

THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC.

PUBLISHERS: GEORGE KNAPP & CO. Charles W. Knapp, President and General Manager. George L. Allen, Vice President. W. B. Carr, Secretary.

Office: Corner Seventh and Olive Streets. (REPUBLIC BUILDING.) TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION: DAILY AND SUNDAY—SEVEN ISSUES A WEEK.

By Mail—In Advance—Postage Prepaid. One year \$10.00 Six months \$6.00 Three months \$3.50

Published Monday and Thursday—One Issue. Remit by bank draft, express money order or registered letter.

Address: THE REPUBLIC, St. Louis, Mo. Entered in the Post Office at St. Louis, Mo., as second-class matter.

DOMESTIC POSTAGE PER COPY. Eight, ten and twelve pages.....1 cent

THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 1905. No. 348

Circulation During May.

Table with columns: Date, Copies, Date, Copies. Rows for each day of the month, showing circulation figures.

Total for the month.....325,839

For all copies printed in printing, left over 43,900

Estimated daily distribution.....102,937

Annals and W. B. Carr further says that the number of copies returned and reported unsold during the month of May was 12.81 per cent.

W. B. CARR, J. F. FARISH.

PETTY POLITICS.

The House of Delegates is not living up to the fair promises made by its friends and exploiters; that is, the combine members persist in manifesting an anti-administration disposition.

A policy of this kind seems very small. The present Civil Oil Inspector has served his term, and brought to be, if he is not, willing to surrender his office to the new appointee.

The House is not supposed to confirm the appointment of Mr. Culp by Governor Folk. Its business is to approve or reject the bond; to decide whether the bond is good and sufficient, as required by law.

THE CARE OF BABIES.

A very useful and interesting pamphlet has been issued by the Illinois State Board of Health on the subject of infant mortality.

Statistics have demonstrated that a circular bath is the best method of bathing an infant. The special virtue of the pamphlet issued by the Illinois Board of Health is its clearness.

It is written, not for physicians, but for mothers. Technical terms are avoided. The directions are set forth with magnified distinctness by means of illustrations.

part of the St. Louis Pure Milk Commission. Good food and good care for babies would obviate, as local organizations suggest, the harmful influences and effects of the temperature. It is obvious, therefore, that instruction must be a help in saving life and forming strong physical constitution.

The special virtue of the pamphlet issued by the Illinois Board of Health is its clearness. It is written, not for physicians, but for mothers. Technical terms are avoided.

UNEXPECTED CONSERVATISM.

Just before the Fourth of July and just in the midst of a well-earned rest from war and politics, the United States in general are languid about municipal problems or affairs.

Conditions are entirely different in American and British cities. In Scotland politics has no connection with the management of plants owned and operated by the city.

The question goes back to the original proposition. Mr. Dalrymple is only partly right. If cities could not manage other large affairs successfully, they could not operate municipal plants.

On a short visit Mr. Dalrymple could not familiarize himself with incentives moving in municipal politics. He would doubt, perhaps, that a machine would be driven out of office for tyranny and crime.

His expressions ought to bring public opinion back to an impartial mood. Municipal ownership is a commendable principle. But it is not and should not be accepted as the sole guarantee of beneficial administration.

CONTROLLING FLOODS.

Casual estimates of the damage to land and crops in Northeastern Missouri, Central-western Illinois and Southeastern Iowa by the overflow of the Mississippi River denote a total loss varying from \$100,000 to \$200,000,000.

The principal levees—the Sul and the Lima Lake and Indian Grove—have withstood the rush of the tide from the headwaters and tributaries in the North, but the watchmen report considerable seepage at some points and they fear that the second rise may destroy the huge, protective breastworks and enable the river to invade cultivated and improved property over a long area.

The recurrence of overflows every few years brings certain devastation, at short intervals, to all such land as is not protected by levees. Lowlands are regularly damaged. Even strong embankments do not offer security against the volume and current, and it is comparatively frequent that the river cuts immense gaps in the most imposing walls.

That some better and more durable and more positive method should be tried for protecting both sides of the Mississippi River from the onslaughts of the high water is pointed out as being a demand of necessity. Floods are frequent; the breaking of levees is not infrequent. The damage at each

overflow swells into millions of dollars. Broken levees are reconstructed. Weakened levees are strengthened again. The soil is cultivated again. Houses and factories are repaired or rebuilt. Thus the loss goes on in damages and new improvements.

Toward managing the Mississippi River in its turbulence it may finally be found advisable to imitate the ancient works which controlled the Nile, or to adopt some other plan which may promise safety as a permanent condition. The levee offers no security.

Consider the stupendous losses against the cost of a trustworthy high-water drainage or reservoir system. The original cost of such a project would be virtually the whole cost, and the work would insure protection, with, besides, facilities for fertilization. The losses under existing circumstances multiply at almost regular periods.

It is time that efforts were made to get improvements which would guarantee protection. The Mississippi River can be subjected to control, or, at least, the hazard and the losses from floods can be diminished. Measure the deaths, the constant danger, the losses, and the value of the property, as well as the levee expenses, with the cost and probable benefits of a good system of protection, and the imperative necessity of studying the flood problem from a new viewpoint is apparent.

