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INTERURBAN TROLLEY LINES.

(Atlanta Journal.)

The incorporation of a traction company in Nashville with the object of building an interurban trolley line from that city to several towns in southern Kentucky leads the Courier-Journal to remark that electric railway mileage is growing rapidly in the United States.

"A notable feature of these enterprises is that nearly all of them are profitable and that comparatively few have been involved in financial troubles. In numerous instances they parallel steam railway lines, but they have been able to build up a remunerative traffic."

The fact is the interurban trolley line renders a particular kind of service which the railroad often finds difficult, if not impossible, to perform. It develops traffic peculiarly its own and upbuilds a field of interest which otherwise would be neglected. There are territories which afford equally substantial returns to steam and electric carriers, just as a city supports both cabs and street cars.

Such lines, when prudently promoted, appeal to farsighted investors and, certainly, they contribute a great deal to the upbuilding of the country they traverse. The value of farm lands adjacent to a well-conducted electric line steadily increases. Town and villages along the way take on new business life and fresh attraction to the homeseeker. Social and educational interests are quickened; and the terminal city profits greatly from their closer and wider touch with neighboring communities.

Many regions of the South offer particularly fertile opportunity for interurban trolley lines. It may be expected that the next few decades will bring numerous enterprises of this character; and those that are projected with due knowledge and care will undoubtedly thrive with the South's developing resources.

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GAMBLERS SAID TO BE VERY BUSY IN TWO STATES

(Salisbury Post.)

For some time it has been intimated that there were a number of traveling gamblers, not down-and-outs, but fellows who are waxing fat at other people's expense, who were making Salisbury at stated intervals and that these fellows had feelers or confederates who are located here and who occasionally make another point with some of the bunch and who give every assistance and participate either by playing or through schemes in the games in this city. This belief is strengthened by the following taken from this morning's Greensboro News, and indicates that Salisbury is one of the points in the itinerary between Lynchburg and Charlotte:

There is a well organized band of gamblers for big game operating between certain North Carolina and Virginia cities who have their clubs, their dope and their runners and a perfect understanding among them, according to information indirectly furnished The Daily News. It is said these gamblers have been operating for several months past and so well laid their plans that it is almost impossible to get evidence necessary to convict.

Their routes or their territory, it is said to be included between Lynchburg, Roanoke, Danville, Greensboro and Charlotte, and possibly up to the Asheville line, and along the coast to Wilmington. From the nature of the suggested information it would seem that in the towns they operate in they have members, and that these members keep thoroughly posted and that occasionally they find some one who is ready for a game, take him off with them and through divers means get his money at a "little" game of poker.

These gamblers are said to follow their routes in somewhat of a system, meeting with local members and "framing up" for some one who has been spotted. Occasionally a man from one town who is ready for a little recreation consents to make a trip to another town with an ostensible friend—the two and their way into the hospitable graces of some fellows, or maybe there is a two-handed game going on, and two more will make it four-handed—the more the merrier—and the process of extraction after a possible indulgence in whiskey that has been doctored with chloral or something else as effective, is then begun until a reasonable quantity of the coin is extracted.

An experience said to have been undergone gives information bearing out this scheme which are sometimes employed by the organization. It shows a certain shrewdness that compels admiration for the fact of the calm deliberation which evidently was behind the scheme and the careful laying of the wires. It is a master bit of construction.

As the story goes a man who was worth considerable money and who didn't mind a game once in a while, and who was feeling the need of

some relief from care, was approached by one whom he thought he knew. During their conversation it develops that this well off person is in one of his moods, and an invitation is extended to take a trip to a certain town—Lynchburg for instance—where the alleged friends says he knows several friends. It is ascertained that \$25 or \$30 will be enough for the trip and back and board and a few drinks.

They arrive at their destination and take a stroll down the street. The friend issues an invitation to go to the club. "The club?" Well, its a quiet place of recreation and rest, so they go.

Within, seated at a table, they find a couple of men in a quiet game of cards. The friend decides to join and the well-off man instead prefers a drink. At the buffet he is served, and when a feeling of unusual grogginess comes, a slightly tired feeling, he takes a hand in the game and invests some of the traveling money, which eventually goes hither.

He is informed by his friend that across the street a check can be cashed with the friend's recommendation and a few hundred are secured. These, too, go the way of the smaller amount and the mind is still somewhat heavy. Another check for a few more hundred is cashed and the total amount goes toward the \$1,000 mark, all of which somehow finds its way out of the hands of the well off man.

Then they quit and go off to the hotel to bed. To cut short what might be made a longer story it is late: learned that before the well-off man and the alleged friend started on the trip the latter evidently had wired someone to the effect that he had a good one that they would arrive at a certain time, and that everything should be ready.

This, as an illustrative case, is said to be the modus operandi of one of the best organized crowds of men to be found. A still further light on the scheme is declared to be the fact that most of the packs of playing cards have been marked in some definite way by the manufacturers, and that for a sum of something like \$50 it is possible to get the key to these cards, which makes easy the effective carrying out of any such plans as the one illustratedly given.

RAILROAD EXTENSION.

(Raleigh Times.)

Work has begun on the Charleston Northern railroad and it is expected it will be completed by next November, giving the Seaboard Air Line direct through connection from Hamlet to Charleston, but there will be later yet another connection with Charleston, this being effected by the building of 25 miles more of line to Monroe from Jefferson, S. C. The purpose of this is to give the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio railway and the Seaboard Air Line, which are extremely friendly, a road with light grade from Bostic to Charleston; Bostic being the place where the C. C. & O. reaches the Seaboard Air Line.

