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SIMON SAYS "THUMBS DOWN"

It is about time we were waking up to the fact that operation by the government of railroads, telegraph, telephone and express companies is a Utopian dream. In fancy and theory, to be sure, there is nothing objectionable to the government running a perfect system of railroads, with every conductor sweet and amiable, with baggage men polite and accommodating, with engineers, firemen, ticket agents, trainmen, brakemen, signal men, and track sweeps all forming a heavenly little unit of affability right here on earth.

In theory an express company operated by some unknown but really beneficent official in far off Washington can receive, carry, and deliver eggs, butter, and apples without stealing over ten per cent of the gross shipment and still be polite and nice about it. In theory the telephone company operated by dear old Uncle Sam inflates the most modest of us with a feeling of personal ownership, and becomes a perfect system, run by the people and for the people at a nominal cost and with excellent service.

And with all this there comes, quite naturally, the concomitant reduction of cost. Railroad fares drop because the people own the railroads. Under private ownership the companies found they could issue twenty-five ride tickets at about twenty-six cents per ride and make money. But the government discovered that the railroads didn't know their own business, that in fact they had been selling rides at a loss for years and didn't know it.

But the recent decree of a federal official strikes a triple hammer blow at some of our most cherished illusions; government ownership for one, state rights, democracy. This official deprives the people of the north shore of their customary reduced rate and forbids the issuing of twenty-five ride tickets. No hearing was had. No opportunity to present any facts offered. The powers that be silently and secretly decreed that hereafter all citizens except those who might ride continuously should pay a fare suddenly increased from twenty-nine cents per ride to forty-six or sixty-nine cents.

Those who are interested in the trend of history find that a democracy when it assumes the powers of government in time of war takes on the form and exercises the powers of autocracy. The recent decree of the Railroad Administration gives us a concrete example and simplifies the history-lessons for the seeker after knowledge.

Years ago our state passed a law requiring all railroads to charge not to exceed two cents a mile. The Interstate Commerce Commission attempted to set this law aside but the Supreme Court declared the commissioner's decree illegal.

Then came war and the taking over of the railroads—the much-talked-of government ownership, in fact. It is a beautiful and inspiring phrase. We should take comfort in it. What do we care if they have decreed our twenty-five ride tickets be obliterated and that hereafter, those who prefer riding to walking can do so by contributing three cents per mile, to the public treasury for final distribution among the profiteers—the stock holders and bond holders of the railroads. Isn't it a grand and glorious feeling—isn't it a privilege to be able to part with forty-nine cents every time we make a trip to Chicago, and to enjoy the blessing of riding on a train owned and operated by our own U. S. A.?

LOCAL AND PERSONAL NEWS

Mrs. John S. Reesman spent a few days last week in Constantine, Mich., with the L. H. Meyer family.

On account of scarlet fever, Northwestern Military Academy is closed. Among the boys who have the scarlet fever is Frank Winston.

Miss Edna Stehl of Libertyville spent the week end with Miss Ethel Larson.

Miss Florence Shreve who has been ill with the grippe for the past few weeks, is much improved.

Mr. Merrill Follansbee who has been engaged in Red Cross work in France, is expected home some time next month.

The Misses Mildred and Catherine Sheahan spent the week end in Chicago visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Udell are receiving congratulations on the birth of a six pound daughter, born Tuesday morning.

Mr. William Cauley is confined to his home with the influenza.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Fritsch and baby of Chicago are the guests of Mr. B. O. Fritsch of North Avenue this week. Mrs. Fritsch was formerly Miss Pearl Arnold of this city.

Mrs. Edward A. Smith will leave early next week for St. Augustine, Fla., where she will spend a month visiting her father and mother, at the Alcazar.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Preston left yesterday for California where they will spend the remainder of the winter.

Mrs. William Rose is spending a month in Sigourney, Ia., visiting relatives.

The Social Trio will give a dance every Tuesday evening in Sant's Hall, Highwood. Music will be furnished by Nelson's Jazz Band. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. George Duffy are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, born Wednesday, January 22.

Miss Bessie Murphy, who has been confined to her home with influenza, is getting along nicely.

Mrs. O. Dickinson Street of New York is visiting her father, Mr. Frank L. Wean.

Mrs. George Scofield is spending this week in St. Louis, Mo., visiting her daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Vail have returned to Highland Park to make their home. Mr. Vail was stationed at Pensacola, Fla., in the aviation. Mrs. Vail has spent several months visiting her parents in Cleveland, O.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Rudolph of Linden Park Place will leave Saturday for the south to remain for the balance of the winter.

Mr. Walter Mierhoff, the progressive manager at Harder's, spent part of last week on a tour of inspection of some of the largest hardware stores in the state, his object being to learn the most modern and best methods of selling and displaying hardware.

Corporal Archie W. Jones returned last Thursday from Camp Custer, Mich., where he has been stationed. He has received an honorable discharge.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Randall and family will leave next week Saturday for a brief sojourn in California.

Mr. William Cauley, who has been stationed at Camp Sheridan, Ala., has returned home, having been honorably discharged.

Mr. Martin Music, who is attending St. Mary's school at Baltimore, Md., is spending two weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Venet Muzile.

Mr. Archibald Abercromby, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia, is very much improved.

Major and Mrs. Henry S. Vail and Mrs. Merrill Follansbee have returned from Frontenac, Fla., where they spent the past six weeks.

Mr. Charles Cauley has returned from Camp Hancock, Ga., where he was stationed. He has been released from the service.

