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If Philosopher Perkins is to be believed, sometimes the officers of a street car carry a passenger by his corner to settle a dispute among themselves as to his christian character.

Bank exchanges for last week at all the leading cities in the country amounted to \$2,716,238,455—20.4 per cent larger than those of last year, and 2.5 per cent over the corresponding week in 1906.

Dr. Kate Lindsay, in a magazine article, warns housekeepers about leaving canned vegetables and fruits in the cans after they are opened.

In his latest long poem, entitled "The City of Brass," Rudyard Kipling sings of coming disaster to the empire, owing to the socialistic tendencies of the present government.

Dr. Simon Flexner, director of the Rockefeller Institute at New York, has now made a formal report on the results to date of his serum treatment of 712 cases of cerebro-spinal meningitis.

W. L. Lloyd, the new superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph company, is a former Iowan. When twelve years of age he started as a messenger boy in the Western Union office at Dubuque.

The American Museum of Safety and Sanitation in its latest bulletin calls attention to the fact that in 1908, in the whole country, from all causes, accidents totalled five hundred thousand persons, which is five hundred regiments strong.

The secretary of the International Trades Union Bureau at Berlin has issued a report showing that the present total membership of all the unions, whether affiliated or not, is about 6,400,000.

The Interstate Commerce Commission rendered its decision Tuesday in the case of the five bishops of the African Methodist Episcopal church who had charged that Southern railroads in general discriminate against negro passengers.

the same time figures are given showing the relatively small number of negro passengers.

According to statistics compiled by Dun's Review from reports of branch offices of R. G. Dun & Co. the commercial failures in the United States during the first six months of 1909 numbered 6,831, the liabilities amounting to \$88,541,373.

At Lynn, Mass., known as the birthplace of the labor union and the scene of many bitter struggles between capital and labor, a plan looking to the automatic adjustment of all labor controversies has been proposed by a conference of labor leaders and shoe manufacturers.

NEW LAWS NOW IN EFFECT.

One hundred and sixty-six new laws became effective in this state on the Fourth. The most important of them are the Cosson acts which define the duties of county attorneys, sheriffs and other officials who have police powers and supervision of the laws designed to keep the peace.

The anti-cigarette law, now effective, provides that search warrants may be issued for the discovery of cigarettes or cigarette papers when there is a suspicion that they are being kept for sale or distribution contrary to the law.

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TO AID IN CONSERVATION.

A plan by which the railroads of the country are to take part in the conservation movement is on foot. This announcement comes from the headquarters of the conservation movement in the United States, the joint committee on conservation in Washington City.

The enormous amount of timber and iron used by the railroads, as well as the great amount of coal consumed by them, making the proposed plan one of the greatest magnitude.

detaches to have the railroads take the steps toward carrying out these suggestions.

The conservation authorities have already submitted a conservation plan. This is now in the hands of Mr. A. S. Baldwin, chief engineer, Illinois Central railroad, chairman of the conservation committee of the American Railway Engineering and Maintenance of Way Association.

On account of the wide areas traversed by the railroads and the great consumption by them of timber and fuel, with their enormous use of iron and steel products, it is believed that the most effectual assistance of the American Railway Engineering and Maintenance of Way Association can be in directing the attention of railroad officials to the excessive wastefulness in present methods of production of timber and fuel and great importance of introducing economies in their use and consumption.

With this end in view, the railroad conservation committee has asked for specific suggestions as to the best methods that should be used by the railroads in the prevention and control of forest fires.

THE CURRENT MAGAZINES.

One of the most pleasing features of the July Lippincott is a charming character sketch called "The Old Man Reflects," by LaSalle Corbell Pickett.

The work of Rudolf Dührkoop, probably the most popular portrait photographer in Germany, furnishes the leading pictorial feature of the Photo-Era Magazine for June.

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The special features of the July Review of Reviews are illustrated articles on "The Alaska of Today," by Alfred H. Brooks, the mineralogical expert and explorer.

In "The Fight for the Highway of Nations," in the July Everybody's, Mr. E. A. Powell, recently an American consul in Turkey, entertainingly describes how William of Germany, with an eye to the future, secured a concession that made him ruler of 18,600 square miles of Turkish territory.

action is intended mostly for easy reading in lax weather. Gouverneur Morris contributes "The McTavish," a whimsical love story of an American, whose father grew rich out of the tariff.

