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### A RELIC OF BY-GONE DAYS.

The First Horse Car That Ran Upon an Omaha Street.

### OLD, COBWEBBY AND DESERTED.

The Engrossing Trip From Ninth to Fifteenth Street, the People Who Made It and Extension of the Track.

### A Buss on Trucks.

Out in the Park avenue barn of the Omaha Horse Car company, coated with an half-inch of dust and festooned with cobwebs, stands the first street car that ever did service in Omaha.

It has gradually fallen from the proud position it occupied on the day, twenty years ago, that all glories in gorgeous paint polished gearings and fresh from the shop, it made its first trip up Farnam street, admired by the populace and greeted by all as a sure harbinger of the future greatness of the town of Omaha.

After a brief term of service it was carefully stowed away in the Cuming street barn as a relic to be preserved for future generations to gaze upon. In later years, however, this feeling of regard for the old conveyance and the service it had rendered, passed away, to-day, it stands in the barn before mentioned, occupying the piteous position of a receptacle for the coal used by the company's blacksmiths.

Viewed with modern eyes, this old horse car is a queer looking contrivance, and, it taken from its resting place and again drawn along its old route on Farnam street, the crowds of to-day would doubtless find in it greater cause for amusement than those who applauded its initial appearance.

In general appearance it closely resembles the pictures one occasionally sees across the omnibus seats used a half century ago. It is a cumbersome affair, with a huge swelling body and a great oval-shaped roof. The driver occupied an elevated position upon a broad seat upon the top, with his feet resting upon a dash that curved out over the backs of the horses.

An iron break beam extended from the axle up through the dash into close proximity to the driver's dexter foot, to this has been broken off and now leans against one of the hubs.

Brushing away the thick coat of dust that covers it, one is enabled to obtain some idea of what the interior decoration once was. The body was at one time evidently painted white, with a broad, red band running through the center. Beneath this and extending the full length of the car, is printed in large brown and green letters:

"Omaha City R. W. Co."  
In the center of the brown band in yellow is painted the figure "1."  
An iron railing runs around the top as on modern busses, while, similar to them also, ingress and egress to and from the vehicle was made through a door in the rear, reached by a single iron step.

The interior is painted white, and is decorated with red, green, blue and yellow. Upon the door is painted what was probably intended to represent a landscape in Italy, with a sky blue lake, an emerald green sky, and the customary adjuncts of misproportioned poplar trees, castles and castles, and a bridge in the distance. The door, served to keep the door closed, still hangs in its place, and the window along the sides and the ends are unbroken, showing probably more to chance than care.

The wheels of the big, clumpy affair is mounted upon four solid, heavy iron wheels, about the size in diameter as those used on the street cars of to-day.

### FASTING AND NOT FEASTING.

The Characteristic of the Penitential Season of Lent.

### ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH SIXTH.

A Short Sermon on the Observance of the Season Together With a Review of the Local Religious World.

### Prayer and Amendment.

Lent begins Wednesday—Ash Wednesday—the church's annual season of spiritual retirement, meditation, self-examination, confession and amendment of life.

For forty days will the Catholics and Episcopalians observe the Lenten season, until the Easter tide will probably find them with higher motives, aims and rules of living. It is intended by Lent to deepen and broaden the religious life of people already earnest and religious by acts of devotion, prayer, fasting and charity. In fact, it is a season of religious discipline.

Speaking of Lent the Parish Messenger says there can easily be found Lenten devotes who can and do make a passion of it rather a fashion, of church-going, while all the rest of the year the passion and the fashion are chiefly of the earth. It is easy enough to find those whose Lenten church-going and observance is as religiously hollow as their worship is at the shrine of fashion and folly in the pursuit of pleasure. Holy Lent is not to be observed by those who observe them holly. They are not to those who observe them formally, or who come to them because fashion and folly take a needed rest, for a time, for the faded, worn out senses, but only to resume their round again as soon after the setting of the Easter sun as possible.