An overloaded launch containing twenty members of a fishing club was rescued in New York Harbor. A moment later it would have sunk. These respectable and so-called fishing crafts, with their proverbial habits, are always getting into trouble.

Political contests are settled rather easily in Cuba. A candidate for President has been challenged by an editor to fight a duel.

The railroad speed record, of 68.4 miles an hour, was made in Ohio. This may have some bearing on future presidential matters.

Wanted—Nice, blue-eyed, blond young man to sit on throne; good wages; no triflers need apply. Address Norway.

RECENT COMMENT

English Views of Our Naval Training.

The training of naval officers is becoming year by year more and more complicated and elaborate. The most recent events in naval warfare point to the fact that the finest and most powerful vessels are mere instruments of self-destruction to untrained crews and commanders.

Professor Ewing visited the United States naval school at Newport and Annapolis and was afforded ample means of testing the character of the instruction there given and the method of classifying naval officers on active service.

Battleship Supreme.

After allowance has been made for the demonstrated superiority of the Japanese in training and experience, it seems clear from Togo's use of his vessels, and from such details of the action as have so far been received, that the superiority of the battleship and of the gun, for the main purposes of naval warfare, has not been shaken.

It appears that the remaining Russian battleships, after the loss of the Borodino and in the subsequent confusion, though already much mauled, beat off after dark, using their searchlights, two attacks by the whole flotilla of the enemy's destroyers, acting in two squadrons, and Japanese attacks have not heretofore, in this war, been so easy to repel.

Good British Prophecy.

We do not believe that Admiral Jellicoe's brilliant handling of the Baltic Fleet will alter the issue of the campaign. He cannot hope to instill into the rank-and-file under his command a sense of the high purpose that animates him.

An Easy Job.

Mrs. Crawford: "Why won't your husband buy you an auto?" Mrs. Crutcher: "He says my husband has no debt fast enough now, without employing machinery."

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY SENIORS ENTERTAINED BY JUNIOR CLASS

Luncheon Served at Normandy Park Club, at Which Miss Charity Grace Acts as Toast Mistress—Janet Underwood Glass Weds Elmora Richard Condon—Other Notes and Happenings in Society.



MISS ILLA REAGAN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Reagan, of New Douglas, Mo., on June 28, will be married to Doctor Guy McKinney of New Douglas, Mo.

Each year during the commencement week at Washington University it is the custom of the junior class to entertain the seniors with a luncheon, usually given at one of the country clubs.

The annual entertainment of this description took place yesterday afternoon at the Normandy Park Club, and proved rather more enjoyable than any of its predecessors, owing to the unusually fine afternoon, the splendid condition of the club and grounds, and the large classes, all members of which presented themselves in gay attire.

An early morning car was taken for the club, as the young ladies planned to stay until the late afternoon. The luncheon was served on the clubhouse piazzas, and was replete with fun and university interest. Six courses of summer dainties were discussed and the toastmaster, Miss Charity Grace, tinkled her silver bell for attention.

MISS HERRON spoke for the H. E. T. Sorority, and Miss Eadie Connor, representative of the chapter of the Phi Sigma, while Miss Hilly Stevens was the literary society spokeswoman.

CONDON-GLASS WEDDING. The marriage of Miss Janet Underwood Glass and Mr. Elmora Richard Condon took place last evening at the home of the bride, No. 219 Dickson street.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES. The home of Mr. Hubbard, No. 527 Cook avenue, was the scene of an afternoon reception, given in honor of the wedding anniversary of Mrs. Al Hubbard, also of Mrs. Bouman and Mrs. Stimpel, all falling the same week.

EUCHE CLUB ENTERTAINED. The E. T. S. Euche Club was entertained by Miss Louise Bertram Thursday at her home in the South Side. Those present were:

Misses: Inez, Freda, Jessa Mertz, Gora Schuman, Nellie Peck, Mabel Rice, De J. H. Holland.

PERSONAL MENTION. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schofield of No. 205 Maple avenue will be at home to their friends on their home-coming afternoon, in honor of their daughter Mabelle's graduation.

Mr. Sig J. Lang and his father, S. J. Lang Sr., leave for New York Wednesday, to bid his granddaughter good-bye prior to their departure for Europe.

MILLS-LAFLEY WEDDING. Mr. Edwin Mills of Webster Groves and Miss Addie Lafley of McAfee, Ky., were married yesterday at the residence of the bride's father, Doctor John H. Lafley. They will arrive home to-day and take possession of the home which

WILLIAM K. BRADBURY DEAD. Well-Known Kansas City Politician Dies of Heart Failure.

Kansas City, Mo., June 14.—William Kenneth Bradbury, deputy county clerk, died of heart failure at his home in Kansas City, Mo., at 10 o'clock this morning in his eighty-first year.

Heart disease was the cause of his death. Besides his wife, Mr. Bradbury, 71 years old, was a student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, W. A. C. Curry, formerly City Clerk and brother of Mr. Bradbury.

