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WEEK'S RECORD IN REAL ESTATE.

The Year's Business Being Brought to an Uneventful Close.

ANNUAL EXCHANGE REPORT.

The Late George P. Wolff—New Stock Exchange—Cabanne Litigation—Agents' Reports.

The year 1900 is drawing to an end very quietly as regards real estate. Business has been light during the week, but a few deals that had been pending have been successfully closed and busy times are looked for directly after the new year sets in. A fervent hope, amounting almost to conviction, exists among agents that the World's Fair subscription fund will be triumphantly closed to-morrow night—New Year's Eve.

The proposed litigation for Cabanne property created a ripple of excitement on the street, but the almost universal belief is that no case will be found. This matter has been unnecessarily exaggerated. President Malcolm Macbeth of the Real Estate Exchange, who is thoroughly familiar with the situation, said yesterday:

"The idea seems to prevail that a vast amount of money is at stake. As a matter of fact, the only money involved is the actual cash value of the property in question at the time it was sold. Present values have nothing to do with the case. The highest price paid per acre was about $1,600, representing a value of about $3 per front foot. Such property now sells at from $100 upward per foot."

To Whom Credit Is Due.

Considerable space is devoted to-day to the annual report of the Real Estate Exchange. This was compiled by Assistant Secretary Sidney Schiele, whose work on the same lines for several years past has earned for him a well-deserved reputation for accuracy and thoroughness. The present report presents many interesting details and reflects credit on its author.

New Stock Exchange.

The new Stock Exchange building, of which a picture is given to-day, is a completed structure, erected by the Stifel estate, occupying Nos. 310, 312, 314 and 316 North Fourth street. It is five stories high, with stone and terra cotta front, and in the French Renaissance style of architecture. The interior is finished in marble, mahogany and ornamental plastering, while every modern comfort and appliance is provided. The Stock Exchange will itself occupy a large room on the top floor, with a convenient office for the secretary adjoining. The architects of the building, Messrs. Weber and Groves, will also have a very complete office on this floor. The rest of the building has been fitted up for broker's offices. Some of the most prominent concerns in the city will be domiciled here. The building cost $100,000 and will be occupied in a few days.

REPORT OF THE EXCHANGE.

A Careful Compilation of the Year's Figures Issued Yesterday.

The following is the Real Estate Exchange report in full:

"The revival of business in real estate, started in 1899, has continued with varying degrees during the months of 1900. That is, the first half of the year just closed has shown a much better state of the market than the last half, because of the conditions caused by the street railway strike of last May, which paralyzed business for the time being, destroying means of transportation for weeks at a time, causing a large falling off in inquiry and prohibiting the investigation of the properties offered. The average for the year has, all things considered, been better than that of 1899, as the statistics accompanying this report will verify. Transfers were greater in number, and, although the aggregate value recorded was not so large as the aggregate value of 1899 transfers, yet the character of the property sold affords food for study. The grand total for 1899 was made up mostly of specially large transactions, while the aggregate for 1900 has been formed principally by a vast number of transfers of small properties, demonstrating that the working classes have profited by the general industrial revival to such an extent as to be again seeking investments in little homes for their families. It also indicates that general thriftiness for which St. Louis industrial workers are noted. One of the gratifying features of the year was the increased demand for vacant property, and in the number of cash sales, the former indicating a desire for investment property and the latter a greater abundance of money in circulation.

Transfers.

The real estate transfers, and also the number of conveyances filed for record for the year were as follows:

	No.	Amount.
January	489	$ 1,342,059
February	469	1,221,775
March	604	1,879,821
April	557	2,173,726
May	540	1,947,522
June	617	1,266,183
July	536	1,201,846
August	464	1,149,096
September	575	1,343,210
October	603	1,357,409
November	509	1,081,117
December (estimated)	600	1,341,053
Totals	6,515	$19,246,292

The number of transfers, therefore, during the year was 6,515, as compared with 5,211 last year.

Renting.

The really remarkable feature of the year just closing was the phenomenal renting business, which, during the last six months, surpassed all previous records in the memory of the oldest agents. Houses which had remained idle for years have been occupied, and practically all the desirable renting property in the city has been taken, the direct result being a large increase in rentals. The chief characteristic of the renting business was the demand for the better class of residences and flats. This applies also to the inquiry from prospective purchasers, and houses ranging in value from $5,000 to $10,000 have found ready sale.

