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UNIVERSITY CALENDAR

- Dec. 15. Jasper County Club smoker, 7:30 p. m. Sigma Nu house.
- Dec. 16. Henry County Club, 4:00 p. m. Room 24, Academic Hall.
- Pike County Club, 8:00 p. m. 604 South Ninth street.
- Dec. 18. Lecture, Lorado Taft, Auditorium.
- Basketball, Missouri against Warrensburg Normal, Rothwell gymnasium.
- Dec. 19. Basketball, Missouri against Warrensburg Normal, Rothwell gymnasium.
- Preliminary University debate, Auditorium.
- Dec. 23. Wednesday, at 4 p. m. to Jan. 5, Tuesday, at 8 a. m., Christmas Holidays.

STUDENT AND UNIVERSITY.

The chief duty of the student is to do his daily work to the best of his ability. He should attend all the classes and pay careful attention to the lecture or recitation. In this way, the standard of good received from the studies would be raised, more work would be accomplished, and the professors seeing the students' desire for learning, would become more enthusiastic in their teaching.

His second duty is to attend assemblies and mass meetings. At the former he will receive advice from experienced men, instructions from famous educators, entertainment from musical clubs. At the latter he will obtain a better opinion of the student body and become filled with college spirit—intoxicating, but accomplishing good rather than harm.

The student should keep the high school students back home impressed with the necessity of a college education. He should send letters to his friends and his home paper describing those events which will bring joy to the lovers of entertainment and at the same time not seem silly to hard headed, practical money grabbers. The student should refrain from getting into fights or disputes which will be heralded over the state to the detriment of the University's good name. When he goes home, he should act like a gentleman and yet not be so important as to fail to know those who have played games with him on the school ground in earlier life.

Last of all he should boost all student enterprises which are free from graft, and refuse to knock on any team which is doing its level best.

THE GREATEST NEED.

President Roosevelt's commission on country life has asked the question: What is the most important thing to be done for the betterment of county life and why? Judging from the good that it has already done so far as it has been instituted a scientific or professional education for the country resident generally established in all the states and generally taken advantage of will do more to make country life better than any other, one thing can do.

Primarily, it will result in an increase of income. The educated farmer is as much better off than the uneducated one as the educated lawyer or doctor is in a better way to succeed than the uneducated one. There have, of course, been successful farmers who never saw the inside of a school building just as there have been successful lawyers who never attended law school. But the farms are few indeed and are becoming fewer where a boy can get a scientific agricultural education. The school only can give him that systematic knowledge which will enable him to make the best use of soil, climate, water, implements, and all the various agencies to a farmer's work.

But besides having a monetary advantage the agricultural school is and will do most in bettering the spirit of country life. It is hardly true to say that American's judge men only by the size of their bank accounts. It may be true to an extent, but education is also a measure. And in selecting a vocation or judging the vocation of another, the amount of knowledge required to successfully carry it on is

one of the first considerations of the more ambitious and energetic young men. The school for the farmer will serve not only to make him more successful but it will bring its greatest benefit to country life by putting an educational value upon it and placing it on a par with other professional callings.

'VARSITY NOTES

Frank Forrest of Clark, Mo., is in the Parker Memorial Hospital with appendicitis.

J. A. Kurtz, a former Tiger, who has been dangerously ill with typhoid fever in Kansas City for several weeks, is slightly improved and hope is now entertained for his recovery.

TOLD ACROSS THE BREAKFAST TABLE

"Well, the prospects for a big season in basketball are pretty bright," remarked the Junior "Medic," pausing in the midst of a savage attack upon the steak. "Seems to be a good chance to regain a little lost glory."

"I wouldn't be too sure," answered the man who reads the Missourian. "Like the question of longer Christmas holidays, it looks too uncertain at present."

"But like the question of pure college athletics, one that we're all interested in," added the red-headed "Soph" with the wart on his nose, who had been reading an article on amateur sports, "the fellow who expects to play summer baseball for money and still knock home-runs for the 'Varsity in the spring will find himself out of a job."

"He can find a good substitute," responded the Arts student. "Kansas farmers are offering \$25 to \$35 a month for farm hands, including a house and garden, telephones, chickens, and other luxuries."

"That proposition may suit me," responded the solicitor for the Oven. "I've been reading some of the rules of conduct in force at Oxford, and hence have given up my ambition of becoming a Rhodes scholar, so I want a good substitute."

"You might apply for the position of Commandant of the Cadets," suggested the "Medic." "It will be open next year."

"Why not become a Columbia doctor and go to the relief of the sufferers from the new epidemic," hazarded the man who reads the Missourian. "A study of the new complaint 'mistry in de chest' ought to prove interesting and profitable."

