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TAURSDAY, MAY 3, 1900. Vol. 22. APRIL CIRCULATION. W. B. Carr, Business Manager of the St. Louis Republic, being duly sworn, says that the actual number of daily and complete copies of the daily and Sunday Republic printed during the month of April, 1900, all in regular editions, was as per schedule below:

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Net number distributed 2,372,507. Average daily distribution 79,085. And said W. B. Carr further says that the number of copies returned or reported unsold during the month of April was 5.4 per cent.

W. B. CARR. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 31st day of April, 1900. F. FARISH, Notary Public, City of St. Louis, Mo. My term expires April 28, 1901.

GET A FULL COUNT.

The suggestion that every St. Louisian who will not be in St. Louis from June 1 to 15, when the census will be taken all over the United States, send his name and address to Supervisor of Census Jerome S. Higgins, corner Third and Olive streets, should be carefully followed.

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and powerful under the steady tonic of this unceasing inflow of the world's best and bravest blood. They knew it would meet with unending hostility from all Governments that denied the rights of man. And with this knowledge in their minds they drafted the Constitution under which the mission of their Government was to be fulfilled. It is not true that this Constitution is now antiquated and unequal to an American race of modern conditions. What is true is that it stands in the way of the empire-builders who are seeking to destroy true Americanism and substitute imperialism instead. It is those dreamers of empire who now assail the American Constitution as an obsolete interference. It is to their interest to have it disregarded. Upon the American people, still true to the American spirit of olden days, falls the solemn duty of defending and upholding the American Constitution. For the moment that wise and sufficient instrument is invalidated, from that moment dates the beginning of the downfall of the Republic.

PARTY OR PEOPLE?

Communist Thinner returned an astonishing indictment against the Republicanism of Congressman Hodges when he charged at a recent Council meeting that the latter's earnest efforts toward national reformation were doing more to injure the Republican party than were the acts of any other Republican in office.

It is impossible to miss the significance of this amazing Republican argument. Congressman Hodges is engaged in the performance of his plain duty to the people of St. Louis. He knows that unless there be a reformation of the city's expenses wherever reformation is possible, the municipal revenues for the current fiscal year will not meet the city's obligations. He is striving to bring about this reformation. To do so it is necessary for him to point out the facts of the situation.

It is to the truth as Congressman Hodges insists upon telling it that Communist Thinner so strenuously objects. The one reason for his objection is that when the people know the truth they will justly blame the Republican party, which is the dominant party in municipal affairs. Therefore Congressman Thinner upbraids Congressman Hodges for his truthfulness. The fact that a public servant's first duty is to faithfully serve the public, rather than to serve his party at the expense of the public, does not seem to weigh with Congressman Thinner for a moment.

The trouble with St. Louis is that local Republicanism has persisted in managing municipal affairs for the benefit of the Republican party, regardless of the general welfare. It is this wretched spirit which has created the new system favoring a non-partisan administration of municipal affairs. Men like Congressman Hodges are too little in evidence in the ranks of local Republican officialdom. Men who place party interest above the general good are too many. It is the latter who will be responsible for the overthrow of the local Republican machine.

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This issue for and against the trust evil is now very clearly drawn for the contemplation of the American people. The Democratic party is pledged to restrain combinations of capital within state limits. The Republican party is pledged to give full swing to the evil of monopoly. It is an issue in which the place of the people is distinctly shown to be in support of Democracy. The privileged and protected caste of trust-bait is a menace that must not be allowed to exist in a popular government of the people, by the people, for the people.

MISCHIEVOUS SAYINGS.

"Whoever removes from the human mind a fear which disturbs without conducing to safety is a benefactor of the human race," says Doctor Samuel Johnson. The utterance appears to apply to a host of superstitions and particularly to the recent case of the lovers who precipitately changed the date of their wedding from May to April to avoid the evil threatened by the old saying, "Marry in May, You'll rue the day, which had just come to their notice. The saying, "Change the date and not for the better," has prevented many a true love from realizing its hope.

A devout belief that an evil event is certain to happen brings frequently the event to pass. This tends to give further credence to the mischievous saying and adds to the number of those who maintain its truth. There is logic in the clubs formed to combat popular superstitions by violating them flagrantly and without dire results. It is true home mission work. Such superstitions long years ago passed out of the province of psychical research, but they have a firm hold in some places, nevertheless, and cause much real mental suffering.

