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this and other communities thru divisions on immaterial matters. Mayor Jones has put the matter so clearly and simply before the city that there is no need of anyone mistaking the animus of the campaign against him. It is not necessary to like Jones in order to vote for him on this issue. It is only necessary to like your home, your family, your city in order to make up your mind that a great opportunity to rebuke impudent and vicious politics is before you.

This is the day that Maine is going head-on for somebody.

**About Our Fire Bill.** The Fire Proof Magazine prefacing that fire is the most unreasonable tax the public labors under, argues that nearly all the efforts to lessen this drain on resources are misdirected. They tend toward water and more water rather than to the elimination of the main source of the drain, poor construction.

**The Real Issue.** The last week of the primary campaign opens with the question of its beginning still unanswered. "What has Mayor Jones done or omitted to do which makes him unworthy of the customary re-nomination by his party? Has he neglected the duties of his office? Has he committed any crimes? Has he offended against any of the canons of society? Has he failed in any-point to be a good mayor as far as he knew his duty?"

These questions are addressed mainly to republican voters who will soon have to pass upon the question of Mayor Jones' indorsement or rejection. What reason does any republican give for not voting to sustain the present mayor? There are a few who honestly declare they are against Jones because he has closed the Sunday saloon. These few are to be commended for their candor even if their judgment cannot be applauded.

The man, outside of the saloon business, of course, who opposes Jones on account of his having closed the Sunday saloon, does so in the belief that the material prosperity of the city has been injured thereby. If this is true there must be some evidence of it somewhere. If the city was being ruined by the closed saloon it would be known in the decline in bank clearings and postal receipts. Ruined people do not do business on such a large scale as before ruin overtook them. But the facts are Minneapolis never was so prosperous. Her vital industries never were so busy. The evidences of prosperity are heard in every report of building permits, real estate sales, wage accounts, savings bank receipts. Minneapolis never appeared so attractive to the outsider as she does today and her population never before received greater or more desirable accessions than today. Minneapolis "looks good" to the whole world.

But, it is objected, while this may all be true, we should have all of this and something more if it were not for the "narrow" policy of the mayor. Should we? We should note in the first instance a loss of \$20,000 a week by the competition of the saloonkeepers' association. That sum has been diverted from the till of the saloon by Sunday closing. If the Sunday saloon is allowed to reopen presumably that amount will go back to it. We can account for the present campaign against Jones by the saloons on no rational grounds other than that they expect to get that money back under a "liberal" administration. From whom would they get it? The saloonkeepers tell us they would get it from St. Paul, where it is going now. This claim has been examined and found to be false. No such sum of money is going to St. Paul, nor any respectable percentage of it. It is going to the channels of more legitimate trade at home. The butchers, the bakers and the grocers to testify the more prompt payment of accounts and the more liberal purchases since Sunday closing. The only argument of the saloon men is contradicted by the testimony of the men in other and competing lines of business. The cold fact is that the Sunday saloon was about a million-dollar-a-year tax upon the resources of the community. One million dollars under even the increased valuation of the city means a tax of nearly six mills. Now, any board of tax levy which could reduce our taxes in this city six mills would have a monument erected to its memory. Such a feat of finance would stagger belief. Yet the same thing has been accomplished in another way by an application of a perfectly plain statute. And yet we are gravely debating the question whether we shall reject Mayor Jones for having done this much for the community. The thing seems so illogical and absurd that it is hard to believe in the reality of the campaign against him.

But in politics nothing must be taken for granted because it is logical. It must be further borne in mind that there is no political campaign so bitter as that in which the liquor interests set out to fight for illegal privileges. All of their influence is arrayed against Mayor Jones. They will fight to the bitter end. They will gather to their assistance a good many disappointed office seekers, some mistaken persons who believe the open saloon is a financial advantage and a number of uneasy politicians who believe that the more the local situation is churned the more likelihood of their coming to the top.

Against these elements there must be a solid arraying of the great body of republicanism which is not out for office, which is not concerned in the churning process, which is not attached to any machine in the hope of dominating the future of the party. In a word this is a fight of disinterested citizenship against interested citizenship.

The Tribune prints a table of maximum merchandise rates "as suggested by the state officials," and thereby comes within eight months of being up to date. Those rates were "suggested" on Jan. 16 by the railroad commission, but last Saturday the railroad companies were ordered to adopt them within thirty days. They are no longer a suggestion. The rates to be ordered by the commission were published in The Journal Sept. 2, just a week ahead of the morning contemporary.

**A Way Out.** After rehearsing the number of dreadful things that may be done with the city funds by the city treasurer the Tribune declares it would like to hear the subject discussed as to how the funds of the municipality may be protected.

One way would be to adopt the charter which will be voted upon at the November election. That charter provides for the selection of depositories by the city council and for the housing of city moneys in the banks and banking houses designated. The provisions follow those of the present charter except in one particular, they name no rate of interest to be collected. It is recognized that the present charter defeats its own object by demanding a rate of interest impossible of attainment. The result is that the council can get no depositories for funds. Banks will not qualify nor give bonds nor accept funds under the conditions prescribed by the charter. But the only provision which is impossible is the rate of interest. Leave that out, and the proposed charter does so, leave it to the treasurer and council to collect the best rate of interest obtainable from time to time and depositories can be had without other difficulty.

