

MAKE STREET PLAYGROUNDS

CHICAGO PROVIDES FOR POOR CHILDREN IN SUMMER.

Western Canada Draws Largely From American Settlers.

Chicago, Aug. 2.—(Special)—The city of Chicago has come to the rescue of the children and has turned a street in the crowded Italian colony on the north side into a playground. Mayor Harrison closed Gault court to everything except the necessary traffic after a committee of settlement workers and playground secretaries had called on him. For the remainder of the summer and through the warm bright days of the autumn, all auto trucks, delivery wagons and speeding automobiles will be barred from Gault court and the street will be turned over to the children from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. every day. In these hours the only vehicles that will pass the policemen on guard at each end will be the delivery wagons with goods destined for homes along the street. Mayor Harrison was told that there are 2,760 children in the precinct through which Gault court runs, and that late in the afternoon of July 7 there were 182 playing in the street in one block. Many accidents have resulted from the joint use of the street by the children and heavy traffic vehicles. It is the only place the "kids" have in which to play.

The eyes of the trucking Americans are still upon western Canada. J. Bruce Walker, the Canadian commis-

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Prof. C. H. Jones

The Magnetic Healer

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sloner of immigration, with headquarters in Winnipeg, estimating that the current year will see a total of 400,000 new settlers in his country. Of these approximately 150,000 will be from south of the boundary line. These emigrants take \$1.00 each in cash and property and this year they will remove \$150,000,000 from Uncle Sam's domain. While the American immigration into Canada is from all quarters of the United States, the greatest part is still from the northwestern and midwestern states. The records of the Canadian government land agent at Omaha show that 25,000 Nebraska and western Iowa farmers have trekked to Canada in the last two years, taking with them property and cash amounting to more than \$21,000,000. These records give only about one half the actual migration northward from these states, as only those were listed with the agent who applied for homesteader certificates. One day last week a carload of 35 farmers from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and other midwestern states left for Alberta on the regular bi-monthly "settlement" car run by the Canadian Pacific railway between Chicago and Calgary. Practically all of them had sold their high priced lands and intended to invest the proceeds in the cheaper lands of Alberta. When the official returns of the recent Canadian census are announced it will be found that Americans have contributed more than all other races to the quick upbuilding of the western provinces. The unofficial estimate of the population of Winnipeg is placed at 200,000, of whom fully one half are Americans.

How to keep a rooster from crowing until you are ready to get up is the problem that Chief of Police McWeeny of Chicago has been called upon to solve, and with the assistance of William Luthardt, he has succeeded. Recently the Chicago Tribune published an article that told of the chief's success in suppressing a crowing cock that disturbed his early morning slumbers. Since then he has received so many requests for his recipe that Secretary Luthardt has printed a little folder for distribution. This folder says: "It is natural for a rooster to crow, but in order to do so he must raise his head. A simple device to stop the bird from crowing is to nail a board 12 inches above the perch in the chicken coop. This will prevent the rooster from raising its head to the proper angle for crowing, thereby suppressing the clarion notes." Secretary Luthardt has decided not to apply for a patent, as he wishes all citizens to have the full benefit of his idea, without cost to them.

The National Soil Fertility league has been incorporated at Springfield, Ill., for the purpose of educating the American farmers to take advantage of the information gathered by the department of agriculture at a cost of \$150,000,000. Many big men are interested in the league, including President Taft, Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh, Speaker Champ Clark, W. J. Bryan, President James and Prof. Hopkins of the University of Illinois, Cyrus H. McCormick, Alvan Sanders of the tariff board, A. V. Grout of the farmers' institutes, the presidents and high officials of many railroads and banks, and many congressmen and business men. The president of the league, Howard H. Gross, explains its purpose as follows: "The government has to date spent about \$150,000,000 in its agricultural department to learn certain fundamental facts. We now propose to give this knowledge the widest currency and spread its fruits into every township in the country. The problem is a big one and must be handled in a big way. It means nothing less than to induce 10,000,000 farmers, scattered over a continental area, to adopt a new method of conduct and business. The league will establish experimental tracts to demonstrate soil chemistry and the results of scientific intensive methods.

KNUTE NELSON A HUMORIST

"NUDGES" PRESIDENT AND FUNS ABOUT IT.

News From National Capital of Interest to Western Readers.

Washington, August 2.—Senator Knute Nelson, of Minnesota, who is a solon incidentally, and a farmer by profession, has a brand of quiet humor in his makeup that is unique in officialdom. The Minnesota Viking was a member of the party that recently accompanied President Taft on his memorable automobile trip to Manassas.

