

Bernard (Barney) Weil Frauenthal 1891

The following data is extracted from *Centennial History of Missouri*.

Barney W. Frauenthal, general traffic agent of the United Railways Company of St. Louis, was born in White Haven, Pennsylvania, February 27, 1869. He attended the public schools at White Haven and completed his education at the Central State Normal School at Lock Haven, Pennsylvania.

In May, 1883, Mr. Frauenthal entered the service of the Union Depot Company in the telegraph department of the old Union depot at Twelfth and Poplar streets, where he was steadily promoted to higher responsibilities in the telegraph and ticket departments. In 1893 he accepted a position with the Wabash Western Railway Company in a capacity preparatory to fitting him for the information bureau of the St. Louis Union station, then in process of construction. On the opening of the Union station, September 2, 1894, he was given charge of the information bureau and under his unique direction it became the first successful organized bureau for the dissemination of general information in the world. On January 25, 1904, he was promoted to the position of general ticket agent of the Union station, comprising nineteen associated lines. On April 10, 1912, he was appointed general passenger and ticket agent of the Terminal Railroad Association, the St. Louis Merchants Bridge Company and The Wiggins Ferry Company. On September 25, 1919, he severed his connection with the steam railways and accepted an appointment by Rolla Wells as general traffic agent for the United Railways Company of St. Louis under the receivership.

Mr. Frauenthal is president of the Barney's Information Guide Company, a director of the Union Station Trust Company, and treasurer of the Mount Olive Building & Loan Association. He was elected by the city council a member of the Mullanphy board, a charity trust fund, the city of St. Louis being trustee, and in 1908 he served as vice president of that board. In 1909 he served as the first president of the Shaw's Garden District Improvement Association and from July 10, 1912, until August 31, 1914, he was a member of the Hospital Board of the city of St. Louis and when that board was abolished by the new charter, he was, on July 19, 1915, appointed a member of the Municipal Nurses Board of the city of St. Louis, created by the new charter, and he served as vice president of that body until October 17, 1918.

Mr. Frauenthal's entire business career has been identified with railroad service and his activities have been of a most constructive and important character. His original method of organizing the bureau of information won for him a national reputation, and his advance from that position has been steady on account of his capable and quick grasp of his duties. While his business activities have constantly increased in volume and importance, he has at the same time devoted much time to public service. He has labored untiringly to further general progress and to improve all of the public offices he has held.

Mr. Frauenthal is a charter member of Magnolia Masonic Lodge and prior to the formation of that lodge he had been an active member of Pride of the West Lodge, A. F. & A. M. In 1891 and 1892 he was colonel commanding the Missouri Division of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. In 1905 Mr. Frauenthal was elected secretary of the St. Louis Railway Club and he has been annually reelected since, having also previously served that club as first vice president for a number of years. His principal diversion is hunting and fishing when leisure permits. On May 22, 1895, Mr. Frauenthal was married to Miss Louise D. Schwab of Ironton, Iron county, Missouri. Four children were born of this union, Jeanne, Edward, Mrs. Lucille Aubuchon and Bernice.

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ADDENDUM:

Barney's parents were Abraham and Jeanette (Weil) Frauenthal. Barney died on June 30, 1941 and was cremated at Oak Grove Crematory, 7233 Delmar Blvd. St. Louis, MO. At the time of his death his usual residence was 4174 Shaw Ave, St. Louis, MO.