But Lent does not exist for those people, chiefly, although sometimes it may help even those. Lent is not chiefly for the passionate votaries of worldly life and pleasure, even though some of its benefits may reach them. It is intended to reach and benefit the more sober, faithful christian people whose lives on the whole fit them for entering upon the deeper consecration and devotion of Lent. It is true here as in other things, "To them that have shall be given; but from them that have shall be taken away even that which they have."

Fasting, in modern times and among those who pride themselves on the name of protestant, is a discredited exercise of Godly living. The very meaning of the word is changed to justify protestant disloyalty to the precepts of holy scripture, while maintaining an external reverence for holy scripture itself. Fasting, in the holy scriptural sense, means abstention from food and drink in these modern times when one wishes to excuse one's self from a difficult or unpleasant christian exercise, one says that "to fast means to abstain from sin." To abstain from sin is certainly better than to abstain from food, but it is the folly of self-deceit to say or think that to abstain from sin is to abstain from food.

Evangelists Potter and Miller have condescended to their series of revival meetings. They came here from Kansas city, and have been converting sinners for four weeks. Their first week's work was done at the First Methodist Episcopal church on Dayton street. During the week a large number of converts were made. The multitude of sinners who wished to hear them became so large that it was necessary to secure more commodious quarters after the first week. Accordingly they secured the Biograph for two weeks, the meetings were held in that place. To use the language of a sinner who wanted to express himself emphatically, satisfied his cup while the evangelists were in the old rink. When the two weeks had expired at the latter place, the religious men determined to make a circuit of the different Methodist churches of the city. Last Sunday and Monday nights they were at Trinity Methodist in Koussie's place. A few converts were made. The Rev. T. M. House, in the meantime, was holding meetings at the First Methodist, and as his church was more central the people attended it in preference to going down on South Tenth and Hanson park, at which churches the evangelists intended holding meetings. They soon learned that these places of worship were obscure, and went back to the First Methodist, where the meetings have been conducted the remainder of the week. Mr. Potter is very much pleased with the result of his work in this city. Since the arrival of the evangelists about six hundred people who had been wandering away from the straight path, have determined to begin a new life and be christians. The evangelists will go to Chicago, their home.

The Rev. T. M. House, who was two years ago pastor of the Southwestern Presbyterian church of this city, but now pastor of the Forty-first Presbyterian church of Chicago, was in Omaha last Tuesday and Wednesday. He was the guest of George Crosby at 908 South Twentieth street. Mr. Hall was en route to Monterey, Cal., where he went to attend the wedding of Cyrus McCormick, of the McCormick Harvester works, of Chicago. The marriage of this gentleman will be celebrated in London during the second week in March. He has engaged Mary Korie to play Queen Elizabeth and W. G. Lohr Lauchlin for Richmond.

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### MEN OF BRAIN AND MUSCLE.

United in the Various Labor Organizations of Omaha.

### AGREEING ON THE YEAR'S WAGES

Organization of New Industrial Unions—Discharged From the Smelting Works—Eight-Hour Demonstration on May 1.

### Agree on Wages.

The question of how to avert strikes is the one that is at present being extensively discussed by the members of the Central Labor union, and while they have no thoughts of letting the rights of workmen go by default, they fully recognize that the employers have rights as well, and that they, too, must be respected. Aside from these is the general public who are always interested to a greater or less extent in anything that interferes with the building operations of the city, and it is to make these three interests harmonize that the union is about to direct its efforts. As yet the subject has not been brought before them officially, but the general idea seems to be that a great deal of annoyance and loss could be avoided to those interested by adopting a system of fixing a scale of prices, before the commencement of the season's work. It would come in the shape of a contract, to be entered into by the builders and material furnishers on the one side, and the journeymen of the various building trades, as represented by their unions, on the other. Then any trouble could be adjusted without having a disastrous effect on the building operations of the city, as has sometimes heretofore been the case. The men would know in advance what they could earn during the season, and the contractors would have a basis upon which to furnish estimates for very satisfactory work. The latter have to provide for contingencies in the shape of strikes when bidding on a contract, but with a satisfactory understanding as to wages, they would be enabled to make a closer estimate. The system of making a contract between the employer and employee, is already working in the Central Labor union of Omaha and would no doubt prove equally feasible with the builders.

