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W. B. Carr further says that the number of copies returned and reported unsold during the month of January was 7.30 per cent. W. B. Carr, sworn to and subscribed before me this first day of February. J. F. FARISH, Notary Public, City of St. Louis, Mo. My terms expire April 26, 1905.

WORLD'S 1904 FAIR.

HANNA'S PERSONALITY.

It was in St. Louis eight years ago that Marcus A. Hanna entered the small list of Americans who really conduct national affairs through party government. Before that time he had been only a successful business man and local politician in Cleveland.

And, whether the politicians for which the Globe speaks accept the advice or not, The Republic again urges it upon Democracy. The regeneration of city and State Democratic politics depends upon the elimination of Butlerism as a factor.

What Senator Hanna represented in politics is well known. He was essentially the practical politician, using the facts of his period to achieve success for his party.

He was straightforward, square and clean in his dealing. At St. Louis in 1896 there was something so unaffected and loyal in his devotion to McKinley that both Republicans and Democrats were attracted to the new Ohio leader's personality.

The Republican party has no manager left who nearly equals Senator Hanna's effectiveness. There are advisers of more ingenious invention and many talkers of more fluent plausibility.

WHY THINK?

Last week the gentlemen of the I Don't Think Club entertained the lady members thereof with a theater party at Anna Held's performance.

This method of having a good time rather appeals. There is so much delightful irresponsibility about it, freedom from worry, spontaneous blitheness, joy old fun.

Then there is something utterly delicious in the idea of the I Don't Think Club's just naturally gravitating to Anna Held's show.

We inevitably come, then, to the reflection that, as Horace Smith says, thinking is but an idle waste of thought, and ought to be everything and everything is naught.

POWER BRAKES AND FENDERS.

Statistics of thoroughfare fatalities in New York City, in 1902, read like the bulletin describing the sabering of the Japanese soldiers at Dainy by Russian Cosacks.

As many of the street-car accidents are thought to be due to the lack of fenders on thousands of cars, there was strong implication in the protests made when fenders were removed during the recent snowstorm in order to facilitate the movement of cars.

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It is a matter worthy of commendatory note that arrangements now have been made to equip all St. Louis cars with power brakes, as the corporations assured the city they would do.

BUTLER AND BLUSTER.

Within the week this paper has urged the party duty of minimizing Butlerism. It was perhaps to have been expected that the Globe would raise its voice thereto in some sort of a protest.

The proposition that you must be a Republican in order to despise Butlerism is novel, to say the least. With the record of local Republican manipulation in mind it is almost inconceivable that the organ of the gang which has utilized Butler so conspicuously, made him the hero of Republican primaries and the leader of coalition forces, and carried his banners in the fight against decent government, should advance the argument that it is undemocratic to oppose him.

The sordid, crass, independent, piratical bossism, owing its force to gangs of quasi-criminals and its value to its ability to shift, can no more be counted a property of Democracy than can for example the Chrises, Juluses, Tubs and Johnnies of ward fame, in "Counselor" John A. Hyde to be numbered among Democratic possessions?

Butlerism consists of a gang of political guerrillas. Primarily they are out for themselves. You may employ them if you consent to share with them the spoils of war.

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RECENT COMMENT.

Vaccination Required in Philadelphia. The authorities of the Philadelphia Hospital have made it a rule that no inmates will be received at the almshouse and hospital unless there have been recent vaccinations, or the patients are willing to be vaccinated at once.

Isn't it better to stand up and give the lady a seat? God made men taller so that they could reach the straps, and there isn't so much danger of a man's missing connection behind and breaking his waist pin.

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women have seats. Then it may properly wake up a little further and demand that the street-car companies provide seats for men also.

Visitors to the Exposition grounds these days may go further than a mere survey of the architectural grandeur of the exhibition. The Palace of Machinery has within its walls some of the greatest engines ever placed upon foundations. A glance at the as yet incomplete installation is in itself an education in applied science.

The Powers that told Japan to keep out of Manchuria in 1895 paved the way for this war. She won her little strip from China by means far more fair than those that have placed Russia, Germany and England firmly in coast points. If Japan wins a port this time she should be allowed to keep it.

Senator McLaurin believes that the expression, "Paint it red," was originated by Mississippi River steamboatmen. The cowboys had the credit before, but the claim of the river hearties seems on their painting record to be equal.

In case of war the country having in hand the protection of six thousand miles of single-track railroad can't be expected to find time to give undue consideration to the maintenance of a navy.

The Japanese siege of Port Arthur may be comparatively as brief and brilliant as the German investment of Paris. But, after Port Arthur, the Cosacks and Russian fortitude.

There has been no announcement that his Excellency the Governor of Missouri means to make a call upon his Excellency the Governor of New York.

By way of conclusively demonstrating that Russia's cause is a just one, Frenchmen say that all Russian bonds are held in France.

Since there is use of the wireless telegraph in the far East it is but natural that the public should expect news of a bloodless battle.

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