

BUTTONS. 1,000 gross pure white pearl Buttons, in staple sizes—usually sold at 7½¢—Monday, from 8 to 10, per dozen. 2½c	DRAPERY. 38-inch lace striped Drapery for each curtain, trapezoidal, etc.—Just from 8 to 10, per yard. 3c	DRAPERY. 36-inch colored Drapery Swisses, for bed spreads, curtains, etc.—worth 15¢—on third floor, from 8 to 10, per yard. 5c	SILKOLINE. Exact copies of real China silks, suitable for lamp-stands, sofa pillows, etc.—worth 15¢—on third floor, from 8 to 10, at. 5c	THREAD. The well-known "Kings Machine Thread," in all numbers, white or black, special price, from 8 to 10 Monday, 4 spools for 5c	MUSLIN. The renowned "Fruit of the Loom" Bleached Muslin will be sold in our basement, from 8 to 10, Monday, at, per yard, 5c	MADRAS. Yard-wide Madras Percale, in pink and white, or blue and white stripes—worth 12½¢—in Basement, from 8 to 10, Monday, at, per yard, 6¼c	CHAMOIS. 2,000 Chamois Skin "Seconds"—worth, if perfect, from 25¢ to 35¢—on main floor from 8 to 10 Monday, each 12½c	LACE. French Valenciennes edges and insertions—1 inch wide—worth 40¢—from 8 to 10 in basement, per dozen yards, 19c	EMBROIDERY. Sample lengths of all-over Embroideries, from ½ to 1 yard long—worth in full lengths up to 82¢ per yard—on 8 to 10, in basement, per piece, 49c
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Boys' Spring Clothing.

The balance of our purchase recently made from Jacobson & Weil of 26 Lafayette Place, New York—at prices lower than ever!

Special from 8 to 10 a. m. Monday!
Boys' natty little Vestee Suits for ages 3 to 7, made of Asbesth cloth and neatly trimmed—Regular price \$2.00—Just from 8 to 10, in our May Sale at... **\$1.00**

Special from 10 to 12 Monday!
Boys' Sailor Blouse Waists, of fine India lawn, with ruffled collars and cuffs—usually sold at 90¢—In our May Sale Monday from 10 to 12, at... **45c**

\$5.00 Top Coats, in tan or gray—ages 8 to 10 years—each... \$2.50
\$5.95 Boys' 2-piece double-breasted Knee Pant Suits—7 to 10 years—each... \$3.45
\$7.50 Boys' 3-piece Knee Pant Suits—special at... \$4.45

Stylish Suits for ages 15 to 20 years—of all-wool clay worsteds—regular retail price \$10—Monday... \$6.50

\$8.00 Boys' 2-piece double-breasted Knee Pant Suits—7 to 10 years—each... \$1.85
\$7.50 Boys' 3-piece Knee Pant Suits—special at... \$4.45

Handsome Suits for young men of 15 to 20 years, made of foreign and domestic cloths, and actually worth \$15.00 to \$18.00—your choice at... \$9.95

MAY SALE

May sales have become general throughout the entire country, owing to the universal demand for a mid-season sale that shall serve the double purpose of clearing away spring goods and of hurrying forward the new summer merchandise.

With a full realization of its importance, both to us and to our patrons, we to-morrow inaugurate a Grand-Leader May Sale that will far surpass all contemporaneous efforts in scope and magnitude—offering the greatest list of money-saving bargains St. Louis has seen this year.

