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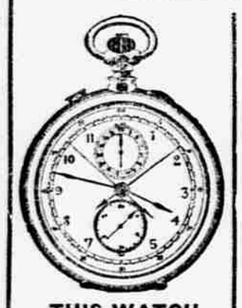

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TO PREVENT ISSUE OF BONDS.

Canton Citizens Declare Town Cannot Go Into Debt.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 1.—An injunction suit against State Auditor Albert O. Allen was instituted in the Cole County Circuit Court by Robert V. Ray of Canton, Mo., on behalf of T. L. Durkee and others, to prevent the State Auditor from registering $10,000 worth of electric light bonds for Canton.

The bonds were voted last September, and the plaintiffs allege that the election was not legally held according to ordinance. The petition also attacks the validity of the law passed by the Legislature, permitting cities of Canton's class to vote such bonds, holding that there are two subjects in the title.

"Mamma's" Pancake Flour.
Just the thing these cool mornings.

Rebels Driven Out of Barcelona.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Minister Bowen at Caracas, under date of yesterday, reports to the State Department by cable that the revolutionists were yesterday driven out of the town of Barcelona, which is now occupied by Government troops.

SPECIALTIES.

Mississippi Valley Trust Company
Acts as Register and Transfer Agent of Bonds and Stocks.

DEATHS.

BECKMANN—Entered into rest Tuesday, December 2, 1902, at 12:35 a. m., Ann Beckmann, aged 73 years, relict of the late William Beckmann.

Funeral from the family residence, No. 4165 Cleveland avenue, Thursday, December 4, at 2 p. m. Interment private.

CLIFFORD—Entered into rest on Sunday, November 30, 1902, at 8:30 o'clock a. m., Mary Clifford (nee Casey), relict of the late James Clifford and dear mother of Walter, Maude, Robert Clifford and Mrs. Alice Tracey, after a brief illness, at the age of 40 years.

The funeral will take place on Tuesday, December 2, at 2 o'clock p. m., from residence of her daughter, Mrs. Alice Tracey, No. 2816 North Broadway, to Calvary Cemetery. Friends are invited to attend.

New York City and Rock Island, Ill., papers please copy.

DURPHY—Entered into rest, on Monday, December 1, 1902, at 6 a. m., after a short illness, William T. A. Durphy, beloved husband of May Durphy (nee Gentry), and son of Mary Durphy and the late R. H. Durphy, and brother of Joseph, John, Robert and Charles Durphy.

Funeral will take place from late residence, No. 2937 Page boulevard. Due notice of time will be given.

Deceased was a member of Eureka Court, No. 26, Tribe of Ben-Hur.

Lynchburg, Va., and Maryville, Cal., papers please copy.

HAMMIL—Saturday, November 29, 1902, at 6 o'clock a. m., Henry A. Hammil, aged 62 years, dear husband of Alvina Hammil (nee Mehlop), and our father.

Funeral Tuesday, December 2, at 1:30 o'clock p. m., from residence, No. 3569 Clark avenue, to Bellefontaine Cemetery.

De Soto, Mo., papers please copy.

LANGTON—On Sunday, November 30, at 1:30 a. m., Marie, beloved daughter of Susan J. and the late T. S. Langton, in the thirty-third year of her age.

Funeral from late residence, No. 5523 Bartmer avenue, Tuesday, December 2, at 9 a. m.

Deceased was a member of St. Rose's Young Ladies' Sodality.

ROGERS—Suddenly on Monday, Dec. 1, 1902, at 5:20 p. m., Paul, beloved son of Catherine Rogers (nee McCann) and the late Frank A. Rogers, brother of Mrs. James Brennan, Frank, Joseph and Raymond Rogers, aged 11 years 5 months and 3 days.

The funeral will take place Wednesday, December 3, at 2 o'clock p. m., from family residence, No. 2917 Cass avenue, to Calvary Cemetery. Friends are invited to attend.

Boston, Mass., papers please copy.

