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SIX STATES CELEBRATE. Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas, Colorado, Massachusetts and Maryland made the week of September 12 particularly interesting with special celebrations at the World's Fair.

Missouri has a particularly friendly feeling for Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas and Colorado, as these States are coworkers in improving the South, the West and the Southwest.

ANANIAS'S "SIXTH" AMENDMENT. When the Globe talks about the "six amendments" to be voted on it gives another example of that careless arithmetic which has been manifested in eleven-million discrepancies and elsewhere.

RUSSIA'S REAL AWAKENING. It has been an American privilege to remove the Russian censorship. Mr. Melville E. Stone, general manager of the Associated Press, told in yesterday's Sunday Republic the graphic story of how this tremendously important thing was brought about.

to say whether the impression to follow will be good or bad.

It is not inopportune to add that not only did Mr. Stone open the way for the Associated Press, but for special correspondents as well. The Republic's cable service will thus augment the remarkably complete news accounts now coming from the Russian capital through the Associated Press.

ABOUT REGISTRATION.

Registration of voters will take place in the precincts beginning to-day. This will be an entirely new registration. Therefore, it is necessary for every citizen to enroll. The old registration books are out of use. The new registration books will be kept in use until the next Presidential election.

There will be no registration at the main office of the Board of Election Commissioners in the City Hall. All registering will be done in the precincts. The location of the precinct polling places has been published, according to law, in Democratic and Republican newspapers on September 16 and 17, and every citizen knows where to register.

The precinct polling places will be open each of these four days from 8 o'clock in the morning until 9 o'clock in the evening. All that a citizen is required to do is to go to the polling place in his precinct and sign in the two books. This qualifies him to vote at the November election.

Any citizen can register who is of age or who will be of age on election day, November 8. In the case of a person of foreign birth it is required that he shall have declared his intention to become naturalized, not less than one year nor more than five years prior to election day. In order to vote in St. Louis, it is necessary that a person shall have lived in the State one year and in the city sixty days on election day.

In addition to this, it need only be said that citizens should be prepared to answer correctly and under oath all such questions as age, nativity, when and where naturalized, and residence. The voter who lives in a tenement-house must be prepared to say what floor he lives on. The questions asked are very simple and may be answered easily.

Citizens should bear these points in mind: They will not be eligible to vote unless they register at the precinct polling-places September 19, 20, 21 and 22; there will be no registration, except in the precincts and on these days; this is an entirely new registration in new registers; and these registers will be kept in use for four years. It is absolutely necessary to register on these dates and in the precincts. This will be the only opportunity to qualify for the November election.

THE IMMEDIATE WORK.

There are no consequences of the World's Fair which will be detrimental to St. Louis. Were the World's Fair injurious to the city, the injury would have come ere this, or would have been ominous, at least. Instead of there being signs of impending depression, there are indications that the vitality will survive to bring about permanent results.

Local conditions may be misunderstood at large; if they are, erroneous predictions are likely to be made. The World's Fair is not, though many non-residents suppose it is, commemorative of final achievement; but it is, on the contrary, symbolical of the beginning of progress in St. Louis, in Missouri, in the South, in the West, and in the Southwest. It is held to denote magnificent prospects.

St. Louis realizes its own opportunities and obligations, and it prepares to use the latter for the advantage of the former. The work which is to be done right after the close of the World's Fair is more important, in some respects, than that which was done for and during the World's Fair. But St. Louis has so easily held the mastery over an extraordinary situation as to banish all concern regarding the difficulties of the future.

The citizens are resolved that general improvement shall continue. In the past three years millions of dollars have been invested in permanent public work and millions have been contributed to the Exposition. Before the close of the World's Fair the voters will render their verdict on a proposition to issue \$9,000,000 bonds for new public buildings, for new public sewers, for viaducts, for boulevard and other improvements. Even now street reconstruction proceeds as if the World's Fair were not in existence. Plans are under consideration for making Forest Park the prettiest playground in the world. The whole purpose is to make St. Louis one of the most beautiful of cities.

A city of 700,000 inhabitants which contributed \$12,000,000 to build the greatest international exposition, which furnished additional millions to maintain the World's Fair and which invested about \$10,000,000 in public improvements—all in three years—thereby has shown its capacity to accept the resultant opportunities. Public spirit is not more pronounced in any American city than it is in St. Louis, and it is this public spirit which assures the realization of the city's prospects from the Exposition, of the city's prospects from normal development. The World's Fair is not detrimental but helpful to St. Louis.

FAIRBANKS'S GLARING OMISSION.