Population.

The census figures, showing the population of St. Louis to be only 575,238, were disappointing to real estate agents, who, like most citizens, had counted on more than 600,000. As stated in this report a year ago, it was regretable that the census had to be taken in midsummer, and, as it unfortunately developed, during the street railway strike, both of which reasons contributed to a smaller result than expected. The opening of the new century, which will undoubtedly mark the dawn of a new era for St. Louis, when the World's Fair and public welfare movements are taken into consideration, affords a good reason for believing that there will be a remarkable growth in population of the city during the next two years, as capitalists, artisans, mechanics, professional men and people in all walks of life will be attracted to the city.

Building.

The accompanying table, taken from the Building Commissioner's office, shows that permits were issued for the erection of 1,639 brick buildings and 1,029 frame buildings, arranged according to months, as follows:

	Brick.	Frame.	Tot'l.
January	93	76	$ 421,283
February	90	72	354,678
March	122	93	424,906
April	124	115	659,375
May	152	98	411,221
June	161	74	296,700
July	94	90	411,727
August	92	93	420,266
September	98	81	219,099
October	88	108	328,928
November	83	59	560,278
December (estimated)	122	100	959,787
Totals	1,639	1,029	$6,072,229

The last three months of the year have been active ones with builders. A great number of houses and flats are now being erected, and, aided by the remarkably fine weather, builders have been enabled to continue work up to Christmas, which is an unusual condition. Two monumental structures will be commenced after the first of the year, viz: The new Bank of Commerce building, at the southeast corner of Broadway and Olive street, and the new building of the Roeman Carpet Company on the site of the old Armory, Washington avenue, Fourth street and St. Charles street. The World's Fair, of course, will give a great impetus to building, and great activity can be looked for in the next two years.

Assessments.

Property in St. Louis is usually assessed at about 60 per cent of its valuation. According to the Assessor's books, the assessed value of the property in this city from 1877 to 1900, inclusive, is as follows:

1877	$ 189,483,000
1880	191,505,000
1885	206,900,000
1890	284,827,000
1895	251,251,000
1896	258,862,000
1898	261,216,000
1899	274,508,100
1900	285,710,250

The increase of 1900 over last year, according to the above figures, amounts to $11,202,150. The tax is $1.25 on the $100 valuation, 10 cents less than two years ago, owing to a reduction in the rate of levy for the interest on the city debt. At the present rate, the total collections on St. Louis property for State, city and school taxes this coming year should be $7,425,195.96. During the last twenty-three years the increase in the assessed value of property in St. Louis has reached the enormous sum of $220,586,250. This is more than the entire assessment of fifteen years ago. It is gratifying to note, also, the increase in the number of taxpayers. According to the books of the City Assessor, St. Louis, in 1887, had 27,688 taxpayers. In the year 1897 it had 59,965, and now it has 75,829 taxpayers on the tax books.

Deeds of Trust.

The deeds of trust recorded for the year just ending were as follows:

January	$2,217,805
February	1,132,739
March	1,612,694
April	1,858,708
May	1,825,861
June	1,654,329
July	1,277,285
August	978,486
September	1,222,634
October	1,599,873
November	1,470,477
December (estimated)	1,099,225

The feature of the year affecting deeds of trust was the carrying of the third constitutional amendment at the November election, which had the effect of badly upsetting the loaning business for a time directly following the election, but, happily, matters have adjusted themselves, and the loaning business is continuing the same as before. The Exchange Committee, appointed by the president for the purpose, made a careful examination of the opinions of several reputable and prominent attorneys in St. Louis and other parts of the State with respect to this amendment, and in their report they suggested that until a test case has established the contrary the California system of making loans is the best course to pursue. A form of collateral agreement in use in California was sent to each member also.

The Exchange.

