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Lesson in Des Moines' Plight. Whatever else of merit may be disclosed on careful examination of the street railway situation in Des Moines, one salient fact is unescapable.

We have no information which will justify an analysis of the causes for the plight of the Des Moines tramway company. Two points are noted, though. One is that the amount of funded and floating debt, \$7,500,000, is not too formidable a load for such a concern.

A complication in Des Moines is the presence of bus lines, competing for the business. The right of the public to patronize the bus or the "jitney" is not in question.

The lesson contained in this instance applies equally to all communities. Rates for service must be compensatory, but should rest on the actual cost of the service.

Intraurban transportation problems have become acute in America and some phases have been very exasperating. These will not be settled until a complete understanding is reached.

Four New Warships. From the American point of view the decision of Great Britain to build four battle cruisers in advance of the convening of the conference of the powers to limit armament may seem to indicate a certain distrust of any international peace agreements.

Impulse to criticize England for embarking on new naval building is checked by the recollection that the same policy was carried through in the United States and in Japan.

"What's Your Hurry?" Henry W. Dunn, in his capacity as police superintendent, presumably animated by a desire to facilitate automobile navigation of the city streets, has virtually destroyed the "safety zones" set up by his predecessor.

on or were coming off street cars at the downtown intersections. Even that law was honored more in breach than observance and Dean Ringer sought to solve the problem by establishing safety zones, through which an automobile could not pass, but permitting them to pass outside without stopping when street cars were standing.

Just as the public is getting thoroughly accustomed to this, Mr. Dunn adds another regulation to complicate matters. One of the reasons he sets up is the uneven wear on the pavement. Whatever merit this may have, it is more than offset by the possible added danger to pedestrians or persons who patronize the tramway.

Thorough Job of Cleaning Demanded. The request of the attorney general that a grand jury be called in Douglas county to make inquiry into certain stock promotion activities and the management of corporations that have failed will get a second from all hands.

Mr. Davis, in his letter to Judge Troup, asking that the court take action as he requests, contains charges that deserve fullest consideration. If the attorney general is warranted in the statements he makes, room should be made in the penitentiary for some individual now at large.

One deplorable fact stands out in undeniable prominence. Money that was turned over by hopeful investors has disappeared; it is gone, at least so far as the stockholder is concerned.

Whether the "blue sky" law was evaded or ignored, investors were duped. Responsibility rests somewhere, and it should be brought home to the culpable.

Williams and the Reserve Board. The war between John Skelton Williams and the bankers did not end when a new comptroller of the treasury was named, but seems to have gathered force.

When Mr. Williams was in office he made many charges against the banks of the country, particularly those of the west and southwest, and managed to keep himself in a controversy with the bankers all the time.

Consuls, New Style. The little address which Secretary Hughes made last week to a group of beginners in the consular service is a reminder of good old days better forgotten.

Great Change in Hotel Plans. The advocacy at the hotel meeting convention in Chicago of "a return to the American plan" is a development of equal interest to proprietors and patrons.

We Descended From Cats. John M. Tyler, professor emeritus of biology of Amherst college, has been looking into our beginnings, and he thinks that in appearance and structure the cats were much better justified than the apes in aspiring to bipedal pre-eminence.

Senator Penrose wants the tariff in force before snow flies—what, are they going to tax the climate, too? An early frost seems to have hit some of the promotion companies hereabouts.

Building Industry Depressed Loss to Society Because of the Inactivity in This Important Line.

(From the New York Times.) Averages are fiction, and the truth is not in them. The roots of the present business depression must be sought in quarters where conditions are below the average, and there is one which has escaped attention.

There is no such alleviation of the depression in the sixth of our industries, construction. The Bulletin of the General Contractors' association has assembled corporation income tax returns to show that its gross income is about two billions.

Building is but one item in the construction industry, and a committee of the engineering council says that there is a half billion of wages lost through unemployment among 3,000,000 building workers.

The bill of particulars which makes up this huge sum includes a billion for each of the war years for the railways, rather more than for housing. Public utilities need several billions for construction.

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The new type of consul has arrived, and all concerned are the better for it. The reform is not purely a product of political virtue. It has been forced upon the United States by competition with other nations.

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Says She Can't Shimmy. Japan thinks she will be delighted to come to President Harding's party, but first wants to know which of the modern dances will be allowed; because she simply knows that some of them make her look too foolish.

"Carry On." It is in a time like this that the man with the grit calls the order to advance and leads the way. The triflers and the weaklings lounge in the loafing places and cuss the government.

Gay City 150 Miles Long. How many years will it be before the whole Jersey coast, from Cape May to the Atlantic Highlands becomes one continuous city?

How to Keep Well

By DR. W. A. EVANS Questions concerning hygiene, sanitation and prevention of disease, submitted to Dr. Evans by readers of The Bee, will be answered personally, subject to proper limitation, where a stamped, addressed envelope is enclosed.

ANIMALS AND TUBERCULOSIS.

Such progress is being made in the control of human tuberculosis that there are those who think they can see the end of the fight. There are communities which can show a reduction of 50 per cent in the death rate from consumption since 1907.

There are three fairly well fixed types of the tubercle bacilli. One causes most of the consumption in human beings; the other is responsible for consumption in dogs, in hogs, and in children, and the third for consumption in birds.

More Exercise, Less Food. Mrs. H. V. H. writes: "Our boy, 11, is 4 feet 10 inches tall and weighs 107 pounds. He seems to have too much flesh. When he exercises the least bit in the hot weather he gets purple in the face and also gets a headache."

It was Mauling Her Husband. New York society woman now in Paris is said to have shot seven lions in Africa. She probably became expert through handling social lions.—Pittsburgh Gazette-Times.

The Bee's Letter Box

About the Grain Trade. Omaha, Aug. 1.—To the Editor of The Bee: The action of the National Grain Dealers' association at Cincinnati is the natural outcome of an effort on the part of inexperienced men to destroy a system of marketing grain that is the result of evolution through a period of over 75 years.

It may be that we will gain enough from controlling tuberculosis in children to make it worth while for us to help out with bovine tuberculosis. Aside from that, why not help out because the farmer needs help? So long a proportion of his cows are tuberculous that he makes milk and butter at a disadvantage, and the loss from tuberculosis in hogs is enormous.

REPLY. 1. A boy of that height and age should weigh 75 pounds. He is both tall for his age and considerably overweight. 2. He should eat less food, particularly bread, potatoes and starchy and sweet foods in general.

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Why President Harding Takes The Helm

"No more pitiable spectacle of complete legislative subserviency, of legislative truckling, of legislative crawling upon the belly at the feet of a master and licking the boots of authority" has ever been seen by Senator Reed, of Missouri, so he says, than is presented by the Republican Senate majority.

President Harding's career as leader of his party really began with his address to the Senate which prevented the passage of the bonus bill, notes the Boston Transcript, (Rep.). In thus assuming active direction of the most important business before Congress, we read in the Brooklyn Eagle (Dem.), "He was but following Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson, who long ago discovered that the conception of the Presidency until recently held by Mr. Harding tended toward the paralysis of governmental business."

The leading article in THE LITERARY DIGEST this week, August 6th, describes with a world of detail the President's action in assuming the leadership of his party, presenting, as it does, public opinion from all sections of the country as represented by editorials in leading newspapers.

Other news-features in this number of THE DIGEST of interest and importance are:

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