

MONROE, LA., FIRST CITY TO OWN STREET CAR LINE

AFTER LONG FIGHT SOUTHERN CITY COMPLETES ELECTRIC RAILWAY OF ITS OWN—STORY OF WHAT ONE TOWN WITH FIGHTING MAYOR HAS ACCOMPLISHED.

THE CAR LINE.

- Par—5 cents.
- Transfers—None.
- There's only one line.
- Wages—Conductors and motormen, \$35 per month (big for Monroe).
- Appointments—By the mayor, who manages the line.
- Capital approved.
- Civil service—Not yet.
- Special regulations—Employees not allowed to drink or play.
- Length of line—6 1/2 miles.
- Trucks—60-pound steel.
- Cost—\$110,000.

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 18.—In spite of all the talk of municipal and government ownership of public utilities which has been going on throughout the country for years, it was not until Monday, Sept. 18, that the city of Monroe, La., owned a street car line.

On Sept. 28, with an old-fashioned southern barbecue and a general jubilation, the street car line will be formally opened. In the meantime cars are being run over the line and the people of Monroe are enjoying the novelty of a ride on a street car line which they themselves own.

A Mayor With Ideas.

Eight years ago Monroe elected its mayor Dr. Andrew A. Forsythe, a man with ideas. He believed in doing things and the first thing he was pledged to do by the platform in which he was elected was to make Monroe an up-to-date city. The results of the last eight years show what a man can do if he makes it his business to do.

The year that Mayor Forsythe took office Louisiana adopted a new state constitution, which gave municipal governments the right to issue bonds for public improvements. At the time an issue of \$150,000 was voted, Monroe being the first city



MAYOR ANDREW A. FORSYTHE.

In the state to take advantage of the new provision, there being only eight votes against the issue.

This money was to be spent as follows: Street paving, \$40,000; sewer system, \$30,000; charity hospital, \$5,000; high school building, \$20,000; light and water plants, \$50,000.

Private Service Poor.

Prior to this time the only public utilities in Monroe were water and lighting plants, which were owned by private concerns. The service in both cases was poor, and a tax of 3 1/2 mills had been levied to pay the private companies for service. The new mayor had voted the people that if these franchises were profitable to the private companies they were much more valuable to the city itself. The \$60,000 in bonds voted for that purpose was used in buying the two plants, and Monroe had begun its march towards complete municipal ownership. The annual tax was at once abolished, and light and water were furnished at the old rate. Since then the two plants have been practically rebuilt, new machinery costing over \$50,000 having been installed.

The Crowning Work.

So well had Mayor Forsythe done that he was re-elected by a very large majority. Then came the crowning work of his administration, the campaign for a municipally-owned street car line. The fight began in 1903 and was carried into the legislature in 1904, it being necessary for the city to secure a new charter before the work could be undertaken.

Corporations which desired to secure the street railway franchises fought the matter in the legislature, but Mayor Forsythe and his friends won out. In the meantime a special

TRAIN WRECK

Cars Bearing Soldiers Collide With Freight at Millersburg—Many Injured.

ALBANY, Ore., Sept. 18.—While a freight train was endeavoring to make a switch near Millersburg, this morning, a troop train carrying the Twentieth Infantry from Amareo Lake to the Presidio crashed into it, smashing both engines and the baggage car and seriously injuring Engineer Rose of the troop train and slightly injuring Fireman Blair, who was bruised but not seriously.

Twenty soldiers and other train men were saved by jumping.

The accident was caused by a defective switch. All traffic is tied up.

RILEY NOT CONNECTED WITH P. BRADLEY.

James A. Riley, a produce broker on Railroad av., says that he was in no manner connected with the recent swindling business conducted by a man named Bradley, the story of which appeared in yesterday's Star. "An intimation to the effect that I knew the man was a swindler and had business dealings with him," said Mr. Riley, "is false. I know nothing of Bradley except as I have been told by swindled saloonkeepers. I even turned down consignments which came in for him, not wishing to be in any way allied with his peculiarities."