The Dewey banquet will be a memorable event. Those who are honored with invitations will have a story to place among the treasured records of their families. The sailor hero's name will be for all generations conspicuous as part of the national history. The St. Louis banquet will be historical also as the Central West's social tribute to the great American.

The betting man who would lay odds of 1000 to 1 that the Supply Commissioner's office is triumphantly exonerated at Mayor Ziegenhain's "investigation" would have an easy mark. It's a case of double eagles to dirt.

Bear in mind the plain fact that it is impossible to extend too warm and enthusiastic a welcome to the great American Admiral who gave Spain the first and virtually the knockout blow in the war of '98.

St. Louis will make no mistake in keeping an eye on her water supply during the summer months when the largest proportion of the Mississippi River's volume comes from the Chicago Sewage Canal.

Every time you cheer for Dewey you encourage some young Maida in the American Navy to equal the Dewey achievement at Manila Bay the very first chance he gets.

According to the news reports President McKinley contracted a severe cold on his Canton trip. He probably changed his mind without first closing the car windows.

Plainer than ever is it becoming apparent that a continual menace of war with one or more of the European Powers is to be a part of the cost of the Philippines.

City Chemist Teichmann and Professor Keiser thoughtfully notify us that St. Louis water is unfit to drink just as the halcyon St. Louis back beer season begins.

Mayor Ziegenhain and City Counselor Schumacher shy away from the Supply Department as if they knew something unpleasant was concealed therein.

All that is necessary nowadays to precipitate an onslaught from the Republican side of the Senate is to tell some remark derogatory to the trusts.

Republican's classification of the trusts is that of Kentucky with regard to whisky—good, better and best; no bad.

CHILD PATROT COMES TO THEIR RESCUE.

Offers the Boys of the First Missouri Colors for Use in the Dewey Parade.

PRIZES SHE WON IN SCHOOL.

Little Lulu Mooers, Thirteen Years Old, Writes to the Regiment.

Lulu Mooers, a child patriot, has come to the rescue of the First Regiment National Guard of Missouri, and Colonel Sinclair's fine body of soldiers will not have to march in the Dewey parade without the national colors.

"Little Lulu," as she is generally called, has written a letter to the officers of the regiment, offering them the use of the American flags which she won in a recitation drill at school, and which she prizes so highly that they have never since been out of her home. But the proposition of the soldier boys, benefactors of the nation, caused all the patriotism that fires the little ones, and she forthwith determined that they should have her prizes, prize rather than be deprived of the honor of taking part in the welcome to the Adjutant General's letter this young daughter of America made the offer:

First Regiment, N. G. M., City: Gentlemen—I enclose in the Enclosure that your company was without a flag, I have two flags, they are large one is of silk and the other of cotton. I have also a pole. If I would lend them to you I know that you will have them for ever. I would like to see you. I am a young American, 13 years old, and I have a flag, so please call if you want a flag and pole. You can have your choice, a button or a pin. Yours truly, Lulu Mooers.

Lulu attends the Carr Lane School and stands at the head of her class in room No. 4. She lives with her parents at No. 224 North High street. When her reporter for The Republic called there yesterday he was greeted by a chubby, freckled-faced miss, with an abundance of dark hair combed back from the brow, a pair of laughing blue eyes and features that seemed one huge smile as she giggled, "The 'lady,' sir," when the caller asked to see "Miss Mooers."

"Just step in," she continued, in a tone that seemed to increase with real or feigned demerol. When the mission of her visitor had been explained, Lulu proceeded, "Oh, yes, I wrote the letter all by myself. I own the flag all by myself, too. I won it at school, and I'm not going to see our boys marching without the Stars and Stripes. You see, when I read in The Republic last Friday that Colonel Sinclair had no flag, I said to myself, 'Oh, what a pity! I had better do something for them.' And then I thought, 'I'll give them the soldiers my own flag, and I just kept thinking that way, until I saw down below that the boys were going to march. Oh, yes, I wrote the letter all by myself. I own the flag all by myself, too. I won it at school, and I'm not going to see our boys marching without the Stars and Stripes. You see, when I read in The Republic last Friday that Colonel Sinclair had no flag, I said to myself, 'Oh, what a pity! I had better do something for them.' 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