The July St. Nicholas is rich in sensible pictures and rhymes, but it has also two notable historic features—the first chapter of Helen Nicolay's "The Boyhood and Youth of Gen. U. S. Grant," and the story of "The Signers of the Declaration of Independence," by Mary V. Worstell.

The Signers of the Declaration of Independence presents in brief the names, and some personal data, of the fifty-six brave men and true whose signing of their names meant publicly proclaiming themselves enemies to a great and powerful king.

Des Moines Register and Leader: The city of Keokuk has adopted the Des Moines plan.

Supporting instead the people of that community had organized a corporation to promote an electric power enterprise on the Mississippi and every one had contributed his share to the stock subscription.

He would not be celebrating as though he had already declared a dividend. He would be discussing with his neighbor earnestly how best to get a board of directors who would know something about water powers and electricity and who would give time and energy to making a success of the enterprise.

Would the people of Keokuk under such circumstances be much concerned over which block the proposed directors lived in? Would they say "this man is a neighbor of mine and I want him chosen?"

And yet the people have more at stake in a direct financial way in the good management of the city than they have in the good management of any corporation in the city.

The revival of public spirit that leads any city to want better conditions must not subside until it has secured better conditions—in fact, must never subside.

The commission plan in Keokuk or Cedar Rapids or Des Moines is only a first step toward good government.

Stand By Taft. Cedar Rapids Republican: The insurgent senators have boasted that they "broke" with the President on the corporation tax as a substitute for the income tax.

For ourselves, we are enamored of neither the income tax nor the tax on corporations. Both are extraordinary and should be resorted to only in times of dire necessity.

Beating the Early Bird. Mount Pleasant Free Press: Sometimes the early bird catches the worm. A few mornings ago, when this writer could not sleep for thinking about the sins of the Republican party, he came up town at 5:30, and a few minutes later a man stepped in and ordered some printing.

The Goddess of Noise. They have done her in bronze and in plaster. Street Liberty, saint of our land; In ponderous bronze have they cast her.

Behold how she calls to her people! The little toy cannon's a-load, Old Glory streams over the steeple And havoc begins to explode;

Ab, Glorious Fourth! though endurance Be strained by the things that you do, Though you baffle the laws of insurance And knock all the echoes askew,

Can't you hear the great voice of it calling— The deep-throated Voice of the Day; How the blood that is blessed in its falling May trickle again in our clay!

Two Views of Life on a Farm. Charleston News and Courier: The printing of sensational and highly decorated murder and divorce stories is not the only way in which incautious newspapers may mislead the youth of the land and corrupt the public taste.

It was a cold, wet, drizzly, drozzly morning and the sun would not be "up" that day, and the mud in the horse lot where the pigs and mules had romped was six inches deep.

After tugging at the latch and wrestling with the stable door, which the rain had caused to swell, and skinning the back of one hand, it was to climb into the loft and dig around for three bundles of fodder for each mule.

As to Old Sal and Mike it was easy, but only a skillful mule mariner dared venture into the stall of that young Pete mule—and yet it had to be done. Pete was wonderfully handy with his heels and was no respecter of persons, so that feeding him was the only maternal performance on that farm that really thrilled and warmed.

Sam Small's Magazine. Waterloo Times-Tribune: The departure from Waterloo for parts unknown of Sam Small, the evangelist and lecturer, and the suspension of the Golden West magazine, as a consequence, is not a great loss to Waterloo—especially so far as the departure of the "Reverend" Sam is concerned.

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lfe furnishes a great moral lesson to those whom he would advise. He is a reformer who needs very much to be reformed. He is an evangelist who should practice what he preaches.

He Would Do His Best. Bethany Clipper: An exchange last week states that when a minister out in Kansas asked a certain bride if she would take this man to be her lawfully wedded husband, she politely responded, "If you please." This is nearly as good a one as the bridegroom who answered Dr. Carothers, then a pastor in this city in answer to his question as to whether he would take the young lady to be his wedded wife to love, obey, etc., the young man answered, "I will endeavor to do so, God being my helper." That young man, no doubt, was a Methodist, and had at one time taken the baptismal covenant.