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THE PURPOSE OF THIS PAPER.

The University Missourian is for the training of students in journalism. It is the laboratory, the clinic, the practice school of the department of journalism of the University of Missouri. The work upon this newspaper—other than mechanical—is to be done by the students, under the direction of the faculty, experienced newspapermen, as part of the regular course in this department. In the pursuance of this purpose it will be necessary for the University Missourian to cover the entire news field, not limiting itself to University news, in order that the training the students receive will be sufficiently broad to be valuable. It will give, of course, all the University news, but in due relation to the general news of the day. With this news there will be editorial interpretation and comment upon public questions.

The University Missourian is not established to conflict with or supplant any publication. Its own purpose is well-defined—that of affording, on advanced educational lines, training for journalism. The laboratory is a necessity for this training. How to do must be taught by doing. Student publications and the local press will not have their fields invaded by intention or design, as such journals serve purposes and occupy fields with which this newspaper is not directly concerned.

The University Missourian will accomplish its purpose well if the men and women trained by work upon its staff are, by such training, better furnished for public service; if they shall go forth into the vocation of journalism better equipped to know and print the news of the day, the unbiased news, attractively, accurately, helpfully; if they shall be better enabled to make comment upon this news fairly, intelligently and with high ideals; if they shall learn that American journalism is, in its highest realization, schoolhouse and forum, teacher and tribune, a foe to wrong doing, an aid to education, a force for moral progress, an exponent of true Americanism.

CANDIDATES IN COLUMBIA.

The good town of Columbia has a friendly personal interest in all the prominent candidates for high public office. With scarcely an exception all have been guests for a considerable time of ever-hospitable Columbia. William H. Taft was several years ago for a couple of days a visitor here. He was then Judge Taft, a member of the board of trustees of the University of Cincinnati, and was picking out a president—for the University of Cincinnati. His choice fell upon Dr. Howard Ayers. While in Columbia Judge Taft was entertained at the home of Dr. Frank Thilly. William J. Bryan has visited Columbia several times. Upon one visit he founded a prize for the best essay upon government. This prize is awarded each University commencement.

The candidates for governor upon the democratic and republican tickets are well-known here. William S. Cowherd is an alumnus of the University and Herbert S. Hadley has spoken in the University auditorium on several occasions. Both Wm. J. Stone and Jos. W. Folk hold the honorary degree of LL. D. from the University and Senator Stone resided here a number of years as student and lawyer. Lieutenant-Governor John C. McKinly, candidate for the republican nomination for the United States senatorship, and Frank B. Fulker, candidate for the attorney-generalship on the republican ticket, are graduates of the law department of the University. J. F. Gmelich, republican nominee for lieutenant-governor, was for some years a member of the board of curators of the University.

The subscription to the University Missourian is \$2.00 for the school year or \$1.25 for one semester, invariably in advance. Single copies will be sold at two cents each. The paper will be delivered by carrier within certain limits in Columbia or sent by mail outside Columbia at this price. It will appear every school-day afternoon. Orders for subscription, accompanied by the cash, should be given Warren H. Orr, who is

in charge of the circulation, or left at the University Missourian office, Room D, Academic Hall, or sent by mail to the University Missourian, Columbia, Missouri.

J. WEST GOODWIN, the veteran editor of the Sedalia Bazaar, has given to the Department of Journalism of the University of Missouri, the most valuable collection of books on the history of printing and journalism in the West. Mr. Goodwin has been collecting a library on these subjects for years and has in it many rare and important volumes. They include histories of all branches of the art of typography and numerous volumes on the subject of newspaper making.

With the completion of the present contracts Columbia will have paid out in two years for street paving and sidewalks more than a quarter of a million dollars.

It yet remains true as when written forty centuries ago: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."

VIEWPOINT OF THE STUDENTS

(The University Missourian invites communications from students touching on questions of general interest in the University. Letters are limited to 200 words. Address The University Missourian, or drop communication in box in Academic Hall corridor.)

To the Editor of the University Missourian:

I arrived here yesterday and was surprised in looking over the catalogue of Missouri University to find that a School of Journalism is included. It's absurd to say you can teach journalism. My father is an editor and I have often reported items for him. I never had any trouble with it. All you need is the right knack. I will be glad to furnish you items from time to time, but I will not take your course, as I think it is worthless.

JUNUS.

Brickbats for Wabash Roadbed.

To the Editor of the University Missourian:

Not even the placid dignity and beauty of the University campus has been able to efface the unhappy memory of my journey thither via Wabash.

