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going adoption of municipal ownership would ruin Tammany by providing a perpetual stimulus to fight the wily old serpent low down among the masses...

Mr. Hill is as great a martinet as Mr. Harriman or Mr. Cabot, but the "Great Northern spirit" is not so much in him. It is a spirit of almost daring initiative.

constitutes old age, and could we teach them to shun the exhilarating but disastrous beverage brewed by the lethal germs in the intestines we should gambol in everlasting youth; or, at any rate, we should live twice as long as we do now.

Dr. Clarence True Wilson is right. There is no "easy way" to salvation. The person who in the glamour of the footlights of the ecclesiastical show expects "salvation" to descend upon him through the exhortation, the prayers, the entreaties, of those who make a business of this sort of thing, is mistaken in his hope.

Murderous Maunderings. Once I was shaved on a shuddering ship, And the barber gouged and gored, When he had finished I gave him a tip— I tipped him overboard!

Current Verse of the Day. Elizabeth Rachel Chapman, in "Baby." Turn where I will I miss, I miss my sweet; By my lone fire, or in the crowded way, Once on a family, his joyous fest I miss, I hunger for him all the day.

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Both objections to municipal management have very great weight; but no one must forget that the present failure of republican government in our cities, their corruption, depravity and measureless shame, have in nearly every case been caused, in large part, by the evil influences which seem inseparable from the private ownership of public utilities.

Twenty-one divorces were granted by Judge Cleland Friday. Few questions were asked, but neatness, dispatch and good nature marked the entire proceedings.

Eighteen of the twenty-one complainants are women. It is always so. Three-fourths more of all divorces are given to women. Why? Because they are less patient and more abused than men? Or because the men are more tolerant and less inclined to rush before the public with their grievances?

Desertion is the cause of divorce in most cases. The husband gets drunk and runs away. He leaves the wife to struggle along as best she may with the little ones. If there are any, which there usually are, He seeks new pastures and new pleasures, and sooner or later appears in the same role in another corner.

Mr. C. M. Keys, of the Wall-Street Journal, contributes to the last issue of the World's Work a very interesting article on "Railroad Methods and Railroad Kings." Mr. Keys, who is a close student of railroad matters and a trenchant writer, makes the statement that "to introduce the free-and-easy Western method on an Eastern trunk line is as disastrous to the administration and to the revenues as it would be to introduce into a department store in New York the free-and-easy credit system of the country store."

Every Portlander and every Oregonian is familiar with the fact that the local representatives of Mr. Harriman's railroad properties in the Pacific Northwest have, almost without exception, been strongly in favor of construction of branch lines to a number of points in Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

Mr. Keys pays high tribute to Messrs. Mohler, Calvin Stubbs, Kruttschnitt and other Harriman officials when he states that they "are second to none in the railway world." The limitations of their power, however, are apparent in the statement that "the system is run from 120 Broadway by Mr. Harriman. Orders are issued from his desk in the inside office. There are no other orders."

Mr. Keys says that Mr. Hill knows in detail the figures of his roads and their traffic. It is true that he watches like a cat every hamlet on the road, and writes down its earnings in a little red book. But he leaves the method to the men. He has made his men, and he trusts them. Messrs. Farrell, Ward, Hoad and Howard, on the Great Northern, are not clerks. They are live railroad men. They have a good knowledge of the business.

Every division superintendent feels that he may investigate some how which which next year will appear in "general orders." There is routine work, of course, and in it

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