When rescued from Senator Brandegee's car, which was stalled in the middle of a ford, swollen by the afternoon rains, Senator Nelson was taken into President Taft's car. The senator, known for his determined opposition to reciprocity, must come along, said the president, as his vote was needed.

The senator came, and sat silent while the president and members of his party joked him about his rescue by the administration he was opposing. Senator Martin spoke of John Hays Hammond, special ambassador to the coronation of George V, and retold the story of how he had nudged the king, to the dismay of the English courtiers.

Senator Nelson made no comment. Just then the car lurched as it went over the rough road, and Senator Nelson was thrown against President Taft.

Without a vestige of a smile, Senator Nelson remarked dryly: "I suppose now they will say of me out in Minnesota that I have been nudging the president."

Washington, August 2.—"Every little love wave has a meaning all its own." This is the latest version of a popular song as advocated by Judge William DeLacy, of the local juvenile court, who also has charge of trying to make recalcitrant husbands go back to their wives and help support them as they should.

Washington, August 2.—"This is a pretty nice town, but I'm never going to come back until Jim Sherman ceases to be vice president."

This is the private opinion of William P. Chambers, of Corwith, Iowa, publicly expressed after a day of nerve racking experiences in the course of which he was mistaken for "Sunny Jim" by about two out of three persons who spoke to him.

Chambers arrived in Washington after a motor trip from his home town and started in to see the sights. Leaving his hotel he strolled down Pennsylvania avenue about noon and almost immediately met a tall individual in a frock coat and silk hat who inquired:

"Ah, Mr. Vice President, aren't you a little late for the session today?"

Mr. Chambers thought it a little strange that anyone in Washington should know that he was vice president of the Farmers' and Merchants' bank at Britt, Iowa, but he did not protest.

A little later he wandered up to the capitol to see the two senators from his native state, but, after spending a strenuous half hour, answering questions addressed to him by persons who mistook him for the presiding of-

It will undertake a broad and practical educational propaganda.

Electricity has supplanted steam in another place, and has banished the smoky, dirty, noisy steam hoist from use in erecting skyscrapers in the big cities. Electrical hoists are being used on nearly every one of the 12 big buildings now being erected in the heart of Chicago. On the new Insurance Exchange building, which will be the second largest office structure in the world, there are five 50-horse power hoists doing the work noiselessly that steam hoists would have done noisily if the building had been started a few years ago. "Electricity saves money," said A. G. Moulton, superintendent of construction at this building. "It avoids the difficulty of delivery of fuel to the engines and carrying away the smoke and steam from the interior. Fewer men are required." Ten thousand tons of steel will be used in this one building.

beer of the senate, he left in disgust.

The likeness between "Sunny Jim" and the man from Iowa caused a large amount of comment at the capitol and grave fears were expressed lest the bromios should get mixed up and no one would be sure which was which. According to Chambers' statement he was invited to lunch nine times by members of the house who had known the vice president when he was in that branch of the legislature and he says that the clerks at the hotels in New York and this city were so sure that he was the second executive officer of the nation that they almost insisted that he sign his "real" name on the register.

Finally Mr. Chambers got so peeved that he climbed into his buzz wagon and Washington will see him no more until after a change in the present administration, for he does not consider it a joke to be a Living Likeness. Just as the Iowan's machine was passing out of the city the last mistake took place. One of the traffic squad, who had an idea that the automobile was exceeding the speed limit, rode up to the machine and started to inform the occupant that he would have to go with him to the station house. When Chambers lifted his goggles, however, the policeman gasped, bowed and ejaculated:

"Excuse me, Mr. Sherman, I didn't know it was you."

Whereupon Chambers smiled grimly and resumed his 1,500 mile journey homeward.

Washington, August 2.—Is your dog covered with fleas? Does the family cat sit around all day making futile and ineffectual stabs with its hind legs at inaccessible places on its anatomy in an effort to catch elusive fleas? Do the four legged animals that belong to the family zoo also give evidence of being inhabited by the biting parasites. Then use a vacuum cleaner!

All the dog soap and cat soap on the market is worthless when compared to the common or garden variety of vacuum cleaner, according to a statement of C. Barnwell Robinson, dean of the United States college of veterinary surgery of this city. The doctor has been experimenting for years in a vain effort to rid "Pediculus," the surgery's pet cat, of the numerous fleas which bothered her.

