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# A FABLE FOR CRITICS

### Particularly Those Who Oppose Municipal Ownership.

#### THE WIZARD WAVES HIS WAND

Then the Streets and Parks Become and the other times on a straight-out Pay For the Privilege of Walking or Sitting Down.

"I don't believe in municipal ownership," said the Carping Critic. "Schemes of that kind are always rank failures. You can't convince me that public utilities may be managed better by municipalities than by private ownership. There is entirely too much socialistic foolishness in this country nowadays. I'm opposed to municipal ownership in any form whatever."

The Carping Critic and the M. O. Advocate were taking a stroll together. They had arrived at the entrance to the city park. The M. O. Advocate laughed softly as he drew from his pocket a curious wand. He said:

"I'm a wizard. Maybe you didn't know it, but I am. Presto-change!" He waved the wand in the air. Suddenly a gate was thrown across the park entrance. A small ticket booth loomed up at the side of the gate.

"Here, what's the reason they've got the park fenced in?" cried the Critic. "It's a private enterprise, you know." replied the Wigard. "This park belongs to the Park Syndicate, limited, and, being a private enterprise, of course a charge is made for admission. But it costs only 10 cents aplece. Here, two tickets, please."

The ticket seller took the money, the tickets were handed to the gatekeeper, and the gate swung open. The two men entered the park and strolled along for half a mile or so, when the Critic remarked that he was a little tired and would like to sit down.

"But I don't see any seats alongside the walk," he said in surprise.

"No," replied the Wizard, "but yonder they are in that roped off place. The charge for seats is only a nickel, however, so we'll buy tickets."

After resting a nickel's worth each the men arose to go. They reached the exit without incident, but the Critic, who was slightly in advance of his companion, was halted by a hand laid for Missouri. He is a lawyer by proupon his shoulder.

"Ticket!" sharply cried the uniformed

Les Meriwether the First Conspicueus doctor to see him? Municipal Ownership Candidate.

Though still a comparatively young man, Lee Meriwether of St. Louis was the first conspicuous representative of the municipal ownership movement in America. Mr. Meriwether has been a nominee for mayor of his city three times, first as a Democratic candidate with municipal ownership leanings

AN M. O. PIONEER.

Private Enterprises and Pedestrians municipal ownership platform. His first nomination, in 1897, caused a split in his party, resulting in another nomination and the election of the Republican candidate, the noted Mayor Ziegenhein, during whose administration took place a great deal of the boodling the prosecution of which made

Joseph W. Folk governor of Missouri. Mr. Meriwether was nominated by the Municipal Ownership party in 1901. His vote was very large. His party claimed his election, and his adherents still insist that he was elected mayor instead of Rolla Wells, who was seated. In 1905 Mr. Meriwether ran again on a municipal ownership platform, but received a decreased vote.

Lee Meriwether was born at Columthrough Europe, walking and carrying | car-r.-Puck. a pack on his shoulders. His book, "A Tramp Trip; or, How to See Europe on Fifty Cents a Day," was one of the great successes of twenty years ago. A later book was "The Tramp at Home," in which Mr. Merlwether de- | cold? scribed industrial conditions in the United States. In Europe he went into the homes of the humblest people, slept and ate there and mingled with the families of farmers and laborers. His books are valuable sociological reports, written in an entertaining manner. The United States government find it the most palatable medicine employed the young author to travel in the United States, the Hawaiian Islands and elsewhere as an investigator of industrial conditions. His reports

to the interior department are highly valued. Mr. Meriwether became a convert to animals on its right of way. Recentthe municipal ownership doctrine, particularly as it relates to street rail- a cow to report. In answer to the ways, early in his career after wide question "Disposition of carcas.?" travel and studious observation. He he wrote: Kind and gentle."-Evconsistently advocated the public re-

tention of public utilities and opposed franchise giving or grabbing during all his political career. Mr. Meriwether has held no elective office, but he has served as state labor commissioner feasion.

tinually sneezing. It's quite painful to hear him. Why don't you ask a

few days because it amuses baby so night. It's disgraceful! What does to see his father sneeze .--- Life.

