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ILLINOIS, Chicago.—Packingtown is building a \$75,000 Model Street, which the packers declare will rival any of the celebrated boulevards of Chicago, as far as smoothness and cleanliness of surface are concerned. To keep the new street clean, automobiles will be barred, as it is said that the dripping of oil from the machine ruins the paving. The new street is entirely within the borders of the stockyards and extends east and west from Halsted Street to Ashland Avenue at about West Forty-fifth Street. It runs along the south buildings of the Armour plant and will furnish the only through east and west thoroughfare in the yards. City officials have nothing to do with the street and will have no jurisdiction over it. It is being constructed of a new cement composition and is being laid on a foundation of cinders and crushed rock. Unlike other streets of Chicago, the curbing and roadway are of the same material and are being laid simultaneously.

Comprehensive plans for the development of the city along architectural lines, with beautiful public places and driveways, connecting North and South Boulevard, an outer parkway extending the entire length of the city along the lake front and in time an outer park system will be prepared under the direction of the Merchants. Daniel H. Burnham, who recently prepared plans for the government for Washington, D. C., and for Manila, and also for the City of San Francisco, will have general supervision of the work. The most famous artists and architects of the world will be asked for consultation.

Elgin.—The question of remodeling the City Hall so as to adapt it for the offices and meeting places of the town as well as the city officers was again under consideration at a joint meeting. At the present time the town offices are maintained at an expense, nine-tenths of which is paid by the residents of the city. The town has already appropriated \$4,000 for the purpose, and it is believed that for an expense of \$2,000 more entirely suitable quarters could be provided.

Joliet.—A new ordinance for peddlers has been adopted by the City Council, the provisions of which are as follows: The annual fee is to be \$75, with \$50 for each man more than one employed on a peddler's wagon. The fee per day for a short term license will be \$2. All wagons must bear a number, and each man connected with it must wear a tag. The Mayor, the Inspector of Weights and Measures, the Aldermen, and the police officers are given the right to aid in controlling the traffic, and may demand an inspection of any license at any time. If a peddler refuse to submit to the inspection, he may be fined in a sum not less than \$1 nor more than \$20. Other violations of the ordinance are punishable by a fine of not less than \$1 nor more than \$50.

Peoria.—Commodore Jones, the Harbor Master, has a scheme for a big city park and recreation ground on the river front to occupy the space now held by the Rock Island Railway Company, which the Supreme Court has decided belongs to the city. Mr. Jones has long had visions of a big city improvement on the river front which should include the building of a new levee, the grading of the river bank and the installation of shade trees, grassy lawns, and other things. Now he proposes, if he can secure the co-operation of the City Council and the citizens, to extend this terrace back over the ground now occupied by six Rock Island switch tracks and to build a park and recreation ground of which the city would be proud.

INDIANA, Evansville.—The process of codifying the ordinances of the city is now under way and they

will soon be submitted to the City Council for action. There are many ordinances passed by previous Councils which are still in effect, but are practically "dead letters." Some could not be enforced if attempted, and others could not be put in effect on technical grounds. The purpose of codifying the city ordinances is to eradicate such ordinances as can only be effective in the city, operated as a city of the second class. To do away with the special charters under which certain cities were operating the 1905 Legislature classified the cities, but distinguished them according to their population. Therefore it is contended all ordinances drafted under old charters and laws enacted under old charters are nugatory.

Indianapolis.—A levee or dyke along the north bank of Fall Creek to protect from overflow all that part of the city lying north of the stream will be built next year by the city under the direction of the Board of Public Works, and in accordance with the laws governing the construction of public works. The cost of the work will be met by assessments upon the land protected from overflow. A recent annexation of land in this section has made this improvement possible. At the same time a complete sewerage system for this section will be constructed. Later on the Park Department will probably build a boulevard along the top of the levee.

Richmond.—Shade trees that are being trimmed and those that are sadly in need of trimming will be given attention by the Board of Public Works. An effort will be made to have a City Forester appointed to take charge of this work and see that it is done so as to conform with the law and requirements for success and public satisfaction.

INDIAN TERRITORY, Ardmore.—The Improvement Committee of the City Council has secured the right of way and space for a septic tank for the new sewerage system. The question of the final disposition of the sewage has been one that has caused the City Council no end of trouble, and the final adoption of the septic tank and filter has been received with general satisfaction. Locations for other septic tanks at the outlets of other sewers will be sought. The cost of these tanks is estimated at \$5,000 or \$6,000.

IOWA, Davenport.—A new Juvenile Department has been fitted up in the Davenport Public Library in the room built for an auditorium. Eight round reading tables occupy the middle of the room. The tables are low and each is large enough to accommodate at least seven children. The book shelves extend entirely around the room and are divided into departments for the various classes of children's literature. Each section containing books on special subjects is labeled and the miscellaneous works are divided alphabetically.

KANSAS, Iola.—Mayor Dresbach is in receipt of a letter from a New York bond dealer to the effect that some of the \$100,000 bonds issued by Iola for the King Iron Bridge Company are being offered for sale at \$10 on the \$1,000. The bond man states that he knows the courts at one time passed on the bonds and declared them no good, but that if some of them chanced to fall into the hands of an innocent purchaser it might cause the city trouble. If the city desires to obviate any such unfortunate circumstances he suggested that he would be delighted to buy the bonds up for the city. The Mayor has presented the matter to the Council and that body has decided that it does not care to invest any of the city's loose change in these bonds even at the attractively low rate offered.