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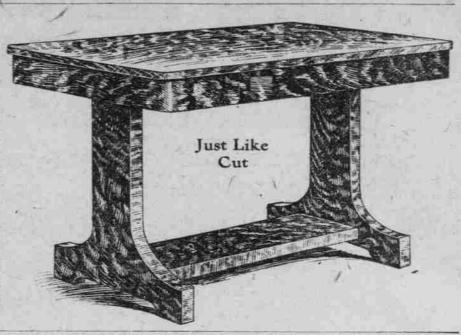
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### OPPOSITION TO CHILDREN IN CHICAGO FLATS IS DOWNED BY MUNICIPAL JUDGE

Stork Visiting Old-Time Tenant, Renewal of Lease Is Refused-Suit Brought, Landlord Loses-Despite Below Zero Chill Windy City's Fresh Air Fiends Maintain Out-Door Exercisess

weight of judicial opinion has been thrown in the balance in favor of the bables of Chicago. Judge Himes, of the Municipal Court, holds that children are entitled to as much protection as game birds and he does not intend, if he can help it, that the owners of flats shall discriminate against possible future Presidents and Governors. Conversely although not saving so directly, he believes that if other tenants without chil dren do not care to live in apartment houses where there are babies, they should do the moving and not the babies. An arrangement of that kind, he thinks, would be more in the interest of the family, the

fare and posterity. at this time, the decision is a piece for that of the Supreme Court of Kansas that a man may break engagement to marvy with impunty his financee should happen to go on coking for a letter from ex-President championship of

#### Old Tenant Files Suit.

Rolla R. Longenecker had rented and paid for a flat monthly for several years. buring his tenancy a little daughter came to keep company with her little brother. The landlord refused to continue the lease giving the obstacle of the children as his reason. In that he can foul of the state law which prohibits such dis-crimination. Mr. Lemgeneeler brought split under the new statute and won. Be-hind him were the support and encouralackballed because they dared to exer their inalienable right to bring chil-

the the world in his decision Judge Himes said the seasily conceivable. If the discrimination policy were followed generally that the man of family unable to build Judge Himes said it house of his own, would find himself with no refuge but the smoke-laden sky of Chicago-a condition that would be of Chicago—a condition that would be a positive menace to society. He justified the law on the ground that "the general assembly may prohibit all things hurtful to the comfort, sufety and welfars of society, even though the prohibition involve the right of liberty or property of an individual." The court further held the enforcement of such a statute was a reasonable exercise of the police power of the state.

#### Air Treatment Chilly.

With the mercury on the nether side has become a distinctive fad in Chicago. if a vote were taken doubtless a big majority would be registered in favor of a larger assertment of thermal units. The cold air freatment is being tried on school children, with the result of a lot designed for tubercular colliders, the that the flour was intended for experature is kept so low that for comport the pupils are obliged to bundle up in heavy bags, mittens and neck-scarfs. The children textify that they like it.

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tendent of schools, has investigated th case personally and expresses the belief the cold air is doing all the good that its most extravagant advocates claim for it. The cheeks of the children and their general health would seem to bear her

#### Roof to Hold Classes.

So sure are the fresh-air champions of rangements for roof schoolrooms for pupils in many parts of the city. That he cause is gaining ground among Chi-cago residents generally is evidenced in many ways. One going along the streets at midnight any time during the zero weather might see whole rows of flat windows thrown wide open to admit the cold air in sleeping-rooms. Many flats are specially designed now with side porches so arranged that they can be removed off and converted into outer bedrooms. Free use is being made of these fresh-air quarters. In consequence, there has been a decrease in the number of bad colds and cases of pneumonia, thu confirming the theory that fresh all means death to the pneumococci.

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Some interesting comparative figures are at hand regarding the indebtedness of large American cities. New York's debt is now over a billion dollars and within a few millions of the limit allowed by law. Chicago's bonded indebtedness is something less than \$25,000,000, compared with \$80,000,000 for Philadelphia, \$25,000,000 for St. Louis, \$74,000,000 for Boston, and \$74,000,000 for Baltimers. Based on population the debt of Chicago s the low mark. This standing will not be destroped by the issuance of the \$16. se destroped by the issuance by in bonds recently authorized by

#### Cost of Living Probed.

Some interesting facts have been disclosed by two experts, who are here from London investigating for King Edward the question of the cost of living, which has become a very live topic since the references to the prob-lem made by President Tart in his message. These investigators find that one can buy nearly four times as much bread for the same money in England as he can here, even though the English bread be made of flour or wheat shipped from this country. The man who made this discovery is J. R. Cahill. who was specially complissioned by the King to come over and look into the

