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UNIVERSITY CALENDAR

- Nov. 30. Physics lecture room, 8 p. m. Prof. Charles H. Weller. "Excavations of the American School at Athens, Greece." Dec. 1. Student Assembly, music, Auditorium, 10 a. m. Dec. 3. 8 p. m., and Dec. 4, all day, Oriental sale, r. W. C. A., University auditorium. Dec. 4. Lecture, John T. McCutcheon, Auditorium. Dec. 5. M. S. U. Debating Society. Jeffersonian Debating Society. Athenaeum Literary Society. Union Literary Society. New Era Debating Club. Dec. 10 and 11. Inauguration of Dr. A. Ross Hill as President. Dec. 11 and 12. Inauguration of President A. Ross Hill. Dec. 12. "She Stoops to Conquer." Dec. 18. Lecture, Lorado Taft, Auditorium.

HERE'S TO THE TIGERS!

The Tigers did not win at Kansas City this year but they played fine football. They scored against Kansas for the first time since 1902. They were game to the end. No pluckier exhibition has been seen on a gridiron than that of the Tigers' playing in the last minutes of the Thanksgiving contest. They played clean, straight football and Missouri has reason to be proud of them and of all who are responsible for their playing. Here's to the Tigers!

WHEN AND HOW TO THINK.

The baseball championship has been forgotten. The election has come and gone. The football season is drawing to a close. Lecture courses and theaters have started upon their usual round of entertainment. Spring poetry and college baseball will soon be upon us, and then again will come chautauques and summer vacations. "Tomorrow, and tomorrow, and tomorrow, Creeps in this petty pace from day to day To the last syllable of recorded time." When is the best time to take a breathing spell? To consider what we are after and if we are surely following the best way to it? Or, does it pay to stop and think? The man who keeps going may land somewhere while the one who stands dreaming is on the fast special to nowhere. The college man is likely to think that tearing down and patching up second-hand theories is the very essence of thinking. And the professional man likes to imagine that it is in his profession that the hardest and most accurate thinking is required. The one is too general in his thought and the other too special. Nothing is more conducive to original thought than a knowledge of current events. It should be more important to the student than the solution of any problem in mathematics or science. Students more than anyone else should be familiar with questions of present interest, and yet there is no other class of persons that, in proportion to the intelligence of its members, is less so. The man who would be influential must think all the time and act and think in the same straight line. It is the man who keeps his head above the surface that leads the crowd.

DANCING SKIRTS JUST TO FLOOR

It is most important for the young set, the dancing contingent, to learn something of their winter ball dresses—the length of skirts, the lines and the character of bodices. Dancing skirts (and that means the evening gown par excellence) for dinners, for the opera, etc., barely touch the ground, but appear as if they did. They are straight in line, and as most of them are of thin materials, they hang over the underslips easily and gracefully. On the bottom the trimmings run horizontally nearly to the knee line, in bands and ruffings alternating, carried out in all manner of garnitures, according to the fabric. The bodices are all very short-waisted, belted in to the figure and covered with trimming—Vogue.

SPIRIT OF THE NEWS

John T. McCutcheon is drawing some interesting cartoons on the tariff revision for the Chicago Tribune. In these days of hurried reading, the cartoonist may impress public events on the public mind much more vividly than the editorial writer can.

Most of the election returns have been announced, but it is still undecided whether William R. Painter, Democrat, or Jacob F. Gmelch, Republican, is to be lieutenant-governor. It seems strange in a state casting thousands of votes, for one man to have a plurality of only thirty votes.

The success of Hospital Day in St. Louis is due to the kind-hearted women of that city. In every office building was stationed a young woman who gave Red Cross tags to the contributors. Hospital Day should become a national event. In the matter of good results, it would be the most important day of the year.

President Roosevelt has directed the graduates of the mounted service school at Fort Riley, Kan., to instruct the officers of the army in the art of horsemanship. They will teach the French system of equitation, which is regarded as the most practicable for military purposes. The President believes that the best is none too good for our army.

More than 125 lives were lost in the mine in Pennsylvania which was to serve as the model for the American mining congress in session next week. A mine inspector had just visited the mine and pronounced it in perfectly safe condition when the explosion occurred. The lives of the workmen had been safeguarded in every possible way, showing that man is not entirely master of the forces of nature.

Kaiser William of Germany has made himself very unpopular with his subjects by declaring that he is a friend of England, but his people are not. Every paper in Germany has upbraided him for this statement. Every party in the Reichstag has demanded an explanation of the Chancellor, but by such action they have really aimed their blows at the Emperor. The Germans think William is a dangerous ruler because of his changing personal moods, and resist every attempt on his part towards absolutism. In this age of newspapers, a ruler must do as public opinion commands. O. RILEY.

PRAISES STATE UNIVERSITIES

The fewer universities we have the better they will be. The State university is the thing. There are scores of so-called universities in this country that do nothing but lower the ideals of university education.

Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia university, New York, thus outlined to the Kansas City Star his plan of ideal educational institutions.