Not once during his Missouri efforts did Senator Fairbanks mention the name of Walbridge. That is a wonderfully unique and powerfully striking fact.

Possibly the Republican candidate for Vice President didn't know the name of the man who was running against Folk, or was supposed to be running. Even under normal conditions few people know the names of Republican candidates in Missouri. This year few Republicans even in Missouri itself know the name of the so-called party nominee—except when Folk himself says something about the opposition candidate and sets a few curious persons to inquiring who it is. Senator Fairbanks would not necessarily be expected to know.

Or, it may be that the Senator took it for granted that Mr. Roosevelt's wishes and admonitions had been obeyed and that no one had been nominated in opposition to Folk. Mr. Walbridge, it is true, spoke from the same platform with Senator Fairbanks, but, since he made no reference to Missouri issues and said nothing which would indicate that he was running, that fact would not have tended to alter the Senator's notions. However, these suggestions do not satisfactorily explain the Senator's omission.

Owing to the peculiar circumstances of the case, it is probable that Senator Fairbanks did actually know Mr. Walbridge's name, and the truth seems to be that he was afraid to hurt his party nationally by mentioning it. Senator Fairbanks uttered a few mild platitudes and hurried out of the local Republican environs, figuratively holding his nose. What had seemed odoriferous to Mr. Roosevelt affected him likewise.

Senator Fairbanks had unquestionably become familiar with Mr. Filley's description of the purchase of Mr. Walbridge's nomination for \$1,500, and knew of the unwholy alliance through such excellent Republican authorities as Mr. Clinton Welch, Mr. Bothwell, Mr. Ben Russell, Mr. Norton, Mr. J. H. Wood and Judge Rassicur. Senator Fairbanks also

unquestionably had read the great Republican journals of the country, headed by the Chicago Tribune, and had been deeply impressed by their characterizations and denunciations of the Walbridge-Butler-Boodle design to down Folk.

So that the Senator stood mute in the face of the facts. He could not give his express sanction to the effort to beat Folk without hurting his own chances and hurting the Republican party everywhere. He could not go on record against the clean young boodle fighter who had written the President's boodle message at the President's request. He could not sanction boodle politics.

He could not give express encouragement to the candidacy of the Man-of-fraud-of-his-record, the absent-minded reformer who had slept on his boat while a member of the House of Delegates, as President of the Council, and as Mayor.

What other explanation will explain Senator Fairbanks's conspicuous failure to mention the candidate of the unwholy alliance? Perhaps Old Ananias will be forthcoming with an explanation.

Bullfighters won in Judge McElhinney's court. It was exciting. Suddenly in the midst of proceedings a matador sprang up and applied for a writ of certiorari, or a warrant, or something, and it was all that the restraining arm of equity could do to quiet him. At another point in the procedure his honor grabbed a big volume and quoted Chancellor Kent. In Justice Campbell's court also the bullfighters won. Bullfighters are hard to beat in any old kind of an arena.

Abraham H. Hummel, the noted divorce lawyer of New York, will have in next Sunday's Republic a comprehensive article on divorce laws. In the mass of discourses on this grave subject Mr. Hummel's analysis will have the distinction of being the view of an actual expert.

At Cripple Creek an ex-Congressman has challenged a candidate for the Sheriff's office to a duel. In the event that this great political affair is pulled off, one of them is likely to be a candidate for the Coroner's office.

There is abundance of local color and atmosphere in Republican headquarters. The colored politicians seem to be in the heat of the campaign now, and the headquarters possess an air of great energy.

The Republican "party" in Missouri is not making a campaign in the usual sense. It is simply fighting with Democracy over the division of Republican votes.

RECENT COMMENT.

Swinsburne's Estimate of Othello.

Algernon Charles Swinsburne in Harper's. "Were no other proof extant and fragment of the palpable truth that Shakespeare excelled all other men of all time on record as a poet in the most proper and literal sense—as a creator of man and woman," says Mr. Swinsburne, "there would be overflowing and overwhelming proof of it in the creation and interaction of the whole face of their brilliant supreme gift of the word, no less than in height of prophetic power, in depth of reconciling and atoning inspiration, he is excelled by Aeschylus; though surely, on the latter score, by Aeschylus alone. But if the unique and marvelous power which at the close of the Orestes leaves us impressed with a crowning and final sense of high spiritual calm and austere consolation in the sense of the word, of suffering and of sin, and the exultation of the imaginative reason was no more shared by Shakespeare than by any poet or prophet or teacher of Hebrew origin, it was his and his alone to set before us the tragic problem of character and event, of all action and all passion, all evil and all good, all natural joy and sorrow and change and change, in such fullness and perfection of variety, with such harmony and supremacy of justice and of truth, that no man known to historic record ever glorified the world whom it would have been so utterly natural and so comparatively rational to fall down before and worship as a God."