Curious phases of the question keep coming up," said Mr. Cahill. 'I have a friend in Beston who acts as agent for a London house. This house wanted some American flour and asked its rep some American flour and asked its representative to get prices. He did so after telegraphing a Chicago house. The quotations were sent abroad and the London house cabled back the prices were too high. The answer was forwarded by the Boston agent to Chicago. The answer came back prompily to him from Chicago that he had negeried to state in his original telegram. cted to state in his original telegram flour was intended for ex-

BT JONATHAN PALMER. being unnecessarily tortured. Mrs. Ella for a given amount. It is weighed HICAGO, Dec. 35.—(Special.)—The Flagg Young, Chicago's woman superin- before the purchaser. Over here one isks for a loaf, has it wrapped up, pays als nickel and thinks no more about

it. He doesn't know whether he is get-ting his money's worth or not."
Governor Deneen has taken a posi-tion which may be the best kind of discouragement of the lynchings like those at Cairo and Springfield, which have brought diagrace on the State of Illinois. He has removed Sheriff Davis, of Alexander County from office be-cause he did not take sufficient pre-caution to prevent the Cairo lynching. Despite tremendous pressure, he de clined to reinstate the Sheriff. The Governor believes the lesson he is administering in this case will have salutary effect in future. The theory salutary effect in future. The theory is that any Illinois Sheriff, réalizing that his position and the patronage that goes with it, is at stake, if a mob gets beyond his control and lynches a prisoner in his custody, will be more likely to take in time the steps necessary to evert the execution of mah ways. vert the execution of mob vengeance

#### Sympathy Didn't Count.

Sympathy in many quarters was strong for Davis' reinstatement because he already had suffered the humiliation of a 15-day suspension and because the crime for which his prisoner was hanged was a particularly helinous one. 'As a man Governor Deneen felt the force of this plea, but as Governor he thought it was up to him to put aside personal feelings and interpret the statute as it reads. Sheriff Davis robably would have taken his life and not of his deputies in his hands if a had tried to the limit to protect the he had tried to the limit to protect the two prisoners hanged by the mob. but the law is cold enough to contemplate his doing that very thing. With the Governor's interpretation of his duty as a precedent, it is hoped that the gathering mob of the future will stop and consider that if it carries out its plan it will be equivalent to kicking the Sherin out of effice.

The Christmas season in Chicago brought its little tragedies of life as well as its good cheer. The charity

well as its good cheer. The charity ball netted \$30,000 for the poor, but before the money was ready for dis-tribution the excessively cold weather had brought untold suffering. Pathetistories of exposure and hu stories of exposure and hunger poured in on the charity organizations. Holdups and burglaries increased many fold, some of these crimes being so bold that their execution suggested a desire on the part of robbers and thugs to challenge arrest and imprisonment for comfort's sake.

Possibly the contrast between the delevels condition of the more and the

plorable condition of the poor and the opulent splendor of the charity ball had something to do with the increase in shop-lifting. One young woman stole laces for her wedding gown. Anlaying the blame upon the estentation of wealth and praying for a discontinuance of such halls in the name of chartly as emphasize the privations of the

as a city. The people are for it and the city council has adopted an approving resolution. Just what form the festivities will take, what they will cost and what will be emphasized in the proceedings has not been determined. Three years after the incorporation, Chicago had less than 5000 population. In 1912 it will be possible to determine almost to a nicely what the population is; if the Federal census next year is an accurate and a comprehensive one. The more optimistic are looking for a total count of 2,500,000 to 2,700,000. The figures robably are too liberal, but whatever e gnumeration shows, the contrast the enumeration shows, the contrast between the swadding-clothes days and now will be marked.

anticipation of the celebration it is likely the next two years will wit-ness steps toward rounding out the hopes of the regenerators and the "boostera." One fond dream is that the eassenger subway will be in process of construction. Another is that the am-bitious "outer harbor" claus will have been partially realized, another that the traction system will be the best in world; another that smoke, dirty streets and disfiguring billboards will have been placed in the discard.

