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MARCH CIRCULATION. W. B. Carr, Business Manager of the St. Louis Republic, being duly sworn, says that the actual number of full and complete copies of the daily and Sunday Republic printed during the month of March, 1900, all in regular editions, was as per schedule below:

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And said W. B. Carr further says that the number of copies returned or reported unsold during the month of March was 848 per cent.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this thirty-first day of March, 1900. J. F. FARISH, Notary Public, City of St. Louis, Mo. My term expires April 23, 1901.

WHY THIS TROUBLE? One unnecessary trouble which weighs upon the powers in the Republican party is that they are trying to get a politician of presidential stature for the second place on their ticket.

In spite of the undeniable justice of the plea that the Vice President should be large enough to fill the presidency acceptably in case of the death of the president, the position of a Republican Vice President is something different.

He presides over the "Millionaires' Club," makes happy speeches at banquets, promotes a flow of spirit at public receptions, forms a prominent figure at ship launchings and helps the country in other ways to a contented appreciation of the general government.

More than this, he makes a large contribution toward the expenses of the campaign and is of best service to the Republican party when he most fully represents the trusts and possesses their entire confidence.

The Republicans should look for a social light with a "bar" and connections of the bar sort. They have plenty of such men among their friends, their state operators. They do not need a statesman under their syndicate system.

If they did, no statesman would be second fiddle to McKinley.

TALKING ABOUT BULLS. The Boston Herald falls into the besetting sin of epigram when it says cleverly, "A plank in the Democratic platform in favor of intervention in South Africa and another against militarism would be something of a Hibernian's sock."

Such clever sayings can be constructed on either side of a question. "A fool and his money are soon parted," says one epigram. "When a fool gets ready to buy the market has passed," says another. The plausible is not always the true.

As far as known no great Democratic authority has seriously considered, much less spoken in favor of, intervention by the United States in South Africa. Americans have taken exception to the attitude of the administration favoring the British. They have criticized the administration for allowing British censors to open American mail unopened. They have objected to the United States offering pseudo-mediation to forestall European concert for mediation. Not the most ardent of Boer sympathizers has even contemplated the possibility of the United States going to South Africa with an army to drive off the British.

A plank condemning trusts and another providing for tariff protection for those trusts is more of a bull. It is also more likely to appear in the Republican platform than the other is to be adopted by the Democrats.

A DETAIL OF FREEDOM. The Cubans undoubtedly have much to learn regarding the conduct of affairs under a government of the people, by the people and for the people.

In a petition a large number of Cubans ask for the passage of a law forbidding the use in newspaper reports of the descriptive words "black" and "brown" as referring to persons. The petitioners also ask that the newspapers be prohibited from making any reference to a man's African origin.

Such a law might have been in entire harmony with a government by a Spanish monarchy, but if a republic is to be maintained the great corner stone of liberty, the freedom of the press, must be held sacredly inviolate. Give the government power to control the press

and its power for evil becomes limitless. "Congress shall make no law abridging the freedom of speech or of the press," is the first amendment added to the United States Constitution.

In the United States a newspaper is deemed to be sufficiently governed under the general laws which govern the people. The newspaper is doubly responsible. It is responsible to its constituency and to the law. If it inflicts injury maliciously it can be called legally to account. If it commits a minor error, one of judgment or propriety, if it violates the amenities in any way, its readers will protest or withdraw their support and the paper will lose influence. Newspapers should bear no bonds additional to these. No country can long remain free which permits the muzzling of the press. The Cubans will learn the conditions of free government presently if they prove receptive under American tutelage.

THE SHAME OF IT. Administration organs persist in comparing the administration's Porto Rico policy with the earlier policy which obtained at the time of the Louisiana Purchase. They are dodging the main issue of the real case.

The one humiliating fact confronting the American Government and people in this matter of dealing with the Porto Ricans is that we have deliberately, definitely and distinctly broken our solemn pledge to that people. When General Miles, commanding the American army of invasion, landed in Porto Rico he issued, in the name of the United States Government, an official proclamation formally promising the Porto Ricans that they should enjoy all the rights and privileges of American citizenship. Under this promise the American soldiers were received with open arms, the American flag was hailed with cheers, the signing of the peace protocol of August 12, 1898, making American territory of Porto Rico, was celebrated with popular rejoicings and religious services throughout the island.

Less than six months ago, the President of the United States in his message to Congress urged upon that body the fulfillment of General Miles's pledge to the Porto Ricans. Mr. McKinley informed Congress that it was our plain duty to give to the Porto Ricans the privilege of free trade with the rest of the Union. And yet, when, under syndicate orders, the Porto Rican tariff bill was introduced in Congress, President McKinley, under this same syndicate pressure, reversed his position and used all his influence to bring about the passage of that iniquitous measure.

In this lies the shame of our dealing with the people of Porto Rico. We gave them a solemn promise of equal rights with all other Americans. They accepted that promise in good faith, and with touching joy and confidence. We have shamelessly broken that promise because the syndicates so ordered. The act is one that makes every American feel both mean and ridiculous.