The latest addition to the trades represented in the Central Labor union of Omaha is the horseshoers, and at their last meeting they elected O. S. Watson, S. Garmody and E. E. Hart as delegates to that body. Monday last these men presented their credentials to the central, and thereafter will take an active interest in its discussions. The city union meets on the first and third Wednesdays in each month at their hall on the corner of Twenty-fourth and Cuming streets, where the following officers preside: President, W. K. Burnett; vice president, O. S. Watson; secretary, E. E. Hart, and treasurer, John Newell.

It won't do for us to be seen talking to you fellows," said a smelting house employe, "you know the piece you put in a week or two ago about Hilley getting acquainted with the municipal and state elections, well, the piece was put in and the votes received from 12 o'clock noon until 7:30 p. m. Those electors will hold their year. The following were nominated: For delegates, K. S. Fisher, John L. Hogan, Ed. Hartley, W. C. Gorman and Port M. Jones; president, James R. Lewis, Peter Stebbins; vice president, J. M. Stripp, E. E. Ryland; recording secretary, R. H. Nicol, M. T. Fleming; reading clerk, Anton Sager, Thomas J. Dwyer; financial secretary, George Bradley, W. M. Kimmel; treasurer, W. J. Scott; sergeant at arms, Harvey Long; sick care, J. M. Stripp; committee on resolutions, Bruner and William Shutt; finance committee, W. Bert Cox, C. Turner, James Dornody; executive committee, W. S. Mahon, Arthur Pickering, F. S. Horton, Alexander F. Wilson, Timothy J. O'Brien, Ed L. Scoy, Jacob N. Keith.

The matter-makers of Omaha are thinking of forming a union. There are about fifty of them employed in the city, and the great part of them are members of the Knights of Labor, but they are of the opinion that a union of their own trade will best serve to advance their own interests.

Members of the Plymouth church, together with the Congregationalists of the city, will give a reception next Thursday night in honor of Rev. Dr. Thain, the new pastor, in the absence of Mrs. Thain. This afternoon at 4 o'clock Rev. J. W. Harsha will deliver a special sermon at the Young Men's Christian association on the subject of "Christ, Helper and Healer" and the "Raising of the Cross," now on exhibition in that building.

A mass meeting will be held to-night at the Grand Opera house for the purpose of furthering the interests of the Chautauqua project proposed for Omaha and Council Bluffs. Addresses will be made by Revs. Duryea, House and Harsha.

The resignation of Rev. Paul Martin from the pastorate of Knox Presbyterian church, near Kountze Place, has been accepted by the Presbytery. He resigned on account of ill-health and will go to Philadelphia, in which place he will spend the summer. A call for a new pastor for the church will probably be made within a few weeks.

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Two "Hold by the Enemy" companies will tour the country again next season, making the play's fourth season of travel and success.

A play entitled "Dammerung," by the queen of Roumania, was produced recently, with great success, at the Weimar Court theater.

Miss Mary Anderson has been secured the lease of the New Park theater in Cleveland for five years, and is beginning to book attractions for next season for that house.

Mr. Frohman has secured the lease of the Grand theater to the conservative of St. Petersburg as a New Year's gift, together with a sum of 2,000,000 rubles for its support.

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It is no secret that Langtry feels very much disappointed over her New York engagement and that the conviction has stolen upon her that New York will no longer give her any big business, much as she may be able to draw in the provinces. She is therefore contemplating an offer from England to go there to create a new part, and then appear in her repertory.

Hoyle's new comedy "A Midnight Bell," will be given for the first time at the Bijou theater, New York. Mr. Hoyle's endeavor in this comedy is to present life in a country town the inhabitants of which believe that the eyes of the world are on them. It is in four acts, and pictures the district school house, the schoolmaster, the managers, and the children who are engaged in drinking at the fountain of knowledge. The fun is of the quiet order.

she has been obliged to give up all her engagements for the present.

Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice" has been converted into a French opera, and will be produced at the Paris Opera Comique.

Sara Bernhardt, when she next plays in London, proposes to appear as the heroine of a piece which she has written for herself.