The Future of the North.

Collier's Weekly. Everything north of Maine is often imagined by us as a howling wilderness. Yet the capital of Alaska is south of the parallel on which is the capital city of Russia. This shows what a future there is for this "northern character" of ours. The cable informs us that Sir Alfred Harmsworth and a number of other newspaper proprietors of London have just closed negotiations for 1,500 square miles of forest areas in the interior of Newfoundland, on which they intend to erect the largest pulp mill in the world. That the largest paper mills in the world are to be developed in Newfoundland, and that perhaps the finest wheat in the world grows near the southern shore of the Hudson Bay, point ahead to significant history for this vast and open country. Canada is confident of her future and has reason to be. What will Russia stand for economically when she has the industrial development which Germany has to-day? We have heard much lately of the development of the tropics, by the leading nations of the temperate zone, and undoubtedly that is not less true that, as the temperate zone comes too small for the activities of the leading nations, much more important parts will be played in the northern latitudes than any which those regions have taken heretofore.

New Italy.

New York Sun. Italy is to be congratulated on the strengthening of its reigning house by the birth of a new Prince, for in numbers the House of Savoy is one of the smallest in Europe. Italians feel some relief at the removal a step further from the throne of the Duke of Aosta, who is not popular, owing to an arrogance which was likely to cause friction in a land where royalty sits so lightly. They must prefer to trust to the character of a boy whose direct ancestors for four generations—Charles Albert, Victor Emmanuel II, Humbert and the present King—have demonstrated their devotion to Italy and their sense of duty to their country.

It is particularly gratifying to find Pope X extending his good wishes to the heir of Italy. That is in accord with his demeanor before he became Pope, and is an indication of more peaceful relations between the Holy See and the Quirinal, a condition that will be welcome to most Italians. In little Prince Umberto Italy may reasonably hope for another re-galantissimo in the future.

Gooseberries and a Cat.

Collier's Weekly. Not long ago officials of the Department of Agriculture were much amused by a letter sent to the department by an occasional correspondent in Virginia.

Among other things, the writer hastened to advise Secretary Wilson to this effect: "My wife had a little cat that died. Being a Tortoiseshell and a Grate favorite, we had the same buried in the Garden, and for the enrichment of the soil I had the Carkis deposited under the roots of a gooseberry bush. (The Frute being up to then of the smooth variety). But the next Season's Frute, after the Cat was buried, the Gooseberries was all Hairy—and more remarkable, the Catapulters of the Same Bush was All of said Hairy description."

Preoccupied.

Town Topics. Twelve-Year-Old Looking up from Grimm's: "Papa, wouldn't you like to have a golden-haired fairy grant you a wish?"

Father absent-mindedly: "Hush, Richard, your mother is in the next room."

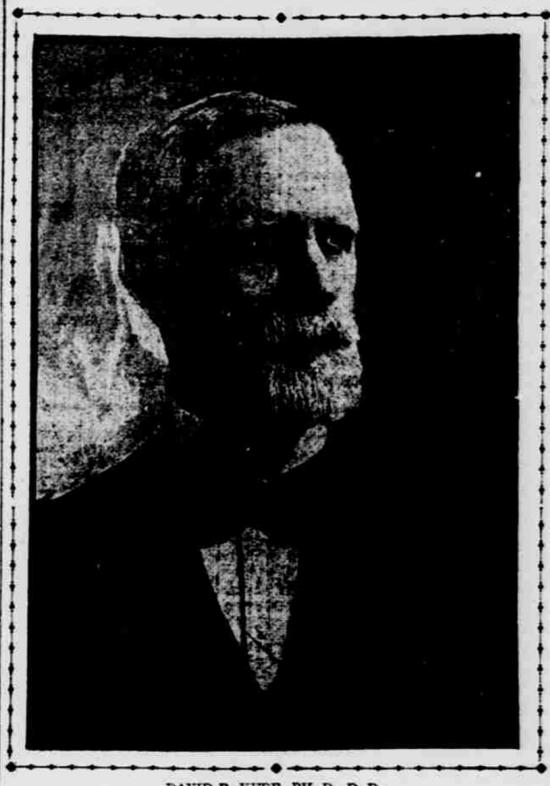
Hopeless.

