

NINETYTHIRD YEAR.

ST. LOUIS, MO., SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 1901.

In St. Louis, One Cent.
Outside St. Louis, Two Cents.
On Trains, Three Cents.



IF AGUINALDO COMES.

URGE EXPOSITION SITE FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Many Stockholders Ready for Any Satisfactory Arrangement to Make Mr. Carnegie's Gift Available.

FOR THE GREATER LIBRARY.

St. Louis will not commit the mistake of letting slip the extraordinary opportunity of obtaining a fit surrounding for the magnificent Public Library building soon to be constructed.

But one site should be considered. No other available place could give the impressive and decorative effect which can be secured with the location now occupied by the old Exposition.

As a public enterprise the old Exposition is no more. The only public purpose it serves—that of an autumn entertainment—can be better arranged in other ways. The right of occupying the ground has already reverted to the city.

The value of the Carnegie gift is greatly enhanced by the timeliness which brings it just when an ideal site is available. A beautiful building in the center of this park, with the grounds artistically ornamented, would be a perpetual decoration and monument.

Exposition stockholders and bondholders can facilitate and hasten the plans of the Library Board by joining the board in devising means to obtain the grounds for the new building. Stockholders can afford to put their stock in the hands of the board. There are wealthy and generous citizens who will aid in arranging all the equities which are entitled to consideration. The Library Board will be glad to welcome all these generous volunteers.

Leading St. Louisans have become aroused over the prospect of securing a new public library system for the city and are soliciting the question of obtaining the site occupied by the Exposition, as a location for the central library building.

Public-spirited citizens are anxious to have St. Louis rank with other large cities of the country in point of its public library, and are eager that Andrew Carnegie's gift of \$1,000,000 to the St. Louis Public Library shall be taken advantage of without delay.

Many original stockholders of the St. Louis Exposition and Music Hall Association have declared themselves in favor of turning over the Exposition site to the Board of Directors of the St. Louis Public Library, as a location for its new central building. Many of the stockholders have even gone so far as to offer their stock to the board to dispose of as it sees fit.

All agree that the Exposition site would be ideal for the new library building, and a general opinion prevails that the property would be of greater benefit and value to the majority of citizens if used for a public library than by the continuance of its use for an exposition. A public library system, such as it is proposed to build, would be of inestimable value to the city for years to come, and would place it on an equality with the other great cities of the United States. The ground is sufficiently large to admit of surrounding the structure with a park, thus reconverting the property to the use for which it was originally designed.

ted in the Exposition, stated Friday that he had not yet returned from New York and had not given the proposition any thought. He said that until he has studied the situation thoroughly it will be impossible for him to give an opinion on the subject.

A. D. Brown, president of the Hamilton-Brown Shoe Company, is not in favor of the Exposition site for the library. Mr. Brown is identified with the original movement to organize the Exposition for St. Louis.

E. O. Starnard, president of the E. O. Starnard Milling Company, expressed himself favorably on the Exposition site for the new library building. Mr. Starnard was identified with the original movement to organize the Exposition for St. Louis.

D. L. Walker, president of the Ely & Walker Goods Company, warmly endorsed the plan. He explained that he was one of the original stockholders of the Exposition, but had disposed of his stock because he believed that the institution would no longer be a means of attracting merchants to St. Louis.

J. L. Griswold, proprietor of the Laclede Hotel, one of the earliest subscribers to the plan, is also in favor of the Exposition site. He said that he would gladly give the city at the present time, and should give place to some public institution which will benefit all of our citizens.

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E. C. Simmons, advisory director of the Simmons Hardware Company, and one of the original incorporators of the Exposition company, said: "I think the site occupied by the Exposition would be one of the most desirable locations for the new Public Library. It is in the center of the city's population which will most use the institution. The location is on the dividing line between the south and north ends of the city. It is reached by many car lines, and no matter to what extent the city may grow, that spot will always remain the practical center of our population. I am not in favor of locating the library in the West End district, as a large per cent of the people of that section of the city own their own libraries, and would have but little use for the Public Library."

Richard M. Scruggs, president of the Scruggs, Vandervoort & Barney Dry Goods Company, one of the original subscribers to the Exposition, endorsed the movement to obtain the Exposition site for the new library building.

Former Governor D. R. Francis, who owns forty shares of Exposition stock, has offered them to the Library Board to dispose of at its pleasure. He is heartily in favor of using the Exposition property for the new library building.