The St. Louis Real Estate Exchange had another year of activity and a memorable one for the institution. Legal sales were held for the first time on the floor of the exchange, and the officers are much encouraged by the results. During the year there were held twenty-eight legal sales on the floor, amounting in volume to $83,510.50. Property, as a rule, brought good prices, and the sales were fairly well attended. This proves that sales of real estate can be made at the exchange to much better advantage to all parties concerned, besides avoiding the discomfort and inconvenience which attend the sale of property at the east front door of the Courthouse during inclement weather. The exchange, while furnishing every convenience, has adopted the policy of making absolutely no charge for the use of its commodious salesroom. The attitude of the Real Estate Exchange was so well defined in President Malcolm Macbeth's address at the Real Estate Exchange banquet of March 2, 1900, that no apology is necessary for reproducing it in part:

"The Real Estate Exchange realizes that to fill its full measure of usefulness it must not be content merely to foster the affairs of its own members, however important these may be, or to act as their spokesman whenever their interests are assailed. It has a higher and more far-reaching platform. It represents, to a very large extent, the men who provide the sinews of war for the government of the city; the property owners, out of whose pockets come the millions which are raised annually by municipal taxation. * * *

"There is no politics in the Real Estate Exchange. It matters not to us, as a body, which party is in power, so long as the taxpayers are receiving, approximately, value received for their money; so long as the necessities and improvements for which they are taxed are honestly provided; so long as the business of the city is conducted on something like business principles. Our past has shown, and I venture to predict our future will show, that whenever there is a clear departure from this platform we are ready to act. Whether it be in the vanguard or in the rearguard, the St. Louis Real Estate Exchange proposes to stand up for St. Louis!"

Respectfully submitted,

SIDNEY SCHIELE,
Assistant Secretary, St. Louis Real Estate Exchange.

George P. Wolff.

Just as the holiday season commenced the sad news arrived of the death at Hot Springs, Ark., of George P. Wolff, for years one of the best known real estate agents in the city. Mr. Wolff's many friends were greatly shocked, and the utmost sympathy was expressed for the family.

Realty Notes.

J. L. McDonald is enjoying a few days' rest in Arkansas.

Agents have been busier paying taxes than making sales during the past week.

The Real Estate Exchange was rarely as busy as now with the closing of the World's Fair subscription in hand and the session of the State Legislature only a few days off.

Work on the wrecking of the Insurance building at the southeast corner of Broadway and Olive streets, the site of the new Bank of Commerce building, will be commenced without loss of time. The permit was taken out on Friday.

AGENTS' REPORTS.

Fisher & Co.

Fisher & Co.'s sales are six in number and aggregate $65,000, as follows:

Maple avenue, between Union boulevard and Bell avenues, modern Queen Ann buff brick dwelling, built about four years with all the latest improvements, lot 60x150, house numbered 5638; property of Mrs. Elizabeth Winter; sold to James A. Gregory for $9,000. Mr. Gregory will occupy this property as his future residence. James E. Fogg represented the seller in this transaction.

Fisher & Co. also sold vacant lot for manufacturing purposes on Shaw avenue, between Tower Grove avenue and King's highway, fronting 450 feet on Shaw avenue by a depth of 300 feet on St. Louis, Oak Hill and Carondelet Railroad; property of Judge Chauncy P. Shultz; sold to Jacob J. Aisteidt for $7,500. Wooley & Fish represented the purchaser in this transaction.

Also on Maple avenue, between Hamilton and Hodiamont avenues, two-story, eight-room brick dwelling, with lot 30x150, house numbered 5629; property of William S. Fleming; sold to Rudolph A. Bushman for $5,350; purchased for residence purposes.

Cottage avenue, between Marcus and Euclid avenues, two-story, seven-rooom frame dwelling, with lot 40x117, house numbered 4708; property of Charles Remington; sold to James S. Cuming for $2,700; purchased for a home.

Also on Washington avenue, between Leonard and Channing avenues, vacant lot, 25x134, property of Mrs. Mary Stella Northup; sold to Theodore H. Temple for $60 per front foot, or $1,500. This lot adjoins Mr. Temple's residence on the west and gives him a total frontage of 60 feet.

Fisher & Co. also sold Bartmer avenue, northwest corner Allanthus street, vacant lot, 65x103 feet, property of Louis Gallanty; sold to John Davies for $1,350. Mr. Davies will improve this lot with stores and flats.

Howard Gambrill & Co.

Howard Gambrill & Co. effected the following sales, as reported below:

Five two-story brick houses, known as 2698-2702-2700-2702-2706 North Spring avenue, each house having six large rooms, and on lot 142x108 feet. The property is rented to good tenants and yields a good income as an investment.

