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W. E. CARR, Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of September, 1902.

J. F. FARISH, Notary Public, City of St. Louis, Mo. My term expires April 25, 1903.

WORLD'S—1904—FAIR.

INSURANCE RATES AND PROFITS.

In view of the difficulties which surround the securing of fire insurance in St. Louis and other large cities the report of the special committee of business men appointed by the Philadelphia Commercial Club is enlightening.

This committee thoroughly investigated the rates and profits charged by the twenty-nine fire underwriting companies of the United States, which have each more than a million dollars of capital and surplus.

It was found by the committee that the companies had paid about 10 per cent on the capital and surplus during the past ten years. The dividends for the past four years have averaged 11 per cent on the capital stock.

According to the committee, some of the principal companies are trying to increase the fire insurance rates until the average profits would be 18 per cent.

One paper, commenting on this report, says that the tendency to overcharge will bring its own disaster, as arson inevitably follows high rates.

"IOWA IDEA" NOT ELIMINATED. Designing to avert the launching of a tariff reform movement at the convention of the National League of Republican Clubs, the Executive Committee adopted a rule requiring that tariff resolutions be referred to committee.

No better indications of the drift of public sentiment against the Dingley tariff have been given anywhere than in assemblies of Republican politicians.

But Republican politicians will not be able to maintain a neutral attitude. The public will not allow protracted dodging. As indicated in the vetoed terms used by Senator Dilliver, at the convention, the tariff reform wave is universal and popular.

Notwithstanding the decision of the Executive Committee that resolutions be referred to committee, Senator Dilliver undertook to enlighten the convention, in a friendly, suggestive way, on what he termed "the Iowa idea."

Senator Dilliver's speech is valuable for what it leaves to inference. In effect he told the delegates at the convention that the high protective tariff is responsible for new conditions.

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ing from which the doom of the trusts can be foretold, even the most solvent and best managed of them all. Other Republican leaders, like Senator Dilliver find it impossible to do away with the "Iowa idea" with the national policy of the Republican party.

ROBBING THE PUBLIC.

Disclosures in the hoodle trials have reached that point where no patience remains for excuses by either the bribe-giver or the bribe-taker.

In addition to the determination of reform which the trials should spread even to voters in the river wards, there should be a policy in social and business circles which will ostracize every man who dirties his fingers with hoodle.

It cost the promoters of the Central Traction bill about \$250,000 to buy enough members of the General Assembly to pass that measure.

The people must learn, too, to demand fair competition and fair compensation for public privileges.

Suppose that the men who promoted the street railways had made an absolutely fair proposition: one in which the public would have received adequate compensation for the use of the streets.

When promoters stop asking for unduly profitable franchises, legislators will not be so anxious to put their honor on the block.

Yesterday's developments indicated that a majority of those Democrats likely to be delegates in next week's City Convention have realized the wisdom of not going before the people with a candidate for the Court of Criminal Correction who represents a rebuke of Circuit Attorney Folk and Mayor Wells.

PROSPECT OF A GOOD TICKET.

When his name began to be publicly mentioned as a probable selection a storm of protest arose from the Democrats usually classed as independents and not less from a vast number who have voted the party ticket without much variation.

Some of his personal friends have joined the ranks of Democrats who admit that his nomination would be equivalent to a defeat of the entire city ticket.

It is the Democrats nominate a good ticket next week—and the names most prominently canvassed suggest a ticket which any citizen can conscientiously support.

As the campaign proceeds it is evident that the "agreement" which was made with the help of the lobbyist of the Missouri Pacific Railroad between leaders of the two factions in the Republican party will not be broken so far as Richard C. Kerens is concerned.

At that conference, it will be remembered, Kerens promised to prevent any opposition to the re-election of State Chairman Atkins in the Jefferson City convention if the friends of Mr. Atkins would prevent the nomination of a United States Senator by the assembled delegates.

Those who were at the convention know that there was a strong sentiment for a Senatorial nomination. The rank and file wished to put the party on record as opposed to lobby "agreements" and the sort of politics which the National Committeeman represents in Missouri.

Chairman Atkins and two or three of his bosom counselors who were personally interested in the Missouri Pacific "agreement" prevented a convention nomination. So afraid were they of the threat to oppose the re-election of the State Chairman that Kerens used their cowardice to justify claim a victory for himself.

The failure of the convention to nominate a Senatorial candidate left Kerens a field for the operations. It made the Republicans in those counties where they were in a minority absolutely without a voice in subsequent proceedings. It left Kerens with the Republican and doubtful counties.

That he has been making good use of his opportunities is evident from the assiduity with which he has been visiting these counties. Nominees for Representative are his special objects of attention.

The lobby "agreement" is being kept. Kerens will have a majority of the caucus members and thus secure the minority nomination for United States Senator. He will then resume his place at the head of the pie-counter and dish out Federal patronage.