May Sale of New Laces and Allovers

A charming collection of dainty new creations, now so much in evidence throughout the world of fashion. To appreciate you must see these

Parisian Bands—A vast assortment of those Ultra fashionable Serpentine Insertions, Galoons and Applique effects, in the new shades of ivory, beautifully embroidered in colors; also Venice and Chantilly Bands, and Esorial, Oriental, Cluny and Fancy Silk Laces, now so much in demand for trimming Foulards, crapes or wash dresses; also 50 pieces of 48-inch imported French Organdie Embroidery with black chenille dots—goods worth up to \$1.00—choice in our May Sale at, per yard... **25c**

Grenadines—45-inch Black Silk Grenadines with black satin stripes, now so much in vogue for stylish dresses, and worth \$2—May Sale price per yd... **75c**

Allovers—Nottingham Lace Allovers in very desirable designs, including stripes, Renaissance, Cluny and Beading effects, in cream, white and butter color, very much in demand for lace waists, yokes, sleeves or boucances—Allovers, worth up to 75¢, at, per yard... **35c**
Allovers, worth up to \$1.00, at, per yard... **49c**
Allovers, worth up to \$1.50, at, per yard... **69c**

In Basement—A large table heaped with Laces, of all widths and qualities, including Point de Paris Edges and Insertions, Torchon Edges and Insertion, Oriental Point de Venice and Black Chantilly—goods formerly sold up to 35¢—choice, per yard... **5c**

Summer Underwear.

A timely offering of special values—just when most needed.

Ladies' Underwear—Jersey Ribbed Cotton Vests, in pink, blue and fancy stripes, low neck and sleeves, special for Monday, at, each... **4c**

Ladies' Swiss Ribbed Cotton Vests with high silk-trimmed necks, with sleeves and pearl buttons, regular price 25¢; choice Monday at... **15c**

Ladies' Richellee Ribbed Lisle Thread Vests, in white only, low neck and sleeves, silk-trimmed at neck and arms, formerly 25¢; Monday at... **17c**

Ladies' Fine Swiss Ribbed Silk Vests, in pink, blue, cream and white, low neck and sleeves, silk-trimmed at neck and arms, usually sold at 75¢; Monday, not more than two to a customer, at, each... **38c**

Men's Underwear—Plain and Jersey Ribbed Cotton Shirts and Drawers, with French collar buttons, worth 15¢; choice Monday at... **15c**

Small lots of Men's Plain and Mottled French Ribbed Cotton Shirts and Drawers, also pink and blue Balbriggan, with finished seams and pearl buttons, worth up to 25¢; choice Monday at... **29c**

Only 50 doz. Men's French Balbriggan Bicycle Drawers with double seats, finished seams and pearl buttons, knee lengths, all sizes, regular price 90¢; Monday, per pair... **25c**

Men's Jersey Ribbed Egyptian Cotton Shirts and Drawers, with French necks, pearl buttons and finished seams, really worth 60¢; all sizes Monday at... **35c**

May Sale Reductions on Ladies' Jackets, Suits, Skirts and Waists.

If extraordinary values and deeply cut prices ever drew a crowd, there'll be a crowd here on our second floor to-morrow! Glance at these surprising reductions and you'll agree with us.

\$6.00 Jackets for \$3.98—Ladies' Fly-front, box-front or double-breasted Jackets of Coverts, Venetians and Cheviots, in tan, castor, brown, black or blue, lined with good silk remaine, and sold until now at \$9.00—May Sale Price... **\$3.98**

\$16.50 Eton Jackets for \$9.98—Choice of our sweetest Eton Jackets which we have been selling at \$13.50, \$15.00 and \$16.50—including open Etons trimmed with applique, single-breasted or double-breasted Etons of imported materials and lined with rich Taffeta-Silk—your choice in May Sale... **\$9.98**

\$12.50 Suits for \$8.75—Tailor-Made Suits in newest styles of All-Wool Covert Cloth and Venetians; Jackets in double-breasted Eton style, finished with stitching and lined with silk; Skirts with box-pleat back—sold originally at \$12.50—May Sale Price... **\$8.75**

\$18.75 Silk-Lined Suits for \$12.50—Handsome Tailor-Made Suits in this season's most popular fly-front style of All-Wool Covert Cloth, in castor or brown; new haring skirt with box-pleat back; entire suit lined with colored Taffeta-Silk—formerly \$18.75—Monday... **\$12.50**