Unscreened "parlor" cars, a roadbed rockballasted only at infrequent intervals, apparently to demonstrate how nice it might have been had the railroad ballasted the whole line, and train attendants whose studied discourtesy was a revelation in bad manners, combined to make dents on my soul which promise to remain there for many moons to come.

The branch line service from Centralia to Columbia is unspeakable. I am ashamed to write what I think of it. Is the M. K. & T. service as bad? Can it be?

NEW STUDENT.

ABOUT FORMER STUDENTS HERE

JOHN B. LEAKE, freshman engineer last year, this fall entered the University of Kansas.

"Pin" Miller is a reporter for Bradstreet's in St. Louis.

Miss Mildred Lewis is teaching in the High School at Vandalia, Mo.

M. E. Sherwin, B. S. in Agriculture, '08, will be this year at the University of California.

Carlos P. Tiffany, a freshman engineer last year, will enter the New Mexico School of Mines.

Machir J. Dorsey, Law, '05, now an attorney of Denver, Colo., is visiting his parents in Columbia.

B. E. Bradley, general manager of the St. L. Post-Dispatch, was a student at the University of Missouri.

Miss Elizabeth J. Price, who was a junior academic student last year, will be at Hardin College this year.

Maurice Albertson, a freshman Engineer last year, will attend the School of Mines at Rolla during the coming year.

Hugh Moore, a member of the Phi Delta Theta, formerly secretary to Dr. Clark W. Hetherington, is a reporter for the Kansas City Journal.

Joe A. Brinkley, academic student for the last two years, will attend the School of Forestry of Washington University.

Mrs. Gertrude F. Liggett, A. B., '08, and B. S., '06, teacher in Westport High School, was a Columbia visitor recently.

George E. Stuke, an Arts student last year and member of the Sigma Chi, is a "cub" reporter on the St. Paul Pioneer-Press.

Harry Bagby and H. K. ("General") Smith, recent graduates in engineering, are with the wire department of the United Railways Co. in St. Louis.

Miss Edith Stoner, a University graduate just elected grand president of Kappa Kappa Gamma, is a teacher in the High School at Independence, Mo.

Homer ("Deacon") Croy, Frank Birch and Roscoe Potts, all former students of the University, are publishing the Baseball Magazine, recently launched in Boston.

ABOUT SCHOOLS OF JOURNALISM

THE catalogue of the University of Indiana says relative to its instruction in journalism:

"Not only at Indiana University has the attempt been made to meet a real need. The University of Wisconsin, the University of Virginia, University of Kansas, University of Illinois, University of Nebraska and the University of Washington are some of the schools that have taken steps in this same direction. Next year the University of Missouri will start in on this field under what seems to be favorable conditions and the question of establishing such courses is contemplated in other universities throughout the country.

"These attempts will succeed or fail in proportion as they do or do not solve the problems and answer the questions. There is always an answer, always a solution. The situation is undoubtedly a problem. The problem requires a solution. Better and more trained newspaper men are needed and wanted. There is a market for them and there is an opportunity for a school that will train and develop them.

"For the college year 1908-09 Indiana University will offer four courses in journalism. In addition to this, the work done on the college daily will be under the direct supervision of the instructors in journalism. During the year 1907-08 only one course was offered.

"Experimental as it was the results which came from this single course justified further enlargement. Special practical work is in charge of experienced newspaper men."

CHARLES W. KNAPP, president of the St. Louis Republic, wishes the Department of Journalism well in a letter, in part as follows:

"Personally, I should be much gratified if the Missouri University School of Journalism can be brought to a position which will justify it in taking rank with the schools of law and medicine now conducted by the University. There are very great differences in the field of work, of course, but in some measure, at least, specific direction to the line of instruction sought by a young man during his college course can readily fit him for more rapid progress in practical newspaper work when he comes to take it up.

"No diploma has ever put a lawyer or a doctor in the full tide of success as soon as he came out of school, and journalistic graduates must not be expected to escape the hard knocks of practical experience.

"I shall be glad of the opportunity in coming years to congratulate the University of Missouri upon the complete accomplishment of all it is undertaking to do."

HENRY WATTERSON says editorially in the Louisville Courier-Journal:

"The basis of success in journalism are good habits, good sense, and good feeling; a good education, particularly in the English branches, and application constantly and cheerfully. All success is of course relative. Good and ill fortune play a part in the life of every man; but honest, tireless, painstaking activity may conquer ill fortune, as it will certainly advance good fortune. In the degree that a man adds to these essentials, large talents, special training for journalism, breadth of mind and reach of vision—his flight will be higher."