IT MUST BE CHECKED. Wall Street hostility to Plunger Gates of the American Steel and Wire Company is but one of several developments of public sentiment upon the manipulation of great centralized enterprises.

The speculators and brokers of Wall Street, however, are not the sufferers who demand the serious and sympathizing attention of the American people. The greatest and most flagrant wrong inflicted in the manipulation of trusts falls on the innocent employes who are thrown out of work by making the stock market the first end of business. This wrong on helpless working-men is so grave, indeed, as to merit the attention of Congress with a view to preventing a recurrence in future.

If there is any way of reaching such men or of forbidding the employment of such tactics, offenders should be severely rebuked. It is ominous to a degree if the people of the United States are to be left to the mercies of men of this type.

It will be well for Congress to investigate the Gates incident with a view to the protection of the general public and of the labor class. It is high time that the privileged few, enriched into multimillions through oppression of the many under a Republican regime of subservience to the combines, be made to realize that the many are still the governing power in this free country. The issue is being very clearly drawn by men of the Gates class. It may not be dodged with safety.

BLOODY, BUT NOT GLORIOUS. It will not cause the American people to thrill with any special glow of national pride or militant enthusiasm to learn that last week was one of the bloodiest of the entire campaign in the Philippines, nearly 1,000 natives having fallen in combat with our soldiers.

The American troops in the Island of Luzon are doing their duty, and doing it well, but it is a duty which the American people would gladly have spared them had it been possible. Through administration arrogance and blundering the Philippine war was precipitated. Through administration greed of imperialism it has been resolved that the Philippines must be subjugated and their islands held under our sway, even though a hundred-year war be necessary. Thus it is that we now get the continued score from the Philippines—"One of the bloodiest weeks of the insurrection; 1,000 Filipinos fall."

It is earnestly to be hoped that this record of insurrection and consequent slaughter is not to be compelled in Cuba and Porto Rico as it has been compelled in the Philippines. Only in the grim determination of all conscientious Americans lies our ability to avert this shame from their country. A syndicate-ridden administration, mad with the lust of power and gold, is hurrying the United States towards this record. It is the duty of Americans to sweep the Hanna-McKinley imperial plotters from office.

ANTI-CRIBBING PLANS. The action of the Chicago students who resent what they considered an aspersion upon their honesty by looking up the offending professor in his office will hardly cause a radical change in educational methods. All the professor had done was to seat the students so that dishonesty was impossible.

One of the most delicate questions with which educators have to deal is the treatment of pupils during examination. Shall the educator place the pupil on his honor, pledge him to receive and give no assistance and then intercept all watch-

fulness, or shall he watch the pupils and arrange their seats so that dishonesty shall be impossible?

"Placing the student on his honor not only does away with dishonesty, but it educates the pupil in self-restraint and imparts valuable moral training," say those who favor the honor system.

"This may do well enough with some pupils and some classes," say the opponents of this plan, "but as a general proposition, if it is desired to determine what the pupil knows, the best way is to watch him during the examination."

The latter course seems the more reasonable in the present state of human development. An examination is not a device to teach self-restraint. Self-restraint should be taught in ways where the natural results of yielding and weakness are unpleasant. Restraint from without is needed in schools, as police, courts, jails and penitentiaries are needed in communities. These penal devices do not inure the morals or lessen the self-restraint of those who do not need police, and

No more of 'er left the latter draw with good opinion of the law.

NO FURTHER DELAY. It may be as well for the Anti-Wine-room Crusaders' Association to follow the advice of its counsel, Mr. Mulvihill, and refrain from forcing action against the saloons on the Talty decision, waiting, instead, a short time for the decision of the State Supreme Court on the hearing to be made to-day.

The association can afford to do this, inasmuch as the advice comes from its own legal representative, and is presumably based upon a desire that the movement against the wine-rooms shall not be pushed in a manner that might make a retrograde step necessary. But it should be distinctly understood that Mr. Mulvihill's suggestion is to be followed out only on the provision made by himself—that there shall be no delay in the decision of the Supreme Court.

If this decision is not to come in a very brief time, the Anti-Wine-room Crusaders' Association should go right ahead with its work. It should insist upon the police making full reports of all objectionable saloons in St. Louis. It should insist upon the Excise Commissioner acting promptly on these reports, by virtue of his authority as conferred by Judge Talty's recent ruling. There will be no good excuse for a serious loss of time in awaiting the Supreme Court's ruling.

Should that ruling be reasonably sure within a few days, however, it will undoubtedly be wiser for the anti-wine-room movement to pause pending its submission. A Supreme Court decision in line with that of Judge Talty will effectively remove all danger of inoperative action or of troublesome lawsuits instituted by proprietors of disreputable resorts for the purpose of annoying good citizens engaged in a worthy work. Father Coffey and his co-workers can afford to take Attorney Mulvihill's advice on the conditions mentioned.