Also a lot fronting 142 feet on the west side of Fall avenue about 200 feet south of St. Louis avenue, by a depth westwardly of 117 feet; sold to Richard M. Scruggs, the consideration being $17,000.

Also the Culver place at Webster Groves, a large two-story frame residence, with large new stable and several other outbuildings, together with lot 325x272 feet. This property is situated on the southwest corner of Gore and Holloway avenues and is considered to be one of the most desirable as well as one of the largest places in Webster Groves.

The property was purchased eleven years ago by Mr. Culver because of its unsurpassed location, and is sold by W. W. Culver to William A. Logan of the Continental Tobacco Company. Mr. Logan purchased for a home and is arranging to make extensive improvements to the place and will occupy it in the spring.

Haydel Realty Co.

The Haydel Realty Company closed the following sales, all being made for cash.

No. 5638 Easton avenue, brick dwelling with lot 50x232; from G. B. Schlenker to Mrs. Susan Shuttleworth, for $2,550.

No. 4936 Lucky street, a new five-room gray-brick dwelling, with lot 25x127; from Charles M. Dutton to Mary E. O'Neill, for $2,750. Apple & Hemmelman represented the seller.

No. 2766 Bernard street, new two-story stock-brick flat, lot 25x125; from Miss M. Barry to Mrs. Mary A. Brown, for $2,450.

A lot 30x170 on west side of Walton avenue just south of Suburban Railway; from J. O'Neill to a client, for $1,100. The purchaser will improve with an attractive pair of flats.

No. 1127 Chambers street, corner of Twelfth, a two-story, nine-room brick dwelling, with lot 31x112; from M. A. McKnight to Miss Margaret Black, for $4,000.

Henry Hiemenz, Jr.

Henry Hiemenz, Jr., reports the following sales:

6219 Easton avenue, just inside the city limits, two-story brick store on the first floor and rooms above, lot 49x140, owned by the heirs of the late John E. Sidebotham; sold to Louis Schnaider for $6,000.

512 St. Joseph street, one-story brick, three rooms, attic and cellar, lot 22x75. Lot leased from Sacred Heart Convent at $57 per annum. Owned by Martin Bolli, sold to John Tiefenthaler for $500.

5622 Indiana avenue, two-story brick dwelling, six rooms and frame kitchen, lot 25x125, owned by Sarah Smith, sold to Xavier Wiget for $1,500.

3678 Rutger street, two-story, seven-room brick dwelling, with all modern conveniences, lot 30x125, owned by Lydia A. Walters, sold to W. P. Sharkey for $2,550.

John Grether & Co.

John Grether & Co. report the sale of a block of ground in Rose Hill for $41,200 from Mrs. Sadie M. Gamble to Wladislas H. Rychlicki, who will subdivide the block, make street improvements and resell. The block fronts 944 feet on Ridge avenue, 204 feet on Minerva avenue, 240 feet on Hamilton avenue and 489 feet on De Hodiamont avenue. The price obtained is $25 per front foot, and Mr. Rychlicki, who has been a successful speculator in St. Louis real estate, expects to reap a handsome profit on the subdivision, and still offer his lots at a lower price than lots in vicinity have been selling for.

Same firm also reports sale for W. H. Rychlicki at $7,200 of house No. 5965 Maple avenue, with lot 33 feet 4 inches by 157 feet to alley, to a client.

M. R. Cramer.

M. R. Cramer reports the following sales:

No. 33 Fox place, a two-story seven-room brick dwelling, with 30-foot lot, for $2,500; from Edward McNeely to a client, who purchased for an investment.

No. 6272 Grove avenue, a two-story frame dwelling, with five rooms and 26-foot lot for $1,000, from a client to James W. Sells, who purchased for an investment.

Nicholls-Ritter R. & F. Co.

Nicholls-Ritter Realty and Financial Company closed some very important leases during the past week, they having secured quarters for the executive, freight, passenger, auditing, law and telegraph departments, as well as the city ticket office for the Southern Railway Company. This road has just effected an entrance into St. Louis and makes this one of its terminal points.

General Manager George C. Smith, through whom the arrangements were made, with his corps of assistants, will occupy twenty-one rooms, comprising the entire seventh floor of the Chemical building, situated on Eighth and Olive streets, which will be the headquarters in St. Louis of the Southern Railway Company. The lease was also effected by the Nicholls-Ritter Company, through I. T. Cook, the agent of the Chemical building, for the ticket office for the railway company on the first floor of the Chemical building, being the store immediately east of the main entrance to the building, now occupied as a candy store, and in close proximity with the new Wabash and Frisco Railroad ticket offices, the latter offices occupying two of the corners of Eighth and Olive streets.