\$21.00 Suits for \$14.98—Of imported tan or castor Covert Cloth with double-breasted Eton Jackets, that can be worn open or closed, and having scalloped Medical collar faced with corded Taffeta-Silk of faring shape with box-pleat back, lined with percaline—regular \$21.00 Suits—reduced in this sale to... **\$14.98**

\$12.50 Taffeta Skirts for \$7.48—An odd lot of handsome Dress Skirts, some plain, others attractively headed, not one worth less than \$10.00 and many of them \$12.50—your choice, while they last... **\$7.48**

\$7.50 Dress Skirts for \$4.98—Ladies' Dress Skirts of all-wool English Honespun, in gray, oxford or blue, trimmed on front panel and box-pleat with silk applique, lined with near-silk—regular \$7.50 skirt—reduced for our May Sale to... **\$4.98**

\$6.50 Silk Waists for \$3.98—Taffeta Silk Waists finished on front, back and sleeves with all-over tucks, with new stock collars, separate ties with fringe of same color, dress sleeves with flaring cuffs. All the most worn colors, including black and pastel shades—\$6.50 value, Monday at... **\$3.98**

Millinery Bargains

Chrysanthemums—Bunch Very Large Handsome Chrysanthemums, in all colors, worth 50¢—Monday... **25c**

Assorted Flowers—Including Foliage, June Roses, American Beauty Roses, Lilacs, Crushed Roses, Bluetts, worth up to \$1.00—choice... **25c**

Trimmings Sailors.
The Knox Shape Rough Straw, very swell, worth \$1.25—Monday... **69c**
10 Dozen White Rough Straw Trimmed Sailors, worth 75¢—Monday... **25c**

"W. B." Summer Corsets.
Monday we offer one case of the well-known "W. B." Summer Corsets, made of imported netting, lace trimmed at top and bottom, an excellent fitting corset, which sells regularly at \$1.00—all sizes Monday at, each... **69c**

Dress Trimmings Sacrificed.

Our entire stock of odd pieces—such as fancy embroidered silk applique trimmings, embroidered cotton trimmings, cut jet galloons, passementeries, etc.; fancy spangled, embroidered and crochet trimmings, beautiful pearl trimmings and many others, which sold originally up to \$2.50—choice of all Monday at, per yard... **50c**

Silks, Dress Goods and Wash Fabrics.

An exceptional May Sale of rich and seasonable fabrics, at prices with which no other store will care to compete.

Silk Splendor.
Figured China Silks—In neat designs and attractive colorings, suitable for either dresses or waists; regular price 90¢; Monday, per yard... **25c**

27-inch Plain Japanese Silks—These wash perfectly and are usually sold at 75¢; Monday, while 15 pieces last, per yard... **39c**

An odd lot of Silks, including Black Moire, Black and Fancy Striped Taffetas, Light Brocades, Gaufré in Dresden figures, Colored and Black Plisse, Printed and Jaka Dot Foulards, 27-inch White Habutai Panne Velvets in white, black and colors, and beautiful Handkerchief Squares; goods worth all the way from 60¢ to \$1.25; your choice Monday at, per yard... **49c**

24-inch Twilled Foulards and Japanese Habutais, in new and popular shades, with medium or small figures, stripes and polka dots; splendid materials for summer dresses, and usually sold at 75¢; choice Monday, per yard... **59c**

36-inch All-Silk Black Taffeta, regular price \$1.25; Monday, per yard... **95c**

The popular Handkerchief Squares, now so much in vogue for fancy waists. These have plain taffeta centers, many colored borders and fringe, made to sell at \$2.25 each; while they last Monday, each... **\$1.39**

Black Goods.
Matalasse—38-inch Silk Finished Black Matalasse in ten different designs, suitable for dresses or skirts; will not turn brown; Monday, per yard... **45c**

Skirt Patterns—4-yard pattern of 42-inch imported English Black Mohair Crepon in this season's most beautiful designs, guaranteed to retain their brilliancy, and worth \$7.00; Monday, pattern... **\$3.98**