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Hogan .- I thought so; but afther it killed two cats an' wan dog an' bus, Miss., forty-four years ago. At broke a leg, an' ar-rm an' a nose, l the age of twenty-one he made a trip concluded it wor a baby grand tour'-

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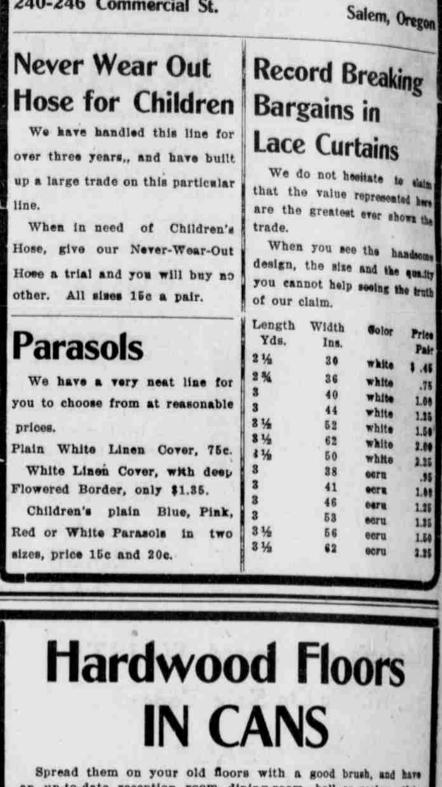
old school?" "The man with a bicycle, my son." Smart Set.

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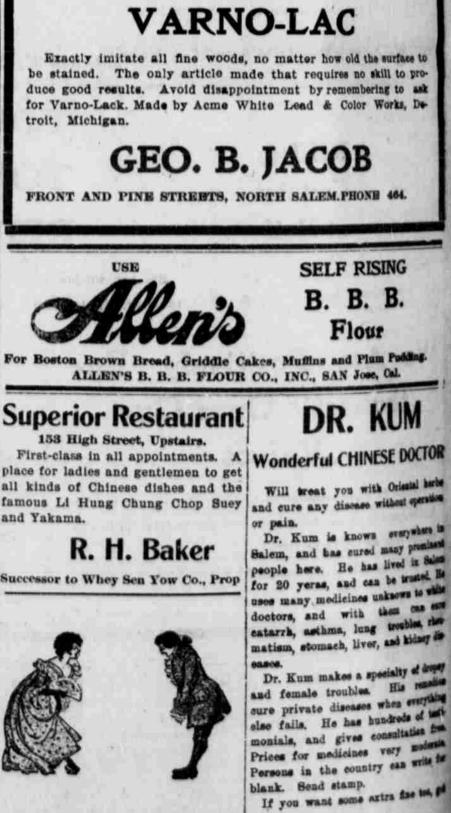
"Home was never like this," said Mr. Henpeck, as he was shown about the Deaf and Dumb Asylum .- The



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person to whom the hand belonged. "What?" demanded the Critic, open mouthed with amazement.

show your ticket."

"A ticket for what, may I ask?" "Where are you from?" was the counter query from the person in uniform. "You've got to show your ticket if you walk on this street. Otherwise you don't walk. See?"

The Critic turned to his companion.

"It's all right," said the Wizard. "This street belongs to Jones & Johnson. They own half a dozen streets in the city. You buy your street ticket here, for instance, and it is punched by the street man when you start to walk on Third street and punched again on Plum street, and so on. Quite a handy arrangement, ch?" added the Wizard, with a ghastly smile.

"Who owns the rest of the streets?" the Critic inquired.

"Oh, they're divided up among a dozen firms or corporations. That makes it a little awkward, you know, because you've got to carry your pocket full of street tickets if you want to walk anywhere in the city without being held up by a street man and ordered to go and buy your ticket or permit to perambulate on such and such a street. Then there's an extra charge for teams, of course, and a different set of tickets. Automobiles, for instance, are held up at each street crossing so that the employees of the street operators may see if the chauffeurs hold the proper tickets. Sometimes the auto folks do a lot of kicking, but private interests must be protected, you know."

"What brought about all this change?" weakly asked the Critic. "Didn't the streets and the parks used to be public property, kept up by the city and free to all the citizens and anybody else who wanted to use them ?"

"Oh, yes," replied the Wizard, "but that was before the days when municipal ownership went out of fashion. A lot of carping critics got together and declared that any sort of municipal ownership and management was socialistic and dangerous, so I, being a winard, just drew this little wand of mine and wiped municipal ownership off the face of the city map. How do you like It?"

The Carping Critic grinned feebly. bit his lower lip and humbly requested the Wizard to restore the municipal ownership and management of streets and parks.

"And if the city can operate these public utilities successfully," he admitted, "I can't see why it can't operate the street car lines, too, instead of giving up the right of way to private corporations which run the cars for profit. And we might add the lighting system and the waterworks and the sewers and a few other public utilities."

Whereupon the Municipal Ownership Man gave the ex-Critic the right hand of fellowship.

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