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D. U. R.—LAW BREAKER

With its customary hindsight keener than its foresight, the Detroit United continues to ignore public sentiment, court orders and the stipulations of the Gaspie law, which went into effect last week, and charges Birmingham people an excessive and illegal price to go to the city of Detroit.

The Detroit United has been violating the state laws for some time, in persistently charging 3 cents a mile on through rides, for one mile of track outside of the city limits, just north of the State Fair grounds when the limit for any mileage was legally established at 2 1/2 cents.

Passengers from Birmingham are charged 22 cents to go to the city limits, if they pay a through fare; but if they pay to Royal Oak the fare is 11 cents, and from Royal Oak to the city limits the local fare of 50 cents applies. This means a discrimination against 22 cents to go to the city limits, if they pay a through fare; but if they pay to Royal Oak the fare is 11 cents, and from Royal Oak to the city limits the local fare of 50 cents applies.

The Gaspie law provides that a fare of 1 1/2 cents a mile shall be paid by roads earning above a certain sum per car mile. The Detroit United comes under this class, but has not yet filed a schedule of its earnings, per car mile, as required by the state utilities commission, and has been cited to do this pronto.

One would think that the Canadian managers of the Detroit United would eventually awaken to the fact that the American people can be beguiled into many things that they can never be slugged into through coercion. The Detroit United has vested interests in Michigan, but even these vested interests cannot largely of free grants for rights-of-way, free franchises, and tracks paid for out of the earnings of the city traction lines, at the expense of the maintenance funds of the city lines.

Because of this situation and the fact that the Detroit United was created as a period in our financial history when franchises, damages and the future were capitalized with common stock of fabulous figures, by frenzied financiers, the Detroit United has small right to claim that protection which honestly invested capital has to that credit, the right of vested interests.

The lousiness which the Detroit United crowd ought to have learned out of the situation in Detroit, should serve as a warning and an eye-opener. The great common people are not so susceptible to the old line of bunk as they swallowed a quarter of a century ago. Oakland county patrons of the Detroit United lines have been unlawfully mulcted each year, and are still unjustly overcharged approximately \$15,000 a year, because they air forced to pay through Detroit fares, in excess of two joint local rates.

And then, in the face of these facts the management of the road asserts that the spirit riding the wave of public opinion is one of socialism. They wonder why Birmingham people are glad to patronize competing buslines, even if the service is not as good as traction service could be. And they will finally wonder, when the lightning hits them and lands the answer to them in the face, what the answer is. The answer is simple. Get Americanized and in touch in a sympathetic way, with the great American people and their wants.

"PRESS PICKINGS"
The second annual reunion of the Pagan family, descendants of Peter Pagan, will be held Sunday, August 28, at the home of Mrs. C. H. Spaulding, north of Holly. They are a numerous lot, and a big time is certain. Guests will be present from Attica, Flint, Hapeer, Mackinac, Farwell, Detroit, Lansing, Kalamazoo, Linn and other places.

Royal Oak city's charter will be completed by Sept. 15, George A. Dondero, chairman of the charter commission informed the present city commission at which the charter will be voted upon and officers elected, will be held on November or December. The commission-manager form of government under which the village operated from 1917 to 1921, is provided for under the city charter. A mayor and six commissioners (three men and three women) will be elected from the city-at-large, the city manager being appointed by the commission.

A number of Milford girls are at Elizabeth Lake to spend two weeks in the country farm bureau girls' camp there. The camp is in charge of Mrs. George T. Hendrie of Bloomfield.

Declaring the printing trade has been short of help for years, due to a dying out of training of apprentices, a committee of Kalamazoo printers has appealed to the board of education to establish a course of training for printers in the high school.

Corn will be a bumper crop in the upper peninsula district. Hay and oats are a light crop of inferior quality.

DURAND CIGARS, very mild, adv.

DAREDEVIL AIR STUNTS GALORE AT STATE FAIR

The world famous aviator, Al Wilson, the Jersey Ringel Aerial Circus, and "The Riley's" balloonists and parachute jumpers, will join in furnishing crowds at the State Fair in Detroit, Sept. 2 to 11, with thrills that will hold them breathless.

The airplane stunts will include looping the loop while standing upright on top of the plane, walking on wings of the plane while in flight, changing from plane to plane in mid-air, racing with motor cars around the mile track, picking up passenger from motor car by airplane, parachute jumps from airplane and numerous other death-defying acts that require both consummate skill in the handling of the craft and intrepidity as well as nerves of steel on the part of the stunt artists.

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FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS
Forty-Four Years Ago
There will be a meeting of the Birmingham Fishing Club Monday evening, Sept. 2, 1878, at the post-office. All members are requested to be present and any one wishing to join, will please to hand in their name with \$2.00, or be present at 6 o'clock sharp. J. B. Peabody, president.

Dead—At Ewart, Mich., August 29th, at noon, infant daughter of E. C. and M. Poppleton.

A post-card awaits an owner, addressed to "the meekest man in town." Now, don't all claim it at once.

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In Effect January 18, 1921
(Eastern Standard Time)

Southbound—7:10 a.m.—4:40 a.m.—5:20 a.m.—5:52 a.m.—6:24 a.m.—6:56 a.m.—7:28 a.m.—and every 20 minutes to 8:20 p.m.; 6:15 p.m. and hourly to 11 p.m. and 9:35 p.m. then hourly to 11 p.m.

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