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WORLD'S 1904 FAIR.

CONSCIENCE OF MAN.

Were it not that now and then some man comes forward with a contribution to the "conscience fund" most of us would be of the opinion that the conscience of man had been left in its make-up.

HERE'S HOPING.

Whenever the Transit Company takes unto itself a new manager it is fit we should offer congratulations and express good wishes; congratulations because the company seems to be striving for something better, and good wishes in the nature of hopes.

TEACHING BOYS TO STEAL.

According to a 16-year-old boy who was arrested in this city a few days ago he stole under the direction of a man. It is such cases as this that demand the fullest investigation by the police and, if found true, the severest punishment of the men who corrupt the morals of children.

ACCEPTING OUR EVILS.

Progressive Japan, in emulating the United States, has borrowed some of our evils of municipal administration. Professor Iso Abe gives an interesting picture of Japanese methods in a consideration of civic difficulties in Tokio which he contributes to a Tokio trade journal.

ARE YOU A PARTISAN?

From 1 until 8 p. m. to-day, the Democrats of St. Louis will have the privilege of exercising their right to participate in the choosing of party nominees. The polls will be open in every ward between these hours for the accommodation of the voters who are registered and qualified to act in a Democratic primary.

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your duty as a party man and then you will not need to criticize yourself for a failure to select a delegation to the State Convention. It is unfortunate that a large number of voters are barred from the registration lists because of their failure to be on the general election poll-books. That excuses no man whose name is on the primary books and who does not vote.

So much for the duty of the citizen. The judges and clerks and police have also a duty to discharge without fear or favoritism. "Indians" will not be tolerated. Election officials must see to it that every bona-fide voter who is a Democrat is permitted to vote—and not more than once. "Rough houses" about the polls can be prevented. The 100-foot rule should be observed to the letter.

WHEN MISSOURI GOES REPUBLICAN.

It will be a day of glorious redemption, says the Globe, when Missouri goes Republican. Let the Globe dream on. It is a harmless fancy, that of Missouri going that way. Missouri has had many vicissitudes. History yet to unfold is doubtless full of strange possibilities. And we must bear in mind that Missouri did actually go Republican some thirty or forty years ago; once by oversight since, Republican history has been hanging over us all these intervening years, casting its shadow behind. We have tried hard to outgrow the memory and the effect of it; but probably it was a good thing in its way—giving the State something to overcome and live down.

For thirty or forty years the people have gone to the polls battling against a recurrence of Republican administration. A taste of Republicanism was a good thing in that it taught the people how to vote. It made what the Globe calls "Bourbons" out of a lot of people. Missourians rushed to the other extreme. The desperation with which they rushed affords some notion of the thing they fled. The loyalty with which they clung to Democracy is likewise suggestive. They had a wholesome fear of the alternative.

In a sense the Republican party has contributed beneficially to the history of Missouri. The Republican era made necessary forever afterwards a sane fiscal policy and businesslike management of the people's affairs. Missouri Democracy had behind it a horrible example and before it a dismal possibility.

The Globe urges in effect that another horrible example is necessary; to which we beg to reply that one was enough—the lessons taught by the ancient era of Republicanism were profound and lasting. Of course some people, for the Globe's sake and for their own, would be glad to have in Missouri an administration which the Globe would forbear to slander and beslime. Recent days furnish absolute proof that the Globe will not utter a single protest or breathe an unkind whisper against a Republican administration, no matter how rotten it is.

A municipality honeycombed by graft and lighted by a pale moon constituted a beautiful Republican picture in the Globe's eyes and moved it for four years to panegyrics and peans. Nor indeed has the Globe yet come out from under the spell of phosphorescent light, as evidenced by the fact that it is still unable to utter a word against a Republican boodler. Some day in the dim future, when the last Republican boodler shall have passed away, we may perceive the Globe digging for scandal in his grave, just as it buried the graves of some Republican legislators last year when it seemed "god politics" to do so. These circumstances were unusual, however, and the possibility is remote that the Globe will ever reprove even a dead boodler.

With Missouri Republican once more we should be favored with a respite from "eleven million discrepancies," "State boards" and other familiar slanders, to be regaled instead with every species of fulsome daily lavished upon a "progressive" administration. Jefferson City would at once become the seat of world-intelligence and the Globe would be the intelli-gent. It would indeed be "a day of glorious redemption." "Choke damp" would be dissipated instantly and the price of lands soar so high that the Globe's imaginary army of "progressive" Illinoisans and Iowans who bought up our State at half-price would sell out and seek other Democratic States for more of the like cheap investments. Should Missouri go Republican we could cut it up and sell it for town lots at boom prices. Any old thing might happen, should Missouri go Republican. In the meantime let us try to be calm.