HORATIO W. SEYMOUR, editor of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, has this to say in a letter to the Department of Journalism:

"I feel a great interest in the Missouri University's School of Journalism and am confident that it will make a success. Education is a fine thing and really necessary, but training, after all, is more to the point."

George E. Holt, of Tangier, a former American newspaper man, writes: "As one who has had years of experience in reportorial and editorial harness, I am glad to know of the establishment of the Department of Journalism in the University of Missouri for better training for those who would enter the journalistic field for the responsibilities which are far more important than the general public imagines, of such a career."

Frank E. Cosen, president of Newspaperdom, New York, writes to the Department of Journalism:

"I believe that journalism is going to be just as thoroughly studied and advanced as has been the subject of advertising and those who are the better equipped with a knowledge of journalism will have the better opportunity of locating favorable connections."

A department of journalism has been established at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes Sociales, 16 Rue de la Sorbonne, Paris.

Heidelberg University has established a regular Department of Journalism.

SOCIETY

THE opening of the sorority houses has made Hitt street a scene of unusual animation during the last few days. The Pi Beta Phi sorority is occupying a new house, designed and built specially for the young women's requirements. The decorations and furnishings are of their own selection.

The Misses Dot Johannes, Kathryn Bond, Mildred McBride, Jean McCune, Hazel Kirk, Elizabeth Clay, Julia Kirtley, Elvira Upstead, Dorothy Tallot and Linda Crewdson have arrived. Misses Fay Jarman and Lucile Anderson are expected during the week.

THE Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority is occupying the same house as last year. Its first affair will be a progressive dinner given Monday evening, with five tables laid for the guests. Invitations have been issued for a dance at the chapter house Tuesday evening. The spacious rooms will be thrown open to forty-five couples.

The Misses Faith Pearce, Katherine Helm, Florence Helm, Mary Logan, Laura Snodgrass, Jessie Wood, Ada Rudd, Edna Williams, Helen Ross, Kirtie Wolf, Mary Paxton and Sue Stone have arrived.

MRS. JAMES McALESTER entertained eight guests Friday at her country home on the Mexico road. The morning was spent chatting, and the afternoon was devoted to bridge. The floral decoration was a huge cut glass basket filled with golden rod. Similar small baskets filled with the brilliant fall flowers were presented to the guests. They were Misses Charles B. Miller, Laurie Strawn, of Philadelphia, Berry McAlester, John E. Sykes, Misses Emma Strawn, Emma Bouchelle and Estelle Anderson.

Mrs. Anna Hockaday Smith entertained the Daughters of the Confederacy at her home, 1405 East Broadway, Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Smith was elected delegate to the convention to be held in Fayette, Mo., the second Tuesday in October. The annual election of officers will be the business of the next regular meeting, Oct. 1.

The Tuesday Club, one of the oldest of the literary clubs, with a membership of nearly 300 members, will meet for reorganization early in October, when the year's course of study will be decided upon.

The Daughters of the American Revolution will begin their regular meetings for the season of 1908-09 during September. Mrs. Alice McFarlane is engaged in preliminary work for the organization.

The Fortnightly Club, composed of the wives of members of the University faculty, will begin its meetings early in October.

THANKS

COL. JOHN DYMOND, editor of the Louisiana Planter and Sugar Manufacturer, of New Orleans, and for years one of the trustees of Tulane University, says, in his journal, of the School of Journalism of the University of Missouri:

"Missouri is nothing if not progressive. The people of Missouri, or at least some of them, have occasion to be shown, but the great State has many who do not need such supervision but are born supervisors of the rest of the world. The University of Missouri has inaugurated a School of Journalism with the purpose of training students in the best manner possible to lead to successful careers in journalism. The line of procedure and plan of action seem to be broad, comprehensive and exhaustive and no doubt this work will become one of the distinguishing features of the great University of the State of Missouri."

A. E. Winship, of the Journal of Education, Boston, writes to the Department of Journalism:

"I am greatly pleased with the prospective School of Journalism of the University of Missouri. It has a great opportunity. I rejoice for the University and the country that it is to do this great work."

Without Paper or Printing.

The inventions of paper and printing have been the causes of the various improvements in every art and science. Without them, the present age would neither have been more civilized nor wiser than it was many centuries ago, because one age could never have conveyed to its posterity what the labors of the past had achieved.—Matthias Koops.