The general offices of the Southern Railway Company will be moved to this city Monday, the 31st inst., on which day they will take possession of the seventh floor.

Not being able to obtain possession of the ticket office on the first floor until May 1, the Nicholls-Ritter company secured temporary quarters for the ticket office at 509 Olive street, being one-half the store now occupied by the Hawthorne Candy Company, and adjoining the Missouri Pacific and Mobile and Ohio ticket offices.

C. W. Barnes.

C. W. Barnes reports sale of 60x185 feet, north side of Von Versen avenue, 125 feet east of Clara avenue; from R. F. Spencer to the General Renting and Investment Company, for $45 cash. Buyer will improve the property at once.

BUILDING PERMITS.

Fred Abram, No. 2731 Park; laundry; $4,500.
John E. Weise, No. 2329 Hickory; dwelling; $2,000.
Frank Fiecke, No. 1625 North Twentieth, storage; $1,000.
Missouri Fire Brick Company, Manchester, between Knox and Sulphur, factory; $2,000.
W. S. Balson, No. 4115 Cleveland, flats; $3,000.
W. S. Balson, No. 1321 Franklin, flats; $4,800.

Real Estate Transfers.

ARMSTRONG—22 ft.; Mary Bartletts to Leon Plister—w. d. ..... $ 2,000
ASHLAND—25 ft., n. e. s., bet. Taylor and Cora; Eugene De Voy to Jno. Buchelt—w. d. 2,000
AUBERT—20 ft., n. e. s., bet. Delmar and Fountain; Francis Call to Fred Klusmeyer—w. d. 1,500
ALDEN—32 ft., Wm. Gelt to Robt. Merryman—qc. d. 1
CHESTNUT—19 ft. 6 in., s. e. s., bet. Seventeenth and Eighteenth; Nanette Raschall to Nanette Raschall—w. d. 5
CHESTNUT—19 ft. 6 in.; Julia Turner to Nanette Raschall—w. d. 5
COTTAGE—48 ft., n. e. s., bet. Euclid and Marcus; Charles Remington to James Cunning—w. d. 2,700
CLARA—23 ft. 11 in.; John Evans to Isaac Reinhold—w. d. 3,500
EDITH—25 ft., n. e. s., bet. Kansas and Walk; Albert Ottmuller to Ben. Rosenthal—w. d. 25
FIFTEENTH—65 ft. 10 in.; Dora Rose to Moritz Weber—w. d. 7,000
GRAND—50 ft. 8 in., n. e. s., bet. Coerts and Evans; James Smith to Mary Smith—w. d. 1
GROVE—21 ft. 6 in.; Herman Alles to Chas. Fentz—w. d. 1,300
GARFIELD—28 ft. 10½ in., n. e. s., bet. Hodiamont and Hamilton; Henry Lauer to C. McMillan—w. d. 1
GARFIELD—28 ft. 10½ in.; C. McMillan to Hugo Lauer—w. d. 1
LINCOLN—50 ft., n. e. s., bet. Prairie and Vandeventer; Real Estate Building and Loan Association to E. Phillips—w. d. 2,900
LOCUST—22 ft. 3½ in., n. e. s., bet. Sixth and Seventh; Sarah Lockwood to Sarah Lockwood—w. d. 9,166
LOCUST—22 ft. 3½ in.; Jeanie Hill to Jeanie Hill—w. d. 9,166
LOCUST—22 ft. 3½ in.; Chas. Lockwood to John Maguire—w. d. 9,166
LOCUST—22 ft. 3½ in.; James Lockwood to James Lockwood—w. d. 9,166
LOCUST—22 ft. 3½ in.; Richard Lockwood to Richard Lockwood—w. d. 9,166
LOCUST—22 ft. 3½ in.; Geo. Lockwood to John Maguire—w. d. 9,166
LEMP—37 ft., s. e. s., bet. Cherokee and Utah; Maria Behnken to Otto Hammermeister—w. d. 1,050
MAIN—39 ft., n. e. s., bet. Lucas and Washington; Anna Gaunt to Wm. Waddington—w. d. 3,700
MINNESOTA—25 ft., e. s., bet. Pestalozzi and Arsenal; Michael Reinagel to Herman Hackmann—w. d. 600
PRAIRIE—33 ft. 9¾ in.; Bremen Bank to Geo. Hilke—w. d. 1,300
STEWART—25 ft., n. e. s., bet. Ridge and Wells; J. Stewart to Frank Niehaus—w. d. 2,000
VIRGINIA—25 ft. 1 in.; Michael Hammel to Waldemar Hammel—w. d. 1
VIRGINIA—25 ft., e. s., bet. Dover and Wilmington; Waldemar Hammel to Michael Hammel—w. d. 1
WYOMING—25 ft.; Wm. Towsend to Sid Labsap—w. d. 61
WYOMING—25 ft., n. e. s., bet. Oregon and Nebraska; Sid Labsap to Chas. Towsend—w. d. 1