William H. Thompson, president of the National Bank of Commerce, who owns a large block of Exposition stock, has also offered his holdings to the board.

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Why Five Girls Tried to Leave Their College at Midnight, Via Windows.

INDICTMENTS HAVE FOLLOWED.

Society Young Men Who Were Waiting for the Ladies Must Face the Courts.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Bowling Green, Ky., April 5.—Five young men belonging to some of the best and wealthiest families of Bowling Green, and themselves members of the city's most exclusive social circles, were indicted by the Grand Jury Friday for participating in the escapade at Potter's College Saturday night, in which several young women attending the college were also involved.

It is charged that they placed a ladder to a window of the college and enticed the girls from the college, and that when Professor Cabell, president of the college, fired upon the men, they returned the fire without wounding him.

The young women are named in the indictments. The young men assert that they intended to take the girls to a "duck supper."

The incident had for its principles some of the leading society young men of this city and some of the most highly respected and best connected young ladies that belong to the school.

The young swells were Roland Fitch, Harry and Clarence Hamm, Willis Potter and Pleasant J. Potter, Jr.

Young Fitch is prominently connected in Owensboro; the Hamm boys are sons of a wealthy merchant of Bowling Green, and the young Potters are grandsons of the late Pleasant J. Potter, for whom that institution was named. They belong to the most prominent as well as the most wealthy family of that city.

Was a Gay Quintet.
The young ladies who were parties to the sensational episode were: Misses Florence Cottrell, Lena Hopkins, Beanie Boyer, Ruth Haynes and Beanie Simpson.

Miss Cottrell is the granddaughter of the late Reverend B. F. Cottrell, who for forty years was a leading minister of the Louisville Conference of the M. E. Church, South. She and Miss Haynes are members of prominent families and reside at Cloverport, just above this city. Miss Hopkins is from Louisville and is the daughter of Mrs. Miss Simpson from Nicholasville, this State.

Young Fitch, who has been in Owensboro, apparently in hiding, left there Friday afternoon on the 24 Louisville train, saying he was going to Cloverport. It is stated upon authority that he went to see the young ladies for the purpose of having an interview with them. It having been said that they are to be witnesses for the prosecution when the cases are reached for trial.

The indictments are on two counts, one charging them with inciting the young lady students to leave college and the other for an assault upon President Cabell of the college, they having fired numerous pistol shots at him when he appeared among them from the college premises, and only saved himself from being shot by barricading himself behind closed doors.

The young ladies from Bowling Green have gone home, and it is stated that the other young ladies who were parties to the episode have likewise gone home, and it is believed that the college may materially suffer from the scandal.

Going to a Duck Supper.
The young ladies have also stated that they were only going out with the boys to a "duck supper," but the fact that they were escaping from their bedrooms and trying to reach the ground by means of improvised ladders, and that they were in the street in the morning and were making for closed carriages which were in waiting at the entrance of the college campus, has resulted in a sensational case only in Bowling Green, but all over this part of Kentucky.

Every influence that position in society and wealth and official position could bring to bear was directed in the interest of the friends of the college to suppress the affair, and to prevent indictments from being returned, but it all resulted in naught.

The alleged outrage which the young men are said to have committed, was thought by the Grand Jury and Commonwealth's Attorney to be so flagrant that indictments should be returned, and the efforts brought to bear to prevent them.

Potter College is one of the most fashionable in the South, and since its foundation fifteen years ago has enjoyed a great degree of popularity. It is situated in the city of Bowling Green, and is highly respected in the South.

President is a Methodist Minister.
The Reverend B. F. Cottrell, the president, is a Methodist minister, and is prominent as an educator, but is prominent in his church. For a number of years he has been in the city of Bowling Green, and has exercised a marked influence in the upbuilding of the school and the maintenance of its well-earned and deserved popularity.

He is greatly chagrined and humiliated that any of his "girls," as he calls his students, should act in the manner that these young ladies did Saturday night.

Resolution Complimenting Kansan on Aguinaldo's Capture Killed in Lower House.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Austin, Tex., April 5.—The House Friday morning defeated, by a vote of 36 to 68, the resolution complimenting General Funston on the capture of Aguinaldo. This resolution has been under discussion for three days, and its defeat was due probably to the fact that the members of the Legislature construed it as an endorsement of the Republican administration.

The resolution just defeated was made the subject of many amendments, some calculated to destroy its effectiveness, others adding to it.

