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OUR NEW NAME AND DRESS.

The transition, which the SALINE REPUBLICAN has effected in this issue, and with that change, the adoption of a new name, may perhaps interest our readers, with a curiosity at least, to know why we have cast aside the old garb and assumed the new. If this substitution does not meet with your good favor, in failing to conform to your fastidious ideas of what a country newspaper should make its ideal, we would ask that you be lenient in your criticisms, trusting that with greater experience in this form, it may prove our good fortune to mold your ideals more nearly to conform with our own. Yet we would anticipate no adverse criticism for taking this step, notwithstanding the caution given ourselves, that beauty and style are not only charms in themselves, but are appropriate decorations and ornaments, that will make even our limited presentation of the county news more acceptable to your tastes and more interesting to your thoughts.

The whole plan is a copied one, yet in the construction of its matter, the management does not accept present models as infallible guides, but trusts by feeling closely the desires of the people to present that in which their interest lies. This would prove an unworthy and wrongful ambition, were it not true, that conservative public opinion in the healthy moral atmosphere of this county runs in a high and honorable course. We prefer to risk making our aims ordinary rather than rush upon some impracticable resolve, wholly out of touch with those upon whom we are dependent for support. Among our potter sants, we would point with pride to the Columbia Herald, and though perhaps we may be twitted as a "baby Herald", such intended slights would be but praise disguised. This well known weekly has witnessed most successfully the application of this form of book, to the publication of a country weekly, both as regards the returns to the advertiser and the appreciation it is accorded by the subscriber and reader.

The MARSHALL REPUBLICAN, though taking the cognomen of this city, whose interests it shall always attempt to uphold and promote, will continue to be an organ, whose columns shall not be limited to any section of the county, but attempt to reach all. It is almost essential that the name of the paper designate the city and not the county in which it is published. Experience under our former heading has taught us this much, but our departure from "Saline", will prove to be one only in name.

To sum up and epitomize this whole explain-

ation, we have changed nothing, only have decided to put on a little style, but at the same price of one dollar a year. As it costs the subscriber nothing, it is our hope that it may please him, and there can at least no harm result in presenting a good appearance.

"MAKING" AN ISSUE.

In the recent onslaught upon trusts, many Democratic politicians have sought to impress upon that wing of the party yet loyal to silver, the necessity of inaugurating another issue, if success is invited to attend their efforts. Yet the very idea of seeking and fixing upon an issue, is repugnant to one desiring principle above self and conveys the idea of insincerity. In the coming campaign, Democracy as the pretended destroyer of trusts, must meet such charges, which will be made forcible and pointed by showing up a record that does not conform to these boasting and politic pretense.

Especially in Missouri will this prove true, where the last legislature has stamped proven, the charges of not only affiliation with, but subserviency to trust measures. To make an issue, means to juggle other issues into obscurity and bring forward a new one calculated to enlist the support of the people. Yet it is hardly to be supposed that Missouri Democracy, without repudiating its legislature, can enter very ardently as champions of the anti-trust theory.

Bringing a discussion of trusts down to a state issue into which it must inevitably fall, as their powers must be limited by state enactments, we see that the Democratic orators, who are blating against these combinations of capital, are not only making a false national issue, but evading an important one to the state. There is double coming in this violent anti-trust talk, such as was the theme and song of the St. Louis banqueters.

DECORATION DAY.

Henceforth, beginning with May 30th, of the present year, there is added a new meaning to the commemoration of the graves of our soldiers. The garlands of Northern lilies and Southern roses, which have been wreathed upon the graves of both blue and gray, intermingling more and more, as time effaced the memories of civil strife, are no longer sectional emblems, but the common heritage of both "Yankee" and "rebel" who gave up their lives in loyalty to union and to state.

On another page, are given the words of Henry Watterson, who gives life to the sentiment that another era has been ushered in upon our history, when "geography is thrown into the seas," and the Pacific no longer holds in check that offspring of our deep feeling—commemoration of a past event, which has in the past week not only been heard in our own land, but across the Western Ocean in the Philippines, where newly made graves have claimed some of our heroes. Regardless of what our opinion may be concerning our duty in these islands, the war which brought these conquests performed its noblest blessing in binding the hearts of all Americans so closely as has lately been evidenced.

A St. Clair county citizen, who is a Democrat, had born unto him the other day triplets—all boys, who when they become voters will most likely hold to the political faith of their father. Thus it is that nature comes to the aid of the Jeffersonian principles of our government, by helping to discourage and overwhelm the Republicans.—Progress.

Long before the aforesaid boys come to their majority Missouri will be in the Republican column, and the chances are that the boys will be Republicans too. The party "voting first and reading the platform afterwards" is doomed to defeat in Missouri and that very shortly too. The coming generation will read and think for themselves.

In this issue, the REPUBLICAN initiates a new kind of matter into its columns, that may be looked forward to as a feature in our work that has heretofore been neglected, not that it was not desired, but for other reasons. It is the half tones of several of the students and also the President of Missouri Valley College, to which we refer, and which have been inserted in an account of the closing exercises of this institution. So long as the REPUBLICAN continues to prosper through a liberal support of the people of this county, our subscribers may rest assured that this weekly will continue to raise its standard, as the support received may justify.

If the Board locating the State Fair, takes into consideration that reason brought forth Monday night in Judge Shackelford's address, of placing this state institution in a community that shows by its interest and enthusiasm, it would be willing to support the same, then Mar. Fall ought to win hands down. The people of Saline county, the banner agricultural county in the state, and for this reason entitled to consideration, are as one man upon the subject of this Fair, and would like to show the state, how such an institution would soon rival and surpass that of other states if placed in our midst.

With a Democratic majority in both branches of the legislature, and yet the cry is made that the Republicans are responsible for the defeat of franchise taxation. This party, because it is never true to a responsibility taken, now has the effrontery to attempt to unload unfulfilled obligations upon a minority, whose voice was never heeded. One who would trust the deceptions, that must now be resorted to in this state to save the long dominant party, is devoid of that Missouri spirit, which desires conclusive proof.

That our railroad facilities, would be at once increased if the State Fair is located here, goes almost without saying. A North & South Road, the long and much talked of one, would then be a necessity and a good paying investment for any railroad magnates.

The people turned out so well the day Marshall entertained the locating committee, some of our conservative citizens had grave fears lest the impression should be given, that we had too many idlers and loafers.