STEPHENS—Selover Lane Stephens, suddenly December 1, 1902, at 9 a. m., beloved son of Philip and Marguerite (nee Lawry).

Funeral from family residence, No. 3914 Lee avenue, Wednesday at 1 a. m., to Calvary Cemetery.

TULLEY—On Sunday, November 30, 1902, at 2:30 o'clock p. m., Margaret Tulley (nee Farnan), beloved mother of James, H. C., Thomas M., John and Rose Tulley, aged 84 years.

Funeral from No. 2627 Washington avenue, December 2, at 2:30 o'clock p. m. Interment private.

Dubuque, Ia., papers please copy.

VENEZUELA AVERTS CLASH WITH GERMANY

President Castro Makes Written Acceptance of Part of Claims Against His Country.

ENGLAND IS TO BE SATISFIED.

Sudden Yielding, It Is Supposed, Is Due to Inclination of United States Not to Interpose Any Objections.

Berlin, Dec. 1.—President Castro of Venezuela handed, probably on last Thursday, to the German Minister at Caracas a written acceptance of part of Germany's claims sufficiently comprehensive to delay the presentation of a joint ultimatum by Germany and Great Britain, if not rendering it altogether unnecessary.

It is also understood that Great Britain's demands will be satisfied.

Foreign Secretary von Richthofen and the British Foreign Secretary, Lord Lansdowne, are now in correspondence over Venezuela's change of front.

This Government considers that a peaceful settlement of the dispute is quite probable and attributes President Castro's yielding to the fact that he has become aware that the United States would not interpose any obstacle to the forcible collection of the claims of Germany and Great Britain.

President Castro tried by every means to keep Great Britain and Germany apart in discussing the settlements, intimating or promising first one thing and then another.

Germany, having entered into a general agreement with Great Britain to exact a settlement jointly, will not make a separate agreement. Consequently, the two Powers may yet conclude it necessary to disregard President Castro's qualified offers and present an ultimatum to Venezuela.

The German cruisers Amazone, Ariadne and Niobe continue fitting out at Kiel for prolonged absence. The view in naval quarters is that the cruisers will be sent to the West Indies, irrespective of the Venezuelan affair.

CASTRO ANXIOUS FOR PEACE.

Appointment of Minister to France Is Confirmed.

Paris, Dec. 1.—An official dispatch from Caracas confirms the Associated Press dispatch from Caracas announcing that President Castro has appointed General Antonio Velutini to be Minister of Venezuela at Paris.

This is understood to be due to the desire of Venezuela to avert complications with Europe. The French Minister to Venezuela will shortly proceed to his post, thus re-establishing diplomatic relations, long interupted, between the two countries.

KILLED BY A HIGHWAYMAN.

Charles Arnold Struck by Robber at New Madrid, Mo.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New Madrid, Mo., Dec. 1.—Charles Arnold of Three States, Mo., died here to-day from injuries inflicted by a highwayman Saturday night. While in the alley in the rear of Belton's saloon he was assaulted and knocked down by a robber, who took $90 from his pockets and left him lying unconscious in the alley, where he was found by friends some time afterwards.

They conveyed him to a physician's office, but nothing was of any avail. He died today without having regained consciousness.

Quincy Clark, 20 years old, has been arrested and lodged in jail on the charge of being implicated in the assault.

PLACE FOR CARPENTER.

Reported That He Will Be General Manager of the Frisco.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Dec. 1.—The fact that President B. F. Yoakum of the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad asked President Myron J. Carpenter of the Chicago and Eastern Illinois to meet him in St. Louis a few days ago has led to the report that Mr. Carpenter is to become general manager of the entire Frisco system.

An officer of the Eastern Illinois is said to be the authority for the statement that this position has been offered to Mr. Carpenter and accepted by him.

President Yoakum has stated that such a change is not contemplated.

Brown Goes to Boston.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Richmond, Ind., Dec. 1.—Harry M. Brown, until recently ticket agent for the Pennsylvania, from which position he went to city ticket agent for the Rock Island at St. Louis, and traveling passenger agent, has been transferred to Boston, at an increase of salary.

