

Gov. Dockery's review of State affairs during the past year, the first of his administration, makes a good showing. It is well worth your reading.

The Sugar Trust wants free raw sugar from Cuba or a lower tariff. The principle of free trade is all right, but what is sauce for the goose ought to be sauce for the gander. Let refined sugar be put on the free list but that wouldn't please the trust.

Our cash capital school fund, invested in our own securities, is the largest of any State of the Republic. Gov. Dockery. That Republican fake about "the looting of the school fund" can't stand in the light of such facts as this.

On the fourth page will be found the address issued by the convention of county Democratic committees held at St. Louis last week. It is a rare document, but our Republican friends, like Dogberry, may be impressed with the fact that "comparisons are odorous."

Gov. Dockery has expressed to several of our citizens his intention of visiting Farmington some time this month—probably within a few days—to take a look at the Insane Asylum and note how the work is progressing. If he will let our people know just when to expect him, we can assure him a cordial and hospitable reception.

The State Democratic Committee has been called to meet in St. Louis on the 18th inst. for the purpose of fixing the time and selecting the place for holding a State Convention to nominate three candidates for Judges of the Supreme Court, and a convention to nominate a candidate for Superintendent of Schools and two candidates for Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners.

Gov. Dockery has appointed a new staff of physicians to take charge of the Insane Asylum No. 1 at Fulton on the 1st of March, the appointments being made now, it is said, so that the new staff may have time to make special preparation for the work. As the contract calls for the completion of the work now in progress on Insane Asylum No. 4 at this place by the 1st of March, and as it has been given out that the institution will then be ready to receive patients, why would it not be good policy for the Governor to make appointments for it, and give the physicians an opportunity to prepare themselves?

There was a strong bullish feeling in wheat in the St. Louis market last Monday, the price of May wheat going to 91 1/2c and closing at 91c, an advance of 2 1/2c over Saturday's prices. Corn advanced in sympathy to 70 1/2c. The St. Louis market exceeded those of New York and Chicago on that day, something that has not occurred for several years. May wheat selling in New York at 86 1/2c, and in Chicago at 83 1/2c and 84c. The immediate cause of the advance is attributed to apprehension over the progress of the winter plant, owing to the sudden and severe change in the weather and lack of snow covering. A favorable feature of the advance to farmers is the fact that many of them are still holding their wheat and will reap the advantage of the higher price.

It was not the province of the convention of Democratic county committees, informally called for the purpose of considering plans for more perfect local organizations and aggressive campaign work, to burden the proceedings with resolutions announcing their loyalty to the Kansas City platform. Being Democratic committees, it is to be presumed that they adhered to and were acting under the principles set forth in that instrument—the only accredited platform that the party has. Still, as long as a resolution endorsing the platform was offered, they might have adopted it without doing violence to the purpose for which the convention was called or the proprieties of the occasion. By rejecting it, the impression was encouraged that the convention repudiated the party's platform in part or in whole. While we do not believe that any considerable number of the committees thought of any such thing, others have so regarded their action and have indulged in a good deal of comment that is not calculated to help the party. We are satisfied that an overwhelming majority of country Democrats in the State adhere to the Kansas City platform—every plank of which is soundly democratic—whether all the principles therein set forth will be panacea, means to the next campaign or not. But there is an aggressive commercial element that would repudiate the policy of Kansas City as far as the party—and they are not responsible for all the dishonors in the party at the time. It is a policy that should be adhered to as one of the tenets of democracy, whether resolutions are adopted to make it a permanent law or not, and country Democrats should make a special effort to adhere to it.

DOCKERY'S FIRST YEAR.

The Governor Points with Pride to the State's Progress During the First Year of His Administration.

Condition of the State's Finances Sound, and Our Cash Capital School Fund the Largest of Any State.

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 1.—Governor Dockery was today busily engaged in the work of rounding out the business incident to the close of the old and the beginning of the new year.

He was asked by the Republic correspondent to briefly review the work of the first year of the administration.

STATE'S REVENUE AMPLIFIED FOR ALL EXPENSES.

"The condition of the Treasury," the Governor said, "is exceedingly satisfactory. Our revenues are ample to meet all the current expenses of the State Government, and at the same time construct the new buildings authorized by the Legislature for educational, eleemosynary, reformatory and penal institutions.

"The Legislature appropriated about \$500,000 for the construction of new and the repair of old buildings. The income of the Treasury will be ample to meet these increased demands, due in large part to the modified beer law, passed at the last session. That law has proven to be a most satisfactory revenue producer.

\$161,643 OF DEBT FROM THE BEER TAX.

"The State has already collected from beer inspection fees \$161,643 01, of which \$201,841.83 accrued prior to the passage of the modified law. The so-called 'back tax' on beer is a clear gain to the Treasury, as there was no provision of law under which it could have been collected prior to the enactment of the modified law. The beer law is an inspection measure, and the fee is imposed, not as an inspection fee, but as a tax, and is therefore, possible to lawfully enforce the collection of inspection fees after the consumption of the beer. The thanks of the people are especially due the Legislature for the passage of this measure, because, without it, there would have been an appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States and a taxing delay of at least two years, during which time the State would have derived no revenue from this source.