It is significant of the changing spirit of Chicago from that of the old, wide-open days that particular effort will be made to place Chicago before the world as a metropolis of lofty morals, without gambling, without municipal graft and with vice tamed to the limit. To attain such an at-mosphere and to impress the outsider

mosphere and to impress the outsider that Chicago really is sincere in its reform there must be some tall hustling. The Merriam commission is uncovering all sorts of municipal graft by which the grafter is exploiting the city to his private gain. Hardly a species of supply is purchased for the city snywhere within gunshot reach of normal prices. It has been made clear that Chicago is overcharged for coal, oil, iron supplies, horse feed, water appliances, paving, sewerage work and appliances, paving, sewerage work and

the most complete and sensa municipal house cleanings in the city's history. Already have reached the stage where

#### Budget Asks \$55,000,000.

The 1919 Chicago budget calls for \$55,000,000, which is a little more than o interest on the bonded indebted ness of New York. Of Chicago's bud-get it is estimated \$9.500,000 will be arred for by a bond issue, to be divid-ed thus: Bridges, \$2,000,000; fire enness of New York. sine houses, \$150,000; new police sta-tions, \$1,000,000; new branch public il-braries, \$350,000; waterworks, street signs and incidental improvements \$2,400,000, new City Hall, \$2,000,000 The bond issue must first be approved

a referendum vote.
With the departure of Danlei Willard become president of the Baltimore Ohlo road, it becomes plainer that the Burlington is a pretty fair train ing school for railroad executives. The list of graduates now includes: F. A Delano, president of the Wabash Howard Elliott, president of the Northern Pacific: W. C. Brown, president of the New York Central system; L. E. Johnson, president of the Norfolk & Western, and now Mr. Willard. State street, "the greatest tetall store in the world," as Chicagoans

proudly acclaim, and the downtow streets generally, were picturesqua thoroughfares this week with their Christmas shoppers and hawkers of gifts in the streets. It is estimated that \$15,000,000 poured into the coffers of the shopkeepers during the

#### FAILURES AND QUICK CHANGES FEATURES OF GOTHAM THEATERS

Present Dramatic Season Proves Costly to Managers, and Public Shows Surprising Lack of Appreciation of "True Art' as Offered in New Productions of Year-John Drew's Accident Serious Blow to Frohman Management.

Name Adams. Move Drew production to the plays that go on with lightning rapidity are those of the Naw Theater and up to the present time.

Mande Adams. Move Drew production to the production t New Theater, and up to the present time there has been nothing of an engrossing nature at that house so far as drams le concerned. In fact, the conditions are not healthy at the present time in any of the theaters, with the exception of the very few very great successes. Empty houses, that bane of players and managers, seem the rule rather than the exception, but with the new year things

ple are satisfied, not alone with music, but also with drama, and how could it be otherwise, when one takes into con-sideration the number of theaters open for business? For business indeed, rather than for art, because art, unless imbedded in some sensational wrapping, of developing a higher appreciation of art and date that this country need special training in art appreciation in special training in art appearance if it has not the natural inclination for art by this time, it is so firmly im-bedded in its own attitude that most of the laudable efforts would be wasted any way, therefore the wise manager will content himself to give the people what they want, and let the art appre-ciation oulid itself.

"The Easiest Way" closed one of the ost remarkable runs ever enjoyed by any pian within recent years December 23. Mr. Belasco will next put on at the Stuyvesant his latest "The Light." This has had its out-of-town performances for the purpose of smoothing down the rough places, but it would be unfair to disclose its secrets until it comes to the metrocodis.

The Empire closed suddenly under con-ditions that were rather costly to Charles Frehman, in fact, the noted impresario sent a telegram which cost him so mucl noney that if there were such a thins is a \$56,090 bill, he would not have re-eived much change out of it. Charles Frohman was a passenger in the dining-car of the Twentieth Century Limited, returning to New York from Chicago when the news reached him of the accident that sent John Drew to the hospital and closed the Empire Theater. He and one of his assistants were at the oysters when a mossenger, calling "tele-gram for Charles Frohman." came bawtling into the car. A moment later he was reading. "Mr. Drew was thrown from his horse today in the park, has concussion of the brein, and is not expected to live. That's all."

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Mr. Frohman handed the dispatch to his companion, turned and looked out of the window—silent. A friendship and business association of years was over. The dinner was served, and presently a second telegram was delivered. This read: "John Drew hurt under fallen horse expected to be out in three weeks, do-ing nicely. Signed Alf. Hayman."

#### Message Cost \$50,000.

Immediately there was another face on the matter, and he dictated this tele gram: "Alf, Hayman, Announce Empir Theater closed until Christmas night

cents, but its contents meant this: a by closing Empire Theater for three tive of loss of rent; moving out one large production and moving in another \$1000; announcing Maude Adams for Christmas might in the New York papers, three weeks special advertising at 50 cents a line, besides the announcement of John Drew's incapacity to play.

