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STREET RAILWAY ACCIDENTS IN THE UNITED STATES.

The census bureau has just published an exhaustive report on street and electric railways for the year ending June 30, 1902. The report discusses the development of the modern street railway system, the subject of capitalization, relation of expenditures to receipts, general financial results, terms of franchise, rates of fare, accidents, safety appliances, and the wages and conditions of labor.

Among the most interesting features of the report is that portion relating to accidents. The accident statistics show that during the year 1,218 persons were killed and 47,429 were injured by street railway lines. Of the total number killed 265 were passengers, 122 were employees, and 831 were persons on foot or riding in vehicles other than street cars; of the injured 26,690 were passengers, 3,699 were employees, and 17,040 were other persons.

These numbers form only an inappreciable percentage of the total number of passengers carried. One passenger was killed for every 18,015,894 fare passengers carried, and one was injured for every 178,876 passengers. The rate of accident for the wage-earners was one killed out of 1,095 and one injured out of 36. This rate is very much lower than the rate for steam railroads, for which one employee out of every 401 was killed and one out of every 24 was injured.

The reform in the direction of safety provisions for steam railway crossings has of late years been quite considerable in all large American cities, and has been carried on at an enormous expense, so that of the steam railway crossings now unprotected, a large proportion are to be found in rural districts. The report states that in 1902 there were 4,481 crossings, of which more than half were protected; 1,967, however, were still without any form of protection, not even being supplied with bells or watchmen.

WHAT DR. OSLER REALLY SAID ABOUT OLD MEN.

A short time ago a retiring member of the Johns Hopkins University gained world-wide notoriety by an alleged statement to the effect that most men were of little use after the age of forty and all of them ought to be either retired or chloroformed at the age of sixty.

It now transpires that Dr. Osler said nothing of the kind. What he did say is related by a writer in Public Opinion as follows:

An illustration of their lighter side and their ability to make the public's tongue wag lies in the so-called old-age dictum of Dr. Osler, of Johns Hopkins University, which is now in the mouth of most every one. Dr. Osler did not say that every man at the age of sixty should be chloroformed. He enunciated his views as to the efficiency of men under and up to forty.

What he did say was that man generally did his best work before the age of forty, and then he added, and I take it, in a humorous way, that he recalled a man in Anthony Trollope's "The Stated Period" who, at the age of sixty, considered himself useless and took the route to eternity which chloroform offers.

You can see how ordinary such a statement of that kind is, but see where the suggestion man got in his work. To make Osler say that every man past forty and up to sixty was of no account and at sixty should be chloroformed was unique, and so it was ordained. Dr. Osler, of course, will be explaining until the end of his life what he did say, but the millions of yellow newspaper readers will never hear him.

It is to be regretted that the modern tendency of newspaper writers is to exaggerate events and statements made by public men, but no reputable writer or paper will put words into a man's mouth which are just the reverse of what he really said or intended.

In Dr. Osler's case, the truth to a great many people will probably never be known, but it may also be said that Dr. Osler himself would never have

THE SITUATION IN MANCHURIA AND RUSSIA.

While no authenticated reports have been received from the seat of war in the far east, enough is known to warrant the belief that the Russian forces have been hopelessly defeated and are in disorderly retreat before the victorious armies of the Mikado. The Pass, upon which the Russians placed such great hope, has fallen into the hands of the Japanese and with its fall the Russians have no place where a successful stand would be possible south of Harbin; over three hundred miles to the north, in Siberia.

The retreat of the Russian army from Tie Pass will undoubtedly result in the fall of Vladivostok and when the latter port is in the hands of the Japanese the power of Russia on the Pacific coast is broken and can only be regained at an immense sacrifice of men and money, if it can be regained at all.

The trend of the dispatches during the last few days indicate that the disaster to the Russian arms, was in a great measure, due more to petty jealousies among the officers and to the inclination of many of them to profit at the expense of the soldiers and the government rather than to lack of fighting ability. The recall of Kuropatkin, after he had suffered reverses, was due to the reports made by General Gripenburg, who was recalled upon the strength of a report sent in by Kuropatkin, and the whole series of operations by the Russian army has been tinged with contentions among the officers when, if success would be obtained the utmost confidence was necessary.

