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University to Push Memorial Plant.

COLUMBIA, Mo., December 29.—As soon as various other drives are out of the way and a secretary can be obtained who can devote his entire time to the work, the campaign for a memorial at the University of Missouri to the men and women who served from the University in the world war will be pushed forward. It is planned to enlist the aid of the 8,000 graduates of the University and the 20,000 former students who did not receive degrees.

Plans have been drawn for a \$500,000 tower and building, which would be the center of University activities and would contain, probably on tablets of bronze, the names of those in whose honor the building was constructed.

The first task is to complete a suitable mailing list of all the graduates and former students. When this is made up, the committees in charge of the work feel that the hardest part of the task will be done.

Present plans call for a central tower 44 feet square and 125 feet high, to be put up at a prominent place on the University campus at a cost of about \$100,000. On each side of this would be built a wing, one for the student activities of men, one for the student activities of women.

The proposed campaign is meeting with favor from the graduates whose opinions have been sought. Ideas differ, but all insist that some sort of memorial be put up. Some want it purely ornamental, while the majority demand that it be useful as well.

In starting this work, the University of Missouri is in line with a nationwide practice. Practically all of the colleges and universities of the country are arranging to erect memorials. Most of them are going to put up buildings; a few will erect arches; at least one will set aside a memorial hall in an old building. Texas and Princeton, in addition to other plans, will endow memorial scholarships.

Missouri Meerschaums.

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 31.—A unique industry which originated in Missouri, and one in which the State excels all other States, is the manufacturing of "Missouri meerschaum" pipes from apparently worthless corn-cobs.

In 1918 six factories, devoted to this enterprise, located, two in Washington, Franklin county, and one each in Owensville, Gasconade county; Booneville, Cooper county; Union, Franklin county and Bowling Green, Pike county, according to advance information from the "Missouri Red Book, 1919," the annual State industrial report of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, turned out corn-cob and wooden pipes to the value of \$358,348.

The six factories in 1918 represented an aggregated investment of \$315,110. To 425 employees, consisting of 315 men and youths and 110 women and girls, there was paid \$260,874 in salaries and wages. For materials and supplies, including several hundred carloads of corn-cobs, there was disbursed \$480,876. These same six factories in 1919 paid out \$127,044 for taxes, insurance, rent, interest and for other miscellaneous purposes.

These six "Missouri Meerschaum" pipe factories in 1919, turned out 27,591,840 complete corn-cob pipes; 653,808 wooden pipes; 268,000 extra reed stems and 54,571 pipe-cleaners.

"Missouri meerschaums" are being smoked and keenly enjoyed by members of the American Army of Occupation in the virgin land which was the original home of the real article, the genuine meerschaum ("sea-foam")—Germany. To further spread the glory of Missouri in that obstreperous country and give more world-wide prominence to this unique industry each corn-cob pipe bears a label carrying the legend, "A genuine Missouri meerschaum pipe, made in Missouri, U. S. A."

The "Soapy Smith" Plan.

Before an earnest get with an irritable and active get bumped him off on the beach at Hono, Alaska, "Soapy Smith," was the best known grifter in the United States. He had many a trick up his sleeve, but the one which gave him his name and his start was wrapping up a piece of soap with a twenty dollar bill and selling it to the unwary for two dollars.

When the package was opened, there was no twenty dollar bill and even the soap would not lather. "Soapy" could talk a bird off a tree. He had the fingers of a Mississippi river cat and sharp and could and would fight like a wild cat.

But what "Soapy" pulled was a pink tea compared to what his successors

are getting away with right now. There are thousands of grafting promoters who are taking a little soft soap, in the form of sure profits, wrapping it in a pretty stock certificate with pictures of mines or oil wells in the corners, and selling it, not for two dollars, but for hundreds and thousands.

When the package is unwrapped the promise is valueless, the oil wells won't flow, the mines won't produce, and the banana plantations won't bear.

"Soapy" Smith took a chance in the crowds. If an indignant purchaser wanted to beat him up "Soapy" took him on. But the only chance the stock grafter takes is from the postal authorities and writer's cramp.

You have the same prospects of winning from the men who try and induce you to trade Liberty Bonds and War Saving Stamps for wild cat stocks that the street crowd had to get "Soapy's" twenty dollar bill. Most of the promoters would not know an oil well or a mine if they met one in the street.