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deducted from the receipts as interest and 10 per cent is deducted for the reserve fund. Proceeding, he points out that the towns and villages own forests and meadows, whereas the cities ignore the importance of municipal control of public utilities. American cities own parks and playgrounds, but give profitable franchises to private corporations. He says that the trouble in Japanese cities is politics.

Professor Abe's article bears a striking resemblance to many that have been written about American cities. Tokio seems to be doing very well as an imitator, and it will probably do as badly as a sufferer. But Tokio and its sister cities have the advantage of our experiences. There is yet time for Japanese cities to reform and make better beginnings.

The situation in Tokio appears to confirm the theory that many of the failures in American cities may be charged to inexperience and rapid progress. Conditions had to be met as they were found. After the reconstruction new starts will be made and municipal government will conform to the ideal on practical standards. If Tokio can make serious mistakes to-day, it is not surprising that serious mistakes were made by American cities in "gaining experience."

Though Delegate Lackland has been left out of a church choir, on the allegation that he several times failed to keep the usual Sunday engagement, he may take a little satisfaction to himself. The action of the church committee indicates that his voice was missed.

Lately a woman came all the way from Merrie England to get married in this city, and now another comes from a Virginia town to claim her bridegroom. The St. Louis type of masculine magnetism has a long and strong pull.

The Board of Public Improvements awarded contracts Wednesday for street reconstruction the cost of which exceeds a quarter of a million dollars. Thus does St. Louis go forward from week to week.

Hereafter it will be difficult to identify burglars, as their system of disguise will be complete. Last month they stole fine clothes and now they are taking soap.

Leader Murphy of Tammany is rapidly learning that as a political Ben Bolt he is a failure. The sweet Alice aren't trembling in fear at his frown.

The Japanese evidently have about as much fear of the Cossacks as they had of the Chinese war idols.

After all, we should be thankful to Smoot. He has furnished us with texts for a thousand sermons.

These are the days when the sensible man carries his overcoat and umbrella.

It is a wise child in Utah that knows its own father.

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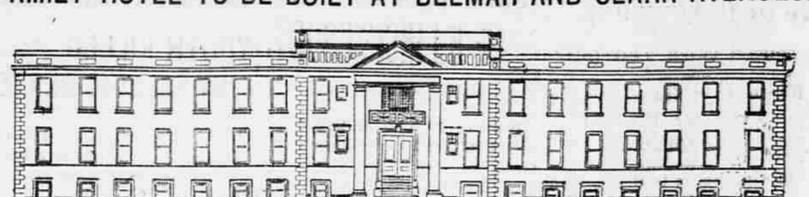
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FAMILY HOTEL TO BE BUILT AT DELMAR AND CLARA AVENUES.



The Fielding, a proposed \$50,000 hotel, will be built at the northeast corner of Clara and Delmar avenues, and will be finished by June 1, the architect says. After the Exposition it will be used as an apartment house.

NEW WORLD'S FAIR HOTEL.

During the World's Fair the building will be used as a hotel, but the rooms are so arranged that they can be made into suites of two, three and five, with bathrooms for each. The hotel will be named the Fielding, after the owner, Mr. Fielding, a New York citizen and is the representative of several large stationery concerns in the East. He is now at the Laclede and when the hotel is ready for occupancy he will take charge as manager. The building will be two stories high, with a high incandescent light will be really the first story, and will have a frontage

CLARA AND DELMAR AVENUES.

of 159 feet on Clara avenue and 96 feet on Delmar. It will be Colonial in type, with a large portico entrance on Clara avenue; built of brick, with metal cornices, terra cotta arches and stone trimmings. There will be seventy-six large rooms, those on the inside being lighted by two open courts.

The rooms have been so arranged that when the hotel is converted into an apartment house, each apartment will be approximately \$5,000. Mr. Fielding bought the property from the Mississippi Valley Trust Company, paying \$12,000 for it.

NEWSBOYS' PLAN FOR DEDICATION.

