

RAILWAY WANTS 'T' RAILS ON GREENLEAF

Petitions Utilities Body to That Effect

"T" rails will be laid on the Chicago, North Shore and Milwaukee Electric railway right-of-way along Greenleaf avenue, Wilmette, if the Illinois Public Utilities commission acts favorably upon a petition about to be filed with the commission by the road.

Attorney Bradley, speaking in the interests of the North Shore line, appeared before the Wilmette Village board Tuesday evening, August 1, and formally made known the fact that the petition of the company was prepared and ready to be filed with the commission.

Villagers Protest Action

Several residents of the village attended the meeting and offered objections and it was stated officially that Village Attorney Crossley would appear at the prospective hearing before the commission to enter formal objection in the name of the village.

Attorney Bradley appeared before the board in conformance with a promise made by him some time ago to the effect that he would give the village officials due notice before the petition was filed.

Explains Situation

The proposed new right-of-way along East Railroad avenue in Wilmette and Jenks street and its continuation in North Evanston is so involved in litigation, Mr. Bradley asserted, that it was not probable the proposed route could be projected for some years.

He declared the laying of "T" rails along Greenleaf avenue was a matter of public safety and that it would have the effect of lessening the noise attendant upon the traffic over the present time-worn roadway.

Book Reviews

By John Philip Morris

OUR VERY OWN

We of the north shore freely admit our superiority to the rest of Chicago and her other suburbs. Of the three million, we have the most culture, the greatest love for the best and beautiful. Moreover with us to think is to achieve. We do not say with Chicago "I Will" but with Calogne "It is done." Let us then sustain our reputation by showing that with us the proverb about the lack of honor accorded a local prophet is a paradox and so give Mr. Mark Odea of Winnetka the homage that is due him.

Here is an inconspicuous gentleman in quiet garments and unlitary spectacles going among us and sharing our daily tasks and talks and in whom is burning a spark of that rare flame that illuminated Shakespeare and made Moliere a blazing comet.

I have just finished RED BUD WOMEN, Mr. Odea's book of four one act plays and in my opinion they are only excelled in America today by Eugene O'Neil, whose new collection containing THE HAIRY APE and the immortal Anna lie also before me.

Where Mr. O'Neil deals principally with the physiology of the male Mr. Odea studies the reactions of the female and where Eugene goes to the slums and sink pits, Mark has chosen the lonely farms and windy fields for his raw material.

Mr. O'Neil is so firmly enshrined that one can only say that each new work shows his great genius the more and that his plays read as well as they act and vis a vis, but it is a pleasure to tell all my friends about Mr. Odea.

He is one of those choice men who understands and can translate a woman's thoughts and who can make out of a trivial incident in every day life a strong, gripping, meaty mouthful. He is earnest, so earnest that his comedy is much weaker than his tragedy.

Have you ever gazed listlessly out of the window of a flying train and asked yourself as you passed some

solitary farm or clusterette of houses "How do those people live?" RED BUD WOMEN strives to answer a little of this question.

It is a duty and a pleasure which you owe to yourself to read this book, and to persuade our club to produce one or more of these episodes next winter. When they are better known the cement walk leading to that pleasant house on Ash Street will be well worn with the footsteps that point the way to genius.

Mr. Stephen Leacock is the Professor of Political Economy at McGill University, Toronto, Canada. Recently in the pursuit of knowledge he journeyed to the Mother Country. His experiences there are now offered in book form under the title MY DISCOVERY OF ENGLAND. For an earnest seeker for information that will strengthen the bonds with our

late ally the book is a disappointment. It will also terribly fail to please those who wish to see the shrines of the homeland thru Mr. Leacock's eyes. He was so overwhelmed with trivialities that he found no time for the Better Things. For instance he starts out for the historic Abbey and instead of entering and describing that sacred edifice he tells us how he bought some safety razor blades. Fancy!

He tells us not of Lady Asquith, Lloyd George, Carpentier and other notables but takes instead a whole chapter to describe the uncouth and unknown chairmen who introduced him to lecture audiences.

The book is full of misprints. In speaking of drinking in Scotland he states "The percentage of the working class drinking beer is 125; the percentage of the class without work

drinking is 200." Either the proof reader is at fault or this Professor is singularly ignorant not to know that 100 is the highest possible percentage.

It is interesting to hear that the Scotch never use whiskey as a beverage but only as a medicine or for some similar good reason. I am assured by a prominent physician that this fact is being realized among us and that he finds a genuine and creditable awakening among laymen of the medical value of the drug.

Messrs. Dodd Mead & Co., the publishers state that seven people have laughed themselves to death over the book. That there should be such a wide recognition of the absurdity of the views and impressions of Mr. Leacock is really a good sign. Well perhaps if you want to laugh get the book—but it is the sort of thing that would never do with us.

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