Mrs. J. J. Barber and the Misses Arnt spent Sunday in Chicago.

While in Evanston last Sunday, Mr. William Terry was accidentally knocked down by an automobile. He received no injury, however.

All members of the Good Comrade Club are urged to attend a meeting to be held at the Y. W. C. A. rooms on Wednesday, February 5, at 8:00 p. m. Plans will be made for a valentine party to be given at the high school on Saturday evening, January 15.

Mrs. Harold O. Larsen of Evanston is spending this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Evans, while her husband is on a business trip in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvino Tyner will depart Monday for Palm Beach, Fla., where they will spend the balance of the winter.

Mr. H. P. Jeppesen is at present a patient at the Highland Park hospital.

The Thomas E. Winston family have moved from their home on Sheridan Road to a house on Lake Avenue which they have recently purchased.

Little Anna Goelitz of Ravinia is ill with the measles.

Col. Moffett's family have moved from Fort Sheridan to the house formerly occupied by Col. Winston.

Mrs. Thomas Welsh received a card on Monday from her brother, Emmett Maroney, who enlisted with the Marines about a year ago. He had not been heard from since last September, but is now in Germany.

Col. Moffett left Sunday evening for El Paso, Tex.

Mrs. Bagley of Salt Lake City will arrive here next week to visit her daughter, Mrs. Edward Warren.

The Social Committee of the P. T. A. entertained at the Jolly Tar Club at Waukegan Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. H. O. Larsen, Mrs. Stevens and daughter, Irene, and Miss Emma Evans spent Sunday in Chicago as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Evans.

Mr. Harold Oleson who was commissioned second lieutenant in the Signal Corps of the Radio School has been honorably discharged. He has returned to New York after a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Oleson, where he has accepted a position as electrical engineer, doing radio work. Mr. Oleson has been sent to Miami, Fla., for the remainder of the winter.

NORTH SHORE CEMETERY SHOWS RAPID GROWTH

Stockholders Hold Annual Meeting to Elect Officers and Directors

At a recent meeting of the Modern Cemetery and Mausoleum Company, directors for the ensuing year were elected as follows: John Western, Dr. L. B. Jolly, G. E. Fernald, Emerson C. Shaw, C. D. Wachter, and Rollo Western.

The directors subsequently elected these officers: John Western, president; Dr. L. B. Jolly, vice-president; G. E. Fernald, secretary and treasurer.

Some interesting items of progress were brought out concerning this interesting North Shore institution. Five new lot sections were graded and seeded during the past year, four of which were staked into lots, thus making a total of six sections which have passed the early stages of improvement. The management does not say that the sections are complete, as it is the policy of the company to keep on improving every square rod of ground in the cemetery from year to year as far as human skill can think of ways in which intelligent and artistic improvement can be made.

Practically every portion of the North Shore district is now represented in the ownership of lots in North Shore Cemetery and the cemetery has had funerals from every town from Evanston to Waukegan, inclusive. The sale of lots during the past year has been very satisfactory notwithstanding the handicaps imposed by war conditions. The scale of prices for lots should range from \$25 (for a single grave lot) to \$375, and the list of lot owners includes several of the best known citizens of various north shore towns—merchants, manufacturers, capitalists, publishers and professional people. All sales of lots during recent months have been to people who have come to the management, no active salesmen having been employed.

The report on the perpetual care fund which is being accumulated with the Chicago Title and Trust Co. shows that it now amounts to upwards of \$1,000. The management claims that North Shore Cemetery is the first cemetery ever opened in the state of Illinois which commenced to accumulate a perpetual care fund with the very first lot sold and continued to make deposits from the receipts for every subsequent lot sold. The plan provides for the deposit of ten cents per square foot for each lot within thirty days after the deed is issued with the understanding that the same shall be invested in permanent investments guaranteed by the Trust company, the income added to the principal semi-annually until the total amount to 50 cents per square foot, or upwards of \$17,000 per acre, after which the income will be used to care for and protect the grounds for all time to come. It is certain that the nucleus of this fund will amount to more than \$2,000 before the end of this year and that it will amount to upwards of \$5,000,000 before the lots in the cemetery are all sold.

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Bible School will meet next Sunday at nine thirty.

The Junior sermon will be about a pair of skis.

The Communion of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at the regular morning service at eleven o'clock. All those who believe in Christ as their Saviour and Lord are welcome to take part irrespective of their church affiliation.

The monthly vesper service will be held at four o'clock in the afternoon.

The Dorcas Society will hold an all day meeting on Monday in the Parish House. Luncheon will be served at twelve o'clock.

Prayer meeting will be held at eight o'clock on Wednesday evening.

It is denied that government operation of the railroads is not profitable, as by assessing the taxpayers \$200,000,000 they will have a splendid balance for the treasury of \$150,000,000.

The people who figure that the bankers are rascals haven't any objection to their handling the sale of \$20,000,000,000 Liberty Bonds without any commission.

While the colleges are getting ready to teach women the laborious occupation of farming, vast numbers of able bodied men are still sitting on stools in the rear of the dry goods counters.

It is difficult to imagine Roosevelt thoroughly happy in Heaven, unless there are a few mollycoddlers and malefactors up there for his vigorous denunciation.

A lot of people who refer to forgers as "wops" and "dagoes" stayed at home and made money, while the wops and dagoes fought for them in France.

The politicians who are getting ready to welcome home the soldiers with speeches proving that the aforesaid politicians must be elected to care for the soldiers' interests.