

Woe Is CHICAGO When the Days of WINTER Come

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That expresses the situation exactly. The mayor, the aldermen, the city prosecuting attorney, the chief of police, everyone connected with the city government is looked to for relief from conditions for which they are in no wise responsible, and which it is impossible for them to change.

Trials of Public Officials. An example of all this may be found in a telephone conversation in the mayor's office a few days ago, when the mercury was touching the zero mark.

"Is this the mayor's office?" came over the wire, in a harsh, feminine voice.

"It is," replied the clerk. "Is this the mayor?" asked the voice at the other end of the wire.

"No, ma'am, but I'll answer for him." "I don't want you to! I want the mayor!" shrieked the voice.

"It is important that you should talk to him?" insisted the clerk. "Of course it is, or I wouldn't want him," howled the wire until he came to the phone, "said the clerk.

Just at that time the mayor was engaged in an important conference with his political leaders, but the summons to the wire could not be disregarded, and he answered it.

"Are you the mayor?" asked the voice, when he had answered the call. "Yes, madam. What is it you want?"

"I want to tell you that I can't get any water in my kitchen, and that we're payin' for it, an' want it."

choke it. If such a thing should happen on this one crib practically one-half of Chicago would be cut off from its water supply.

All through the winter a small force of men, seldom more than 30, are kept at work at this crib. To assist them in their fight against the elements two powerful tugs are anchored at the crib and keep churning the water and ice into foam with their screws.

Chicago's fire department dreads the coming of winter quite as much as does the city water department, though the water department must share the troubles of the firemen.

The winter season is the time of fire. Overheated stoves and chimneys cause an unusual number of them, and with every force of nature working against them the firemen must protect the property and lives of the citizens, even at the peril of their lives.

Before the first frost has left its white coating over everything the fire department begins its preparations for defense. There are more than 2,000 hydrants in the city. The hydrants are not only too expensive to permit of their destruction by frost, but they represent the fire protection of the city.

But aside from the possibility of meeting with a frozen hydrant at an inopportune moment the city fire department dreads the coming of winter. Fighting fires with the mercury down below the zero point, when the water seems to freeze before it hardly leaves the hose nozzle, is by no means child's play.

The Snow Sweepers. The city fathers of Chicago provide for the cleaning of the snow only in the business section of the city—the First ward.

Outside of that small section the unhappy citizens who do not live on the boulevards must either wade through the snow or shovel it themselves.

On a residence street the snow is appreciated, but on the suburban business streets it is not. Neither is a heavy fall of "the beautiful" appreciated along the streets occupied by street car tracks, for the powerful sweepers of the street car company whirl the snow from the tracks and pile it in amateur mountains along the edges of the curbstones, and onto the sidewalks.

Retal dealers along these streets suffer great inconvenience from this because of the trouble of getting their delivery wagons up to the sidewalk for the purpose of loading them, but the street railway corporations care little for the convenience of the retail dealers, and the dear public still continues to dodge the showers of snow from the sweepers.

To clean even the streets of the business center of the city is an expensive operation. Twenty thousand dollars may not be a great sum to some cities, but it is to Chicago, and that is what it costs the city to clean the winter's snow from the streets of the First ward.

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The Reign of Lawlessness



Number of Persons Lynched from January 5th, 1897, to January 5th, 1898.

Table with columns: Date, Name, Charge, Place. Lists numerous lynchings across various states including Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas, Texas, and Alabama.

Table listing various crimes and incidents, including attempted assaults, murders, and other offenses, with names and locations.

Southern Railway SCHEDULE IN EFFECT OCT. 21, 1900.

Table showing train schedules for the Southern Railway, including train numbers, departure times, and destinations.

S. A. L. SEABOARD AIR LINE RAILWAY. The Favorite Route South.

Table showing train schedules for the Seaboard Air Line Railway, including train numbers and routes.

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Table showing train schedules for the R. F. & P. Railway, including train numbers and routes.

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LEAVE BROAD STREET STATION. TRAINS ARRIVE BROAD STREET STATION.

Table showing train arrival and departure schedules for Broad Street Station.

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