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**AMUSEMENTS** Bijou—'Across the Pacific.' "Across the Pacific," at the Bijou this week is the weather was the weather yesterday for the opening performance. It is the same old show, but no longer embarrassed by that infant prodigy, H. Clay Egan. The infant, terrible, however, are cared for by another worthy successor who pipes his "fresh" lines in a sweet childish treble and performs all the absurdities and impossibilities of the typical 6-year-old smart child. Willie Live is done to a turn by Johnnie Hoey. Willie Live is described on the bill as a budding playwright and war correspondent. His part might do for a budding playwright of the variety that is "Across the Pacific," but as even a budding war correspondent Willie Live would be worse than a joke in Central American comic opera.

**MEAN AND DISHONEST** Chicago News. Selling short-weight ice on a hot day is not only as mean as throwing stones at a cripple, but it is more dishonest.

**OF COURSE YOU DID** Franklin Tribune. Did you notice the splendid way in which the Minneapolis Journal "covered" the G. A. R. encampment? Great paper is The Journal.

**THIS DATE IN HISTORY** 1419—John, Duke of Burgundy, murdered. 1771—Mungo Park, pioneer African explorer, born. 1813—Perry's Victory on Lake Erie. 1845—Joseph Story, distinguished jurist, died. 1898—Empress Elizabeth of Austria assassinated. Born Dec. 24, 1837. 1898—French occupied Foch.

**WHAT OTHER PEOPLE THINK** A Suggestion to Shippers. Now that the railroad and warehouse commissioners have ordered a reduction in freight charges and there is a strong probability that the rate will be kept in the courts for some time, it is three years before acknowledging the legality of the order, why cannot the receivers of bills paid and received by the railroads all excess charges over and above that established by the commissioners, provide the state maintains its authority over this matter. Possibly the discussion of the above through the people to recover this excess, an undoubted large amount, would deter the railroads from contesting in court this recent order.

**OUT FOR CRIME** Chicago News. While the Russian revolution is not as spectacular as the advance notices indicated, it would be an awkward thing to meet in a lonesome spot on a dark night.

**EDUCATED HIMSELF FOR OFFICE** William E. Albee, Candidate for Republican Nomination for Register of Deeds, Has Novel Platform. In his quiet but consistent campaign for the republican nomination for register of deeds, William E. Albee, who has been in the abstract business in Hennepin county for twenty-four years, and is an expert in the law of conveyance—knowledge essential to conduct of the office—has a little speech which invariably makes him votes among a thinking audience. He says: "I never have and never will ask the taxpayers to educate me for a position of trust. I've paid for my education for the office of register of deeds and have been preparing myself for it the past twenty-four years. The office of register of deeds is one that safeguards your property—and I can conduct it without consulting an attorney."

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the villain is thoroughly capable. The character parts are for the most part well acted for the people of the company are all willing workers. They keep the action moving fast and try not to laugh.

**THE ORPHAN—VAUDEVILLE.** There is a badly overworked orchestra at the Orphan this week, as every act on the bill, save one, has a musical feature of more or less harmony or merit. Those who love music, ranging from the classic to the somewhat unceremonious, will find it interesting.

**FOYER CHAT.** "The Sign of the Cross" opened a half week's engagement at the Metropolitan last night to a large audience. The play was well presented by a cast of merit. A full review of the production will be given in this column tomorrow.

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IGNORE FAIRBANKS IN CAMPAIGN BOOK

Continued From First Page. expected when the campaign book was prepared. The active men in the party, who were laboring night and day to prevent the democrats from gaining the voters of the state, the latter who became some of Fairbanks and when the book was compiled they forgot him. For them he was not on earth, and so no word of wisdom from his lips found its way into the little red-covered republican book for 1906. If "Uncle Joe" should lose control of the house in the election this fall Mr. Fairbanks may gloat over his downfall as that of a rival aspirant for the presidency, but at this time friends of Mr. Cannon are surely doing the gloating over the disappearance of the vice president from the voters of the state as far as the campaign book is concerned.

**STANDS ON ITS REEBOUD** Republican Party's Textbook Makes Roosevelt Administration Its Pits. Washington, Sept. 10.—The republican party, its achievements for half a century and particularly its record in the present congress, is commended to the voters of the country in the campaign textbook.

**ADVANCE IN TEN YEARS.** In discussing the campaign issues of 1906 the book calls attention to the fact that during the term of the fifty-third congress, in 1895, the house of representatives has been republican and adds that "there is every reason to believe that so substantial working republicanism will be the next next November." During those ten years, it is stated, "we have made a greater advance as a nation and a people than in any other decade in our generation, and in many respects greater than during our whole previous history. They cannot then be the least doubt of republicanism, and the voters study carefully the record of the two parties."

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**BUILT UP HOME MARKET.** Because of the various financial and tariff measures of the republican party, which the book says, have brought about competition in manufactures, it is declared that a home market has been built up in this country, "of such magnitude that for several years we have given full employment at wages about double those paid when the republican party came into power. In some cases, these wages are treble and quadruple what they were in 1860."

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Then follow extracts from speeches, and the messages of President Roosevelt on various public matters, various statistics, the railway rate law in full, and other legislation. The keynote of the discussion of the tariff question is sounded in the following statement:

**Danger in Tariff Tampering.** "Protectionists are content to let the present law stand without change or amendment so long as present conditions prevail. A slight reduction in many of our schedules, says the campaign book, "would result in the dumping into our market of perhaps a hundred million worth of manufactures annually more than we now import. That would mean a resort to one of two things: We would have to raise our tariff on raw materials. There is possibly no other alternative."

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**Equality of All Men.** "A mere handful, however, of the republican party were asking that the duty be removed or reduced on certain materials entering into the products of their own locality. It is believed that this demand has been made more for political than economical results."

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