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Take Off the Gates.

Now if the street railway company will take off the gates and throw them on the scrap pile, they will do something that will contribute still more to expedite the handling of their business than their new rules against passengers paying calls on their way from the front to the rear of the car and visiting while the car waits for them to alight.

The gates are largely responsible for the habit of Minneapolis people in taking their time to alight from the streetcars. The extreme deliberation here which causes remark on the part of visitors who are accustomed in other cities to see people step lively when they leave a streetcar is chivalrous to the gates more than to anything else.

The platforms of the Minneapolis cars are so constructed, however, that there is almost no chance for accident if the gates were removed, and undoubtedly a great deal of time could be saved if they were down.

It is especially exasperating when the car reaches the downtown district in the morning and people are in haste to reach their places of business or even to make connections with other lines, to be held in by the gates while the motorman creeps slowly across the street, stopping perhaps two or three times on the way on account of some car in front of him.

They should come off. The health department of Chicago has been sampling, sorting and indexing the various smells that infest that city, and has found seven "centers of pollution," stockyards, stables, sewage, tanneries, malt drying plants, unclean freight yards and rendering plants.

Russia's Land Systems. Relief in the sincerity of the czar's reform measures will be greatly strengthened if the report that he means to make a new distribution of crown lands among the peasants proves true. When, in 1861, Alexander II, abolished serfdom, he gave the emancipated peasant enough to support his then frugal scale of living.

Since that time the peasants have doubled in numbers, while their lands have not increased in area. The common people of Russia are today suffering for want of land and of a decent system of holding and tilling it. Nearly all land in Russia is still held under the communal system with the mir or village as the center of social activity.

the late war on lands in Siberia and giving them cash inducements to set up as peasant proprietors. Perhaps the same idea may be carried out in the wider distribution of farm land among the peasants.

Odell and Platt.

R. B. Odell is in a position to appreciate the story told of the man who, accompanying his wife's remains to the cemetery, was considerably surprised to learn from the pallbearers that the lady had come to life and was inquiring for him. He took her home and she lived ten years and died once more.

Odell is a creature of Platt. He was an up-state grocer whom Platt discovered and promoted from stage to stage until he became state chairman. To round out his career he was made governor, but Odell refused to be rounded out. He had other views.

Odell was not to be satisfied with a term as governor. He saw himself cutting a swath in national politics. He looked at Platt and he seemed feeble. But he was slow of dying and when at last Odell did think the old man was dead and went with him to the cemetery, Platt officiously revived and asked Odell what he could do for him.

The cold-blooded septennarian who has not drawn a painless breath in a dozen years proved too much for the hot-blooded grocer. When Odell was governor he had the lust for money and he was let into the shipbuilding trust, where he dropped all his head.

Odell was furious until he got his money back, but to do so he had to settle a suit against the ship trust. Why he settled that suit Platt had to learn, and whether he ever learned or not he did learn that James Hazen Hyde would testify that he paid Odell in the face of a threat to have the Mercantile trust company's charter revoked.

Platt's second funeral is as big a disappointment to Odell as the first. Men like Platt have their uses in the economy of nature. Their very frank adherence to a scheme of politics which excludes moral considerations entirely has a tendency to accentuate the need of an ethical basis of political association.

Whenever the czar sent Abdul Hamid a warning note, the sultan had to smile. British Street Railways. Professor Hugo R. Meyer of the Chicago university, who has taken the contract to regulate all the industries of the world and settle all the problems of the universe, has an exceedingly interesting article in the last issue of the Journal of Political Economy criticizing the municipal-ownership movement in Great Britain.

The truck mileage of street railways in the United Kingdom, which Professor Meyer claims should be about the same as that of this country, is only about one-fourth as much. This statement leaves out of consideration the fact that English cities are not spread over as much ground as those of the United States; that many of them were built before street railways of any kind were dreamed of, while a great many American cities were laid out since horsecars were used.

Those not afflicted with the coming late habit are seeing in the Wartenberg brothers' juggling act at the Orpheum this week one of the best exemplifications of the European gymnast's ability to evolve new ideas, and execute them with dash and neatness.