Town Topics. "There are at least 1,000 good reasons why I should marry her."

"Well, what are they?"

"First because I want to, and she herself is the other way."

WESTMINSTER COLLEGE TO OBSERVE ITS DAY AT THE WORLD'S FAIR



DAVID R. KERR, PH. D., D. D. The new President of Westminster College, who assumed his duties last July.

Westminster College of Fulton, the oldest college in Missouri, in point of existence under one name, is to celebrate at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition next Thursday, September 22. The day has been designated as Westminster Day by the Fair officials, and elaborate plans are being made to make the day notable. The faculty of the college has ordered a holiday in the institution on account of Westminster Day, and the faculty with the student body will come down from Fulton to participate in the exercises. Besides the college contingent and the local alumni, a great many of the sons of the old college who live in remote communities will be in attendance, and if visitors to the Fair next Thursday should see

of the Missouri General Assembly as Westminster College. The college was taken under control by the Presbyterian Church, a body that was not then divided. Prominent among the men who were instrumental in founding Westminster were Governor Hamilton R. Gamble, Edward Bates, who was afterwards Attorney General in the Cabinet of President Lincoln; Joseph Charles, who was ministered in St. Louis, and for whom the science chair in the college was named; the Reverend S. B. McPheters, father of Thomas S. McPheters of St. Louis, and the Reverend William S. Fottis.

Westminster was the only college of the State outside of St. Louis that did not close an account of the war. Before the war the college had been unusually prosperous. Under the presidency of Doctor Samuel Spahr, Law, now of Washington, D. C., the college had secured an endowment that was liberal for those days, and the enrollment of students was large. Doctor Laws resigned from the presidency of the college during the first year of the war, and the military preparations of the people of Central Missouri, both offensive and defensive, seriously interrupted the progress of the institution. During the war the larger part of the endowment was lost, and not until the bequest of \$125,000 by the late William Sauer of Hannibal, in 1902, was the endowment restored.

Daniel H. McIntyre, living now at Mexico, Mo., who has served the State as Attorney General, was a student at Westminster when the war began, and organized a company for the Confederacy, but made Captain of it. In the company were a number of college students, and the morning of their leaving for Bon-

ton, when the synods of both branches of the church met in Fulton at the instance of Doctor John Henry MacCracken, president of the college, and raised the negotiations that had been pending several years for the union of the two churches in the support of the college.

Doctor MacCracken was elected to the presidency of the college in 1880, and was known as the youngest college president in the United States. He was but 25 years old when he came to the college from the University of New York, but during his administration of four years he succeeded in raising the funds with which to erect the large building Science Hall, at a cost of \$200,000, and Reunion Hall, at a cost of \$50,000. This was in addition to the support of the two branches of the church, and to almost doubling the attendance on the college building, known now as Westminster Hall, in used for lectures and classrooms exclusively. It was built in 1884, and for nearly fifty years was the only building possessed by the college. The first building used by the college was a frame structure that stood on the campus until a few years ago.

Doctor Law, Ramsey Kerr the present president of Westminster, was called to the position last June and assumed his duties the 1st of July. He resigned the presidency of Bellevue College, Omaha, Neb., to accept the Westminster position. He was at Bellevue fifteen years, and increased the attendance of the college from twenty-four to 200, and erected five buildings for it.

Doctor Kerr was born in Ohio, in 1858. He was educated in the common schools, at Franklin College, Ohio, and the Allegheny (Pa.) Theological Seminary. He occupied several important pastorates before entering college work, and only a year or two ago was second highest to Doctor Henry Van Dyke in the general assembly of the Northern Presbyterian General Assembly.

Westminster in its fifty-one years has had but eight presidents. These were Doctor Laws, Reverend Nathan L. Rice, D. D.; Reverend M. M. Fisher, D. D.; Reverend C. C. Hersman, D. D.; Reverend William H. Marston, D. D.; Reverend E. C. Gordon, D. D.; Doctor John Henry MacCracken, and Doctor Kerr. At the semi-centennial of the college celebrated in Fulton last October of the present year, the following were seated at the honor table at the banquet given by the General Alumni Association:

In late years the student life at Westminster has been stimulated naturally by athletic enterprises. The college has a large gymnasium and the services of a trained athlete as instructor are used. The college has won the best record in the State of its class, and the last spring's basketball team defeated the Missouri University men by a score of 1 to 0.