St. Joseph Realty Men Organize.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 1.—Real estate men of this city organized an exchange to-day. Frank M. Atkinson is president, A. J. Enright vice president, J. M. Huffman second vice president, J. A. Fullerton treasurer and T. J. Lysaght secretary. The exchange has 100 members, composed of real estate dealers and their agents.

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LOWER ESTIMATES OF COST OF GOVERNMENT

Total Appropriations Asked For by Secretary Shaw Are Only $589,189,112.

PRINCIPAL DECREASES SHOWN.

Fifteen Millions Less Required for the War Department Next Year—Six Millions Less for Public Works.

Washington, Dec. 1.—The Secretary of the Treasury to-day transmitted to the Congress the estimates of the appropriations required for the Government service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1904, as furnished by the heads of the several executive departments.

The total appropriations asked for are $589,189,112, which is $21,638,576 less than the estimates for 1903, and $33,050,014 less than the appropriations for that year. Following is a recapitulation of the estimates by departments, cents omitted:

Legislative, $11,508,483; executive, $319,500; State Department, $2,676,825; Treasury Department, $172,832,536; War Department, $130,988,905; Navy Department, $84,725,798; Interior Department, $163,018,616; Post Office Department, $10,363,486; Department of Agriculture, $5,640,150; Department of Labor, $184,220; Department of Justice, $7,431,900. Grand total, $589,189,112.

INCREASES AND DECREASES.

Following are the principal items under the several departments which show increases or decreases as compared with the appropriations for the year 1903:

Legislative—Salaries and expenses, increase, $393,913; public printing, increase, $718,000.

Executive proper—Salaries and expenses, increase, $13,000. Salaries and expenses Civil Service Commission, increase, $75,000.

State Department—Foreign intercourse, increase, $211,000.

Treasury Department—Public works, increase, $7,000,000; miscellaneous, increase, $3,000,000. District of Columbia, increase, $2,700,000. Permanent annual appropriations, decrease, $4,683,000.

Navy Department—Naval establishment, increase, $6,000,000.

Interior Department—Public works, decrease, $273,000. Miscellaneous, increase, $1,650,000. Permanent annual appropriations, increase, $470,000.

Post Office Department—Salaries ad expenses, increase, $115,000.

Department of Agriculture—Salaries and expenses, increase, $462,000.

Department of Justice—Miscellaneous, increase, $472,000.

RECAPITULATION.

Following is a recapitulation by titles showing estimates for 1904, and appropriations for 1903, cents omitted:

Objects.	Estimates for 1904.	Appropriations for 1903.
Legislative establishment	$ 9,267,845	$ 8,293,617
Executive establishment	26,661,022	27,491,683
Judicial establishment	756,270	9,9[illegible]4,1
Foreign intercourse	2,145,413	2,672,26[illegible]
Military establishment	77,886,515	82,394,619
Naval establishment	74,8[illegible]4,540	75,649,751
Indian affairs	7,685,780	9,941,299
Pensions	139,846,480	141,053,467
Public works	61,277,852	67,451,967
Postal service	8,242,956	102,486
Miscellaneous	52,441,072	64,721,231
Permanent annual appropriations	122,589,820	135,799,929
Grand total	$589,189,112	$632,239,126

OF NTEREST TO SOUTHWEST.

The following items of interest to the Southwest are included:

Office of the Assistant Treasurer at St. Louis—Assistant Treasurer, $1,500; cashier and chief clerk, $2,000; first teller, $2,000; second teller, $1,800; third teller, $1,600; fourth teller, $1,500; assorting teller, $1,800; coin teller, $1,600; assistant coin teller, $1,000; bookkeeper, $1,600; three assistant bookkeepers, $6,600; three clerks, $3,600; clerk, $1,000; stenographer and typewriter, $1,000; three day watchmen and coin counter, $2,700; night watchman, $720; janitor, $900. Total, $32,920, an increase of $600 as compared with the current appropriation.