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The Unique has one of the best singing attractions in vaudeville in Seaman, Adam and Rogers, "the Harmonious Trio," this week. The Hirschornes, Alpine warblers; Burke brothers, fancy club jingers; and Johnnie Fox, the fast balancer, are other meritorious acts.

Rose Melville in "His Hopkins" was greeted by two audiences yesterday which tested the capacity of the Bijou. The character of "Sis" was originated by Miss Melville, who since the first production of the play has presented the title role and made it one of the classics of the American stage.

A complete change in the way of amusement will be offered to Bijou patrons next week. Magician Keller will be the attraction and will offer some of the most intricate and perplexing experiments in Hindu necromancy and magic ever presented in this city.

IS THEY; OR, IS THEY NOT? Grand Island (Neb.) Democrat. Does your teeth bleed when washing? Is your teeth sore when brushing? Does your teeth need cleaning? Is your teeth crowded and stand crooked in your mouth?

GREAT STAGE MATERIAL. David Belasco received some years ago the following letter: "Venerated Sir—Wishing to go on the stage, would like to join your forces. Have been a bricklayer for five years, but, having failed in this branch, have decided to take up acting, the same being easier work. I am not young, but six foot in my stocking feet. Have studied elocution and am fond of late hours."

GETTING CIVILIZED. Chicago News. As Japan has big "unemployed" problem on its hands it may find that there are some things quite as annoying as war.

public highways become enormously profitable the people will reap the major part of the profit. Undoubtedly the short term franchise operated to deter speculative building. On the other hand the long-time franchisees given in America build up private monopolies, which are often an intolerable burden upon the public. Which policy is the better?

To Professor Mills of the University of California football looked like this: "Twenty-two over-developed men, covered from head to foot with slime and dirt, battered one another just to put a little oval ball of pigskin over a goal line, thinking, while they were doing it, that they were defending the 'honor of the university.' The rooters got out and grunted like swine, while the twenty-two hogs wallowed in the muck."

The Philadelphia Ledger is right up on its toes in a movement "to save the falls." Messrs. Herrick, Penrose, Durham and Gorman consider that it comes too late to be of any practical benefit to save the windfalls.

We understand that Willie Heaton never puts his napkin in his pocket at the end of the meal. Will some absent-minded professor come up and testify on this point of culture?

Mr. Hearst spent \$65,000 not being elected mayor of New York. This means the profit on 13,000,000 extras. How long will it take Mr. Hearst to get even?

The woman who kept her husband's mustache cup on the table while he was away from home probably felt that he was in his cups somewhere.

The president's message will be released Dec. 5, but when Mr. Aldrich releases the program of legislation for the coming winter?

Dr. Moody's idea is that if the beef trust is immune it should prove it by coming into court like a little man.

Hearst spent \$65,000 trying to be mayor. A man with \$65,000 would be foolish to wish to be mayor of the universe.

The profits of the Wisconsin football team were \$20,000. Now will the football reformers take in their sign?

Mr. Ivins spent \$10,000 in proving that somebody else besides himself could come close to beating Tammany.

Looking up Hennepin avenue it is seen that anyone with nerve and a stout heart may be an architect.

Alaska is talking of holding a world's international exposition. And it wouldn't be a frost either.

McCurdy's offer to cut the price from \$150,000 to \$75,000 is likely to raise the cry of "scab."

The coal bliners are afraid they will be indicted for something or other this winter.

AMUSEMENTS. Foyer Chaté. A small but of twisted bamboo poles and dried grass on the island of Molekai, one of the Hawaiian group, forms the picturesque setting of the last act in "Ann Le Mont," the new play presented by Paul Armstrong, in which Florence Roberts will interpret the title role at the Metropolitan tonight.