The situation in the Russian empire is considered desperate. While there is a diminution of the reports of strikes and internal disorders there is an undercurrent sweeping steadily among the Russian people demanding reforms and a voice in the government of the country. The disaster, which has overtaken Kuropatkin's army while it has, to a certain extent cemented the Russian people, has been the means of showing the lower classes the true weakness of the autocracy and the result will probably be to eventually strengthen the fight of the masses against autocracy.

The Czar, following the advice of his ministers, has decided to continue the war to the bitter end, but, in view of the disordered condition of his army it will be impossible to organize a sufficient force to give battle to the Japanese before late autumn, and when that force is organized the Russians must assume the aggressive as the Japanese have heretofore done and the chances of success against a valiant foe strongly entrenched and fortified, will prove even more difficult for the Russians than it has for the Japanese even if it is possible of accomplishment, which is extremely doubtful.

Advertising Copy.

(Jacksonville Metropolis.) There is no line of a merchant's business that he ought to take more pains with than his advertising. He ought never to overlook the fact for a single instant that his advertising in The Metropolis is talking to a very large audience of thousands of people.

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been known to very many people had it not been for the report of his alleged statement.

The Tampa Tribune resents the intimation that Jacksonville is a better location for the state fair than Tampa and says, in effect, that Tampa is the best town in the state. That is the proper spirit. The Journal wouldn't do business in a place that it did not think was the best town in the state—that's why we stick to Pensacola.

A Plain Statement of Objection Plainly Answered.

If there is one thing above all others which The Journal tries to exemplify in its dealings with its friends, the public, it is absolute fairness. The Journal has at all times its own opinions and convictions on public matters, and with those convictions the public is usually made familiar. We have never, however, been adverse to meeting an opponent on common ground, and allowing him the same opportunity to present his case before The Journal's readers that The Journal itself possesses. It is for that reason that we cheerfully give space to the following communication this morning:

Editor Pensacola Journal:

I want to take this occasion to endorse your general course as regards public matters and to say that, in my opinion, you are getting out a paper that is in many respects ahead of the town. I do not, however, endorse your white primary plan. I am not opposed to a primary, but I am opposed to holding one under the direction of a city committee composed entirely of Mr. Reilly's supporters, and originally selected by the pledged members of a county committee of which Mr. Reilly himself is chairman. The arrangement on the face of it is not fair and I, for one, cannot support it.

Your friend, ANTI-PRIMARY.

The above letter is evidently the honest expression of sentiment from an honest citizen and it is therefore all the more valuable, even though the writer's impression is a mistaken one.

We say, mistaken, because we assume from the letter that the writer is laboring under the impression that the White Primary was inaugurated solely for Mr. Reilly's benefit.

As a matter of fact, Mr. Reilly, aside from the duty which his position as chairman of the county executive committee involved in calling the meeting together, had no more to do with the White Primary than any other good citizen who was interested in it.

If the members of the county executive committee were pledged to any particular persons for city committeemen—though this is the first intimation of the kind we have seen—what evil has resulted from it?

The city committeemen are all good men and under the state primary law they could not conduct the primary unfairly if they wanted to.

They are friends of Mr. Reilly, you say. We do not know whether they are or are not, but suppose they are—what has that got to do with the Primary?

The executive committeemen don't nominate him. They could not give him any advantage if they wanted to. They have no more power to help him than the humblest voter in the ranks.

And for that matter, Mr. Reilly has no patent cinch on the nomination. He has opposition now. He will possibly have more.

That is what we want—or at least what The Journal wants. If there are those who think there are better men in the city for mayor than Mr. Reilly or Mr. Bliss, now is the time to trot them out.

If there is to be opposition—if there is to be a fight—let us have it in the primary—A CONTEST AMONG WHITE MEN—and then let every white man in the city abide by the result.

The Journal is frank to say that it is playing no favorites in the race. Whoever is nominated in the primary will get The Journal's support from that date until election time, but until the issue has been decided by the white voters of the city, all candidates look alike to this paper.

We hope that our anti-primary friend, whose letter we have published above, will think better of his decision and come into the White Primary, both for his own good and for that of the city itself.

We have seen no reasonable excuse why a white voter should stay out of the White Primary, and we believe that the sober, common sense judgment of those who aspire to office, and the patriotic disinterestedness of those who do the voting will combine to bring all of them into the Primary for municipal nominations.

And after the Primary, whatever the result, we will all stand behind the nominees.