"You'll have to explain the nature of that pain to me," said the "Medic." "Can't you see through it?" asked the solicitor. "It has only been noticeable here during the last year. Peculiar disease—only felt in dry regions."

"Must be a dry study to persevere then," flashed the "Soph."

"Wrong," answered the wag triumphantly. "On the contrary it's quite humid."

But as no one even smiled, he relapsed into a gloomy silence while the Arts student and the solicitor discussed the merits of the last number of the Oven.

A WORKER

Of Pablo Sarasate, the famous violinist who died at Biarritz, a New York musician said the other day: "I dined with Sarasate during his last American tour. We talked of success, and he declared that success was due, in the main, to excessively hard work. 'To become a great violinist or a great pianist,' he declared, 'one must have the exaggerated ideas of work that prevail among Scottish farmers.' He said that a young boy got a job with a Scottish farmer once."

"'Ye'll sleep in the barn,' the farmer said, 'and I'll expect ye out in the field ilka morn at four o'clock.'"

"Very well, Sir," said the boy.

"But the first morning he overslept a little, and it was half-past four when he reached the field."

"The farmer, leaning on his hoe, gave him a black look."

"Where have ye been all the forenoon?" he growled."—New York Times.

Fellow Sufferers.

"Yes, I was at the play last night. I could hear well enough, but I couldn't see."

"Hat?"

"No."

"Post?"

"No. Broken eyeglasses."

"That's nothing. I was at the play myself. I could see well enough, but I couldn't hear anything."

"Too far away?"

"No."

"Cold in your head?"

"No. Box party."—Chicago Tribune.

Reflections of a Bachelor.

A girl can be sentimental even about the way she puts salt in the soup.

A woman wants to dictate the way her husband parts his hair even when he hasn't any to part.

The only thing that makes a man feel more nervous than rumors of bank failures is to have the Christmas season draw near.—New York Life.

SPIRIT OF THE NEWS

The annual report of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue shows that Missouri is the greatest tobacco producing state. The quantity of tobacco produced during the fiscal year which ended June 30 was 71,212,212 pounds, 5,000,000 pounds more than was produced by North Carolina, the nearest competing state.

Attorney General Hadley made a statement yesterday relative to proposed contests in the lower house of the General Assembly to unseat Democrats in that body. He said that he is not in favor of unseating Democrats on technicalities but intimated that members elect not holding tax receipts should be unseated.

Following the resignation of Judge Wallace and the discharge of the Grand Jury Saturday, everything was open in Kansas City Sunday except the saloons. Barber shops pool halls and cigar stores which had been closed by Judge Wallace on Sundays were wide open. It seems that these reforms that he tried to make in the interest of a better city will never be carried out.

Another union has sprung up. This is the bullfighters union. A number of the noted toradors of Spain have formed this union for the purpose of boycotting the fierce bulls that come from the southern part of Spain. All those belonging to the union have refused to enter a fight where more than one of these bulls are used. It is formed for their mutual protection as more toradors have been killed by these bulls than any other kind. The older bull fighters shake their heads and say that the great sport has degraded to a marked extent when the other fighters refuse to fight the fierce bulls.

On December 12 there was held in Mexico one of the greatest religious festivals held during the year in that country of innumerable festivals. This was the festival held in Guadalupe in honor of the Virgin of Guadalupe. To this rich and poor from all over the country make a pilgrimage, and the cars and roads leading into the little town were crowded with the rich and poor alike. The celebrations continue all day. Booths are built in the streets where many things are sold to the visiting pilgrims. The famous Holy Well is situated here and it is crowded all day with the simple Indians wishing to have their ailments healed by the blessed water.