DID ONLY WHAT THE SPIRITS COMMANDED

Mrs. Creffield Says She But Obeyed the Will of Her Heavenly Father in Allowing Esther Mitchell to Kill Her Brother.

Mrs. Maude Creffield, who with Esther Mitchell is being examined before an insanity commission, the verdict of which will determine whether or not the two women will be tried for the murder of George Mitchell, was again placed on the stand this morning.

Mrs. Creffield stated that she had communications with her husband through spirits, and acted according to the instructions given her by those spirits in the Mitchell case.

The morning before the murder of Creffield by George Mitchell, Mrs. Creffield said Creffield told her that his blood would soon flow at the hands of an enemy. He also stated that his death would be avenged, but did not state by whom.

Had Planned Story.

Mrs. Creffield said this morning that she and Esther had planned on what to say when they were arrested and that they would admit the verdict of which would take the penalty for the deed rather than to feel that their lives had been forfeited.

When asked if she would do the same thing again she said she would do it as the will of our Heavenly Father that George should die, and I did as I was told to do by the spirits. I had no personal feeling against George Mitchell, and I intended to take his life myself, but Esther said that she felt it her duty to kill him, so I let her do it."

Mrs. Creffield was then asked why she did not kill Messrs. Morris and Shipley, the attorneys who defended George Mitchell. She said: "I would have killed them if the spirits had told me to."

PLANNING TEN DAY SCHEDULE

Many communications have been passing between the local and some offices of the Kosmos steamship line regarding the establishment of a regular 10-day schedule between Seattle and South America, French and German ports. In order to establish such a service the company is now preparing to rebuild several of its largest steamers and to arrange the dates so that each steamer will be given an opportunity to go upon the drydock for an annual overhauling.

MAN KILLED BY FREIGHT TRAIN

An unknown man was struck and instantly killed at 2:30 o'clock this morning by a freight train at the foot of Washington st., on Railroad av. The body was carried fully a block before the train was stopped. The man was of medium build, light complexioned, wore a light blue suit and a heavy pair of boots. It is believed his name is Collins, a fireman on one of the tugboats running on the sound.

The train was in charge of Engineer Marlow, with L. T. Merrill as fireman, and W. S. Christensen, brakeman.

WILL CHOOSE A LEADER TODAY

ELECTION AT ZION CITY IS ON TODAY AND DOWIE WILL BE DEFEATED.

WAUKEGAN, Ill., Sept. 18.—The election at Zion City is occurring today. Partisanship is bitter. The indications are that Voliva will defeat Dowie. Dowie is preparing to spend the winter in Mexico.

WEBBER GETS EIGHT YEARS

John G. Webber, arrested last February by the secret service men on a charge of counterfeiting, has been sentenced to eight years at McNeil's island by Judge Hanford of the federal court.

BIG DEAL MADE ON LAKE UNION

The sale of all of block 3 and part of block 4, in D. T. Deany's second addition, from C. W. Sprague to C. E. Thompson for a consideration of \$160,000, has been recorded. The piece of property is on the south end of Lake Union at the end of Howard av. north and Fountain st.

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METHODISTS AT BALLARD

BALLARD, Sept. 18.—Every coming into Ballard today is bringing members of the Methodist conference, which starts tomorrow morning at the Gilman Park M. E. church. The congregation of the Gilman Park church is taking care of the different members. The program for tomorrow is:

- 9:00 a. m.—Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
- 9:30 a. m.—Conference session.
- 1:30 p. m.—Statistical session.
- 2:30 p. m.—Anniversary Woman's Home Missionary society. Address by D. C. Franklin, D. D. Annual meeting of Preachers' Aid society.
- 4:00 p. m.—Evangelical society. Rev. D. D. Bennett in charge.
- 5:00 p. m.—Meeting of Deaconess association at parsonage.
- 7:30 p. m.—Song service conducted by Rev. F. M. Clark.
- 8:00 p. m.—Anniversary Missionary society, Rev. E. H. Todd presiding, and address by H. K. Carroll, I. J. D.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING IS AGAIN DELAYED

Consideration of the bids and the manner of construction of the new municipal court, city jail and emergency hospital building was postponed by the board of public works today until next week.

