

Local Fares on the Electric.

Complaints continue that conductors on the electric are charging fares in Glencoe in excess of what is permitted by the charter, which contains this provision: "The rate of fare for one continuous ride either way from one point to another over the railway hereby authorized, or any part thereof, within the corporate limits of the village of Glencoe, shall not exceed five cents, nor exceed five cents for one continuous ride over said street railway and connecting lines owned and operated by said company, its successors and assigns, from any point in said village to any point in the city of Highland Park."

Ex-councilman J. S. Taylor says that Monday last a lady friend of his with a child boarded a car at Scott ave. (within the village limits) for Highland Park. Her report to him was that the conductor required her to pay 10 cents for each herself and child. He gave her cash slips. The conductor of the connecting car north of the subway, she says, demanded 10 cents apiece more, despite her exhibition of the cash slips and tried to get her to surrender these. She held on to them, refused to pay any more and was put off near Ravinia.

Mr. Taylor, hearing her account of this, set out to verify it by his own experience. Late in the evening he boarded a car at Scott ave for Highland Park. The conductor accepted his nickel but gave him no slip and told him he would have to pay again north of the subway. The conductor of the car north of Park avenue demanded another fare but Mr. Taylor refused to pay any more and although the conductor insisted, was carried to Highland Park without it. On his return the conductor accepted a nickel but gave no cash-slip. The conductor south of the subway demanded another fare, but Mr. Taylor refused to pay and was put off about five hundred feet north of the village line.

The case of the woman and child seems an aggravated one, but we are to consider that the report is exparte and the conductor's side of the case (the north side conductor) might put a different phase on it. There seems

no excuse for the south-side conductor charging her double fares; but as to the other conductor, it is possible the woman did not understand what was required of her. Possibly what the conductor demanded was either another fare or the surrender of the slips, while it appears she wanted to retain the slips because they were the proof of an overcharge on the south side.

It is but fair to assume that the company does not intend to practice any petty extortion like this on their patrons, and that these irregularities result from misunderstandings and from points of the service not yet provided for, and not from any purpose to collect more than the lawful fares.

July 8th Treasurer Mauck of the C. & M. E. Ry, Co., in answer to a complaint from President Orde, wrote "Our superintendent advises us that the trainmen have instructions to collect five cents only from Glencoe to Highland Park." And he added: "we solicit reports of any improper service. It enables us to locate the trouble if parties give us the name, or number of badge of conductor, or information as to the exact time the car leaves a given point and the direction—north or south."

After the foregoing had been written, the writer met Mr. Mauck, who in reply to inquiry concerning the matters complained of, said that transfer tickets for 5-cent fares, to be punched by the conductor for the farthest station beyond the subway to which the holder was entitled to ride, had been prepared for use while the break in the line continued, but for some reason of which he was not informed they had not got into service. It followed that when a passenger had nothing to show he had paid a fare on the other side of the subway, the conductor could do nothing but charge him.

So we repeat the remark that these irregularities, while exasperating to the sufferers, result largely if not wholly from the incomplete state of the line and the unorganized condition of the service. A little time and better organization of details will cure the ills complained of.

BREVITIES.

Mr. James P. Brewster left Saturday last for Montana to visit his son.

Messrs Ben Becker and Magill were guests at Mr. Schnur's last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Newhall spent the past week at the Chicago Beach Hotel.

Miss Throckmorton is the guest of Mrs. Charles Shaw, Hazel and Vernon avenues.

Mrs. Gordon of Englewood, is visiting her neice, Mrs. F. W. Copeland, South avenue.

Prices of lots lying along the Green Bay road went up last Sunday several dollars per foot—in the minds of the owners.

Glencoe voted last Saturday 102 to 2 in favor of authorizing the High school board to borrow \$60,000 for high school purposes.

The lawn fete given by the Women's Guild of St Paul's Mission, Thursday evening of last week, at the residence of Mr. Jacob Schnur, was a great success. The grounds were beautifully lighted by Chinese lanterns and the piazzas were a thing of beauty and a joy for the time being. The ladies regret having to omit the greater part of the musical program on account of the noise of the merriment. The net proceeds were \$40. The ladies of the guild tender a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Schnur for the generous loan of their beautiful house and grounds.

AN EDUCATION.

Where will you attend school this fall? Before deciding this important question, you will do well by sending for a catalogue of the Northern Indiana Normal School at Valparaiso, Indiana. Do you desire to teach? Is it your wish to prepare for entering college? Would you like to fit yourself for any special line of brain work? If you would, this school will give you the best possible advantages for accomplishing the greatest amount of work in the shortest time, and at the least expense. For particulars address H. B. Brown, pres.

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