Oklahoma—Governor, $2,000; Chief Justice and six Associate Judges, at $4,000 each, $28,000; secretary, $1,800; contingent expenses to be expended by the Governor for rents, private secretary, etc., $4,000; legislative expenses, rent and so forth, $3,000.

For Collector Internal Revenue, First (St. Louis) Missouri District, $37,500.

For Collector Internal Revenue, Sixth (Kansas City), District, $28,500.

For Collector Internal Revenue, Third Texas District, $18,500.

For Collector Internal Revenue, Fourth Texas District, $16,500.

ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL.

Under the War Department, the following estimates for improving the condition at the Rock Island Arsenal are submitted:

For two sets of officers' quarters, $27,000. It appears that the present buildings do not provide quarters for all the assistant officers, and, according to Brigadier General Crozier, experience has shown this to be necessary for the proper supervision of the varied manufacturing work of the arsenal and the operation of the small-arms target range recently installed, which, in his opinion, will add to the necessity of these quarters.

A new artillery storehouse is also asked for, to cost $45,000. This building is comprised in the plans for the arsenal, and takes the place of one of the expensive storehouses which have been discarded. This building, it is stated, is needed in the operations of the arsenal for the storage of field and siege gun carriages, projectiles, etc.

A new hospital building is, according to General Crozier, also needed at the Rock Island Arsenal and an estimate of $19,500 is submitted for the reason that the present hospital is a temporary wooden building constructed in great haste during the Civil War, and which is now in such a dilapidated condition that it cannot be repaired.

An estimate is submitted for moving and reconstructing a stone arsenal storehouse on the western end of the island at a cost of $80,000, and for the erection of a series of stables $18,000 is asked for, making a total of $219,500 asked for this arsenal.

For continuing improvement of the Mississippi River from head of passes to the mouth of the Ohio River, including salaries and clerical, office, traveling and miscellaneous expenses of the Mississippi River Commission, $2,000,000.

Continuing improvement from the mouth of the Ohio River to the mouth of the Missouri River, $650,000.

STATEMENT OF THE PUBLIC DEBT.

Total Is $1,312,672,869, a Decrease of $410,440 During November.

Washington, Dec. 1.—The monthly statement of the public debt shows that at the close of business November 29, 1902, the debt, less cash in the Treasury, amounted to $968,057,281, which is a decrease for the month of 1410,440.

The debt is recapitulated as follows:

Interest-bearing debt, $914,541,240.

Debt on which interest has ceased since maturity, $1,275,840.

Debt bearing no interest, $396,875,819.

Total, $1,312,672,869.

This amount, however, does not include $869,236,569 in certificates and treasury notes outstanding, which are offset by an equal amount of cash on hand held for their redemption.

The cash in the Treasury is classified as follows:

Gold reserve fund, $150,000,000; trust funds, $869,236,569; general fund, $145,435,820; in national bank depositaries, $148,941,318; total, $1,313,606,717, against which there are demand liabilities outstanding amounting to $869,631,129, which leaves a cash balance on hand of $254,575,588.

RICE IN A RICE KITCHEN.

American Association Intends to Serve the Product in a Novel Way.

Rice served in every style in a rice kitchen at the World's Fair—this is the novel plan of the Rice Association of America of advertising the industry in this country. A. B. Allison of Crowley, La., secretary of the organization, has written the Exposition management that a committee appointed to select a site for the kitchen will soon leave New Orleans for this city.

It is desired to serve rice meals in the building at a nominal price. The promoters of the enterprise say that no one who has not become familiar with the styles in which this cereal can be eaten has any idea of the hundreds of ways it may be cooked. The building would be erected after the architecture of the typical Louisiana structure of the old French quarter in New Orleans.

NEW ENGLAND IS INTERESTED.

Secretary Reeves Found States in Favor of Appropriations for Fair.

Secretary Charles M. Reeves of the Joint Committee on State and Territorial Exhibits and Legislation has returned from his trip through the New England States in the interest of appropriation bills for State displays at the Exposition. He reports that he was well received at the several State capitals.