"Would one university in each state be your ideal?" he was asked. "No. Not every state can properly support a university. Besides there are several universities in the East not at all limited to the state in which they are situated. One of the advantages of university education is that it gives a thorough change of environment—makes a fellow travel. All that is needed is that nobody should be forced to travel too far."

"About how many universities would really be sufficient, then, for the present educational needs of the people?" "Seventeen or eighteen universities of the best kind."

"Such as—?" "Well, you have one here in Missouri. Another in Kansas. These two state universities are developing splendidly. They are receiving grants that the richly endowed universities of the East may well envy."

"Do you think that seventeen or eighteen universities would be sufficient for a nation of 80 million people who are showing a constantly increasing demand for greater educational facilities?"

"Certainly. I think it is the only way to obtain a perfectly equipped national system of universities. Only in this way, by limiting the number of centers, can we get the highest standard of university culture."

"To reach the thousands who cannot afford a university training, I would have it recognized that it is not necessary for everyone to take the whole course. People should be encouraged to come and take up whatever subject they are seriously interested in. Of course, they would not be able to take degrees, but degrees are greatly overrated. They are by no means the thing of real importance in university education, which is study, not examinations."

"For those who cannot get to a university there is the university extension movement."

SOCIETY

B. E. BIGGER, captain of the Tiger baseball team in 1905 and 1906, was married to Miss Helen Elizabeth Moore at her home in Turney, Mo., Thanksgiving Day. Mr. Bigger was graduated from the University of Missouri with the degree of A. B. in 1906 and later received a degree from the Law Department. He is now practicing law in Hannibal.

The Tuesday Club will meet tomorrow afternoon at the Fisher Chapel of the Presbyterian Church. The topic for discussion will be "Political Situation at the Close of the Revolution." Mrs. John Beltier will lead the meeting. A paper on the Foreign Relations will be read by Mrs. Lizzy Morris, and Mrs. S. C. Hunt will discuss the departments of government. A general discussion on the American People between 1780 and 1800 will be participated in by all the members of the club.

C. J. Mar, president of the Hearst Syndicate, writes to the Department of Journalism: "I am glad indeed to see the University of Missouri starting out a new department under such favorable auspices. I desire also to compliment the Department on the appearance of the University Missourian. It is a very creditable sheet indeed. If at any time I can be of service to the Department, please do not hesitate to call on me."

Mrs. C. B. Miller gave a reception Tuesday afternoon at her home in Maryland place in honor of Mrs. William Harlan Henszey. The color scheme was yellow and white. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Berry McAlester, Mrs. L. O. Hockaday, Mrs. John Sykes and Miss Willis. About two hundred guests were present.

Miss Rowena Frances Wilhite, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Wilhite of Columbia, will be married Wednesday evening, Dec. 9, to Mr. William Harlan Henszey, of Philadelphia. The wedding will be at the Baptist church at 8 o'clock.

The Columbia Tuesday Club will meet in Fisher's chapel at 2:30 p. m. tomorrow.

A STRAIGHT TIP

"Bill's just gone back to school. . . You might write and give him a little sound advice."—Extract from a letter. "I'm rather pleased with what I wrote: It didn't cost me much reflection, yet struck, I fancy, just the note. A letter should in this connection. I might have written, if I would, Some such advice as, "Be industrious; Be punctual, my boy; be good; And one day you will be illustrious." But then he'll have that preached him by Some other chap more skilled to speak it. One better qualified than I To take his moral ear and tweak it. I might have spoken of his sports, And bade him "tackle low—and hard, too!"

With other points, of divers sorts, A rigger man should pay regard to. Yet that, again, though just the stuff I happen to be rather apt in— He'll hear it all quite soon enough. With more conviction from his captain. And so I let didactics go, And wrote (you'll notice) simply, briefly: He didn't think it "rot," I know— And that was what I wanted chiefly: "Dear Bill—Here's luck from Auntie Bess And me, as well as Geoff and Winnie! Your loving Uncle Dick. P. S.— Enclosed with this you'll find a guinea." —Punch.

VIEWPOINTS

THANKS!

VARSITY NOTES

(The University Missourian invites contributions, not to exceed 200 words, on matters of University interest. The name of the writer should accompany such letters, but will not be printed unless desired. The University Missourian does not express approval nor disapproval of these communications by printing them.)

Postal Facilities.

To the Editor of the University Missourian: It is impossible to mail a letter in Columbia after 10:30 p. m., although there is a train leaving at 11:30 p. m. daily, which carries mail. There is not even a box at the "Katy" station where letters may be posted for this train. The Postoffice remains lighted until after 11 p. m., but the doors are locked. This contributes as much as anything else to keep Columbia in the provincial class. Some of the attendants at the Postoffice are habitually discourteous. SUFFERER.

An Old Campaigner.

From Rome rode a henchman stout In alarm. Said some folks were coming out To the farm. Cincinnati heard 'this news With a smile. Doffed his patent leather shoes And his tile. Baggy jeans did Cincinnati Quickly don. And a battered old straw hat Hustle on. Then into the fields he went. That is how The committee found the gent At the plough. —Louisville Courier-Journal.

