"BAD TIME" SAYS MAYOR

Street Car Situation Discussed At Evanston Council Meeting Last Week.

ALDERMEN DIFFER

Eastman Would Encourage Company, While Others Oppose.

Street car franchise difficulties became the topic of discussion in the Evanston city council meeting when Mayor Joseph E. Paden referred to a letter which he had read in the Evanston Daily News, in which the president of the Chicago Traction company stated the position of that company in the matter of franchise and the frontage consents now agitating the local public mind.

Puts Question to Wallace.

His honor asked Chairman C. S. Wallace of the railroad committee if he had had any recent conferences with the officials of the railroad company and said "no railroad company should take it for granted that the city will let them run cars on public thoroughfares after the expiration of their grant." Mr. Wallace replied to the effect that he did not think the railroad company expected any such privilege, and when Alderman Topliff asked if the committee had considered the advisability of giving a temporary extension of the franchise or permit to operate cars pending an adjudication of the difficulty, the sixth ward alderman said that he did not believe either the committee or the council had a right to entertain any such proposition. Later in the discussion Mr. Wallace said that he thought the railroad company would run their cars as long as the city would permit them to do so, evidently meaning that they would not take their cars off the streets of Evanston on the day of the expiration of the grant unless the city police authority was invoked to force them to vacate.

Mr. Wallace said that since the North End Improvement association, the Evanston Commercial association and other organizations were interesting themselves in the extension of the franchise, he thought that the officials of the railroad company were content to let the matter rest in their hands and expected that these different local interests would ultimately bring to them the consents which must be had before they can apply to the council for an extension or a new franchise.

Eastman Would Help Company.

Alderman Eastman said that he thought the city council and every other interest in Evanston should do all they could to encourage the car company to get the frontage consents which the objectors' organization, known as the Sherman Avenue Improvement association, are at present withholding. Alderman Rossbach referred to the bad service of the company in the past two years and said that he would not vote for any franchise which did not guarantee a very great improvement of service. Mr. Wallace stated that the officers of the company had told him that the present equipment could be sold by them for about $25,000 as junk and that it would cost at least $400,000 to put on perfectly new cars, lay new rails and do the necessary overhead construction to put the system in an up-to-date condition and that the $25,000 to be realized from the old equipment looked better to them than the prospective profits upon a $400,000 investment, unless encouragement, now unforeseen, is received.

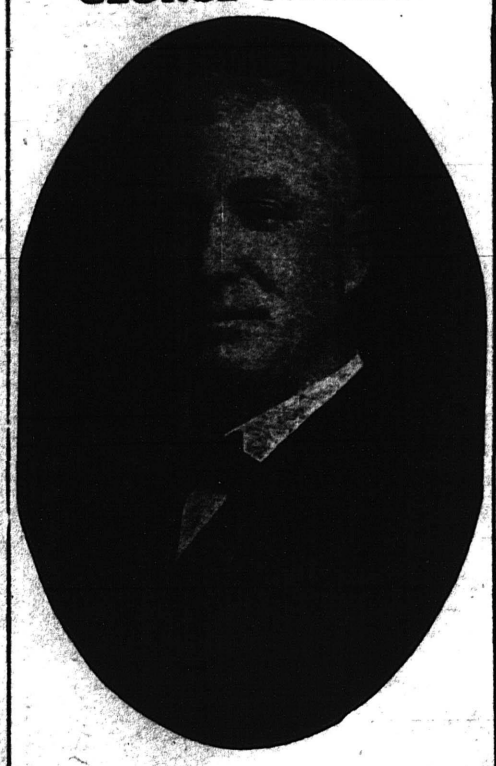
Cars to Stop on Near Side.

Alderman Wallace secured permission from the council to request the street car company to stop all cars on the near side of the street instead of on the far side, as is now and has been the custom in Evanston, except at certain intersections where conditions have made it advisable to require them to stop on the near side always, and on the far side when signaled.

At the close of the discussion on the street car situation, the mayor remarked that evidently the city council is helpless to do anything at this time, but added, "The situation is going to be a very disagreeable one when the cars stop."

Alderman Knapp reported for the water committee that the committee had been in conference with engineers with a view to engaging expert counsel and draftsmen to prepare plans and specifications for building the filtration plant, but added that no engagement had yet been made, although it was understood a week ago that the committee had practically decided to hire Langdon Pearse and James H. Fuertes.

GEORGE TAYLOR



George Taylor, a prominent Davis street grocer, who was 57 years old Saturday, and who will probably be Evanston's next postmaster under the Democratic administration of President-Elect Wilson.

POLICE IN RAID ON JOINT

Saturday afternoon the Evanston police, acting on information previously received, raided a joint at 910 Chicago avenue and captured three inmates. The men found in the place were Peter Steff, 678 Milwaukee avenue, Chicago, the owner and proprietor; Charles Bronston, 818 Washington street, colored, and Jim Babagianos, 910 Chicago avenue. The prisoners were hustled to the justice court of Justice Boyer and plead guilty to the charges of selling liquor preferred against them.

Steff, supposed to be the owner, was fined $200 and costs, and the other men were let off with $25 and costs. The raid was made by Sergeant A. Johnson and Officers Larkin and Paasch. The men were found with the liquor on the place and were not able to hide it before the officers were down upon them.

This means there is renewed vigilance on the part of the local police against the illegal selling of liquor which has been going on in the city limits and outside the limits. The campaign of The Lake Shore News has been having its results and with a continuous crusade by the police The Lake Shore News and other organizations working toward this end, the town should be cleaned up, as pledged by A. H. Bowman in his New Year's resolution.

POLICE WARN AGAINST METER MAN

The police wish to state to the residents of Evanston that a man representing himself as an electric meter repair man, from the Public Service corporation, is getting into Evanston homes and stealing articles under this guise. He is smooth-faced, wearing a brown suit and cap, no overcoat and high shoes. If anyone sees this party they will do the police a favor if they will notify the station.

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"REDS" BUMP AERO CLUB

Find it Easy Task to Defeat Chicago Quintet By Score of 30 to 14.

TWO MEN JOIN THE "BLUES"

The Evanston Reds basketball team had an easy time defeating the Aero club of Chicago, Saturday night. When the final whistle blew the score stood 32 to 14 in favor of the local team.

The Reds used eight men in the game, working out Lamke and McDonough at forwards in the first period and relieving them with James and Wilson in the second half. C. Ward took B. Ward's place at right guard in the last part of the game.

Improved team work was exhibited on every hand and the team has come back since their defeat by the Cardinals last Saturday night. The line-up:

Evanston Reds.		Aero Club.
Lamke, Wilson	R. F.	Leparde
McD'gh, James	L. F.	Blair
Ray Woods	C.	Foster
B. Ward, C. W'd	R. G.	Hintz
Baker	L. G.	Gilmore

Blues Play Curtain Raiser.

The Blues played a preliminary game with a "pick-up" team composed of high school players, and substitute Reds. The score of this was in their favor by the close margin of 27 to 26.

Two new men have joined the Blues, Ralph Gates, forward on the University of Illinois team last year, and Amberg, a former Harvard player Neither of the men are in good physical condition now, but they are practicing, and should soon round into shape. The addition of these two men to the squad gives Coach Baker eleven men of first-class calibre. It will soon be a difficult matter to select a team of five men without leaving some of the stars on the bench.

Some excellent games are scheduled for the next two weeks. On Jan. 25 the Reds play Detroit; on Feb. 1 they meet the Central Maroons, and on Feb. 8 bump up against the Northwestern university quintet.

Last concert Evanston Musical club, Jan. 30. Tickets at Colwell's.

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