A large number of Westminster men now live in St. Louis, and the annual banquets of the local Alumni Association are most interesting. Among the prominent Westminsters who were schoolboys at Westminster are C. O. Bishop, Doctor W. A. Hardaway, Judge Walter B. Douglas, Judge John D. Gibson, W. K. Kavanaugh, Judge H. S. Priest, General George H. Shields, Judge John W. Edwards, W. E. Fisher, Assistant City Counselor B. H. Charles, Doctor J. W. Charles, Doctor Z. G. Moore, the real estate man; J. H. Wear, the Reverend W. J. Williamson, D. D., pastor of the Third Baptist Church, St. Louis. Among the members of the Board of Trustees of the college are: Dr. W. E. Fisher, president of the board; John A. Holmes, St. J. Edwards, Secretary; H. H. Gregg, D. D.; the Reverend Meade C. Williams, D. D.; the Reverend W. J. McKittrick, D. D.; and the Reverend John F. Cannon, D. D.

A number of former students of Westminster are among the college's alumni. President Marquess of the Louisville Seminary is an alumnus of the college. Dr. F. W. Hitt of Central University of Kentucky, Scott Shipps of Virginia, and the Rev. W. E. Edwards of Virginia of Blackburn University, Illinois; M. H. Reaser of Wilson College, Chambersburg, Pa.; J. W. Edwards of Lindenwood College at St. Charles, Mo.; President E. B. Cheadle of the University of the South, who has just been called to the presidency of Tulane University at New Orleans, is a former Westminster alumnus. A former Westminster alumnus is also a member of the Board of Trustees of the Louisville Seminary.

William H. Wallace and J. McD. Trimble, men prominent in the affairs of the South, were students of Westminster, and likewise R. W. Mitchell of Nevada, recently a candidate for Governor of that State. Judge Lewis of Colorado Springs, the Republican nominee for Governor of Missouri in 1880, was a Westminster alumnus. Frank B. Fulkerson, the Republican nominee for Congress in the Fourth Missouri District, and Joseph McCoy of the Republican State Committee.

POEMS WORTH KNOWING.

AGNES. HENRY FRANCIS LYTE.

SAW her in childhood— A bright, gentle thing, Like the dawn of the morn. Or the dew of the spring: The daisies and harebells Her playmates all day; Herself as light-hearted And artless as they.

I saw her again— A fair girl of eighteen, Fresh glittering with graces Of mind and of mien. Her speech was all music; Like moonlight she shone; The eyes of many, No fears to appeal— O, then, I felt, then She was farrest of all!

Years, years fleeted over— I stood at her foot; The bud had grown blossom. The blossom was fruit. A dignified mother, Her infant she bore; And looked, I thought, fairer Than ever before.

I saw her once more— 'Twas the day that she died; Heaven's light was around her, And God at her side; No wants to distress her, No fears to appeal— O, then, I felt, then She was farrest of all!

NEW REGISTRATION BOOKS OPEN. New registration books are opened under the new election law. Unless your name is on them, you cannot vote next November.

I. O. O. F. AT SAN FRANCISCO.

Sovereign Grand Lodge Will Convene To-Day. San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 18.—The Sovereign Grand Lodge of Independent Order of Odd Fellows and auxiliary organizations will convene to-day.

Most of the decorations and illuminations used during the recent triennial convocation of the Knights Templars are again employed, with the exception that the emblems have been changed, the altars and kneelers having given place to the three links.

All of the officers of the Sovereign Grand Lodge are present except Deputy Grand Sire Wright, who is ill at his home in Allentown, Pa.

The grand drill company of the order, Canton Washington, No. 1, is doing some hard drilling in the hope to again carry off the honors. The next meeting of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, New York and New Orleans have already made bids.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY IN ST. LOUIS.

- From The Republic, Sept. 30, 1879. The committee of citizens appointed to make arrangements for the entertainment of the National Militia Convention to be held during the week of the Fair met in the Lindell Hotel. Former Governor Fletcher presided and Mr. Cheever acted as secretary. It was agreed to divide the general committee into five subcommittees. At a regular meeting of Naomi R. Lodge, No. 2, I. O. O. F., the following officers were elected: J. F. Hesser, N. G.; Mrs. L. C. S. Dillingham, V. G.; M. H. Beck, secretary; and Mrs. Burton, treasurer. As Caroline Harold, 3 years old, was crossing Jackson street, near Barry, she was knocked down and run over by a heavy wagon driven by Barney Westerman. She was not dangerously injured and was removed to her home at No. 1908 Jackson street. Charles Gobel, an elderly man, was seriously injured in trying to stop a runaway in Georgetown, St. Louis Country. 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