

**HER NEWSPAPER**

Kansas City pretends to  
the circulation of THE  
CITY STAR.

**THOUSAND A DAY.**

actual circulation of THE  
last week was as follows:

January 9	52,100
January 10	52,100
January 11	52,000
January 12	52,150
January 13	52,300
January 14	52,650
for the Week	313,300
Average for the Week	52,217

**AMUSEMENTS.**

The Laliputians in "The Pupil in

Boston Howard Athenaeum com-

**"Master and Man."**

croakers study the clearings table  
after hold their peace.

call from CHARLIE FOSTER to  
CARLISLE. The world moves.

grabbers will rally at Jefferson  
Wednesday, and the Senate-grabbers  
at their forces at Topeka on the

ion to the moral infection which  
summary a great public evil, it  
willing to take the risk of phys-  
ion as a means of recruiting its

Chicago Tribune classes MATTHEW  
QUAY and DAVID BENNETT HILL  
ue category. This is tough on  
it is not strictly complimentary

pearance of Mr. WATKINS, the  
millionaire, in the contest for Mr.  
toga adds a new element of in-  
the fight. The introduction of a  
to a Senatorial canvass always  
gs a little livelier.

per cent increase in the business  
k over a year ago is a record of  
city may be proud. A total of  
\$21 in the week's clearings is  
ring which only Kansas City of  
ers of its class in population can

k Commissioners of the city of  
ave decided upon the acquisition  
w parks, for which will be paid

public morality; it is the fact that the politi-  
cal machine has become the servant and  
handmaid of a particular gang of gamblers,  
and that the sworn officers of city and coun-  
ty submit to the dictates of that gang. Will  
the Times apologize for this also?

**THE GROWTH OF BOSS FINDLAY.**

ED FINDLAY, gambler monopolist and  
political boss, is neither an ogre nor a  
Napoleon. The successive steps by which  
he has attained his present prominence must  
have been a series of surprises to him; possi-  
bly they have turned his head a little or he  
would not have done certain greedy and  
foolish things that have lately made him  
especially odious to the decent people in this  
community.

There was a time, not long ago, when he  
dreaded notoriety as much as he now courts  
it. He was of a temperament that could be  
described as "good natured;" he spent  
money freely and was easy prey for black-  
mailers; he attempted to interfere with no-  
body and planned harm for nobody; all he  
wanted was to be let alone. His slowly  
growing business of policy gambling, cau-  
tiously nurtured, gave him control of an in-  
creasing number of petty criminals and vag-  
abonds whom he supported.

Meanwhile a lot of politicians, finding fat  
picking in this city and this county and  
anxious to perpetuate themselves and their  
kind in control, consulted the gambler and  
showed him greater possibilities than he had  
dreamed of. He furnished money and men  
when they were needed and they furnished  
him not only immunity from punishment by  
law, but the right to name candidates and  
pack primaries. Incidentally they gave him  
an absolute gambling franchise in Kansas  
City.

When he realized his importance, he was  
flattered by the idea of being a "boss."  
Lacking the shrewdness to keep himself out  
of sight and be content with the large prof-  
its of his gang-guarded business he came  
boldly into the public view and attracted  
attention to himself by various impudent  
and outrageous acts. He personally con-  
ducted mobs that interfered with primary  
elections; he threatened men who opposed  
him; he called attention to the fact that cer-  
tain candidates were, first of all, his servants;  
he appeared in a court room and attempted  
to "pack" the election of a special Judge to  
try a contested election case in which he was  
interested; he allowed his greed and impu-  
dence to control him so that he made direct  
attempts to swindle school children out of  
their pocket money; he sent some of his no-  
torious assistants to Jefferson City to assist  
in defeating legislation that was desired by  
the people of Kansas City; he appeared in  
the City Hall whenever a local public meas-  
ure demanded obstruction or modification to  
suit him and the gang.

tration of the laws in Kansas City and  
Jackson county. Under its protecting wing  
the thieves and "crooks" of all degrees have  
come back and remain unmolested.

It is fair to assume that this degradation  
of the city has been no fault of Chief  
SPEER'S. He prevented it when he had  
orders to do so and probably he continued  
preventing it until he was authoritatively  
told to stop. He is responsible to the Board  
of Police Commissioners. The Board of  
Police Commissioners is responsible to the  
people.

The active members of the present board  
are WILLIAM S. COWHERD, otherwise Mayor  
of Kansas City, and THOMAS R. MORROW.

When these two administrators of a pub-  
lic trust give the Chief of Police orders to  
suppress public gambling, THE STAR be-  
lieves that public gambling will be sup-  
pressed.

What are Mr. COWHERD and Mr. MOR-  
ROW going to do about it?

THE resignation of Mr. CARLISLE from  
the Senate means of course that he will  
accept the Treasury portfolio in Mr. CLEVE-  
LAND'S Cabinet. That this arrangement  
will be universally approved by the people  
goes without saying. It is to be commended  
from every possible point of view. It serves  
notice to the country that the new Adminis-  
tration is to have able and distinguished  
counselors. It encourages the hope that the  
period of mediocrity in high places is past.  
It looks something like a return to the good  
old days when positions of public trust were  
conferred with a strict view to the qualifica-  
tions of the men so honored. It will inspire  
entire confidence throughout the republic  
in the administration of the national  
finances. It imposes this great responsibility  
upon a statesman of ripe experience and a  
student of political economy of broad and  
enlightened views. It puts a big man in a  
big place. It is in the nature of a just rec-  
ognition of the growing commercial and  
political influence of the West and the  
South. Mr. CARLISLE will be particularly  
acceptable to those sections and at the same  
time the appointment will be cheerfully in-  
dorsed by the East. Although favorable to  
the idea of bimetallism, he is not in any  
sense an extremist. The silver men will feel  
that they have not been ignored in the se-  
lection which Mr. CLEVELAND has made,  
while the business element will have assur-  
ance that the appointment will fully protect  
them in their interests. The President-elect  
has fully met public expectation in the as-  
signment of the Treasury portfolio.

THE "Refrigerator" people, who started in  
some three weeks ago to tear up the streets  
of the city, law or no law, now say that "an  
amicable adjustment is being sought." Just  
what sort of an "amicable adjustment" is ex-