

## DISASTROUS STORM AND DIZZY BALL

CHICAGO HAS HAD 1100 MEN SHOVELING SNOW STEADILY SINCE JAN., 1905—FARMERS KILL SICK PIGS FOR HOLIDAY MEATS.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Industrial education as part of the public school system of the United States has just received new impetus as a result of the decision of the board of education to establish a group of trade schools in this city. This information comes on the heels of the announcement of the International Typographical Union, which was in conference here last week, that the union is planning to establish correspondence and technical schools in the large cities and a travelling school of lectures, charts and diagrams to make the rounds of the smaller locals. This will be the first of similar schools to be organized by other unions. In this work of advocating greater facilities for industrial education the unions have found an unexpected ally in the shape of the National Manufacturers' association, the bitter foe of organized labor. Alarmed at the growing competition of Germany, where technical schools are directly supported by the government, the manufacturers and labor leaders have agreed to lay aside their hostility for the moment and unite in the common cause. The Chicago school board has collected statistics of conditions in Germany, showing the striking results of the government's policy in that country. "Trade schools are a thing we have got to come to in America," said the president of the board. "Our factories are handicapped just because we lack such training. I know from my own experience. Manufacturers can hardly get foremen who understand their business. Workmen are put in to make the eightieth part of a shoe. They do that and die in that vocation. But the man who can understand and direct a whole industry is almost impossible to get."

"There has been an absolute decay of what is termed 'packet tonnage' as applied to the longer routes, such as that from St. Louis to New Orleans," declared Capt. J. F. Ellison, of Cincinnati, secretary of the National Rivers and Harbors congress, in a letter to a Chicago member. "But," he added, "the short line packet boats are as numerous and as prosperous as at any time for the past quarter of a century. Only the larger long distance boats have disappeared." The reason for the disappearance of the picturesque "river packet" of ante-bellum days is, of course, the present unreliability of the Ohio-Mississippi and other rivers, a reason which will no longer exist when the prospective improvement of those and other important waterways of the country is accomplished. It is interesting evidence of the future use of river transportation that the "short haul" tonnage of the Ohio, for instance, is equal to the tonnage transported in the halcyon days of the lamented packet boats, 30 years ago. The need for the rivers is already overwhelming and growing greater, but the need seems now more likely to be filled than at any time in the history of the United States.

As a proper place—the proper place—for national conventions of Republicans, Democrats or of the Amalgamated Sons of the Blue Ribbon, Uncle Sam's new statistics of crime shed a reassuring glow upon Chicago. Among 17 cities having a population of 200,000 or more Chicago ranks with the seven having the lowest percentage or arrests for crime, including violations of city ordinances, among which, be it remembered, are the anti-spitting and auto-speeding ordinances. In the matter of felonies Chicago, contrary to reputation, is shown to be among the cities with the cleanest record, although the payroll disbursements are annually \$137,000,000 and no blue laws are in force, yet. This, however, were not the reasons for the selection of Chicago by the Republican national committee; the personal comfort of delegates was the chief consideration, Chicago being central and accessible by railroads from every direction and usually cool during the month of June, whatever the temperature of the trains. The headquarters of the Republican national committee in Chicago will soon be running at high voltage and there the headquarters of the presidential candidates will open like sideshows around the "big tent."

Since the thirteenth First Ward

ball was "pulled off" an ominous shadow, that suggests an inglorious end of the annual saturnalia, has grown surprisingly. This big affair of the underworld has been an event of every winter, one worth some \$30,000 to Alderman Kenna and Coughlin of the First—"Hinky Dink" and "Bathhouse." The windup of the last one was at 5 a. m., and the maudlin scenes were so conspicuously chaotic that steps to prevent their repetition are under consideration. The chairman of the floor committee at the last ball was the proprietor of a dance hall, and divekeepers were on the committee on arrangements. Jim O'Leary, "king of the gamblers," was seated in state and on the floor thugs mingled with painted women, college sports and politicians. R. R. McCormick, president of the drainage board, was there with several Illinois legislators, including Representative James Brannon of Syracuse and Representative John McLaughlin and E. J. Smejkal of Chicago. Aldermen were present in numbers and not as spectators.

Some others, prominent in politics, the theatrical profession or business spent some time and money there. The refreshments included 100 barrels and 600 cases of beer and 275 cases of wine.

The great snow-storm of January, 1905, which was charged at the time to the account of Medicine Hat, is proving the most remarkable storm on record, and mighty expensive to the city of Chicago. It will go down in history as the most protracted snow-storm in any latitude, as the city's emergency payrolls bear witness. To clear up the streets then about 1100 men were set at work with shovels and most of them have, by the records, been shoveling ever since—some of them are still at it. Each month the "emergency" payrolls were approved during ex-Mayor Dunne's regime, and only recently part of the snow-crew was laid off. In the meantime the shovelers pegged away steadily, it appears, whether at the drifts of the dog-days or at labor day snowbanks, and now a new onslaught of winter has come. Again the cry is heard, "A blizzard from Medicine Hat is responsible for this," and the threadbare tradition, as veracious as the "emergency payrolls," is tried out again. As a matter of fact Medicine Hat is a lousy town up in Alberta, Canada, where blizzards are unknown, because of the warm winds from the Pacific, and where the chinook licks up snow like magic; why, even up at Edmonton tennis is played in January. Now that Chicago holds the snow-storm record of 23 months, Medicine Hat and Alberta deserve now to be exonerated from blame for cold weather in "the States."

In the removal from one city to another in the interim between two business days, of all the books, files and papers of a railway system the Wisconsin Central officials accomplished something unique in its way. On Saturday the forces in all the departments were clattering away at their desks in the Milwaukee office; the following Monday the unfinished and new work was taken up again in Chicago. On Sunday a special train had brought the several hundred members of the office forces to this city to get the records and files into place for Monday's business. With the Wisconsin Central added, there are in Chicago terminals of 35 railway systems, whose aggregate length is over 100,000 miles—more than 40 per cent of the total railway mileage of the United States. It is an interesting fact that more sleeping cars leave and arrive in one day at Chicago than in any other city in the world.

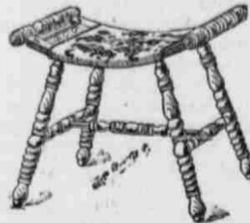
A shocking fraud, which probably has been perpetrated in other cities than Chicago on purchasers of Christmas supplies has just been unearthed by the health department, and now the inspectors here are wondering whether the farmer, in this part of the west, is as "unsophisticated" as the comic papers would make him appear. Incidentally they are touchy on the subject of "pig"—the savory kind that is served on a platter with an apple in its mouth and cranberries in its eyes. A few days ago the inspectors examined the carcasses of 25 little pigs that had been shipped to Chicago to meet the demand of Christmas appetites. It proved that every one of the carcasses was diseased and that many of the pigs had probably died of their ailments before the "slaughter" took place. Upon this the investigators did some hurry-up investigating and discovered that a large number of farmers around Chicago have made it a practice for some years to select their sick pigs, and just as it appears they are about to die, kill and ship them to Chicago for holiday consumption. Since then the inspectors have watched the railroad stations and have

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