Seats for the engagement at the Metropolitan next week of Richard Carle's latest musical success, "The Maid and the Mummy," can be obtained today. Mr. Carle's book is said to be full of bright lines and laughable situations, and the music by Robert Hood Bowers, is well calculated to please all classes, for it is of the merry, tinkling order that is so popular. Besides the music, the play has the strong magnet, and "The Maid and the Mummy" has all three in a degree that is most marked.

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"WIDE-OPEN TOWNS"

A Consideration of Wide-Openness as a Business Principle. San Francisco Chronicle. Philosophers have great—doubtless too great—contempt for the reason that they are the majority of mankind, but no one can deny that they have some warrant for their low estimate of the average human intellect when he considers the ease with which the most transparent fallacies spread and take root in society.

It is one-fifth of that money is expended in the liquor saloons, the gambling houses and places of evil resort, but four-fifths can be expended for rent, clothing, food, comforts for the family or laid aside for provision for old age. If no money at all is expended for questionable purposes the saloons and the gambling houses, of course, must close. Their business will be as dead as Pharaoh. But their business places will not be closed.

There is still more to be considered. Of the money unnecessarily spent in the excitement of a wide-open town some portion at least would not be immediately expended in the purchase of stocks and bonds. But the banks it would be lent to some one who was building a home, whose construction would mean the payment of more wages than were previously paid out in the city. In other words, it would become productive capital and continue to afford employment to somebody indefinitely.

This discussion has nothing to do with the moral aspects of the case. The sole object of the article is to point out the fact that the sale of what promotes social welfare involves no less human labor than the production and sale of what panders to vice and appetites. And it is the employment of men in the production of what makes the distinction between a "dead" city and a prosperous city. It is no economic loss when the labor of those employed in the production of the product is transferred to producing what ministers to the comfort of their families.

Johnson Faculty Concert. The annual concert of the faculty of the Johnson School of Music, Oratory and Dramatic Art, was given last night at the Metropolitan. The program was most interesting and varied. All of the acts were excellently presented, and the program, and some of those who did appear were not particularly fortunate in their selections.

Continued Revival. The revival spirit in Minneapolis is being continued at Wesley M. E. church with a very successful series of evening meetings. Last night Dr. L. T. Guild spoke on "Jesus Christ and the Church." The meetings in the chapel will be continued on Sunday and Monday.

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CITY NEWS

JEWIS CELEBRATE AN ANNIVERSARY

FIRST SETTLEMENT IN AMERICA WAS 250 YEARS AGO. Landing in New Amsterdam of First Jews in 1655 Will Be Commemorated Tomorrow evening by Program at Jewish Reform Temple, at Which Notable Addresses Will Be Delivered.

At the Jewish Reform Temple, Fifth avenue S and Tenth street, tomorrow evening the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the settlement of the first Jews in America will be celebrated with an appropriate program of exercises. Governor John A. Johnson has been invited to speak and Dr. Cyrus Northrup has expressed the hope that his health may permit of his making an address. Robert Kollmer will make the principal address of the evening, and Rev. S. N. Deinard will also speak. All Jewish organizations of the city and the general public are invited to attend.

It was in 1655 that a party of twenty-three Jews arrived in New Amsterdam in the ship "The West India." It is generally assumed that they came from Brazil, although it is also held that they started from some part of the West Indies, probably Cuba, and some had, unquestionably, spent some time in Jamaica. They were received in unfriendly fashion by Peter Stuyvesant, the Dutch governor of New Amsterdam, who wrote to the directors of the Dutch West India company asking authority for their exclusion. This the directors refused to grant on the ground of "the considerable objection of the Jews in the taking of Brazil, and also because of the large amount of capital which they have invested in the shares of the company." The directors agreed that "they shall have permission to sail to and trade in New Netherlands and to live and remain there."

This permission was modified in 1656 by the statesmen of the Jews were not privileged to erect a synagogue, and a little later they were precluded from employment in any public service and from opening retail shops. Since then, through the courts and by appeals, the Jewish pioneers of New York succeeded in securing their rights of citizenship, and for many years there was great antipathy shown them.