The council last night authorized the appropriation of \$176,000 for the building, and this is considered insufficient by the board to comply with the original specifications for its construction. There is a probability that all previous bids will be rejected and new ones advertised for in accordance with the recent change in specifications.

AUTO RACES TODAY 2 p. m. Six star events.

ICE DRIVERS STRIKE

DETROIT, Mich., Sept. 18.—The drivers of the People's Ice company are striking and will not allow a wagon to move. President Brown, the superintendent and other officials are driving about in motor cars loaded with small chunks and delivering wherever they find sick persons.

AUTO RACES TODAY

2 p. m. Expert chauffeurs, mile a minute cars. **Paraffine Horse Covers** Cheaper at Tom Henderson's, the saddlery man, than any place in the city. 212 Occidental ave.

WEST GREEN LAKE

WEST GREEN LAKE, Sept. 18.—Residents and business men of West Green Lake can now have the benefit of city light, the poles and wires having been strung some time ago and the service installed for the first time last Saturday night. People generally are making arrangements to patronize the municipally owned line, the service being just as good as that of the Seattle Electric company and is said to be much more reasonable in price.

A man by the name of L. Dickenson has opened a pool room and cigar store in the new building recently erected by J. P. Martin, on North Seventy-third av. It is said among other sales recently made by W. F. Hanbury, the real estate dealer, was three lots situated in the Kaufman addition to a man by the name of Rodgers for \$750. The purchaser intends to at once commence the erection of two fine dwellings on the property that will be for sale on their completion.

REGRADE CALLED

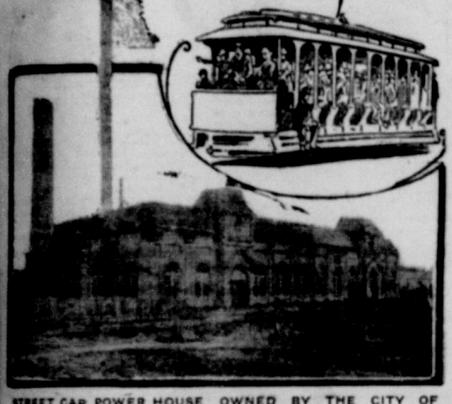
The Jackson st. regrade case pursued its weary way again today. Several positions were adjudged this morning, all going against the property owners.

O'DAY STILL IN JAIL

John O'Day, who was arrested Sunday afternoon at Ballard for going through the pockets of William Hertz, was brought to Seattle and placed in the county jail. Judge Schneider and the police are investigating the case. No charge has been brought against O'Day.

Spokane and Return

For \$10.10 by Great Northern Railroad, going Sept. 24, good to return up to Oct. 7. Ticket Office, Second and Columbia.



STREET CAR POWER HOUSE OWNED BY THE CITY OF MONROE, LA.

CHECK RAISER IS CAUGHT

George A. Johnson, a carpenter, came to Seattle and secured a position with the Parker Lumber company last week. But two days of work proved too strenuous a life for him, so he decided to return to his home at Minneapolis. Receiving his check for \$128 he was convinced that he could not return home on that amount, so placed a figure "9" on the \$28 and attempted to cash the check. This resulted in his arrest by Detective Bark, who will charge him with raising a check.

TWO STRANGERS QUARREL

M. J. Hayes and John Murphy, two strangers in the city, were arrested by Detective Collier this morning and are being held on suspicion at police headquarters. Hayes was caught in the act of beating Murphy over the head with a revolver and could give no account of himself nor reasons for the assault.