Plans have been prepared for a proposed new three-story hotel at the northeast corner of Delmar boulevard and Clara avenue. A permit for the building was taken out yesterday by L. H. Fielding, through J. M. Dunham, the architect at No. 72 Old Follows building.

The excavating contract has been let and work will be started Monday, Mr. Dunham says. The structure will be ready for occupancy by June 1. Although the time is short, Mr. Dunham says that the contractor will be required to furnish heavy beams to complete the building by that time.

ROYAL BEDSTEAD FOR EXPOSITION.

The French art exhibit, which is being unpacked in Sculpture Hall, a bedstead was found yesterday, whose value is estimated at from \$2,000 to \$5,000. It is the work of Alfred Boucher, samples of whose artistic furniture decoration were eagerly sought by the nobility of Europe for their state apartments. Almost fabulous prices have been paid at auctions where specimens of his work have been sold from collections made by crowned heads.

The bedstead unpacked yesterday is of violet wood, with modeled bronze cupids perched upon the footboard. On both footboard and headboard are painted panels of forest scenes in the delicate style of M. Boucher. Flights of cupids inlaid in the wood add to the effect of the painting. This bedstead, equipped with an elaborately worked violet spread and handmade lace pillow shams, will be set up in the art furniture section.

The collection of the French art exhibit has been going on since October, 1902, under the supervision of Commissioner Andre Siglio, who has collected, it is said, the finest samples of French art that have ever been shown in a foreign exhibition. The workmen who packed the exhibit in Paris were brought over by M. Siglio to have charge of the unpacking and installation of the pictures and statuary.

In the shipment were the artistic plaster casts for the French section of the Art Palace. These are from designs by Emile Derré of Paris, and will be placed above the doors of the section.

DEPARTURE OF JAPANESE PRINCE IS POSTPONED.

Tokio, March 11.—The departure of Prince Arisugawa, who, with the Princess, is to represent the Japanese court at the St. Louis Universal Exposition, has been postponed.

MAJOR RAYMOND OF JEFFERSON BARRACKS ASSIGNED TO FAIR GROUNDS.

Washington, March 11.—Major Thomas U. Raymond, surgeon, will be relieved from duty at Jefferson Barracks upon the arrival of Major William B. Banister, surgeon, at that post, and will then proceed to St. Louis for special duty at the World's Fair, with a view to exercising supervision over the sanitary conditions on the Exposition grounds. He will confer with the health officer of the Exposition regarding his duties there.

ENGLAND TO SPEND MORE MONEY.

Additional Vote of \$350,000 for Exhibition Included in Estimates. London, March 11.—An additional vote of \$350,000 for the British exhibit at St. Louis, making a total of \$700,000, is included in the civil-service estimates for the coming year.

RUSSIAN ARTISTS TO EXHIBIT.

Finance Minister Authorizes Movement, but No Aid is Given. St. Petersburg, March 11.—The Finance Minister has authorized the formation of a committee from among the firms and artists intending to make a display at St. Louis, in spite of the Government's withdrawal of official participation.

DANISH JOURNALIST ARRIVES.

Victor Foss, representing the illustrated Family Journal of Copenhagen, arrived in St. Louis yesterday, and is stopping at the New St. James. Mr. Foss has letters from the Danish Consular Commissioner and will call on President Francis to-day.

TO BORROW \$2,000,000.

Baltimore, Md., March 11.—Judge Dobbler of the Circuit Court signed to-day an order authorizing the receiver of the Maryland Trust Company to borrow \$2,000,000 on the securities of the Vera Cruz and Pacific Railway to complete the construction and equipment of that road, and to meet deficiencies in operating expenses. The receiver is to issue receiver's certificates bearing 5 per cent interest as a first lien on the securities of the railroad.

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POEMS WORTH KNOWING.

THE FAMILY MEETING.

BY CHARLES SPRAGUE.

W E are all here! Father, mother, Sister, brother, All who hold each other dear. Each chair is filled—we're all at home; To-night let no cold stranger come; It is not often thus around Our old familiar hearth we're found. Bless! then, the morning and the spot; For once be every care forgot; Let gentle Peace assert her power, And kind Affection rule the hour. We're all—here.

We're all here! We are all here! Father, mother, Sister, brother, You, that I love with love so dear, This may not long of us be said; Soon must we join the gathered dead; And by the hearth we now sit round, Some other circle will be found. O, then, that wisdom may we know, Which yields a life of peace below! So, in the world to follow this, May each repeat, in words of bliss, We're all—here!