"The settlement of the convention by the passage of the modified law will enable the State to properly care for the blind, the deaf, the insane, the feeble minded and other unfortunate classes of our people.

STATE REVENUE FUND SHOWS A SURPLUS.

"All of the demands upon the State Revenue Fund have been fully and promptly met, and there is now a surplus of about \$115,000 in that fund.

"It is estimated that the income from inspection fees on beer during the present fiscal year will not be less than \$850,000, which, added to the income to be derived from taxes on real, personal, corporate and other property, will enable the Treasury to pay all the obligations of the State, and greatly augment the surplus of the revenue fund at the beginning of the coming year.

MISSOURI'S BONDED DEBT REDUCED TO \$1,287,000.

"The interest and sinking funds have been disbursed to pay the interest upon bonded obligations and certificates of indebtedness; to meet in part the appropriation made for the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, and to retire \$600,000 of the bonded debt. The bonded debt, exclusive of the school certificates, has been reduced to \$1,287,000.

"The Governor was further asked, in view of the experience of the last few months, his opinion as to the wisdom of the legislation enacted by the last General Assembly. Replying, he said:

"At the close of the last session of the Legislature, in an interview published in the daily press, I then said: 'The people of Missouri are to be congratulated upon the work of the Legislature. I regret that one or two measures pending before that body did not receive the favorable action of both houses, but substantially all the laws enacted are in the interest of the people.

"The opinions," said the Governor, "then expressed are unchanged, except as to one law, which, although involving a correct principle, is unnecessarily cumbersome in its operations.

IMPORTANT LAWS RECENTLY ENACTED.

"Among the important laws recently enacted by the General Assembly may be noted the following:

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THE SOUTHEAST PRESS.

Political Topics Discussed by Democratic Papers of This Section.

HAZARD OF ACCIDENT.

DeSoto Press, J. F. Mitchell, editor: President Roosevelt led a cakewalk at the White House Christmas evening. The president is rather given to running things in rag-time, anyway.

FIRST SENATORIAL GUN.

Charleston Enterprise, Paul B. Moore, editor: Mississippi county will fire the first gun in the Senatorial conflict, and the creek will be heard March 1. Should Mr. Stone or Mr. Clark receive on that day our country's instruction it will be a big thing for either of the distinguished gentlemen.

"AN AWFUL CRIME."

New Madrid Missouri, W. W. Waters, editor: The Congressional Committee of this district is accused of an awful crime, and the worst of it is they will have to enter a plea of guilty. They have allowed the voters to express their choice of a candidate for Congress. It's awful, but we will have to stand it.

DEARMOOD MOVEMENT GROWING.

Dunklin Democrat, E. P. Carothers, editor: One has but to watch the papers and listen to observing men to know that the Dearmood movement is growing faster than anything else in Missouri. He may be the presidential nominee in 1904, if he is not elected Senator in 1902. He is to-day the ablest man in Missouri politics.

TURNED INTO A SUCCESS.

Dunklin County Mail, Casper M. Edwards, editor: The big meeting of Democratic county committees in St. Louis this week failed of its original purpose, but as a demonstration of Democratic unity, faith and interest it was a huge success. Dunklin county was represented, but the usual ignorance and carelessness of the city reporters made her appear under no such auspices.

"THE KING IS THE STATE."

Ironton Register, Eli D. Ake, editor: President Roosevelt's wraithful rebuke of Gen. Miles, for expressing an opinion contrary to the administration in the Schley case, reminds one forcibly of the "Off with his head! So much for Buckingham!" uttered by an old-time strenuous ruler. "The King is the State," and the sooner all underlings come to know this fact, the better.

STOP AIRING DIFFERENCES.

Benton Record, E. H. Smith, editor: If the Democrats of Missouri expect to accomplish anything this year it is full time they were finding points they can agree upon, rather than emphasizing points of difference. The St. Louis conference was in this interest, and was practically unanimous. Now let the Democratic (?) papers that have been finding fault with every Democratic leader or official either take down their Democratic colors or go away back and sit down.

OPPOSE ALL PRIMARIES.

Piedmont Banner, Dr. J. N. Holmes, editor: When the Democrats of Wayne county began nominating their county candidates by primary election, the party had a clear majority of 420. They have pursued the method year after year, until the party now has none it can rely upon, and if it gains any of the offices it must fight for them and fight hard, too. The best thing for any party is to put forth its ticket with the least internal friction possible. If it will keep at peace with itself and fight only the common foe it will make itself irresistible.

THE POINT OF VIEW.

Scott County Bank Robbed.

A. Morley, M. A. special to the Republic of the 4th inst says: One of the boldest bank robberies ever committed in Southeast Missouri occurred here at 9 o'clock this morning. Scott County Bank is a complete wreck, four heavy explosions about five minutes apart blowing the vault into bits and wrecking the big glass front and all the office fixtures.

NET IN BAD COMPANY.