SAYS CORBIN OPPOSED FUNSTON'S PROMOTION

"I Am Making Lieutenants Out of Better Stuff Every Day," He Told Congressman Long.

HE'S A BOSS SCOUT, THAT'S ALL

Kansas Representative Tells How His Request for the General's Advancement Was Received.

Wichita, Kas., April 5.—The Eagle tomorrow will publish an extended interview with Congressman Chester L. Long of Kansas relative to the appointment of Frederick Funston to a brigadier generalship in the regular army. Mr. Long has verified the interview for the Associated Press.

"When I read of Funston's heroic deed," says Mr. Long, "I went straight to General Corbin's office and said: 'Well, General, you see what Funston has done?'"

"Yes, I have seen it," replied Corbin, not too pleasantly.

"Well," I said, "don't you think that you ought to make Funston a Brigadier General in the regular army?"

"No," said Corbin, "he has done nothing to warrant that."

"But," I insisted, "it seems to me he has done a very daring thing; that he has almost concluded the war."

"Mr. Long," said Corbin, "I am making lieutenants out of better stuff than Funston every day. Funston is a boss scout—that's all."

"We want him made a Brigadier General," I insisted.

"Mr. Long," said Corbin, "the army has made a great school; we want teachers for Brigadier Generals; we want men who can teach and not those who should be taught."

REWARD FOR FUNSTON'S AIDES.
REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Washington, April 5.—Lieutenant R. J. Mitchell, Fort Leavenworth, who was General Funston's aide in the expedition that captured Aguinaldo, will be rewarded with a promotion to the rank of captain.

LEADING TOPICS TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

For Missouri-Fair Saturday and Sunday; rising temperature in western portion Saturday; northwesterly winds.

For Illinois-Fair in southern, showers in northern portions Saturday, with lower temperature; brisk to high northwesterly winds, Sunday fair.

1. Urge Exposition Site for Library.
2. Says Corbin Opposed Funston's Promotion.
3. Municipal Assembly to Organize To-day.
4. Funston Gets Praise From Texas.

5. Appointments to Be Made Next Week. Indignant Over Veto of Fair Bill.
6. E. C. Griffith Wins the Handicap Cup. Two New Records Made at Tanforan.

7. Railway News.
8. Greatest Financial Scheme of All Time. Sixth Grading Heretically Done.
9. Editorial.
10. Gainsborough Picture Reviewed.

11. News and Gossip About Books. South Side Young Men's Singing Society.
12. Operative Millers' Annual Convention. Indicted Election Officials Arrested. Want Experimental Filtration Plant. Visitors at St. Louis Hotel.

13. Russia Is Not Ready to Leave Manchuria.
14. Committee Falls With Ziegenhain. Fifty-Cent Corn Now Preferred.
15. Programme for Easter Services in St. Louis Churches.

16. The Sunday-School Lesson. Will Stop Buying Mules and Horses. Battered Men in Blankets. Barrymore Reported Improving.
17. Pickets Watched the Vice President. New York Theater Gossip. Set Fire to a Crowded Church.
18. Grain and Produce Markets. Weekly Bank Clearings. River News.

19. Republic Want Advertisements. New Corporations. Important Deals in Real Estate.
20. Republic Want Advertisements. New Designs for Blouses of Silk and Home and Fashion Topics.

MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY WILL ORGANIZE TO-DAY.

James H. Cronin Caucus Choice for Speaker of the House—William R. Faulkner and George Mockler May Get Secretaryship and Assistant Secretaryship of Council.

Despite the fact that no party has a majority in the House of Delegates, that branch of the Municipal Assembly will be organized today, a special session to be held Saturday afternoon at 3 p. m.

James H. Cronin of the Fifth Ward on Friday night was the majority's choice for Speaker. Cronin succeeded in securing ten Democrats, four Republicans and one Public Ownership member, and in the caucus was easily the choice for Speaker.

According to the caucus agreement, John P. Sweeney will be made speaker pro tem, Dennis A. Ryan, clerk, Nick Griffin, assistant clerk and Mike Howard, sergeant-at-arms. The general opinion among members is that these appointments will be made with little or no difficulty.

THE HOUSE consists of fourteen Democrats, eleven Republicans and three Public Ownership members. No party has a majority, and a division on party lines would cause a deadlock. It is known positively that at least one Democrat will not join with the other Democrats; that at least one Republican will not assist the other Republicans, and that at least one Public Ownership member claims absolute independence.

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