Evidently Charleston is in the eye of railroad men as a port and a coal-station. The C. C. & O. is one of the costliest and best roads in the United States. The Seaboard Air Line is to get into Augusta by way of the Carolina and Georgia railway, which is to be built to Augusta from Columbia, S. C., and at Augusta the Seaboard is to connect with the Georgia and Florida railway.

ECONOMIC DEPRESSION IN JAPAN

Tokio, Jan. 24.—Despite official utterances to reassure the public, Japan is declared in other quarters to be suffering from an economic depression. In the northeastern section a famine has made the situation particularly acute. In some cases schools have had to close because there was no money to pay the teachers and because the children, weak from lack of food, were unable to attend. The Hokkaido government has asked the central government to advance \$15,000,000 for relief funds.

The chief cause of the general depression, which began about the time of the death of Emperor Mutsumihito, is the heavy taxation of the people which is necessary to pay the interest on the national debt of over a billion dollars. The wave of elation among the people at the close of the victorious war with Russia and a patriotic business boom also caused a general rise in the standard of living and the price of commodities soared as a result of the luxurious level of expenditure. Then came reaction. This was due to the burden of extraordinary taxes to meet the war debt and constant expenditures in the building up of a big army and navy.

The government, however, is attacking the problem heroically by making heavy retrenchments. Much to the dissatisfaction of the people, it has been decided to abandon the tax proposal, at least, the long-standing proposal to create two more military divisions.

Baron Takahashi, the minister of finance, promises a reduction of taxes to lighten the burdens of the people. He will endeavor to continue the practice of retrenching national debt by \$25,000,000 yearly. He looks forward also to an increase in the amount of capital invested in the establishment or expansion of banking and industrial enterprises. Costly harbor improvements may be delayed but the authorities are actively planning to build a new waterworks system in the city of Tokio and construct a sewage system of which the metropolis stands badly in need in the interest of public health. For these improvements loans will probably soon be sought in Europe.

But it is by increasing her export trade that Japan hopes to find real relief. Continuous order in China, whose revolution upset the market for Japanese goods, and the opening of the Panama Canal are greatly desired as furnishing means for augmenting the exports and thereby reducing the balance of trade which now stands against Japan.

Everybody is also looking forward eagerly to the coronation of the new emperor next fall as signaling the bright prospects for the increased demand for labor and putting a large amount of money into circulation.

The Japanese business men who visited the United States ten years ago have decided upon a campaign for closer understanding between the two countries. At a recent reunion upon the anniversary of the party's return after a four-months' stay in America, resolutions were adopted asking friends in America to assist in furthering the traditional friendship between Japan and the United States. It was decided that members of the party should send personal letters to their American acquaintances seeking their aid in this cause.

This is but one of the many indications of Japan's earnest desire to be understood by the United States as a first-class power and to bring an end to the movements in the United States which hit the Japanese.

It would be a mistake, however, to believe that Japan intends to drop the California land question. On the contrary, there is every indication that she will stick tenaciously to her original position. This point of view was voiced by Euzo Nakano, president of the chamber of commerce while welcoming a party of Japanese tourists from Sacramento. He said it was a source of deep regret that the land question remained unsettled, despite the united and assiduous efforts of both the Japanese government and the Japanese people for a speedy solution. It would require further effort and the Japanese at home were fully prepared to strive to the last for a fundamental settlement.

The first woman bank president in Japan has established herself in Tokio. She is Mrs. Kin Seno, who, at the age of 28, rose to the position in every sense the executive head of the Seno Commercial bank of Tokio, and is rapidly making a name for herself.

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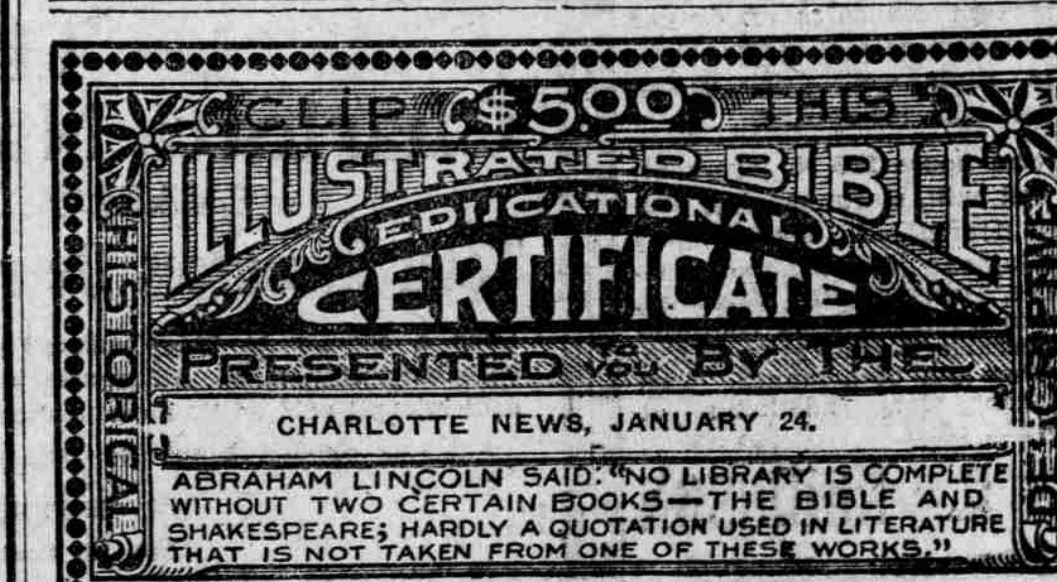
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