That an interest has been aroused in this quarter regarding the Fair was manifested to him through the exhaustive interviews to which he was subjected by the executives of the several commonwealths. Senator Backus of Vermont introduced into the Legislature at Montpelier, while Mr. Reeves was there, a bill providing for an appropriation.

Mr. Reeves visited the capitals of New York, New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine and Massachusetts. Governor Hill of Maine told him that the issue there was simply one of the amount of the appropriation. At Boston he talked with Lieutenant Governor Bates, who will succeed Governor Crane on January 1. As a result of this talk Mr. Reeves predicts that Massachusetts will play her part in the Fair.

He found in New York that the commission of that State was preparing for an active campaign to have the appropriation of $100,000 increased. President E. H. Harriman of the commission will have the backing of every commercial organization in New York City.

Inspection of Utah's Site.

Hoyt Sherman of Salt Lake City visited the Administration building yesterday as a representative of the Governor of Utah in the inspection of a site alloted for a State building and to confer with Director of Works Taylor and Director of Exhibits Skiff in regard to Utah's building and exhibits.

Ruskin College Will Make Exhibit.

Ruskin College, the institution founded at Trenton, Mo., by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vrooman, will participate in the educational display at the World's Fair. Doctor George McA. Miller, president of Ruskin College, visited the Administration building yesterday, accompanied by James Earls How. They conferred with Chief Rogers concerning the exhibit.

Sicilians Coming to the Fair.

Giovanni di Blasi, secretary of the Sicilian Association of Journalists, writes from Palerma, Sicily, that the members of the association are promoting the Exposition's interests in the island. Signor Blasi will attend the International Press Congress at St. Louis in 1904.

GERMANIA STOCK COMPANY IN AN AMUSING NEW BILL.

"Handwerk Hat Goldenen Boden (labor has a golden foundation) was the offering on Sunday night at the Germania Theater. A large audience laughed at the intricacies of the funny farce and enjoyed the sprightly music. Leona Bergere, George Heinemann and Hans Loebel divided the honors of the evening. Bergere was cast for a dashing widow.

The poet, who made love to her with his flowery verses, played by Carl Fischer; the doctor, who was more dignified in his courting, played by Arno Olden; and the much-married and terribly henpecked Hugo (George Heinemann), who sought her sympathetic society when his Frau Adalgise raised her daily row; all contributed to the humor of the evening.

Leobel had an interesting and picturesque baker's part, aided by a half dozen little bakers in their white suits and caps. His comedy work with Marie, daughter of the new-rich Hugo and his wife, was spirited and excellent. Both Loebel and Bergere contributed some good songs to the play, applause being spontaneous and hearty after Bergere's character dancing in the second act.

The play hinges on the efforts of a plebelan pair—Hugo and his wife—to get rich quick, which they achieve by dishonest means; and then proceed to snub all their old friends.

Twelve years ago a cast of competent German comedians gave the farce at the Olympic Theater, when Herr Andreas Fueger was the star of the evening in the baker's part.

The midweek production at the Germania will be "Die Verheimlichte Ehe," and on next Sunday night this company will give a performance of "Othello" in German.

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The Columbia offers two real "headliners." They are Kathryn Osterman and Lillian Burkhart. Both present short plays and both carry a company of their own. Miss Osterman's sketch is an appropriate little conceit by Grant Stewart. It is called "To-morrow at Twelve." Miss Osterman appears as Mary Cuthbert, a pretty artiste. She makes the girl a pleasing young person who finds instant favor.

Lillian Burkhart's comedy, "The Salt Cellar," is equally interesting. Miss Burkhart plays Irene, a young wife. She speaks her lines cleverly, and there are several delicate touches to her work that reveal her merit. Page Spencer plays the husband and George Snyder a funny old uncle.

George Thatcher is on hand with one or two new minstrel yarns and a great many others that are uninteresting. His songs lack melody, but not words. The Bunts Brothers perform some difficult acrobatic feats.

