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RING-HIDDEN PHILADELPHIA.
Charles F. Warwick, Republican and ring candidate for Mayor of Philadelphia, was elected yesterday over ex-Gov. Pattison, candidate of the Democrats and non-partisan reformers, by a majority of at least 50,000.

The result shows how hard it is for the Republican party to free itself from its corrupt masters.

Mr. Warwick was supported by the Republican machine and the corrupt ring which has "run" Quaker City politics for so many years. His nomination was dictated by the notorious "Dave" Martin, Matt Quay's "man"—the Dave Martin who was taken to New York in 1892 by the Republican National Committee to teach the party there how to carry elections in the face of adverse majorities.

Mr. Warwick was also supported by the franchise grabbing corporations which have furnished the sinews of war to the Republicans in many a hot campaign, and by all the Republican newspapers, which dared not go counter to the mandate of the boss.

Gov. Pattison, on the other hand, received the support of the Democratic press, of the Reform organization of citizens and the independent and honest voters who care more for political decency than for political badges. He was pledged to fight the corrupt ring and deliver the city from the hands of one of the worst

EPH. HOUSTON and his Black Eagles are shining and mouths are watering along the entire black line.

To a man up a tree the watermelon inspector bill looks like a sly game to solidify the colored vote under the Filley banner.

MEXICAN TRADE.

As shown by statistics collected and published by the Post-Dispatch, St. Louis is well in the lead among American cities in the competition for Mexican trade. During the year ending June, 1894, the exports from this city to Mexico amounted to nearly \$7,500,000, and they are steadily increasing.

There is every reason why St. Louis should enjoy supremacy in trade with Mexico. In manufacturing she occupies an eminent position, turning out a greater variety of such products than most of her rivals, and possessing the capital and intelligence with which to develop old and establish new ventures of this kind. Her position in the Mississippi Valley, where all the natural lines of trade converge, mark her future as one of solid prosperity.

Besides all these natural advantages, St. Louis has superior rail facilities for reaching all parts of our southern neighbor's territory opened to trade, penetrating as they do to the centers of Mexican activity more easily and quickly than any of her competitors. And we can supply on demand most of the commodities wanted. In short, nature and circumstances have conspired to place this city in a commanding position with reference to this business.

The value of the trade can hardly be overestimated, for Mexico has passed the stationary stage and entered upon a progressive career as a commercial nation. If St. Louis business men bring into active employment their characteristic push, energy and intelligence they may look forward confidently to acquiring the lion's share of this great and ever increasing trade. The future depends upon them alone.

MEN OF MARK.

Col. J. Arroyo Knox is now managing a new daily published in a Massachusetts town.

Henry Griffin, the 17-year-old jockey, has engagements for this year that will net him about \$30,000.

Oliver Wendell Holmes' library has been appraised and the value fixed at \$84,50. This will be a great surprise to the friends of the dead poet.

Among the names recently given to new streets in Paris appear Taine, Gounod, Edmond About, Meissonier, Guy de Maupassant and Octave Feuillet.

The latest of the Arctic cranks is a Stockholm man who proposes to make the trip from Spitzbergen to the North Pole in a balloon. At least he is anxious to raise 175,000 francs wherewith to make the experiment.

Maj. John H. Gilbert, who died at Palmyra, N. Y., the other day, at the age of 93, was the publisher in 1830 of "The Book of Mormon," which Joseph Smith professed to have found in Cumorrah Hill, near Palmyra.

Foreign papers say that the Polish deputations which was sent from Warsaw to congratulate the new Czar lost over \$50,000 in playing cards. The Prince of Wales upon hearing this remarked: "That is the fourth division of Poland."

Rev. J. D. Davis, who has been for the last nineteen years professor in Doshisha University, Kioto, Japan, served four years in the Union army in the late civil war in this country, and for the last year commanded a regiment.

WOMEN OF NOTE.

Ada Rehan has a penchant for antique and handsome furniture.


It is said that Mrs. W. K. Clifford was once a sweetheart of Rudyard Kipling.

Amelle Rives Chanler has discovered a hero whose heart gave a hot leap along his breast to his throat, leaving a fiery track behind as of sparks.

Party Dundee women, near Elgin, organized a society for the prevention of gossip. It lasted two weeks. By a series of expulsions for violation of the cardinal idea only the president is now left in the society.

The ex-Empress Eugenie has presented

OLDEST HARDWARE MAN.



A. F. Shapleigh.

Augustus Frederick Shapleigh, President of the A. F. Shapleigh Hardware Co., was born in Portsmouth, N. H., Jan. 9, 1810. At the age of 14 he was clerk in a hardware store in his native town; from 15 to 18 he was a sailor, making several European voyages, and in 1843, after having become a junior partner in the Philadelphia hardware house of Rogers Bros. & Co., he came to St. Louis and opened the house of Rogers, Shapleigh & Co. In 1862 the firm name, after having become Shapleigh, Day & Co., was changed to A. F. Shapleigh & Co. In 1889 it was merged into a corporation under the name of the A. F. Shapleigh & Cantwell Hardware Co., and in 1888 the name was changed to the A. F. Shapleigh Hardware Co. The house is under the management of Mr. Shapleigh and his three sons, Frank, Richard W. and Alfred Lee Shapleigh.

"FROU FROU."

Miss Nethersole as Gliberte Adds to Her Success.

Miss Olga Nethersole appeared in "Frou