Eggs in France.

France has always been a great producer of poultry and eggs, but lately millions of eggs have been imported from other countries, especially for consumption in Paris. Of these importations by far the largest proportion comes from Russia. In 1907 about 9,000,000 pounds of Russian eggs were eaten in Paris. Austria-Hungary in the same year furnished only about 1,200,000 pounds, and other countries less. Among these Egypt contributed 250,000 pounds.

Burglary in New York.

There are about 35,000 cases of burglary and larceny in New York each year, and the average property loss is about \$16,000,000. On an average there are 1800 arrests a year, and only 420 convictions. Only 7 per cent of the jewelry stolen is ever recovered.

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COLUMBIA, MISSOURI. "The Gentle Incomparable Spirit." STATE UNIVERSITY, SEPTEMBER, 1871. NUMBER 2.

Shakespeare's Cassius. Among the principal characters represented in the play of Julius Caesar, that of Cassius is perhaps to a greater extent than any other, a creation of Shakespeare's own imagination. And in attempting to portray his dramatic character, we must draw our conclusions from premises laid down in the play independent of his historic character. Cassius is the originator of the conspiracy against Caesar, he leagues together not a band of

actor and great determination; see how ambiguously and artfully he approaches Brutus when he wishes to incite him against Caesar. Then the device to which he resorts. "I will this night In several hands at his windows throw As if they came from several citizens. Writings all tending to the great opinion That Rome holds of his name: wherein obscurely, Caesar's ambition shall be glanced at." Also the papers he has placed in the Praetor's chair and on "old Brutus statue," containing such

an irresistible ambition for self-aggrandizement. If not he would not have attempted to allure Antony by giving him a share in the spoils which the conspirators hoped to reap as soon as the excitement had passed away. While Cassius is represented as possessing qualities worthy of admiration, he also possessed some which deserve to be condemned. He is openly charged of "selling his offices for gold to undeservers," which is the cause of their celebrated

Worked for Gymnasium and for Reading Room at University.

of the principal student societies and fraternities. It contained the programs of different meetings of the Union and Athenaeum Literary Societies, which are still in existence. The Glee Club was

given up to "Alumni Notes" and chronicled the doings of former students. A separate space was devoted to gossip of the different departments. Fought the Saloons.

EXCELLENT LITERATURE

Bright and Informing, It Was First Student Publication.

IN the files of the first University Missourian, sent to the Department of Journalism by J. N. Baskett of Mexico, there is much interesting matter. The files extend over three years, from 1871 to 1873. Mr. Baskett was associate editor of the Missourian during 1871. It was the first student publication at the University of Missouri.

The paper was published monthly by the students and contained much original literary matter, including comments on books and plays of the day. In one issue, H. W. Ewing, then editor-in-chief, wrote a front-page criticism on Shakespeare's Cassius, treating it from the viewpoint of a student in classics. In another is a comment on "The Scarlet Letter." In every issue was a poem written by some student of the University or one adapted from some poet. Some of Eugene Field's early poems are printed.

An Old Crusader. THE old University Missourian conducted several "crusades" on questions pertaining to the University. It printed several "stories" deploring the lack of a reading room, and one was established. It announced the events

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also a University organization at that time and the paper gives several interesting programs.

A column, and sometimes a whole page, was given over to personal items and humorous anecdotes of the students. It treated humorously of the wine kept in the cellars of the main building and the raid on the cellars conducted by Eugene Field. Another column or two was generally

The University had a military battalion, and note was kept of its progress. The Missourian for a long time advocated the building of a gymnasium.

A column was given over to the Stephens and Christian Colleges until papers were established by them. The chief characteristic of the old University Missourian was its excellently written literary matter.

Rowland Hill, Law '06, is now a preacher at Kingsville, Mo.

Charles Tureck returned to Columbia this morning from St. Louis.

Miss Mary Barks, of Columbia, departed Sunday afternoon for Centralia.

M. G. Neale, a student here last year, is teaching school at Platte City, Mo.

Garland Wilson, A. B., '05, a former track man, is practicing law with his father at Bethany, Mo.

Burr Douglas, a former Tiger, came from Old Mexico to see the football game in Kansas City.

J. A. Kurtz, LL. B., '07, now an attorney in Kansas City, is ill with typhoid fever in a hospital there.

Miss Mary Paxton, who has been on crutches several weeks, will remain at her home in Independence, Mo., until her ankle is healed.

Don J. Wheeler, center on the Varsity team of 1905, came from Medfield, Mass., to see the Tigers play Kansas. He is now with the New York Central Railroad.

The football team of the Livingston County Club defeated the Chillicothe High School team at Chillicothe Saturday by the close score of 6 to 5. The county team made a touchdown, and kicked goal, just as the whistle blew at the end of the last half.

Miss Kathryn Nicholson, a Freshman in the Arts and Science and Teachers College Departments of the University of Missouri, has obtained a position as teacher in the public schools of Chillicothe, Mo. Miss Nicholson was offered the position while at home for the Thanksgiving holidays.

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