Mr. Bradbury was a son of Captain W. H. Bradbury, who for thirty years was Warden of the Missouri State Penitentiary. He was a brother of T. M. Bradbury, formerly secretary of the Board of Railroad Commissioners.

He came to Kansas City fourteen years ago and was chief clerk in the City of St. Louis, Mo., for several years. He was owner of the Madison House in Jefferson City.

He was a member of the Missouri State Bar Association and the Missouri State Bar. He was also a member of the Missouri State Bar Association and the Missouri State Bar.

He was a member of the Missouri State Bar Association and the Missouri State Bar. He was also a member of the Missouri State Bar Association and the Missouri State Bar.

He was a member of the Missouri State Bar Association and the Missouri State Bar. He was also a member of the Missouri State Bar Association and the Missouri State Bar.

He was a member of the Missouri State Bar Association and the Missouri State Bar. He was also a member of the Missouri State Bar Association and the Missouri State Bar.

MISS GANTT WEDS AN ARMY OFFICER

Daughter of Judge James E. Gantt and Lieutenant Edwin A. Hickman Married at Bride's Home in Jefferson City.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Jefferson City, Mo., June 14.—Lieutenant Edwin A. Hickman of the United States Army, who is stationed at the Wentworth Military Academy at Lexington, Mo., was married here at 4 o'clock this afternoon to Miss Mary Gantt, eldest daughter of Supreme Court Judge and Mrs. James E. Gantt.

The wedding took place at the Presbyterian Church. The Reverend Doctor J. P. Healy of the Presbyterian Church performed the marriage ceremony, while Miss Alma Gass played Mendelssohn's wedding march.

The bride was attended by Captain Gregory of the United States Army at Jefferson Barracks and Lieutenant Clifford of Fort Leavenworth.

The bride was attended by Captain Gregory of the United States Army at Jefferson Barracks and Lieutenant Clifford of Fort Leavenworth.

The bride was attended by Captain Gregory of the United States Army at Jefferson Barracks and Lieutenant Clifford of Fort Leavenworth.

The bride was attended by Captain Gregory of the United States Army at Jefferson Barracks and Lieutenant Clifford of Fort Leavenworth.

The bride was attended by Captain Gregory of the United States Army at Jefferson Barracks and Lieutenant Clifford of Fort Leavenworth.

The bride was attended by Captain Gregory of the United States Army at Jefferson Barracks and Lieutenant Clifford of Fort Leavenworth.

The bride was attended by Captain Gregory of the United States Army at Jefferson Barracks and Lieutenant Clifford of Fort Leavenworth.

The bride was attended by Captain Gregory of the United States Army at Jefferson Barracks and Lieutenant Clifford of Fort Leavenworth.

The bride was attended by Captain Gregory of the United States Army at Jefferson Barracks and Lieutenant Clifford of Fort Leavenworth.

The bride was attended by Captain Gregory of the United States Army at Jefferson Barracks and Lieutenant Clifford of Fort Leavenworth.

The bride was attended by Captain Gregory of the United States Army at Jefferson Barracks and Lieutenant Clifford of Fort Leavenworth.

The bride was attended by Captain Gregory of the United States Army at Jefferson Barracks and Lieutenant Clifford of Fort Leavenworth.

The bride was attended by Captain Gregory of the United States Army at Jefferson Barracks and Lieutenant Clifford of Fort Leavenworth.

The bride was attended by Captain Gregory of the United States Army at Jefferson Barracks and Lieutenant Clifford of Fort Leavenworth.

The bride was attended by Captain Gregory of the United States Army at Jefferson Barracks and Lieutenant Clifford of Fort Leavenworth.

The bride was attended by Captain Gregory of the United States Army at Jefferson Barracks and Lieutenant Clifford of Fort Leavenworth.

The bride was attended by Captain Gregory of the United States Army at Jefferson Barracks and Lieutenant Clifford of Fort Leavenworth.

The bride was attended by Captain Gregory of the United States Army at Jefferson Barracks and Lieutenant Clifford of Fort Leavenworth.

The bride was attended by Captain Gregory of the United States Army at Jefferson Barracks and Lieutenant Clifford of Fort Leavenworth.

The bride was attended by Captain Gregory of the United States Army at Jefferson Barracks and Lieutenant Clifford of Fort Leavenworth.

The bride was attended by Captain Gregory of the United States Army at Jefferson Barracks and Lieutenant Clifford of Fort Leavenworth.

The bride was attended by Captain Gregory of the United States Army at Jefferson Barracks and Lieutenant Clifford of Fort Leavenworth.

The bride was attended by Captain Gregory of the United States Army at Jefferson Barracks and Lieutenant Clifford of Fort Leavenworth.

The bride was attended by Captain Gregory of the United States Army at Jefferson Barracks and Lieutenant Clifford of Fort Leavenworth.

The bride was attended by Captain Gregory of the United States Army at Jefferson Barracks and Lieutenant Clifford of Fort Leavenworth.

The bride was attended by Captain Gregory of the United States Army at Jefferson Barracks and Lieutenant Clifford of Fort Leavenworth.

The bride was attended by Captain Gregory of the United States Army at Jefferson Barracks and Lieutenant Clifford of Fort Leavenworth.