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## DEDICATION.



To the Progressive People of St. Louis, this little book is most respectfully dedicated, with the suggestion that they bear in mind the Scriptural command found in The Sermon on the Mount—Gospel according to St. Matthew; Chapter V., Verses 14, 15 and 16.

H. B. W.

**A City that is set on a hill cannot be hid.**

**Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light to all that are in the house.**

**Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works.**

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ST. LOUIS CITY OFFICERS.

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1. Mathew Kiely, Chief of Police.         | 6. Jos. L. Hornsby, President Council.  |
| 2. Wm. Desmond, Chief of Detectives.      | 7. Bernard Dierkes, Auditor.            |
| 3. Jos. F. Dickman, Sheriff.              | 8. L. F. Hammer, Jr., Collector.        |
| 4. Rolla Wells, Mayor.                    | 9. James Y. Payer, Comptroller.         |
| 5. Chas. Swingley, Chief Fire Department. | 10. James M. Francisus, Jr., Treasurer. |



## **What St. Louis is and Does:—**

Proud of its history.

Owned by St. Louisans.

A typical American city.

Confident of a great future.

Owne its waterworks plant.

Most charitable city in the world.

Most hospitable city on the continent.

The terminus of twenty-four railways.

On the best of terms with all the world.

Independent of Eastern money lenders.

Home of the brainiest and bravest men.

The largest millinery market in America.

Makes 85,000,000 pounds of candy annually.

A city where bank failures do not occur.

The third largest grocery market in America.

The third largest clothing market in America.

Fourth city of the United States in population.

The largest horse and mule market in the world.

The largest hardwood lumber market in America.

A great center for the manufacture of freight cars.

The third largest dry goods market in the country.

Fourth in rank of American manufacturing centers.

Makes more street cars than any other city on earth.

Home of the most beautiful and best-dressed women.

The first city in the world that used electric mail cars.

The second largest shoe distributing point in America.

Reduces its bonded debt at the rate of \$375,000 annually.

Manufactures more chairs than any other city in America.

The largest inland coffee distributing center in the Union.

World-famous for its production of wagons and carriages.



America's largest receiving and shipping market for fruits.  
 The second city in the world in the production of wheat flour.  
 The commercial metropolis of the richest river basin on earth.  
 Third in the rank of American furniture manufacturing centers.  
 Manufactures three-fourths of America's output of plug tobacco.  
 First city in America to sprinkle its streets by municipal contract.  
 Ships and sells more than 75,000,000 pounds of barbed wire yearly.  
 Third city in the United States in the shipment of second-class mail.  
 The world's greatest distributing center for agricultural implements.  
 The third city in the United States in the manufacture of furniture.  
 Manufactures more tobacco than any other city in the United States.  
 The first city in America that illuminated its streets and alleys uniformly with electricity.  
 The only city in the world that has held eighteen consecutive and self-supporting expositions.  
 Leads in the production of reclining chairs.  
 Leads in the manufacture of boots and shoes.  
 Leads in the manufacture of hats for America.  
 Leads in the manufacture of caps for America.  
 Leads in the manufacture of gloves in America.  
 Leads in the manufacture of caskets and coffins.  
 Leads in the output of American-made chemicals.  
 Leads in the manufacture of crackers for the world.  
 Leads in the manufacture of jeans clothing for America.  
 Leads in the production of America's proprietary medicines.  
 Leads in the manufacture of trunks for the western hemisphere.  
 Leads in the saddlery and harness business of the United States.  
 Leads in the sale of bags and bagging for the western hemisphere.

## St. Louis Gas:—

Population 575,238,  
 6,500 factories of all kinds.  
 A river front of 19.15 mile.  
 432.08 miles improved streets.  
 An area of 62½ square miles.  
 20 public parks; acreage 2176.59.  
 The best credit of any city in America.  
 \$5,000,000 invested in public school property.  
 Several profit sharing concerns on a large scale.  
 A waterworks plant which cost more than \$6,000,000.  
 An average elevation above the level of the sea of 504 feet.  
 A bank and trust company capitalization and surplus aggregating  
 \$42,785,537.  
 Largest wholesale shipping station in the world (Cupples' station).  
 The largest railroad interlocking switch system in the United States.

