

HUMANITY RULED IN ACTION OF MAYOR THOMPSON

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Mayor Thompson did the human thing, and hence the big thing, when he set out to learn something about the bread-and-butter problem of the street railway men, their wives and children.

He has the opportunity now to do one of the biggest things ever done by any American mayor—and that is to establish a new standard of living for the working people of Chicago, based on the theory that every man has a right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness—which means wages high enough to enable him to properly nurture and educate his children, and to place his wife in surroundings fit for American motherhood.

The award in the street railway arbitration should not be based on a cold-blooded business basis, which first considers the interest of bondholders and the dividends of stockholders.

The first consideration should be humanity.

Chicago's chief industry is not butchering cattle, sheep and hogs. Neither is it the building of monstrous skyscrapers, gigantic steel mills and titanic factories. Chicago's chief industry is baby-raising and citizen-making.

The same human impulses that prompted Bill Thompson to interest himself in children's playgrounds, will probably interest him in the human side of the big job he has tackled as arbitrator; and when he has fairly solved it as a big-brained, big-hearted MAN, he will have rendered a great public service, to say nothing of how he helps better the daily life of some 9,000 street railway employes and their loved ones.

All of us are interested in this award, for all of us are interested in all men, women and children. Whatever is done for this particular group will have its influence in helping

other groups, and finally all of us

To figure out merely a living wage—a bare existence—is putting men on a par with horses, by giving them enough to eat so that they can have strength enough to keep on working.

Instead of considering insurance, taxes, interest, superintendence, depreciation and such things as appear only as figures in a book, the time is here to consider healthful, sanitary, comfortable housing, good air, good clothing, wholesome food and plenty of it, education, amusement and the things that go to make a better, healthier, happier and more contented citizenship.

It is a great privilege to be able to greatly improve the condition of thousands of our fellow humans. And that's the privilege Mayor Thompson, Maclay Hoyne and James Sheehan now have.

MERELY COMMENT

Chief Healey walks across a street and an automobile knocks him down.

That automobile had no respect for the law.

And this morning the darn Trib says "pedestrians are careless."

Well, at last work starts on the big Field museum on the lake front.

Going to be a good museum and we're going around and see the stuffed animals when it's finished.

The five million bucks it cost the Field estate will pay over five million in advertising.

And speaking of advertising—

The State street stores pay the loop papers \$3,000,000 a year for ads.

That's how the newspapers are independent — "Hi-Oh, the rolling river."

HE HAD NONE

John quarrelled with winsome Grace last night,

While owning freely she's a "bird." He "spoke his mind" to her all right.

By sauntering home without a word!