A 4-yard skirt pattern of 44-inch imported Black Figured Satin Berber, Black Figured Brillantine or Black Nun's Serge; any one of these patterns worth fully \$5.00; choice in May Sale at, per pattern... **\$2.98**

Imported Wash Fabrics.
Swiss—27-inch Embroidered Scotch Swiss, a very pretty and sheer fabric; May Sale price, per yard... **12½c**

Dimity—Finest Imported Irish Dimities in all the newest printings and colorings, in floral, scroll, polka dot and Dresden effects; in May Sale, per yard... **23c**

Swiss—Finest Imported 44-inch Dress Swiss in the swiftest embroidered designs, in large and small effects. We have these not only in the tinted and plain colors, but also in striking contrasts; \$2.00 per yard would be a low price; Monday in our May Sale, per yard... **\$1.25**

Colored Dress Goods.
Homespuns—Just 35 pieces of 38-inch All-Wool Homespun and Covert Cloths, in the most desirable shades of gray and tan; also 20 pieces of handsome 38-inch All-Wool Plaids; your choice Monday in May Sale at, per yard... **49c**

Crepe de Chine—15 pieces of 42-inch Imported All-Wool Crepe in the delicate new pastel shades. This is one of the most popular and prettiest light-weight dress materials imported this season; May Sale price, per yard... **98c**

Dress Patterns—About 50 elegant Imported Paris Dress Patterns, the very latest productions, not to be surpassed in America; no two patterns alike, and they are suitable for evening, dinner or carriage dresses. They were imported to sell at \$25.00, but in order to close them out we offer you choice Monday at, per pattern... **\$12.50**

Zibeline—25 pieces of 36-inch Zibeline Stripes and Plaids in tans, grays, blues, etc., reduced from 50¢ and offered Monday in our basement at, per yard... **25c**

Linings—50 pieces of 36-inch Silk Finished Dress Linings, suitable for all kinds of fine dress materials and wash fabrics, regular 20¢ qualities, in basement Monday at, per yard... **12½c**

China and Glassware.

May Sale Bargains for Monday—4th floor.

Cups and Saucers of white porcelain—worth \$1.25 per doz.—Monday, set of 6 for... **35c**

Water Bottle—Of clear, sparkling imitation cut glass, regular price 40¢; Monday, each... **25c**

Ewer and Basin—Of strong stoneware, with dark blue decorations, worth \$1.25; Monday, per set... **69c**

Chamber Sets—11 pieces of good porcelain, prettily decorated, regular price \$4.50; Monday, per set... **\$2.98**

Vegetable Dishes—Oval shapes of white porcelain, worth 10¢; Monday, each... **7c**

Cups and Saucers—Of fine Carlbad China, regular price \$3 per doz.; Monday, set of six... **73c**

Slop Jars—Of strong stoneware, decorated in dark blue and terra cotta; Monday, set of six... **69c**

Dinner Sets—100 pieces of English porcelain, decorated with delicate green or gray, regular price \$5.00; special price Monday, per set... **\$5.49**

May Sale of Lace Curtains, Draperies, etc.
When prices like these are offered, it's surely time to buy.

Ruffled Curtains—1,500 pairs just received from a large manufacturer—only 2 to 10 pairs of a pattern, and on sale Monday at about Half Price.

\$1.25 Plain Fluted Swiss Curtains, 3 yards long, at, per pair... **59c**

\$1.50 White and Colored Fluted Swiss Curtains, at, per pair... **98c**

\$2.00 White Swiss Muslin Curtains, with lace edges and insertions, per pair... **\$1.25**

\$2.50 White Fluted Swiss Curtains, with embroidered borders—regular price \$3.50—per pair... **\$1.50**

\$3.00 Ruffled Bobbinet Curtains, with lace edges and insertions—at, per pair... **\$2.00**

\$4.00 Heavy Bobbinet Curtains, with Point de Paris edges and insertions—per pair... **\$2.50**

\$4.50 Frilled Bobbinet Curtains, with lace edges and insertions—per pair... **\$2.75**

