

## FT. WAYNE MAN NEW ELECTRIC RAIL LEADER

Officers of Central Association  
Chosen at Closing  
Session.

### LOCAL MAN OFFICIAL

The mid-year convention of the Central Electric Railway Association closed today at the Hotel Lincoln with the election of officers. Samuel W. Greenleaf, Ft. Wayne, was elected president of the organization to succeed A. C. Blinn, J. P. Barnes, Louisville, was elected first vice president and Harry Reed of Indianapolis, second vice president. L. E. Earlywine of Indianapolis was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

The newly-elected board of directors consists of R. L. Todd, Indianapolis; H. A. Nicoll, Anderson; W. S. Rodger, Detroit; F. W. Coen, Sandusky, Ohio; J. P. Collins, Jackson, Mich.; F. N. Root, Kalamazoo, Mich.; and G. F. Seely, Youngstown, Ohio.

**EXECUTIVES TO MEET HERE FEB. 28.**  
Announcement was made of the meeting of the executives of the electric railways companies of the country to be held at the Claypool Hotel on Feb. 28, in conjunction with interurban service to combat motor truck competition.

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(Continued From Page One.)

new State committee after the primary. The resolution inviting women to participate follows:

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## U. S. CAN SET OWN DATE FOR GENOA PARLEY

British and Italians Bring  
Pressure for Representation  
of U. S.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—While the armament conference was in session all the time today, waiting word from Tokyo and Pekin which will permit finishing up details, efforts were renewed in British and Italian quarters to have the United States reconsider its decision against entering the Genoa economic conference.

Officials of this Government have been informally assured that the United States can select its own date for the economic parley and that if the date already set, March 8, is too early, the Italian government will recall the invitations issued and fix a later date for the meeting.

Both British and Italian spokesmen in Washington have made it clear to American officials that they consider American participation in the Genoa meeting absolutely necessary to its success. Without America, they have declared the proposed meeting probably would resolve itself into a continuation of the bickering that has marked recent gatherings of European statesmen.

Emphasis has been laid on the desire of America's moral influence in the meeting. The British and Italian spokesmen have emphasized that America is the only nation that could have successfully engineered the armament conference and that with the record of its achievement already written, an American delegation could enter the Genoa meeting and wield tremendous influence for the pacification of Europe's troubles.

American officials have replied that the proposed date, March 8, is wholly out of the question, but they have indicated that a meeting at some later date would meet with favorable consideration.

Much depends, it was admitted today, on the reports that Ambassador Harvey will make within the next week in his conversations with officials of the new French government. Harvey is in Paris today and during the next few days will hold a number of conferences with French officials.

The United States is strongly opposed to sitting down with Soviet Russia as an equal and there is strong aversion to any such action in such a manner as the meeting that it was found necessary to send out a committee to ask the Senator to address the members.

Although a close watch was kept on the committee, it was reported at one time, however, that Senator New's opponent in the primary.

Senator New was not far from the committee and responded at once. Cheers could be heard through the closed doors of the room.

The Senator, according to statements of persons who afterward left the meeting, asked for confidence in the Administration at Washington. He told the committee members that the President has a great Cabinet and a hard working Congress. He said the Administration is accomplishing great things in the face of almost unsurmountable difficulties. He did not discuss his candidacy.

The members of the committee appointed to invite Senator New to speak are Will J. Robinson of Lebanon, Thomas J. Jackson of New Albany and Fred Ewing of Princeton.

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From these words, written on scraps of paper, police today were endeavoring to solve the poison mystery of the woman who registered at a hotel here three days ago as "Mrs. E. C. Campbell, St. Louis."

She was found unconscious yesterday, with an empty poison bottle near her bedside and died without regaining consciousness. She was well dressed and evidently a woman of refinement.

The tragedy of her life, which evidently she made an effort to write while succumbing to the poison draught, as well as her identity, thus far have baffled