But they know how to frame promises, rosy ones. That is what you buy when you invest with them, a promise—and usually one that has no chance to be realized.

Fredericktown Banks Buy Madison County Road Bonds.

(Fredericktown Democrat News.)
The Security Bank of Fredericktown and Bank of Madison County jointly bought the road bonds of Madison county, the sale being made to them Friday of last week by the county court. Bonds to the extent of only \$277,000 will be issued, as it is believed that taxes sufficient to make up the difference between this and \$325,000 will have been paid in before all the amount voted is needed. That decision will save the tax payers the expenses incident to marketing the additional bonds.

A number of representatives of the bond houses of St. Louis were present to meet with the county court and submit their bids on Thursday. Altogether seven sale bids were received. Kaufman, Smith and Emert offered \$98.00 with interest on the money at 5 per cent until after the first withdrawal and then 3 1-2 per cent on daily balances; G. H. Walker & Co. and Witaker, Smith & Moore made the same bid which was \$97.25, cash, the county to do whatever it liked with the money; The Mortgage Trust Co. and Mississippi Trust Co. also made the same bid which was \$97.75, 4 per cent on daily balances; the bid of the local banks was \$96.50, 4 1-2 daily balances.

After going carefully over the bids, the court decided to reject all the bids. An opportunity was then given the buyers to submit new bids the following day. They got into communication with their houses but claimed they could not give any more than their original bid. In the meantime, however, the local banks got together and offered \$97.50 and 4 1-2 per cent on daily balances, which during three years, estimated as the time required to build the road, would net the county \$200 more than any other offer. Contract was thereupon made with the banks to take the bonds.

We have heard some complaint that the bonds did not bring par. As a matter of fact, several of the buyers stated publicly that they would give par and a premium of a thousand dollars, but of course no interest on the unused money. The purchase by the local banks on that basis actually means that premium of several thousand dollars was paid. It actually figures out 2000 more than the next best offer.

Most people believe the bonds sold exceptionally well. They brought a better price than the Bollinger county bonds and better than any other issue of which we have heard.

A Wayne County lady sent out by the Republican State Committee, addressed about a dozen voters at the court house Saturday night. Most all of her time was taken up in abusing the Wilson administration and Democrats, generally. So far as we have been able to learn there was but one Republican present, and the affair was what might be termed a "froth" in every particular. She did not attempt to explain why the Republicans in congress had blocked all of the important legislation during the last session of congress. She did not even make a "stab" at explaining why the Republicans had not passed some legislation in behalf of our soldier boys, as that party boasted several months ago they would do. If this lady's time is not already contracted the Democratic County Committee of

Reynolds County should secure her service a month before the next election and send her into every school district in the county. Her visit to each district in the county would add many votes to the Democratic majority in our county.—Centerville Outlook.

Washington, D. C.—Seizure of several shipments of butter which contained too much water or salt, and too little fat, is expected by the Department of Agriculture to discourage this form of fraud and to protect not only the consumer but farmers and other producers and dealers. The Department holds that this adulteration is not only an imposition on consumers especially with the cost of living at the present high level, but is also demoralizing to the butter industry.

Cheerful Words

For Many an Ironton Household.

To have the aches and pains of a bad back removed—to be entirely free from annoying, dangerous urinary disorders, is enough to make any kidney sufferer grateful. The following advice of one who has suffered will prove helpful to hundred of Ironton readers.

Geo. E. Heatherly, retired farmer, Fredericktown, Mo., says: "Doan's Kidney Pills have been of benefit to me and I am glad to recommend them. They gave me relief from backache and a severe stiffness through my back. Doan's also regulated my kidneys. I received such good results from Doan's Kidney Pills that I shall keep them on hand to use as a preventative."

Price, 60c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Heatherly had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfgs., Buffalo, N. Y.—Adv.

Weather Report.

Meteorological Report of Cooperative Observer at Ironton, Iron County, Mo., for the week ending Monday, December 22, 1919:

Days of Week.	Day of Month.	Temperature.		Precipitation.
		Highest.	Lowest.	
Tuesday	16	51	20	
Wednesday	17	41	29	
Thursday	18	57	23	
Friday	19	30	21	
Saturday	20	44	15	
Sunday	21	46	15	
Monday	22	44	18	

NOTE.—The precipitation includes rain, hail, sleet and melted snow, and is recorded in inches and hundredths. Ten inches of snow equal one inch of rain. "T" indicates trace of precipitation. ARCADIA COLLEGE Observer.