FROM BEHIND PRISON BARS

MOTHER, HOME AND YOUTH UNWILLINGLY RECALLED BY AN UNHAPPY OPTIMIST.

I gaze out on the busy throng That, passing through the street below With greeting smile and murmured song Has not a thought of weal or woe. They do not think as they pass by In this gay time of mirth and cheer Of one who, watching, turns to sigh And think of days he knew as dear.

I see faith, youth and beauty rare, Go hand in hand across yonder green And know that in their world so fair, There is no thought of things so mean.

And so they go without a thought Of this cold, sombre house of stone, Nor of the misery here wrought, That he within may know alone.

Beyond the green I just can see, The city's busy thoroughfare, Amidst whose crowds a friend may be No, not a friend, for friends are rare.

For once in here in vain you try, A friend is just as hard to see, As tho' you were afflicted by A curse or social leprosy.

Above, the sun is just as bright, The sky as blue, the air as free, But these grey walls have cast a

blight, On all these things. They're not for me. And all depressing sense of wrong, Has changed all natures face to me. The birds in circling flight and song Breed but vain wishes I were free.

The whirring wind comes to me here All burdened with the breath of flowers, And brings to me a memory, Of happy childhood's careless hours, Of days that knew no racking pain, Or felt the weight of sorrow's hand, And makes me long to live again, Back in that by-gone boyhood land.

At night, while all the city sleeps, I pace my cell and think with pain, Of her who o'er my absence weeps, And my home-coming waits in vain. I think of one who calls me son, Whose thoughts are centred all in me, Who thinks my life but just begun, When soon perhaps 'twill ended be.

Above my window there's a star, That gleams bright in the vaulted sky, And brings a message from afar, That two can read, just he and I. For in the past that I love so He pointed out that star on high And said, "Wherever you may go That star will shine for you and I."

"What's the years may bring to you Wherever 'tis you chance to be To your own manhood, dare be true As you live out your destiny. But if perchance you're sore beset When lasting sorrow has begun, Look on that star and ne'er forget, Whatever you are, you're still my son.

O, how insensate net of steel, Defying both my-curse and fist, Thy alchemy has made me feel, No longer happy optimist For through thy meshes I can see Like Tantalus, my one desire, And yet, what fateful irony, To liberty may not aspire.

The gray of dawn steals o'er the skies, The God of night withdraws his tent, The chill air serves to emphasize, My loneliness and discontent; Pass on fair youths and happy maids Begone thou vision of the past, Leave me alone, while starlight fades To bitter ignomy at last. This poem was written by an inmate of the county jail, Pensacola, Florida.

An Atlanta Police Commissioner woke up the other morning to find that both his pistol and his trousers had been stolen during the night. It was in Mobile, he believes, that a policeman on his best woke up one night to find his club and uniform gone.

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I am a candidate for mayor of the City of Pensacola, and I respectfully solicit the support of the voters in the primary to be held April 4, 1905.
CHAS. H. BLISS.

FOR MAYOR.
I hereby announce myself a candidate for mayor of the city of Pensacola, subject to the action of the primary to be held April 4, 1905.
FRANK REILLY.

FOR CITY TREASURER.
The friends of W. K. Hyer, Sr., announce him as a candidate for City Treasurer, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary.

FOR CITY TREASURER.
I hereby announce myself a candidate for City Treasurer, subject to the action of the coming primary.
MANFIELD MORENO.

FOR ALDERMAN, PRECINCT 12.
I hereby announce myself a candidate for precinct alderman from Precinct 12, subject to the action of the coming democratic primary.
A. H. DALEMBERTE.

FOR ALDERMAN PRECINCT 14.
I hereby announce my candidacy as alderman from Precinct 14, subject to the action of the coming primary.
JAS. McHUGH.

FOR ALDERMAN PRECINCT 15.
I hereby announce myself a candidate for Alderman at Large from Precinct 15, subject to the action of the coming primary.
WM. HAYS.

FOR ALDERMAN, PRECINCT 15.
I hereby announce my candidacy for precinct alderman from Precinct 15, subject to the action of the primary of April 4, next.
W. B. WRIGHT.

FOR MARSHAL.
I hereby announce my candidacy for re-election to the office of City Marshal, subject to the action of the democratic party.
C. F. SCHAD.

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