Father of State Universities.

I would rather live in a country with newspapers and without a government, than in a country with a government but without newspapers.—Thomas Jefferson.

JOURNALISM HAS FRIEND IN UNIVERSITY'S NEW HEAD



DR. ALBERT ROSS HILL.

DR. ALBERT ROSS HILL, the new President of the University of Missouri, has this to say of the new Department of Journalism, in a dictated interview:

"Several half-hearted attempts have been made by American universities to offer professional training for journalists, but as a rule they have been even less successful than similar efforts of the same institutions to train teachers by offering a few courses on the theory and practice of teaching, in connection with the regular academic courses.

"While it is true that the chief qualifications for a successful teacher are for a successful journalist, so far as education can make either, is sound scholarship and broad culture, which every college graduate with the A. B. degree ought to have, yet courses in Arts and Science are not organized with any special professional purpose in mind and the graduate must be left to his practical experience to give him professional spirit, knowledge of his own limitations in his profession, and insight into its problems.

WHILE journalists and teachers are born, not made, how are they to be discovered either to themselves or others until submitted to some sort of practical test, and how are they to know in advance, if they have no instruction as to the special problems of their professions, whether they are likely to find permanent satisfaction in the work they plan to follow after leaving college?

"The University of Missouri was the first State University in America to establish a Teachers College and is now the first University in America to establish and organize a School of Journalism. I believe that it is possible to some extent the difficulties that journalists must meet and to prepare its graduates to overcome them, to give prospective journalists professional spirit and high ideals of service, to discover those with real talent for the work and discourage those who are likely to prove failures in the profession, and to give the State better newspapers and newspaper men and a better citizenship. I hope the faculty of the School of Journalism, upon whom rests the responsibility for all this, will prove worthy of the trust imposed in them."

EUGENE FIELD WAS FIRST EDITOR HERE

University Missourian of Thirty-Seven Years Ago Contained Contributions From Men Who Later Won Their Spurs.

MORE than thirty-seven years ago a young student of the Missouri University walked into a printing office in Columbia and announced that he wanted to publish a monthly University magazine. The student was Eugene Field and the title of the publication was the University Missourian. That was the beginning of student journalism in the University of Missouri, the culmination of which is the publication to-day of another University Missourian, a daily newspaper.

The first issue of the University Missourian was published June 23, 1871. On the editorial page appeared the names of the editorial staff: Editor-in-chief, H. W. Ewing; assistants, J. N. Baskett and James Cooney; literary editor, Eugene Field; local and news editor, J. S. Dryden; treasurer and business manager, N. W. Allen.

This is what the Columbia Statesman said of the new student paper in its issue of June 30 of that year: "The University Missourian is a college monthly paper, issued by the students of the State University of Missouri, the first number of which (for June) is on our table. It is creditably printed and brim full of editorial and other original matter, prose and poetical, which cannot fail to interest all who feel any concern for the prosperity of our University. We heartily wish the students great success with their newspaper."

Editors Have Won Fame. Of the little group of students who started the University Missourian, several later won more than local fame. "Gene" Field, well beloved of all who love pure humor and quaint and sparkling rhymes, has an enduring place in

American literature. James Newton Baskett, of Mexico, Mo., is a writer of national reputation. Among the best known of his books are "At You All House" and "As the Light Led." James Cooney, whom the students of that day still remember for his hair and his wit, paid his expenses in the University by teaching a school in the country. He later was elected to Congress from this district. He died several years ago. Henry W. Ewing also now dead, was graduated in 1873 with the degrees of Ph. B. and Ph. D. He became editor of the Jefferson City Tribune and later clerk of the Missouri Supreme Court.

E. W. Stephens Reminiscent. The original University Missourian was an eight-page, five-column paper the pages a little smaller than those of the daily Missourian. The headline was in German letter. The subscription price was \$1 a year. One of the staunchest friends of "Gene" Field in Columbia was E. W. Stephens at whose plant the first University Missourian was printed. "I remember looking up from my desk one day to see 'Gene' Field standing in the office," said Mr. Stephens yesterday. "I was a young fellow and had just started running a paper. Field said he wanted me to print a monthly paper that he and some other students planned to issue. The others, it seems, wanted the paper printed somewhere else, but Field brought them around to his way of thinking. 'Everybody in town knew 'Gene' Field. He was the sort that other boys would follow about. He was always up to some prank.'"