From the actions of the Missouri Republican manipulators voters have a right to believe that the work of a campaign is considered nothing more or less than a game of trickery.

Every movement seems to have been based upon chance. Policies have been adopted with the hope that the people might be fooled. Deals have hinged upon the turn of a card.

There has been no issue upon which the Republican managers have chosen to stand or fall. They have showed themselves opportunists of the worst kind when determining upon positions for the campaign.

Every fresh political wind has found them ready to face about and try a new tack on the chance that by some trick of fate the enemy might be injured.

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to an exploitation of the subject. Pressed down to hard facts, they granted that the schools had profited by the present arrangement, but "figured" that a few Democrats might be fooled into thinking something was wrong.

So with the "discrepancies." Though business men in and out of the party scoffed at the idea of stouin millions, the machine leaders thought it well to take a chance on the proposition, as the multiplicity of figures might confuse.

There was a cry against the election laws. Though they knew the fault in the Twelfth District lay within their own organization, they thought a campaign against a law which Republican legislators had accepted would be worth the whirl.

There is not one distinctive policy which Republicans can claim as their own unless it be the vilification of the State's good name. There is nothing for which they are now supposed to be fighting that would not be dropped if some other chance seemed more promising.

Contrasted with the wheel-of-fortune methods of the Republicans, the Democrats stand united, responsible and enduring. They have not tried to shilly-shally their way through a campaign which has been marked by such vacillation on the part of opponents.

They have stood up for Missouri and its institutions, believed in the integrity of its officials, been proud of the fiscal record made by the party and assert themselves worthy of confidence.

Democrats have practiced honest politics by refusing to trade principles for party nominations, as Republicans are doing in various parts of the State.

If J. P. Morgan wishes to enter politics the first thing he should do is to stop the coal strike. He is popularly supposed to control the situation in the anthracite fields, despite the assertion of President Baer to the contrary.

President Roosevelt did not settle the coal miners' strike. Optimists will say that the moral effect of his interference will appear in later developments.

Republican harmony in St. Louis is beautiful in theory, but does not work in practice. Two members of the City Central Committee have refused to serve on subcommittees and have practically told the organization to row its own boat.

That John I. Pickering, Democratic nominee for clerk of the Illinois Supreme Court, is being endorsed by the labor unions of the State was to have been expected. For twenty-five years he has been a member of the Typographical Union.

Citizens who take pride in established institutions of St. Louis should not fail to assist the officers and men of the First Regiment to raise the deficit now confronting them.

What do the visiting ladies think of the prospects for the World's Fair's success after a glimpse of the notable men participating in the space-allocation ceremonies? No doubt they are sure that the Board of Lady Managers will not allow the men to get all the attention and honors.

RECENT COMMENT. Influence of Music. Smart Set. In itself music may be elevating and noble; in itself it may be degrading and vile; moreover, in itself music may be of an indeterminate character.

Immigration Surpasses All Records. New York Labor Bulletin. A much more significant index of prosperity or depression is the inflow of new workers from Europe, who come to this country just about as rapidly as "jobs" open.

PLAYING A GAME OF CHANCE. From the actions of the Missouri Republican manipulators voters have a right to believe that the work of a campaign is considered nothing more or less than a game of trickery.

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FLORAL PARADE WILL BE A FEATURE OF MATTOON FAIR.



MATTOON, ILL., GIRLS. Who will represent the United States and her possessions in the Floral Parade Mattoon. The parade will be one of the events of the Mattoon street fair, which is to last all week.

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FROM THE GREAT POETS.

LINES TO A SKELETON. AUTHOR UNKNOWN. The manuscript of this poem, which appeared about 1825, is said to have been found in the museum of the Royal College of Surgeons, in London, near a perfect human skeleton. It attracted so much attention that every effort was made to discover the author, and a respectable person went so far as to offer a reward of £20 for information that would disclose its origin.

EHOLD this ruin! 'Tis a skull, Once of ethereal spirit full, This narrow cell was life's retreat; This was Thought's mysterious seat. What haunts these visions filled this spot? What dreams of pleasure long forgot? Nor grief, nor joy, nor hope, nor fear Has left one trace or record here.

Beneath this mouldering canopy Once shone the bright and busy eye; Yet start not at the dismal void! If social love that eye employed, If with no lessens fire it gleamed, But through the dew of kindness beamed, That eye shall be forever bright When stars and sun are sunk in night.

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Say, did these fingers e'er the finite, Or with its eviled robes enshrine? To how the rock or wear the gem Can nothing now avail to them; But, if the page of Truth they sought, And comfort to the mourner brought, These hands a richer meed shall claim Than all that wait on Wealth and Fame.

Avails it whether bare or shod These feet the paths of duty tread? If from the bosom of Ease they sped To soothe Affliction's humble bed, If Grandeur's giddy bribe they spurned, And home to Virtue's cave returned— These feet with angels' wings shall vie, And tread the palace of the sky.

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