\$5.00 Frilled Bobbinet Curtains, with lace edges and insertions—per pair... **\$3.50**

Rope Portieres—Of heavy corals and tassels, in new draped designs and pretty colorings—
\$6.00 Rope Portieres for **\$3.75**
\$4.50 Rope Portieres for **\$2.98**
\$3.50 Rope Portieres for **\$2.25**
\$3.00 Rope Portieres for **\$1.75**

Door Panels—French Cable Net Door Panels, 36x48 inches, in latest Renaissance and Arabian designs; will launder perfectly and worth \$1.25—Monday, each... **85c**

Furniture Linen—50-inch Twilled Irish Linen, plain or colored stripes, suitable for slip covers—will launder beautifully—Monday, per yard... **35c**

Dewey Curtains—3 yards long and 42 inches wide, made of red, white and blue tinting, with deep ruffles in star designs—here is an opportunity to show your patriotism at a very little cost—the material alone is worth double our price—per pair... **39c**

Window Shades—Extra quality oil-finished Opaque Window Shades, 36 inches by 7 feet, mounted on cast spring rollers, with fixtures complete. These are in all colors and will not fade—regular price \$6—May Sale Price, each... **49c**

Portieres—Reversible Turcoman Portieres in rich Persian and Turkish cross stripes—full width and 3 yards long—fringe and tassels with deep tassel fringe and tassels—\$3—May Sale Price—per pair... **\$1.98**

May Sale of Ladies' Shoes and Oxfords.

Shoes so emphatically superior to those offered elsewhere at these prices that you might be skeptical, did not our guarantee accompany every pair.

Oxfords—Ladies' hand-turned Oxfords of black or tan dogskin, with flexible soles—special for Monday at, per pair... **87c**

A splendid line of Ladies' Black or Tan Kid and Russia Leather Oxfords, with heavy soles, hand turned with venting tops, in all sizes and widths, sewed and stitched with silk, having Leuzbox, Vassar, building or coin toes. These Oxfords are equal in every respect to those sold by exclusive shoe dealers at \$2.50 and \$3.00—Grand-Leader price, per pair... **\$1.98**

Shoes—Children's Tan Kid Lace or Button Shoes, sizes 4 to 8—Monday... **50c**

Little Gents' Lace Shoes of black satin calf or tan goat, with spring heels, sizes 6 to 10—Monday, per pair... **85c**

Ladies' Lace Shoes of black or tan kid, with hand-turned soles, also with heavy manish soles, and with kid or patent tips; a splendid assortment of handsome stylish styles, made to our order in the newest and most up-to-date shapes, with all the popular toes and with leather or wood heels—sold by other shoe stores at \$1.50—our price... **\$2.48**

Leather Pocketbooks.

Just 350 odd pieces, including Card Cases and Combination Pocketbooks, splendidly made of real seal, alligator, levant, morocco, etc., either plain or with sterling silver corners; Pocketbooks that are really worth up to \$2.50—choice in this great May Sale at, each... **\$1.00**

May Gloves.
Ladies' Black Taffeta Silk Gloves, the 30 kind—Monday at... **19c**

Ladies' 3-button Lisle Thread Gloves in tan, beige, gray, white or black, stitched on back with white, black or self color; well finished—choice Monday at... **25c**

Ladies' Lisle Thread Gloves with patent stitching, two clasps and three rows of stitching, all the latest shades, including black and white; regular 75¢ gloves—Monday at... **50c**

Toilet Needs.
Como Butter Milk Soap, per cake... **5c**
Be and the Dressing Combs at, each... **5c**
Be and the Tooth Brushes, sale price... **5c**
Aristo Toilet Soap, 12½c... **5c**
Mennen's Toilet Powder... **12c**
De Leon's Tooth Powder at... **15c**

Carpets and Mattings.