LAWYER USES HIS PISTOL.

Shooting Affray in One of Springfield's Busiest Streets.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 28.—A shooting affray at Fifth and Monroe streets, the busiest corner in the business district, shortly after noon to-day, caused considerable excitement. Horace S. Miller shot N. B. Gillett of Bloomington, inflicting a painful, though not dangerous, wound in the right wrist.

Attorney Miller was standing on the corner engaged in conversation with Hugh Burns, when Gillett approached. A few words were passed, when Miller drew his revolver and fired one shot at Gillett. The latter hurried into Dodd's drug store, where he received medical attention. Miller immediately gave himself up to the Sheriff's officers.

The shooting is supposed to have resulted from an enmity existing between Miller and the Gillett family.

New Illinois Corporations.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 29.—Certificates of incorporation were issued to-day by Secretary of State Rose as follows:

The Nokomis Industrial Company; Nokomis; capital, $2,500; dealing in milk and farm products. Incorporators—W. H. Casselburry, D. H. Webster and George Bliss.

The West Sangamon Telephone Company, Pleasant Plains; capital, $2,500; to operate a telephone line. Incorporators—John M. Howard, George P. Ferry and Thomas Wilson.

The Lincoln Park Coal Mining Company, Springfield; mining and selling coal; capital, $10,000. Incorporators—Samuel P. Boardman, Otto E. Wenneberg and Edward F. Irwin.

Franz Bros.' Packing Company, Springfield; capital, $50,000; butcher and packing-house business. Incorporators—J. B. Franz, Fridolleon Franz and Henry P. Franz.

New Missouri Corporations.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 29.—The following articles of incorporation were filed in the office of Secretary of State Lesueur today:

Big Four Lumber Company, St. Louis, capital $50,000; James P. Batchelor, Orin F. Pearson, Frank P. Evans and others.

The Safety Building and Loan Association of Greenfield, Mo., capital $80,000; incorporators—Edwin Harrison, Floyd Van Ordell, John Harris.

Campbell Lumber Company, Campbell, Mo.; statement of increase of capital stock from $50,000 to $100,000.

Indorsed for Marshalship.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Hope, Ark., Dec. 29.—At a called meeting of the Republican County Committee of Hempstead County, Honorable B. Foreman was unanimously indorsed for United States Marshal for the Western District of Arkansas.

Tennessee Firm Assigns.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Bristol, Tenn., Dec. 29.—The firm of George C. Pile & Co., general merchants here, made an assignment to-day for the benefit of creditors in various cities. Liabilities, $8,000; assets estimated at $5,000.

Baptist Elders in Convention.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Grayville, Ill., Dec. 29.—The Primitive Baptist Elders of the county held a ministerial meeting in this city this week, the same closing to-night. Several noted elders of the church were present from adjoining States and the debates and discussions were able and interesting.

THE REAL RAGLAN.

Some of the Overcoats that are being offered for sale as Raglans are enough to provoke laughter—or tears—according to one's mood. The real thing is an elegant and graceful garment, cut full, but so nicely balanced as to hang just right. It takes art to make a correct Raglan; and we fancy that nowhere else in the city will you find anything to compare with the coats we have cut in this style for this season—Ours have our own Patented Combination Raglan Sleeve——

$15.00, $16.50, $18, $20, $25, $28 and $30.

This range of prices ought to meet almost all requirements. Some are lined with serge, some with silk, and others have plaid backs with silk shoulders.