84 hotels.  
 41 hospitals.  
 21 convents.  
 23 libraries.  
 3 monasteries.  
 125 Public schools.  
 17 Baptist churches.  
 64 Catholic churches.  
 102 Parochial schools.  
 12 Christian churches.  
 60 asylums, homes, etc.  
 32 Presbyterian churches.  
 20 Congregational churches.  
 13 Southern Methodist churches.  
 19 Methodist Episcopal churches.  
 22 Protestant Episcopal churches.  
 24 German Evangelical churches.  
 6 Orthodox Hebrew congregations.  
 4 Reformed Hebrew congregations.  
 5 English Evangelical Lutheran churches.  
 18 German Evangelical Lutheran churches.  
 97 churches of various denominations not otherwise listed.  
 54 academies and colleges (classical, scientific and business).  
 48 Masonic bodies.  
 20 lodges Harugari.  
 14 Turners' societies.  
 6 camps Sons of Veterans.  
 43 Odd Fellows lodges, etc.  
 25 councils Royal Arcanum.  
 19 lodges Sons of Hermann.  
 31 councils Chosen Friends.  
 21 lodges Knights of Honor.  
 20 councils Legion of Honor.  
 9 corps Women's Relief Corps.  
 38 Knights of Pythias lodges, etc.  
 16 camps Woodmen of the World.  
 27 tents Knights of the Maccabees.  
 22 councils Knights of Father Mathew.  
 65 lodges Knights and Ladies of Honor.  
 36 branches Catholic Knights of America.  
 11 groves United Ancient Order of Druids.  
 65 lodges Ancient Order of United Workmen.  
 10 councils Junior Order United American Mechanics.  
 9 posts and national headquarters Grand Army of the Republic.  
 Greatest steel arch bridge in the world (The Kads), costing \$10,000,000.

- 488 miles of sewers.
- 42 singing societies.
- 11 public gymnasiums.
- 130 labor organizations.
- 267 regular publications.
- 39 fire engine companies.
- 200 building associations.
- One street 15.2 miles long.
- 19 rowing and athletic clubs.
- One sewer 24 feet in diameter.
- One sewer 30 feet in diameter.
- 12 hook and ladder companies.
- The largest brewery in America.
- The finest street cars in the world.
- The only rubber factory in the West.
- The world's largest cracker factory.
- The largest lead works in the world.
- The largest drug house in the world.
- The largest brick works in the world.
- The largest electric plant in America.
- The finest botanical garden in America.
- The largest railroad station in the world.
- The largest iron rail factory in the world.
- The largest hardware house in the world.
- The largest sewer-pipe factory in America.
- The largest white lead factory in the world.
- The largest shoe house in the United States.
- The largest woodenware house in the world.
- The largest boot and shoe factory in America.
- The largest terra cotta factory in the country.
- The two largest tobacco factories in the world.
- The largest stove and range factories on earth.
- The largest jeans clothing factory in the world.
- The largest tinware stamping plant in America.
- The largest street car factories in the United States.
- The largest exclusively carpet house in the country.
- Boot and shoe trade amounting annually to \$37,500,000.
- The largest permanent hall in the West (The Coliseum).
- A bag and bagging trade amounting annually to \$3,700,000.
- A trade in caskets and coffins amounting annually to \$3,400,000.
- 14 private grain elevators; aggregate capacity 1,385,000 bushels.
- 10 public grain elevators with a total capacity of 8,700,000 bushels.
- More miles of streets that are spotlicked than any other city in America.
- Manufactures more extensive than those of Kansas City, Omaha, Denver and San Francisco combined.