

NINETY-THIRD YEAR.

ST. LOUIS, MO., TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1900.

PRICE In St. Louis, One Cent. Outside St. Louis, Two Cents. On Trains, Three Cents.

MEETING AND BANQUET OF THE CREDIT MEN.

National Officers of the Organization Entertained by the St. Louis Branch.

SUPPORT FOR RAY BILL.

Eloquence and wit were the order of the evening at the banquet to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Credit Men...



JAMES G. CANNON, of New York, who addressed the National Association of Credit Men...

He said he understood that the credit men would urge legislation at Jefferson City...

The Missouri Legislature is honest, said he, but it wants education, and with that it will do the best for the State.

GOVERNMENT REPORT CAUSES PANIC ON COTTON EXCHANGE.

In Five Minutes the Market Declined \$2 a Bale, Breaking the Record of the Last Two Seasons.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Dec. 10.—For two hours today there was more excitement on the Cotton Exchange than there has been for some years past.

attempts to sell at the same moment, and prices went down with a crash...

GOVERNMENT REPORT.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The statistician of the Agricultural Department reports...

DALLAS MARKET DEMORALIZED.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 10.—The Government report demoralized the local cotton market today.

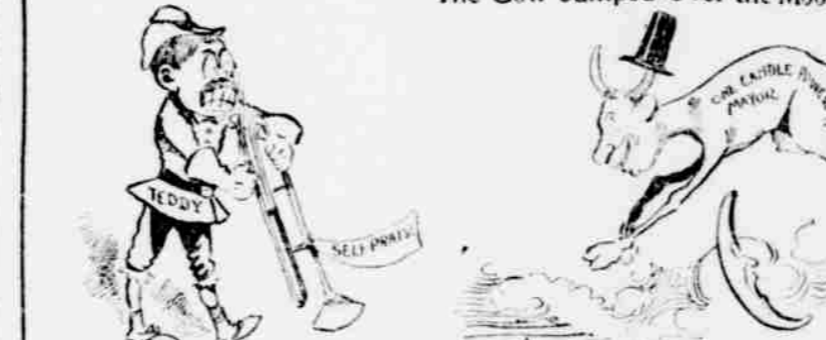
MRS. HERRINGTON SEEKS PLACE

Widow of Railroad Commissioner Elect Has Many Indorsements.

DE SELIR SAILS FOR LISBON.

Portuguese and Dutch Ministers Leave Their Posts.

The Cow Jumped Over the Moon



Little Boy Blue

And the Little Dog Laughed to See such Sport.



Robinson Crusoe and his Man Friday.

Babes in the Wood.



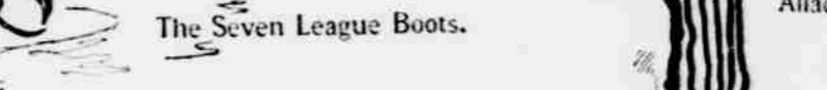
Humpty Dumpty.



Puss in Boots.



Alladin.



Jackie Horner.

MOTHER GOOSE TO DATE.



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DISASTROUS FIRE IN WHOLESALE DISTRICT.

Building at Nos. 717 and 719 Lucas Avenue, Occupied by Six Firms Almost Completely Destroyed—Total Damage Estimated at \$150,000.

A fire which originated on the third floor of the six-story building at Nos. 717 and 719 Lucas avenue and which was discovered at 10:20 o'clock last night by Private Watson...

The fire was at its height just at the hour when the theaters dismissed their audiences, and in the crowds which surged toward the burning structure...

Six Firms Suffered Losses.

The building was occupied by six firms, which were almost completely destroyed...

Adjoining Houses Damaged.

Chief Swingley declared at 2 o'clock that it was impossible to give a detailed estimate of the damage...

FRENCH NOW TURN AGAINST ABSINTHE.

Chamber of Deputies Recommends Prohibition of Its Manufacture and Sale.

Paris, Dec. 10.—In the Chamber of Deputies today, M. Marie Edouard Valliant, Socialist, one of the Deputies for the Department of Seine, moved a resolution...

LEADING TOPICS TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

For Missouri—Generally fair Tuesday and Wednesday; variable winds.

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NESBIT LAW SUSTAINED BY HIGHEST TRIBUNAL IN LAND.

Supreme Court of Missouri Upheld by Federal Supreme Court—Argument of Case Instituted by Auditor Mason.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The United States Supreme Court today affirmed the judgment of the Supreme Court of Missouri in the case of Isaac M. Mason, Auditor of Missouri, plaintiff in error, against the State of Missouri, brought to test the validity of the Nesbit law...

The contention that the Nesbit law denied the citizens of St. Louis the equal protection of the laws, in violation of the first section of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution...

It was claimed that the so-called Nesbit law was unconstitutional, in violation of the Constitution of the State and of the first section of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

The three new Commissioners sued out writs of prohibition in the Supreme Court of the State against the Auditor of Missouri, Circuit Court and also against the Auditor of Missouri, Circuit Court and also against the Auditor of Missouri, Circuit Court...

The Governor's appointees having taken office under the Nesbit law, demanded of Auditor Mason that he audit their accounts as Election Commissioners and draw warrants on the City Treasurer...

An alternative writ, or rule to show cause, was issued by the Supreme Court of Missouri and served. Auditor Mason replied, and issue was joined. The case was argued in the Missouri Supreme Court and it awarded a peremptory mandamus, in the conclusion of which six of the seven concurred, three of them dissenting from a part of it only.

STATE SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS THE LAW. The State Supreme Court held: "In the absence of a protest by members of the Senate, the objection made to a failure to observe constitutional requirements...

"That in this case the only protest in the Senate was one by a Senator who was a special and not a general law."

"That so far as relates to cities of 30,000 inhabitants or over, the Nesbit law repealed the 'charter act' of 1885, and it was not necessary to discuss the effect of that act in this case."

"Finally, that the appropriation for payment of Election Commissioners is authorized by the Nesbit law."

"The court holds that the law of May 31, 1885, is repealed as to cities of 30,000 inhabitants and over by the Nesbit law. This leaves the law of 1885 operative only in cities of 10,000 and up to 30,000 inhabitants."

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DETROIT MAN MAY GET THE PLACE.

Removed That A. B. Dupont Will Be Second Vice President of the Transit Company.

It was rumored in street railway circles yesterday that A. B. Dupont of Detroit, manager of the Citizens' Street Railway Company of that city, would be appointed to the office of second vice president of the St. Louis Transit Company.

NEW BULGARIAN CABINET.

Ivantschoff Will Be Premier and Finance Minister.

Sofia, Bulgaria, Dec. 10.—The crisis caused by the resignation of the Bulgarian Cabinet, presided over by M. Ivantschoff and Radzavoff, has ended with the formation of a Ministry by M. Ivantschoff, who, in addition to the Premiership, will hold the portfolio of Finance, with M. Tonscheff as Minister of Foreign Affairs and General Petroff as Minister of the Interior, succeeded by M. Radzavoff.

"Judgment affirmed."