High-Grade Japanese Mattings—beautiful designs in green, blue, red and tan—imported to sell at 45¢—May Sale Price... **25c**

25 Rolls of regular 85c Brussels Carpets—special in May Sale at... **59c**

Handsome Axminster and Moquette Carpets—usually sold at \$1.25—Grand-Leader May Sale Price... **85c**

May Sale Reductions in Our Basement.

Already low prices reduced still lower! Never such opportunities! Come in the morning before the crowds are so large! It'll pay you well!

Gingham—Fancy Checked and Striped Zephyr Gingham, in pink, blue and red, worth 10¢; Monday, from 8 to 10, at... **5c**

Percale—Best 36-inch Fast Color Solid Blue Percale, worth 12½¢; Monday, from 8 to 10, at... **5c**

Organdie—32-inch Fine and Sheer Organdie Lawns in solid pink and blue, worth 7½¢; Monday, from 8 to 10, at... **7½c**

Grenadine—32-inch Grenadine Lawns in solid pink, blue, heliotrope, red and carmine black, worth 12½¢; Monday at... **7½c**

Crepe—Imported Japanese Wash Crepe in white and cream, worth 20¢; Monday, from 8 to 10, at... **5c**

Dimity—Fancy Figured Corded Dimities in navy, red, black, pink and light blue, worth 10¢; Monday, from 8 to 10, at... **6¼c**

Pillow Cases—Large Ready-Made Beached Pillow Cases, worth 12½¢; each... **7½c**

Cambrie—Fancy Striped Printed Cambries for shirt waists, worth 20¢; Monday, from 8 to 10, at... **11c**

Madras—1-yard wide, solid-color imported Irish Len Madras, worth 10¢; Monday, from 8 to 10, at... **10c**

Sateen—Imported Solid Black Mercerized Dress Sateen, fast color and worth 25¢; Monday, from 8 to 10, at... **25c**

Towels—Large Unbleached Turkish Bath Towels, worth 10¢; Monday, from 8 to 10, at... **5c**

Twelling—Twilled Linen Roller Towels, worth 5¢; Monday, from 8 to 10, at... **5c**

Napkins—Large Linen Dinner Napkins, with red borders, worth \$1.00 per dozen; at each... **5c**

India Linen—Fine White India Linen, in lengths up to 10 yards, worth 15¢; Monday, from 8 to 10, per yard... **5c**

Towels—All-Linen Hemmed Huck Towels, 12x16, worth 12½¢; Monday, from 8 to 10, at... **7½c**

Organdie—40-inch White Organdie, worth 10¢; no mail orders filled; Monday, from 8 to 10, per yard... **10c**

India Linen—Fine Imported White India Linen, worth 20¢; Monday, from 8 to 10, at... **15c**

Towels—20x40 inch Fringed Linen Damask Towels, with medallion centers, worth 15¢; Monday, from 8 to 10, at... **15c**

Damask—60-inch Red and White Figured or Checked Table Damask, worth 90¢; Monday, from 8 to 10, at... **18c**

Pique—A choice assortment of White Piques, in different weaves, worth up to 20¢; Monday, from 8 to 10, at... **25c**

Gas and Gasoline Stoves.

Gas Ranges—The "Cooker Chief" Gas Range with 4 burners, 16-inch oven and broiler, lined with asbestos throughout, very economical in fuel and a splendid baker—\$12.95 range Monday... **\$12.95**

We also carry all the other leading makes of Gas Ranges, and at such low regular prices as our prices. All ranges bought of us will be connected free.

Gasoline Stoves—With large top and 2 brass burners. These are nicely finished and guaranteed for one year; regular price \$2.39—Grand-Leader price... **\$2.39**

Gasoline Ovens of Russia iron, lined and japanned, with 1-burner size, worth \$1.75—at... **\$1.25** 2-burner size, worth \$2.25—at... **\$1.65**

Wall Paper at Half.
Good Glimmer Papers, on sale Monday at, per roll... **3c**
Fine Bedroom Papers in chintz and Dresden effects, at, per roll... **6c**
Store and Hall Papers in new designs, at, per roll... **10c**
Heavy Gilt and Embossed Papers, worth up to 35¢, at, per roll... **15c**

Gasoline Stoves.
The Twentieth Century Debating Club, at its last meeting, debated the question, "Should the Porto Rico Tariff Bill Have Been Passed by Congress?" W. H. Goodson of New Cambria and A. L. Hiffert of Mount Vernon were for the measure, and C. J. Sloop of Queen City and W. F. Miller of Queen City were against it. The decision was in favor of the measure.

