 160-acre tract east of Littlefork, in township 66, range 23. Saw timber has been sold and parties have eight years to remove same. No taxes to pay until timber is removed. This is good land for investment. Three fourths of mineral right goes with land. Good land and good prospects for mineral. Terms: all or part cash.

No. 30. Two 160-acre tracts five miles north of Blackduck on the Cormorant river. House and other improvements on one quarter. Good land; good roads; a snap at \$11 per acre, one-half cash.

No. 31. 40 acres one mile north of Blackduck. 15 acres nice stand of spruce timber—balance good land. Snap at \$500

No. 32. 200 acres at north end of Lake Bemidji. \$50 per acre.

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