AUTOIST'S BAIL IS DECLARED FORFEITED

Charles Donohue, a lumberman, who was arrested Sunday afternoon by Patrolman Roth, on Broadway, for driving his automobile at the rate of about 25 miles an hour, failed to show up before Judge Gordon this morning and his bail of \$20 was declared forfeited.

PROMINENT BANKER DEAD

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 18.—Otto J. Tobin, secretary of theibernia Savings bank, and one of the most prominent bankers of this city, died at 3 o'clock this morning. He has been ill for several months, and the recent run on the bank was kept from him for fear it would hasten his demise.

WILL BUILD INTERURBAN

TACOMA, Sept. 18.—General Manager W. B. Dimmock, of the Tacoma Railway & Power company, officially announces the proposed construction of an interurban line between Tacoma, Puyallup, Sumner and Orting, the line to be 21 miles in length. The line will cost \$500,000.

On Savings Accounts We Pay 4 Per Ct. Interest

Has a Branch at Georgetown. **LAMER D. HOGE, President.** **H. SOLENER, Cashier.** DIRECTORS: Ferdinand Schmitt, Samuel Rosenberg, George Thompson, Edward R. Dunn, James D. Hoge, J. D. Lowman, A. B. Stewart, Robt. C. McCormick, Chas. H. Rebb, W. B. Golder.

O. N. SODERQUIST DIES

O. N. Soderquist, a well known contractor, died yesterday at the family residence, 4195 Whitman av. The body is at Johnson & Hazard mortuary. The funeral services will be held next Sunday at 2 o'clock from the Swedish club.

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Seattle's Reliable Store—1512 to 1522 Second Av.

ONE PRICE TO ALL

AND that price the lowest ever quoted in Seattle on reliable qualities of merchandise. One trial will convince the most skeptical woman in the city that it pays to trade at the new McCarthy store.

10c a Yard

3,000 yards of sheeting or pillow casing Muslin go on sale tomorrow morning at 10c a yard. Your choice of the well known brands—Pequot, Pepperell or Lockwood—42 inches wide, full bleached and unbleached. Take your pick and save from 2c to 5c on every yard. This price is positively for Wednesday only. None will be sold to children or to dealers, and only 10 yards to a customer.

4 1/2c a yard

Brown and blue and white Apron Gingham, you know the kind. The quality priced regularly at 7c a yard. They come in all sizes of checks. You take your choice at 4 1/2c a yard. Only 10 yards to a customer, and none to dealers or to children.

79c a garment

Seventy-nine cents buy regular dollar underwear at McCarthy's tomorrow. Ladies' natural gray two-thread Swiss ribbed vests and drawers. Soft, warm, comfortable garments, full ninety per cent wool. They are splendid value at the regular price. For tomorrow, one day only, we shall sell them at 79c a garment.

8c a yard

For your choice of 2,000 yards of Normandy de Valenciennes and Point de Paris Laces (odd lots and broken lines). Widths up to 5 inches. These laces cannot be duplicated anywhere at less than our regular prices, which are 15c, 20c, 25c and 30c a yard. Take your choice tomorrow at 8c a yard.

6c a cake

For Kirk's famous Jap Rose Soap—a beautiful, pure and wholesome transparent glycerine toilet soap—always sold at 10c a cake. Tomorrow's price, only 6c a cake. Not more than 4 to a customer.

9c a pair

For Children's School Stockings of heavy ribbed black cotton. No seams, guaranteed stainless and equal to the best 12 1/2c school stockings you ever saw. All sizes tomorrow at only 9c the pair.

1c a package

For wire hair pins. Regular price 2c and 3c a package.

Liitle Notions

4c a package for 9-inch hat pins with white or black heads, six in a package, always sold at 7c a package. 6c a bolt for black, white and colored binding ribbon, regular price 10c a bolt. 2c a dozen for hold-fast garment fasteners or dress snaps, black or white, regular price 5c dozen.

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