A Communication.
Mr. Editor: I allowed for three years with the branchitis and could not sleep at nights. I tried several doctors and various patent medicines, but could get nothing to give me any relief until my wife got a bottle of this valuable medicine, which has completely relieved me.—W. S. BRUCKMAN, Bagdad, Mo.—Adv.

MISSOURI UNIVERSITY NOTES.

Nebraska Debate Postponed—Commencement Programme.
Columbia, Mo., April 27.—The event of the week was the annual Shakespearean contest of Missouri University. As reported in The Republic, W. B. Burruss won first prize. Second place was assigned to J. C. Hall, but as he had won that prize once before he was merely placed, and the prize went to Nelson Sears.

Owing to the many other entertainments to take place about May 4 and to the prospect of the cadet battalion to St. Louis to take part in the Dewey parade on that date, the date of the Missouri-Nebraska debate has been changed to May 11. The debate will be interesting in more than one respect. The question is, "Resolved, Transvaal is Not Justifiable." Missouri will have the affirmative. One of the Nebraska debaters is a young lady. This will be the first time a woman has been on one of the interstate debates in Columbia. The names of the Nebraska debaters are Charlotte Meade, H. A. Meier and R. S. Baker.

Much to the regret of the students of the University the Wisconsin debate has been declared off. The debate was to have been held in Kirksville on April 27, and Missouri was to have been represented by H. Lewis of the cadet battalion to St. Louis. The Philippine question was to have been debated, and Missouri was against the retention of the islands. The point on which the negotiations broke down was very trivial. Wisconsin first debated the sides were chosen, and seemed to seize the first opportunity to withdraw. The refusal of Wisconsin to go on with the debate leaves Missouri decidedly in the ascendant. As last year, when Missouri first debated Wisconsin, the decision of the five judges was unanimous for Missouri.

The following programme of the university commencement exercises has been arranged: Saturday, June 2—Stephens medal ceremony. Sunday, June 3—Baccalaureate sermon by the Reverend C. R. Hemphill, D. D., of Louisville, Ky. Monday, June 4—Annual address before the university by Professor S. W. Tansie, professor of political economy in Harvard University. Tuesday, June 5—Alumni day. Wednesday, June 6—Annual meeting of the Board of Curators. Thursday, June 6—Commencement day.

The "Solid South" has been broken up as to the approved high schools of the University of Missouri. By the solid south is meant South Central and Southeast Missouri. For a long time this section did not contain a single approved school. When the Fourth General Assembly met at Jefferson City there was not an approved school of the State University in that section. Now there are five—one at Iberia, one at Bloomfield and one at Bonne Terre. The citizens of Doniphan have voted an issue of bonds to erect a \$100,000 High School. One or two other cities of Southeast Missouri have also voted bond issues for the erection of high school buildings of about \$100,000. At Mendenhall they have voted a tax worth one cent on the dollar for library and laboratory purposes in their High School. Good news comes from a number of other places. The university looks upon the popular education as a region of great promise in education as well as in agriculture and in commerce. The officers of the university are watching its development with the keenest interest and sympathy.

The first annual handball tournament of the university is at present in progress, and the following students have entered the tournament: J. W. Orear, Stanley Kisson, H. S. Kierschmidt, H. A. Kierschmidt, Leo Brandenberger, Samuel Kisson, T. D. Martin, J. L. Cull, S. C. Shipley, Sam Hill, W. W. Cramer, Joe Summerville, Hugh Edmonds, Harry Broadhead, Hugh Bass, H. B. Oliver and W. B. Burruss.