Considerable interest is manifested in

the forthcoming production of the last serious drams written by Clyde Fitch. It is called "The City," and will be put on at the Lyric Theater on Tuesday evening. "The City" is to show in drams the ef-fect of metropolitan life on an ambittous and prosperous country family. The theme of the play is found in the fol-lowing speech of one of the characters:

#### City Proves Character.

"A man may live in a small place all ds life-deceive the whole place and almself into thinking he has got all the virtues, when at heart he's a hypo-crite; but the village gives him no-chance to find out-to prove it to his fellows—the small town is too easy! But the city! A man comes to the gate of it and knocks. New York or Chicago. Boston or San Francisco; no matter what city, so long as it's big and busy and selfish and self-centered; and she opens her gates and table. takes him in, and she stands him in the middle of her market place—where Wall Street and Herald Square and Fifth Avenue and the Bowery and Harlem and Forty-second Street all meet—and there she strips him naked of all his disguises and of all his hypocrisies, and she paints his ambithen she says to him: Make good if you can, or to hell with you! And what is in him comes out to clothe his nakedness, and to the city he can't lie! I know, because I tried."

"The City" is in three asts. The first

act, somewhat in the nature of a pre-logue, takes place in the home of George Band, Sr., in the up-State town, where he is the local banker and leading public figure. This act shows the eagerness of the young poo-ple, against the advice of their father, to establish themselves in New York. This act The other two acts both occur in the metropolitan home of George Rand, Jr., after the lapse of a few years, when he has atteined a position of notable prominence.

The cast includes Walter Hampden Calls Warshall Warshall

Tully Marshall, Mary Nash, Lucile Watson, Eva Vincent, Helen Holmes, Edward Emery, George Howell and A. H. Stewart. Marie Tempest is always a wel-

come figure on the American stage. That she has not lest any of her charm was obvious from the rise of the curtain at the Lyceum, where she is presenting for the first time a new play, "Pepelope," by W. Somerset Maugham, which has had a loug run in London. The play has much charm, and in it Mos Tempest is beard and seen to her best advantage. The play is about

Prevalence, however charming she may be, is rather too exacting to satisfy her husband, who seeks rather the society of a Mrs. Ferguson, said to be an attractive young person whose husband is absent from the country on naval duty. Penelope summens a family council and her father. Professor Golightly, advises that the doctor and his friend be thrown together until he tires of her, that Penegether until he tires of her, that Pene ope should cease showing him her adoration, and that since he loves the hase to allow him to pursue his own

Notwithstanding his large clientelle, s patient must be invented to allow his visits to Mrs. Ferguson and when he wants to go with Mrs. Ferguson to the Derby or to the Oaks, his tmagi-nary patient falls desperately ill and whenever this fabled Mrs. Mack sends for the doctor, Penelope ord costly gown and sends the bills husband because the patient is posed to be so very wealthy that he cannot afford to overlook her calls for

wife on the subject of extravagan-but he notes very soon that the date of her extravagances and the dates of of her extravagances and the dates the calls on his imaginary patient the same. He thus finds out ! Penelope knows what is going on, the coolness of her attitude in connection causes him to worry. To is not much in the story, but it is well fut together and it offers a delightful medium for Miss Tempests many charms. The company is English throughout and not as well balance as might be desired.

Or. O'Farreil
Philip Deshoreur,
Professor Golightly
Mr. Davenport Barlow
Mr. Davenport Barlow
Mir. Barenport Barlow
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Mir. Bardsworth
McIntyre Wickstee,
Mr. Muston
Mr. Anderson
Mr. Anderson
Mr. Sebastian Smith
Peyton
Nannie Benreit

#### Four New Plays, Too.

Charles Frohman finds himself in a disagreeable predicament, he is compelled to close four of the biggest suesses of the New York theatrical ses son to make room for new productions which he had arranged to bring to New York around New Years. These are "Arsene Lupin." John Drew in "Inconstant George," "Israel" and "The Harvest Moon." Otts Skinner, in "Your Humble Servant," will displace
"The Harvest Moon"; Francis Wilson,
in "The Bachelor's Baby", will succeed
"Israel," Conan Doyle's "Fires of Fate
will go on at the Liberty, and "Pene-

lope" will stay at the Lyccum.

Marie Dore has just returned from a vacation spent in France and England. She describes as the most interesting experience of her foreign trip her introduction to the Comedic Francaise and to the artists of that great the-ater. Miss Dore was permitted to look over the play which is being writstant George" and "Love Watcher, and she is also preparing for an appearance in London in "The Climax."

EMILEE FRANCES BAUER.