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Further Increase in the Falling Off of the Birth Rate.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Paris, Dec. 29.—(Copyright, 1900, by W. R. Hearst.)—The decrease of the French population is again causing alarm. The latest statistics show a marked falling off in the birth rate. Twenty years ago there were 100,000 more births annually in France than there are to-day. What causes the most alarm is the striking decrease of the rural population from thirty-six per square kilometer in 1870 to thirty to-day, while the increase in the city population has not made up this deficiency nor kept pace with other countries. Numerous suggestions for remedying the evil have been made. The latest proposal is to change the laws regarding inheritances and settlements on children so as to encourage larger families. It is argued that the present custom imposes such heavy burdens upon parents, especially for marriage dots for their daughters, that no one is willing to raise a large family.

The second dress ball of the Globe Benevolent Association will take place Wednesday evening, January 9, at Liederkranz Hall. Professor Seymour's Band will be in attendance.

RIVER NEWS.

Rise and Fall of the Rivers

For the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m.:
St. Louis, Saturday, Dec. 29, 1900.

	Danger.	Gauge.	Change.
Pittsburg	25.0	2.9	-0.2
Parkersburg	26.0	3.2	0.0
Cincinnati	50.0	9.0	0.0
Louisville	28.0	2.2	-0.2
Nashville	40.0	4.1	*0.2
Chattanooga	22.0	4.3	-0.2
Florence	16.0	4.0	0.0
Evansville	25.0	3.5	*0.2
Jeffersonville	25.0	6.8	*0.1
St. Paul	14.0	....	....
Dubuque	15.0	....	....
Davenport	12.0	2.0	0.0
Keokuk	15.0	0.1	-0.3
Des Moines Rapids	....	0.9	0.0
Peoria	14.0	....	....
Grafton	22.0	....	....
Omaha	18.0	....	....
Kansas City	22.0	5.0	-0.5
Boonville	30.0	....	....
Hermann	24.0	3.9	*0.1
St. Louis	30.0	3.5	-0.1
Chester	20.0	2.2	0.0
Cairo	45.0	12.7	*1.4
Memphis	34.0	6.0	0.0
Little Rock	23.0	6.0	-0.8
Vicksburg	48.0	....	....
Shreveport	25.0	6.1	-0.1
New Orleans	16.0	5.4	-1.3

*Rise. †Fall. R. J. HYATT, Local Forecast Official.

River Forecast.

The Mississippi at St. Louis will change but slightly.

River and Business.

The gauge marked 3.5 in this port yesterday, a decline of .1 of a foot in twenty-four hours.

Business quiet, and dull for Saturday. Weather clear and cold.

To-Day's Forecast.

For St. Louis and vicinity, fair.

Arrived.

Chester.....Chester

Departed.

Columbia.....Chester
Chester.....Chester
City of Paducah.....Tennessee River

Paragraphs.

—Captain James Fitzgerald, master of the Georgia Lee, running between Memphis and Cairo, is in the city visiting his family. He will return to Memphis by rail to-morrow to clear the Georgia for Cairo Tuesday. The liner has been laid up for a few days on account of a scarcity of labor.

—Monte Davis, one of the best known pilots making headquarters in St. Louis, is seriously ill in the Marine Hospital at New Orleans. He recently made a trip south on the Hoxie to study the lower channels and was taken sick soon after his arrival in New Orleans.

—Colonel Hunter Ben Jenkins of the Eagle Packet Company is the guest of old-time friends at Warsaw, Ill.

—Harry Eldridge, who has been spending the holidays with his family at Brighton, Ill., will come to St. Louis Monday on a business trip.

—Pilots F. M. Lindsay and Henry Lindenburn are serving on the coal tow Coal City, running between Louisville and New Orleans.

—Captain Jack Goodrich of New Albany, Ind., will visit St. Louis soon.

—The result of the annual election of the M. & O. Pilot Society, now being held, will be announced to-morrow. Captain Drown said yesterday that the votes for directors would be officially counted and that the new directors would name the executive staff for the organization.

—The City of Paducah got away for the Tennessee River last night. The passenger boats of the St. Louis and Tennessee River Packet Company will probably be quartered at Paducah this winter.

—The M. & O. Society has received an up-stream river report between Red River and Cairo from Greenwell and Owrey of the Oakland.

