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respondents who chronicle the society news of Washington will do well to keep in mind the names Miles and Dewey during the opening functions of 1900.

THE WORM IS TURNING. Two callings which have suffered deeply and seriously through the multiplication of trusts in the United States have given a commendable example to other sufferers by opening headquarters from which a fight on the trust system is to be conducted throughout the 1900 campaign.

Headquarters have been opened in New York by the Commercial Travelers and Hotelmen's Anti Trust League. The work of getting into correspondence with every organization of traveling men in the country has been begun.

The traveling salesman has been rendered extinct in those lines in which trusts have reached complete control. The traveling salesman is the embodied spirit of competition.

The hotel men, though not such direct sufferers as the traveling men, have sustained no inconsiderable loss of business in many small communities where their existence on the patronage of the traveling men who come to the towns to sell their goods.

The direct effect of the trusts fell on the small manufacturer who was driven out of business completely, and on the consumer of trust products.

The results of the saving along all these lines have redounded to the benefit of no one but the trusts. In no single instance has the formation of a trust resulted in lowering prices.

In those cases where the trusts fell upon the general public, with the general public the effect is screened. But it is none the less effective.

MAKE IT AN ISSUE. Governor Stephens has decided wisely on the subject of a special session of the Legislature.

TOO GOOD TO SPOIL. There is cause for local gratification in the showing of exceptionally serious fire losses in St. Louis during the year now drawn to its close.

THE AMERICANS DISCOVERED. The Americans discovered no novelty in military equipment like an armored train in their war with Spain.

A LITTLE AT A TIME. The precise theory on which Chicago proposes to forego all spectacular exhibitions in the opening of its sewage ditch and to turn the sewerage into it a little at a time does not appear.

DOCTORS SOMETIMES USE A TAPERING OFF treatment in reducing a patient to a single habit, but the treatment would not be equally effective in the acquisition of a bad habit, particularly not in the acquisition of the sewage habit.

A DILATED BLESSING. Judge Thomas H. Dillon of Peoria, Ill., is not the first person who has indicated the marked qualifications which fit St. Louis to be the site of the capital of the United States.

LOOK OUT FOR SQUALLS. When Major General Miles and Admiral Dewey take their places in the official line to pay their respects to President McKinley on the occasion of the New Year's reception at the White House, the General will reach the President a few steps ahead of the Admiral.

THE QUALITY WHICH FITS ST. LOUIS to be the Capital of the United States is its location near the center of the nation, by virtue of which it shares equally the characteristics of the East, the West, the North and the South.

ST. LOUIS HERE IS NOT VERY EAGER to become the Capital City of the nation. The honor is thrust upon her unthought.

THE CITY WHICH BECOMES THE SEAT of the Federal Government must merge its identity into the Federal Government.

as that of Washington is merged at present, Washington has no municipal government. Its municipal affairs are managed directly by the authorities which manage the entire Federal Government.

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STANDARD OIL'S BANKING SYSTEM.

Its Operations Exert an Unparalleled Influence on Financial Affairs.

INSTITUTIONS IT CONTROLS. Men Who Conduct the Vast Consolidated Enterprise, Their Fortunes and How They Made Them.

STANDARD OIL COMPANY. New York, Dec. 31.—Never in history has any group of men possessed power so vast as that of the Standard Oil Company.

John D. Rockefeller, with a private fortune estimated at \$100,000,000, his brother and his son, headed with men of genius as well as wealth in every direction of the business world.

Through control of a banking system extending over every corner of America, and grasping the great nerve centers of credit in the old world, these men can affect thousands of fortunes.

John D. Rockefeller, William T. Wardwell, William Rockefeller, Henry H. Rogers, Oliver H. Payne, James Stillman, S. C. T. Dowd, John H. Elder, John D. Archibald and John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

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