From that little colony has grown a Jewish population in New York the largest of any city in the world—estimated at nearly 700,000 today—while of the 11,000,000 Jews scattered thruout the globe, 1,500,000 are in the United States. Insofar as numbers, wealth and industry extend to the city of New York, it is entitled to be regarded as the Jewish capital of the world. In Lodz, Poland, and Vienna, the two cities ranking next to the American metropolis, the Jewish population, there are only about 150,000 Jews in each, while the latest census figures place the Hebrew population of London at 138,860.

DR. CHAPMAN IN PATERSON. Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman is planning a great torchlight parade for Friday evening of his campaign at Paterson, N. J. Men, women and children have been invited to participate with torches, and a remarkable meeting for the purpose of the meeting will be held at the city hall. The campaign in Paterson has started out most auspiciously. It opened with a mass meeting for men in the opera house last Sunday. The meeting was crowded with men from all walks of life, and the ministers of the city, all of whom were present on the stage, said in their remarks that they were in sympathy with the cause.

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How Jiu Jitsu Helps Actress To Dance Without Weariness



Who is Coming in "The Maid and the Mummy."

Miss May Boley, prima donna in "The Maid and the Mummy" company, is probably the first stage woman to take up jiu jitsu as an aid to dancing. And this clever comedienne and burlesquer, who comes to the Metropolitan next week, declares there never was anything like the Japanese science to aid a dancer.

"When I first took up stage dancing, I could dance as many encores as the most exacting audience demanded and yet not grow very weary. Professor Takamazo explained that jiu jitsu taught me how to relax my muscles. No matter how hard I exercised, jiu jitsu taught me to make that exercise a stimulant. Now my muscles are as supple as a baby's."

TICKET SALE EXTENDED. Symphony Orchestra and Philharmonic Club Make Concessions to Patrons. Action just taken by the management of the Minneapolis Symphony orchestra and the Philharmonic club extends the time for buying full course tickets for the winter program to be held Jan. 9, 10, 11, in St. Paul. The first day Mayor Robert E. Smith will give an address at 1:30 the railroad committee will report and former Governor S. R. Van Sant and President A. B. Stegner of the Chicago Great Western road will be asked to address the league. In the evening Governor Johnson will address the league.

HONOR CONSUL GRUNOW. Germany's Representative in St. Paul Is Guest at Reception. Hans E. Grunow, German consul at St. Paul, was honored last night at a public reception in the old capitol building, the German Veterans association also participated in the welcome to the consul, who has been in St. Paul less than a year.

Speaks of "Prayer." Rev. Father Busch Addresses Congregation at Immaculate Conception. Attendance at the special services being held this week at the Church of the Immaculate Conception continues large. Last evening Rev. Father Busch spoke on "The Nature and Necessity of Prayer," and tomorrow evening Rev. Father Busch will preach on "Self Control."

DAIRYMEN SIGN PETITIONS. Goodhue and Rice County Milk Shippers Don't Want Inspection. Petitions urging the city council of Minneapolis to repeal the new milk and cattle inspection ordinance have been circulating in Rice and Goodhue counties for some time and have been signed by many. It is understood that they will be presented to the council tomorrow evening. The dairymen and milk shippers of that part of the state are behind the movement.

WRIT IS ISSUED. Legal Proceedings for Retransfer of Famous \$100,000 Arc Begun. A writ of alternative mandamus was issued by Judge John Day Smith yesterday afternoon by which the city sinking fund commissioners, Mayor D. P. Jones, City Treasurer C. S. Hulbert and City Controller Dan C. Brown, are ordered to retransfer \$100,000 from their fund to the revolving fund or show cause why they should not.

BRITISH VETERAN SICK. Sailor Stricken While Saving Money to Return to England. C. Wingate, a white-haired veteran of the British army, is critically ill at the C. Wingate, a veteran of the Indian mutiny and a pensioner of the British government. He has been trying to save enough money from his pension to pay his passage back to England, where he will be cared for in a government home for old seamen. He has already saved \$35 from his present illness he will have the required sum by spring. Captain W. H. Gooding is now trying to meet the old man admitted to the city hospital.

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