—Pilots on the coal boat Boaz, plying the Louisville and New Orleans trade, are W. F. Smith and C. L. Blazer.

—Elmer Owrey, who came up pilot on the Oakland, stopped over at Cairo with his family. His partner, Steve Greenwell, arrived here by rail yesterday.

—Captain Henry Partee was among the callers at the M. & O. rooms yesterday.

—The Chester arrived and departed in her trade, doing a good business each way.

—Steamer Columbia cleared to Chester with good patronage.

—Pilots John Godfrey and Luke Moore are in Louisville.

—The S. H. H. Clark is en route for New Orleans with a tow of six barges.

—Memphis cotton receipts were 313 bales and fifty-seven sacks of cotton seed.

By Telegraph.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 29.—River marks 8 feet on the gauge and unchanged for twenty-four hours. Weather fair and cool. The Ferd Heroid arrived from Cairo with thirty-two bales of cotton and 725 sacks of cottonseed and cleared at 9 this evening on return trip. The James Lee arrived this morning from Friar's Point with fair trip and left at noon to-day on return trip. She will be back in time to leave on Monday for Friar's Point. River receipts were 216 bales of cotton, thirty-five bags of seed cotton and 69 sacks of cottonseed.

Grand Tower, Ill., Dec. 29.—The Grey Eagle down at 7 a. m. She reports the Peters Lee aground at Dickey's Field. The gauge reads 3.6, a fall of .1 in the last twenty-four hours. Weather clear and pleasant.

Chester, Ill., Dec. 29.—River stationary; gauge 2.1 feet. Weather clear. Boats down: Grey Eagle last midnight; Peters Lee, 11 a. m. Tender in and out on time.

Burlington, Ia., Dec. 29.—The river is now 1 foot 5 inches above the low-water mark of 1896, a fall of 4½ inches since the last report. Weather clear and cold.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 29.—River rising. In canal 5.3; on the falls 3.1; below locks 7.7. Clear and cool.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 29.—River 9 feet and stationary. Clear; mercury, 37.

Wheeling, Dec. 29.—River 2 feet 6 inches, rising slowly. Cloudy and cold.

Pittsburg, Dec. 29.—River 4.4 feet and falling. Clear and cold.

STEAMBOATS.

LOWER MISSISSIPPI.

STR. COLUMBIA
Leaves Diamond Jo wharf Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays at 3 p. m. for Chester and all way landings. Phone M 2467.
LAWRENCE MACDONALD, Agent.

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Regular Chester packet, receiving daily at Eagle Packet Company's wharfboat. Leaves Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 3 p. m. Regular rate, meals and berth to or from Chester, $1.00. HUNTER BEN JENKINS, Agt. Phone Main 233.

HALL CAINE'S KINDLY LETTER.

Novelist Has High Regard for the American Woman.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Chillicothe, Mo., Dec. 29.—The Sorosis Club, a woman's organization of this city, has set aside next Wednesday as Hall Caine Day, and in response to the year book sent him by the leader for that day, Mrs. John T. Milbank, Mr. Caine has written the following letter:

"Greeba Castle, Isle of Man, Dec. 8, 1900.—Dear Madam: It is good of you to send me the year book of your club, and I am naturally much honored by your intention of speaking about myself on January 2. It is always a great pleasure to me to receive American visitors at this house. I remember your country with the warmest and most grateful feelings, and perhaps nothing interests me more in America than the intellectual activity of its women. When one considers what position of women was even in the most civilized countries as recently as 100 years ago, and how high a place she has now won for herself, not only on the statute books of nations, but in the republic of art, one cannot but feel that the change is even more remarkable than some of the great material developments which have distinguished the century. Speaking as one who has seen life in many countries I feel that it is within the truth to say that the position of woman is higher in America than in any other part of the world. For this result American women have, no doubt, to thank their own natural gifts and great independence of mind, but they have also, I think, to be grateful to the splendid chivalry of the other sex, which is nowhere more conspicuous than in the best type of American gentleman. With kind regards and best wishes for the success of your club and meeting, I am, yours very truly, HALL CAINE.

"To Mrs. J. T. Milbank."

PRESIDENT ELY RE-ELECTED.

Economic Association Will Probably Meet at Washington Next.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 29.—The attendance at the closing session to-day of the American Economic Association was greatly