Ammonia.

Ammonia is found in minute quantity in air, and is a natural product of the decay of animal substances. It is procured artificially by the destructive distillation of nitrogen organic matters, such as bones, hair, horns and hoofs, and is largely obtained as a by-product in the manufacture of illuminating gas from coal.

Denaturing Alcohol.

Alcohol is denatured by the addition thereto of an element which renders it unfit to drink and which may not be removed from the spirit by any process short of destruction. The term arose as a convenient designation of alcohol whose nature had been altered, and its standing was made official by legislation in congress.

The World's Diamonds.

Diamonds of the weight of 23 2-5 tons, of a value of \$1,000,000,000, have been taken from the earth from the earliest time to the present day. These figures, however, only concern the stones before cutting, which reduce their weight by half, but multiplies their value by five.

First New England White Child.

November 20 is the anniversary of the birth of Peregrine White, the first English child born in New England. He was born aboard the Mayflower in Plymouth harbor. After his father's death his mother married Gov. Edward Winslow, the first marriage to New England.

\$100 Reward, \$100

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is catarrh. Catarrh being greatly influenced by constitutional conditions requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in the curative powers of Hall's Catarrh Medicine that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists. 35—Advertisement.

Fiction Concerning Sargossa Sea.

The Sargossa sea in the north Atlantic is an area through which no ocean currents pass. It is comparatively still water, forming a sort of eddy into which seaweed tends to drift. Writers of fiction have held that the dead ships of the ages have found resting places in this eddy and have peopled them with the spirits of lost mariners. The idea is pure fiction. The Sargossa sea may be navigated without experiencing any difficulty with seaweed and without seeing a derelict.

Cicada a Dainty Feeder.

The real locust is an indiscriminate eater, grain fields, cornfields, meadows, pastures, weed patches—everything falls before him. The periodical cicada is dainty almost beyond belief. It was long believed that in the adult stage it took no nourishment at all. But the "seventeen-year locust" does eat while in the adult age, its diet being confined to the juices of plants, sucked out in very small quantities and without causing injury.

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STOMACH TORN UP

Indiana Lady Describes Condition, Which She Says Was Due To Constipation and Tells of Relief Obtained From Black-Draught.

Scottsburg, Ind.—Mrs. Annie Johnson, of this place, writes: "I well remember I suffered for a long time with constipation, which would get me down. I took doctors' medicines and any number of purgatives. They would leave me in a worse condition than I was before taking, and my stomach so upset. . . I know once I suffered . . . from constipation, I was so ill we had to have the doctor, just so nervous and feverish. The doctor said I would have to quit medicines, my stomach was so bad . . ."

My husband was reading and found something about Theodor's Black-Draught and brought me a package to try. I used it regularly at first until I began to feel better, then I used just a dose occasionally. I was cured of this constipation and am sure the Black-Draught did it."

If your stomach is out of order, you will suffer from such disagreeable symptoms as headache, biliousness, indigestion, etc., and unless something is done, serious trouble may result. Theodor's Black-Draught has been found a valuable remedy for these troubles. It is purely vegetable, and acts in a prompt and natural way, helping to regulate the liver and to cleanse the bowels of impurities. Try Black-Draught. EB-15



A vast amount of work now remains to be done which the intervention of war has necessarily delayed and accumulated, and the result is that a very large capital expenditure ought to be made to make up for the interruptions inevitably due to the war, and to prepare the railroads to serve adequately the increased traffic throughout the country.
WALKER D. HINES,
Director General of Railroads.

Work more—
Produce more—
Save more—

But we can't continue increasing our production unless we continue increasing our railroad facilities.

The farms, mines and factories cannot increase their output beyond the capacity of the railroads to haul their products.

Railroads are now near the peak of their carrying capacity.

Without railroad expansion—more engines, more cars, more tracks, more terminals—there can be little increase in production.

But this country of ours is going to keep right on growing—and the railroads must grow with it.

To command in the investment markets the flow of new capital to expand railroad facilities—and so increase production—there must be public confidence in the future earning power of railroads.

The nation's business can grow only as fast as the railroads grow.

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Notice to Tax-Payers

December is the last month in which to pay your Taxes before Cost is added. Please take notice and attend to the matter at once.

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