The Wartenbergs, foot jugglers, are old favorites in their class. Much of their specialty is new.

The complete bill is made up of acts by Harry Tsunda, Japanese gymnast; Lizzie McKeever, ballad singer; Allen and Delmain, in "A Wife's Victory"; Lew Wells, comedy musician; Thomson and Wolfe, singing and dancing comedienes; Deaves's manikins, Adele Onri and Elizabeth Murray.

Army Orders.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Army orders were issued to-day as follows:

Leave for two months, to take effect December 18, is granted Second Lieutenant Gustave Wieser, Fifteenth Infantry.

The leave granted Captain Peter Davison, Twenty-second Infantry, Department of the Missouri, is extended ten days.

The extension of leave granted Captain Frederick Funer, Thirteenth Infantry, is further extended one month.

The board of officers convened in this city January 22, 1901, for the examination of medical officers to determine their fitness for promotion, is dissolved.

The board of officers convened at San Juan, Porto Rico, May 29, 1901, for the examination of officers to determine their fitness for promotion, is dissolved.

National Banks Authorized.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, Dec. 1.—The Comptroller of the Currency to-day issued certificates authorizing the following national banks to commence business:

The Union National Bank of Indianapolis, Ind.; capital, $200,000; William J. Richards, president; Robert E. Morrison, cashier.

The First National Bank of Liberyville, Ill.; capital, $25,000; John Woodridge, president; H. G. Gardner, cashier.

The corporate existence of the First National Bank of Wilmington, Ill., has been extended until the close of business on December 1, 1922.

The designation of the Commercial National Bank of Houston, as reserve agent for the Capital National Bank of Guthrie, Ok., has been approved by the Comptroller.

ASIA WILL BE ADEQUATELY REPRESENTED AT THE FAIR.

Commissioner Barrett Receives Satisfactory Responses From China, Japan, Korea, Siberia, Siam, India.

Washington, Dec. 1.—According to mail advices from the East, John Barrett, Commissioner General to Asia and Australia for the St. Louis World's Fair, is meeting with remarkable success in his efforts to interest the Asiatic countries in the Exposition. His reports indicate that these countries will have a larger and more interesting display than they have ever made at preceding expositions.

Mr. Barrett spent some time at Manila, where, in spite of depressed financial condition and competition for other expositions, he secured assurance of a comprehensive Philippine exhibit. Hawaii, Japan, Korea, Eastern Siberia and China have pledged themselves to make creditable exhibits at the Fair.

Word was received by Mr. Barrett from Siam, India and Ceylon that they will rival the other Asiatic countries in their exhibitions.

New Pontiac Club Opens.

The dining-rooms of the Pontiac Club, at No. 729 Olive street, will be opened to members this morning at 11 a. m. The members of the club will be treated to several surprises in the way of new dishes specially prepared by W. C. Hendricks and Leland A. Mack.

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PROF. PENNIMAN THEIR GUEST.

Members of Pennsylvania Alumni Entertain University President.

Professor Josiah H. Penniman, dean of the college department of the University of Pennsylvania, was entertained at an informal reception at the Mercantile Club last night by the Pennsylvania University Alumni Association of St. Louis. Professor Penniman is making a tour of Western cities for the purpose of arousing interest in his institution.

Yesterday he spoke before students of the High School on the increased interest being manifested in the University of Pennsylvania in the West. To-day he will speak on the same subject at Smith Academy. At the reception last night Professor Penniman delivered an interesting talk on the work being performed in Babylonia by Professor Hilprecht, the eminent archaeologist, who is conducting excavations for the university.

Among those present last night were Doctor William M. McPheeters, president of the association; Doctors N. M. Ghaffelfelter, A. P. Howard, W. A. Reed, Bascom C. Thompson, William Auten and W. A. Kaab, and R. A. Klauder, Joseph G. Travilla, P. S. McMichael and A. H. Cantlin. From St. Louis Professor Penniman will go to Springfield and Kansas City.

Hebrew Association Smoker.

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