The other day, while a vacuum cleaned was being used to withdraw the surplus dirt from the floor of the animal hospital, one of the attendants playfully ran the nozzle over the cat's back. At first the feline resented the attack but, upon second thought, she stayed and the operation was renewed. It was found that a large number of fleas that had found a resting place in "Pediculus" fur had been killed by the application of the cleaner. From that time on, Dr. Robinson veraciously asserts that the cat voluntarily backs up to the cleaner to receive her daily dry bath.

Dr. Robinson has found that the vacuum apparatus is a great success as a flea exterminator and he intends to spread the news broadcast so that all other animal owners—as well as the animals themselves—may profit by the accidental discovery.

Washington, August 2.—American trade in Abyssinia is being revived, according to dispatches received at the state department from Consul Guy R. Love, at Adis Ababa. The consul reports the closing of contracts for the sale of cotton sheetings to the value of \$750,000 by the representatives of an American firm. The goods will be sent in shipments extending over a period of three years.

Another American firm recently opened agencies at Dire Dawa, Harrar, and Adis Ababa, Consuls Love reports. The company will buy Abyssinian skins and hides and sell American cotton sheetings.

The United States once possessed a large share of the Abyssinian trade. In recent years, however, it has been declining in favor of European exporters, who have sought the business with more energy than American exporters.

Washington, August 2.—Efforts now under way to make the national capital a "noiseless city" have been given an impetus by the interstate commerce commission through an order signed recently requiring two electric railroads to take from service all cars that make "screeching noises."

Complaints have been made by citizens throughout the city to the police department that unnecessary noises disturb their sleep. A general campaign for the doing away with all the

slumber disturbances has been launched. The police have been ordered to maintain quiet throughout the night. Midnight revelers are no longer permitted to sing, whistle or make any demonstration whatsoever.

Washington, August 2.—Through the American Red Cross, the United States is preparing to enable China to prevent a recurrence of floods in the Hwai river valley, which were responsible for the terrible famine of last winter, in which hundreds of thousands of people died of starvation and disease.

For this purpose the Red Cross has offered to the Chinese government the services of an engineer, who will draw up plans for building canals and dykes which shall prevent further inundations. This offer has been accepted with thanks by China.

The man engaged by the Red Cross is Charles D. Jameson, who has had 16 years of experience as engineer in China, having been engaged on work for the American legation, the Chinese foreign office and a British syndicate. He is a graduate of Bowdoin; has been a professor in the Massachusetts institute of technology, and the head of the engineering department of Iowa university. He is particularly familiar with the country in the region of the Hwai.

During the famine the United States through the Red Cross and the Christian Herald, has sent more than \$250,000 to relieve the suffering of the famine victims.

Washington, August 2.—See the government!

It is the government of the United States of America a great nation.

Is it a wise government?

Well, that depends upon the point of view. This is what the government does.

It is announced in official orders that a board of army officers, consisting of two captains, and a lieutenant colonel, shall meet in Washington and examine a horse and appraise its value. Someone wants to sell a horse to the government, and before Uncle Sam can purchase it, its merits must be solemnly passed upon by an army

board. It is estimated that the officers assigned to this board will consume the greater part of one day in performing this duty. Two captains at \$2,400 a year, and a lieutenant colonel at \$3,000 a year make a total of \$8,800 a year in salaries represented by this board.

In other words, it is to cost the United States government the services of these three officers for one day, or more than \$27, in order to decide what price shall be paid for said horse, with the possibility of saving Uncle Sam ten or fifteen dollars on the purchase price.

Oregon to Celebrate.

Asoria, Ore., August 2.—One week hence there will be inaugurated here the Astoria Centennial Carnival, for which preparations on an elaborate scale have been going forward for more than a year and are now practically completed. The carnival festivities will extend over an entire month and will embrace a wide variety of attractions. The management is in receipt of advices indicating the attendance of thousands of visitors from all of the Pacific states and from Canada and the east, as well.

The celebration is to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the arrival on the Pacific coast of the expedition sent from New York by John Jacob Astor. The expedition resulted in the settlement of Astoria, which gave the United States its strongest claim to the Oregon country, and also marked a chapter of American heroism and suffering that has first place in the glowing annals of exploration. The little group of huts erected by the fur traders and explorers was named Astoria in honor of the promotor of the expedition and formed the first permanent settlement in this part of the country. Though the British took possession of Astoria fort in the war of 1812 and renamed the place Fort George, the place was restored to America after the treaty of peace with American claims of settlement unimpaired.

Luisa Petrazzini will sing at the Metropolitan opera house next season and Giuseppe Sturani will be one of the conductors.

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