"I fear that the chance of New York to capture the vice presidential nomination has gone and that the nomination will go West," Senator Platt is reported as saying. Considering how Roosevelt had to dodge and twist to escape the nomination the words "chance to capture" may be considered the drop curtain that conceals a smile.

The time that elapses between the opening of a Republican vice presidential boom and its collapse through the absolute refusal of the victim to serve seems to depend entirely on how soon the boom reaches the individual most concerned.

To slow how easy the Boers are, General Kitchener is to prosecute a courtship while he helps in the conduct of the campaign. He will like the expert on the tight-rope who smokes a cigarette and drinks a bottle of cold tea while balancing himself in midair.

Japan followed the example of the United States in Honolulu and burned about the district of Kobe, where the bubonic plague raged. If Japan continues her work the geographers will presently stop naming her among the half-civilized countries.

Theatrical managers complain that good plays are exceptionally scarce the present season. This frank announcement will doubtless cause writers to sit down and dash off a few.

The War Department in enlisting men for the Philippines is giving preference to those under forty. By this means some of the soldiers may hope to see the end of the Philippine war.

April showers at the close of St. Louis's fiscal year put the streets in a country-road condition that argues eloquently for fiscal years of greater benefit to the community.

Democratic Missouri is lightly taxed and nearly out of debt. Republican St. Louis is heavily taxed and deeply in debt. Moral applied to Boss Ziegenhein—"Taus mit ihm!"

Patriarchal missionaries of earnest souls occupied New York City's pulpits last Sunday, and they never struck a place where there was more need of missionary work.

Mayor Ziegenhein should bear in mind that the February Grand Jurors do not constitute the party under suspicion in the Supply Department investigation case.

Webster Davis, when he leaves politics to take up writing and lecturing, shows an abiding faith that the Boer war will last for some months longer.

Ed Rafter painted the Sunshines. They're a pretty kind of beauty when the sides are dark and gray. And the mournful rain is falling all day long. And the winds upon our heartstrings with tender nation's lay.

Till life is but a dimpled waltz song. A painful joy is mingled with sadness of the view. Though it melancholy all our thought enshrouds— But it's a painter, with a choice between the two, I'd rather paint the sunshine than the clouds.

For many souls of yearning hope are weary of the rain. And many eyes see too much of the gray. And many lives so darkened with sorrow and with pain. That it's always here and bleak their little day. There's a trick in skillful grouping of colors and in the way the brush is laid.

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THE SELF-SAME JULIA MARLOWE IN A MANY SIDED CHARACTER.

Julia Marlowe is the only woman of our stage who commands the sights of men and the tears of women—both. She has always possessed the quality necessary to this exceptional achievement. Women have always called her dear and men have always loved her. Olga Netherole has set up enough of weeping, and once in awhile she has been spoken of as a beauty; but never have I seen all of a great audience head enraptured eyes upon her, drinking in her varied loveliness as a draught of ecstasy.

When Marlowe was a young girl, she formed the habit of being scrupulously ever playing here and underplaying there, she had about her the unnamed attractiveness that has been the basis of her success. As her art grew in the school of experience, the general quality of her play remained the same.

When she fell ill in Philadelphia, there was no city in all the country that did not have its watchers for a word from the sickroom, and when she next appeared there were thousands, knowing only her name and her stage presence, who spoke or thought their honest wish for her to get well.

At the Grand Opera House last night I saw a new generation of young girls quite as safely captive as the Mary Institute classes of four or five years ago, when they swarmed back of the scenes at the Grand Opera-house to press the hand of Rosalind and exclaim their open-eyed admiration for her. And to the others, the older ones, who knew Miss Marlowe when she played "Barbara Frietche," she was a new discovery.

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The play of "Barbara Frietche" has in it much of opportunity for all that Miss Marlowe does particularly well. The early scenes have their moonlight loveliness, with the play of the light and shadow, and a certain form of decent heroics, liked and demanded by the followers of a clean stage. If one were looking about for something to lay hands upon roughly, one would express regret that the final scenes are there. Not that they are badly acted—far from that; but because the Marlowe smile is better than the Marlowe tear, because we most of us prefer the glinting sunshine to the solemn march of a day of clouds and rain. So it seems that the playwright might have kept up the laughter and the music, even though red war were on the land.

He might have saved the Northern Captain, Trumbull, for his loyal rebel of a sweetheart. He might have made a better fellow of poor George Nealey; and at the end he might have spared Barbara to smile at us again. But since it is all done, there can be no finding fault with the way in which the actors do their work. Miss Marlowe has been commended for her astonishingly spirited performance in the scenes where she brings down the Southern sharpshooter, and no less an authority than the Rev. Dr. H. H. Henshaw, a young man in the heyday of a "boy-and-girl" flirtation, Barbara finishes the scene of the "boy-and-girl" flirtation. Barbara finishes the scene of the "boy-and-girl" flirtation. Barbara finishes the scene of the "boy-and-girl" flirtation.

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