

MERCHANTS FAVOR GENERAL TRANSFER AND LOWER FARE

Chamber of Commerce Urges Street Car Reforms.

HALF RATES FOR PUPILS

W. F. Gude, President, Honored by Marks of Esteem.

Charles W. Darr's Motion Carried by Heavy Majority—No Opposition to Principle of Traffic Changes—Children Under Six Years Free—Special School Privileges in Line with Custom in Other Cities.

SCOPE OF REFORM.

Resolved, That the committee on law and legislation be and it is hereby directed to prepare and cause to be presented in Congress a bill providing for the interchange of transfers by all street railroads operating within the District of Columbia.

By the adoption of a sweeping resolution the Chamber of Commerce last night went on record as an advocate not only of the much-mooted universal transfer, but of half-fare rates for all school children—age no consideration—and of free conveyance for all children under six years of age.

PRESENTED BY DARR. The resolution, presented by Charles W. Darr, a well-known Washington attorney, as a substitute for one previously presented to the Chamber, directs the law and legislation committee to prepare a bill embodying these features and to arrange for its introduction at the present session of Congress.

Desire of the Public. "There is no question as to the desire of the public in regard to the universal transfer," said Mr. Darr in introducing the resolution.

ANGRY GRAPE GROWERS POUR WINES IN STREET

Champagne Flows in Gutters Like Water in Demonstration Against Law Barring District.

Epernay, France, April 11.—The adoption by the Senate to-day of a resolution favoring suppression of territorial delimitations as regards the growing of champagne wine was followed by rioting in the Department of Marne this afternoon.

AMALGAMATION OF TRADE BODIES SEEMS PROBABLE

Chamber of Commerce Members Favor It.

BACKERS SEE SUCCESS

Reception to Congressmen Plan Breaks the Ice.

Discussion on Floor of Chamber Last Night Shows Sentiment in Favor of Amalgamation in that Body—Mr. Gude Believes Strongly in One Civic Organization in Capital City—Blame the Board.

That the exclusive announcement in The Washington Herald yesterday of the pending amalgamation of the Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Trade was authentic was proven last night at the monthly meeting of the first-named body.

MR. GUDE'S SPEECH. Formally launched by William F. Gude, in the course of a speech of appreciation for a handsome check presented by friends in the Chamber, and enthusiastically endorsed by President Oyster, the plan was promised a speedy success.

Favors One Body. "There is a great field for one civic organization in this city," said William F. Gude, former president of the Chamber of Commerce, and director of both the Chamber and the Board of Trade.

Cunningham is Fit. Cunningham, who replaces Germany Schaefer, has been laboring under a severe handicap all spring. The youngster reported twenty pounds overweight, and has had to work like a horse in order to get rid of the excess baggage.

NATIONALS OPEN SEASON TO-DAY AGAINST BOSTON

President Taft Will Occupy Box at New Park.

DOLLY GRAY TO TWIRL

Only Two Changes in Line-up from Initial Game Last Year.

Red Sox Reach Capital and Practice on Georgetown Field—Henry Most Promising Youngster in Year.

BATTING ORDER: NATIONALS. Boston. Miller, cf. Gardner, 2b. Leivelt, lf. Hooper, rf. Eberfeld, 3b. Speaker, cf. Cunningham, 2b. Lewis, lf. Geaster, rf. Wagner, ss. Henry, 1b. Williams, 1b. Hyde, ss. Engle, 3b. Street, c. Kleinow, c. Gray, p. Wood, p.

By WILLIAM PEET. President Taft and 15,000 other lusty-lunged rooters will throng the Florida avenue ball park this afternoon to watch Jimmy McAleer's Nationals open the American League season against the Boston Red Sox.

JOHNSON IN UNIFORM. Walter Johnson will not pitch for the home team, but he will be on the job in a brand new uniform and warm up with the other pitchers before the umpire's war cry of "Batter up" is heard.

Boston Club Confident. The Boston Red Sox received the capital yesterday noon and put in a couple of hard hours practice on the Georgetown field.

Henry to Play First. Bob Unghly, the 1910 first sacker, is now managing the Lincoln (Neb.) club of the Western League, and in his place John Henry, the sensational young collegian, will hold sway.

McAleer's Record. At the very start the Nationals have one advantage over the Boston Red Sox, for they are easily in better physical condition. The veterans, Gabby Street, Kid Eberfeld, and George McBride, look much better than the Boston vets, Heinie Wagner, Jack Kleinow, and Clyde Engle.

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