Jackson Cash Book, F. A. McGuire, editor: The convention of Democratic chairmen in St. Louis this week was held in the Jefferson Club headquarters, and you might say under the auspices of that notorious organization of spinsters and tricksters. It was this Jefferson Club that was instrumental in having Wells, the gold-bug bolter, nominated last spring for Mayor as a Democrat. It was this bolter and traitor Wells who boasted of having voted the Republican ticket, both national and local, during the past six years. The only criticism we have to make of the chairmen's meeting is that they didn't find some plan else to meet than the Jefferson Club's room.

THINKS FOR ONE TO WITNEDEW.

Jefferson Democrat, E. W. McDaniel, editor: Judge Fox is reported as saying that many of those who were at the Judge Fort meeting in St. Louis are his friends. In one place he is true of nearly all of those who attended said meeting. He is wrong, however, in saying that a majority of those present were his friends. Judge Fox is a candidate for Supreme Judge, we think he is highly mistaken. There were present friends of his who will be surprised and disappointed if he persists in seeking the way of this motion picture.

How to Prevent Pneumonia.

It is a well established fact that pneumonia can be prevented. The disease always results from a cold or from an attack of influenza. Among the tens of thousands who have died of pneumonia you will not find a single case that has ever resulted in pneumonia, which arose conclusively that it is a certain preventive of the "red disease." The best is a common-sense measure of a cold or attack of the grip fever in pneumonia. It is common for the grip fever to be followed by pneumonia. The best way to prevent pneumonia is to keep the head and neck warm at all times, and to keep the feet warm at all times.

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Little Literary Matters.

Philip James Bailey, the author of "Festus," published in 1892, is still alive and well, and is in his eighty-fifth year. Among the books that nobody has read "Festus" is perhaps the most famous.

Algeron Charles Swinburne, the poet, celebrated his sixty-fourth birthday in London recently. During the day he received over 200 letters and telegrams of congratulations from all parts of the world.

The Kaiser is stated to have just put the finishing touches to a treatise on the capture of the Taku forts by the powers. He is also credited with having compiled a street directory and periods in the history of Germany, Austria and France.

Thackeray, anxious to enter parliament, stood for Oxford, thinking he might win the seat from Lord Monk, who then represented it. Meeting his opponent in the street one day, he shook hands with him, had a little talk over the situation, and took leave of him with the quotation: "May the best man win." "I hope not," said Lord Monk, very cordially, with a kind little bow.

When author of to-day would suffice \$2,500 to preserve what he considers the artistic unity of his book? Yet George Murray Smith offered George Eliot \$10,000 for "Romola," with the privilege of breaking it into its installments. She decided that method would spoil the story artistically, and insisted upon 12 installments, accepting \$7,000. She thus sacrificed about \$10,000 to a scribble.

OF A SCIENTIFIC ORDER.

Recent microspectroscopic analysis of chimney-soot has shown that it contains iron, calcium, nickel, manganese, copper and silver.

In cities like Berlin, Vienna, Munich, etc., which have a pure water supply, the annual typhoid death rate is only eight per 100,000. In New York it has averaged 20.86 for ten years; while in Albany, Buffalo, Elmira, etc., the average rate has been 33.71 per 100,000.

An ethnological expedition, organized by Prof. Baldwin Spencer, of Melbourne university, and Mr. F. J. Gillies, a South Australian scientist, has just left Adelaide, the metropolitan of South Australia, with the object of spreading several months among the various tribes of aborigines inhabiting central Australia.

Men curious are the saving or talismanic bits of India—fifty yellow things not much larger than our thumb. The rescue falling prey to spiders, and so on, the latter, then, came up a dead rat and ran on a tree, and with a box for a thread and the bill for a needle even the last onto a green one hanging from the tree. It then was fastened to a speckling leaf, as if the rat were a tree or a branch of a tree, and was fastened to a speckling leaf.

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Algeron Charles Swinburne, the poet, celebrated his sixty-fourth birthday in London recently. During the day he received over 200 letters and telegrams of congratulations from all parts of the world.

The Kaiser is stated to have just put the finishing touches to a treatise on the capture of the Taku forts by the powers. He is also credited with having compiled a street directory and periods in the history of Germany, Austria and France.

Thackeray, anxious to enter parliament, stood for Oxford, thinking he might win the seat from Lord Monk, who then represented it. Meeting his opponent in the street one day, he shook hands with him, had a little talk over the situation, and took leave of him with the quotation: "May the best man win." "I hope not," said Lord Monk, very cordially, with a kind little bow.

When author of to-day would suffice \$2,500 to preserve what he considers the artistic unity of his book? Yet George Murray Smith offered George Eliot \$10,000 for "Romola," with the privilege of breaking it into its installments. She decided that method would spoil the story artistically, and insisted upon 12 installments, accepting \$7,000. She thus sacrificed about \$10,000 to a scribble.

OF A SCIENTIFIC ORDER.

Recent microspectroscopic analysis of chimney-soot has shown that it contains iron, calcium, nickel, manganese, copper and silver.

In cities like Berlin, Vienna, Munich, etc., which have a pure water supply, the annual typhoid death rate is only eight per 100,000. In New York it has averaged 20.86 for ten years