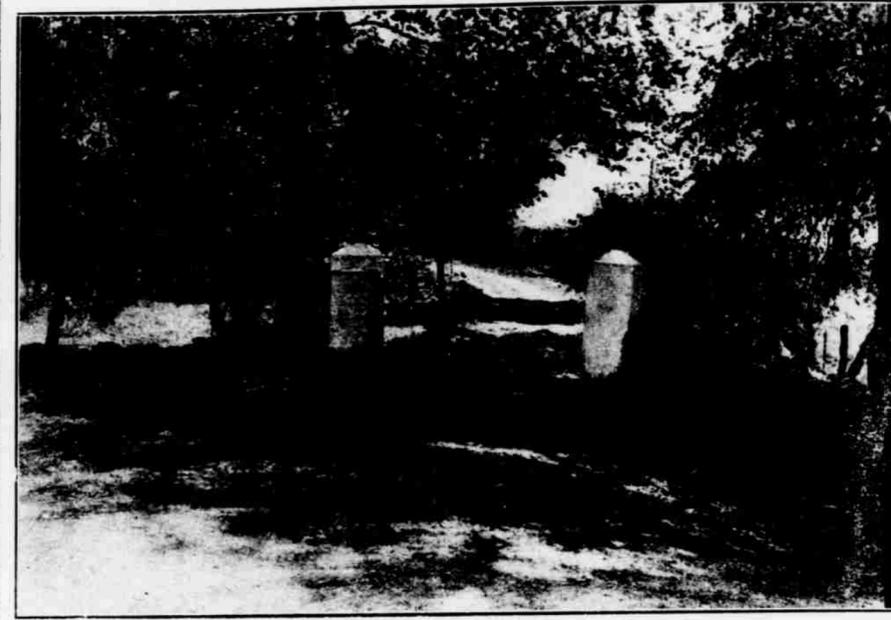
Mamel, the boy King of Portugal, according to reports, is to marry Princess Victoria Louise, the only daughter of Kaiser Wilhelm. Negotiations have already been begun, as the report goes, between the courts of Lisbon and Potsdam to link these two royal children. Although neither of them is yet of legal age, it is said the match seems to be a love match, and Berlin is anxiously awaiting the coming of the boy monarch who is to woo the girl who will probably sit on the throne with him. This match if carried out will make a strong bond between the two countries concerned as the marriage of Alfonso of Spain with Victoria of England did between those two countries.

The Dutch cruiser Gelderland sailed into the port of Williamstad yesterday towing the Venezuelan coast guardship, Alix, with the Dutch flag flying and a Dutch crew on board. The Gelderland captured the Alix off Puerto Cabello Saturday. The seizure of the Alix was in accordance with the plans of the Holland Government when instructions were issued to the three Dutch warships now in those waters to make a demonstration off the coast of Venezuela and to capture any Venezuelan guardships they might find. It is not thought that the Venezuelans will fire on the Dutch warships in the absence of President Castro. In view of the fact that Venezuela has scarcely any navy, the Dutch ships hold the Venezuelan ports at their mercy.

Rabbi Joseph Krauskopf in a sermon delivered in the Keneseth Israel Temple in Philadelphia, made the statement that the divorce courts are really heightening the standard of morality in this country. He said that there is no occasion to be alarmed at the recent census report showing that one out of every twelve marriages in this country resulted in divorce. The women in this country he declared were raising the standard of morality by refusing to live with husbands who live evil lives. Freer divorce laws, according to Rabbi Krauskopf, would better the lax morality of Europe. There are very few Sociologists, however, who will agree with this statement. According to statistics compiled by Professor Wilcox, if the present yearly increase in divorces continues, in a few years one-half of all the marriages in this country will result in divorce. America today has more divorces than all the other civilized countries.

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STONE GATEWAY TO MARSHALL GORDON'S HANDSOME SUBURBAN HOME NEAR COLUMBIA



COLUMBIA with its migrations of students is rich in traditions that have gathered around certain familiar places. A few stately homes remind one of the days before the war when the University was in its infancy and the men who built those houses went to the legislature and fought for the University.

On Broadway the Willis place with its wide lawn and its colonial architecture is one of these homes. On the Providence Road are other homes which belong to this period. Out on the Ashland gravel road is the home of Marshall Gordon. From the crest of the hill the house looks down on the road which skirts the place. The surrounding stone wall and gateway are in harmony with the dignity of the

house. The road winds in and out among the hills and is a favorite walk of the youth of the town. There is an old tradition to the effect that any man and maiden will find the psychological moment on the third drive past the Rocheport toll gate.

Columbia has a Lover's Leap, of course. This romantic spot is out past the golf links where the Hinkson winds in and out in the valley below. Lover's Leap unfortunately has no love story connected with it—at least none that has been told. A little way farther on is Balanced Rock, which awakes none of the feeling of disappointment that does its celebrated original.

The courthouse which is soon to be torn down is Columbia's most picturesque as well as its most historic

building. It was so well built that it is in good condition today.

A visitor thinks that the columns on the quadrangle are picturesque but they have come so to dominate the place and to embody its very spirit till to the student and alumnus they mean more than the picturesque.

At the end of the campus are two rustic bridges and the graduate from the sixties who returns, tells of a superstition that to meet a girl for the first time on one of those bridges was to meet one's fate. Perhaps the danger has made them fall somewhat into disuse.

Read Hall, the Gymnasium, and some of the homes in Westmount represent in their modern way the picturesque Columbia of the future.

VIEWPOINTS

(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.)

No Holidays Here.

To the Editor of the University Missourian: Everyone had a holiday but the students in Journalism. This is excellent preparation for the hours that a reporter will have to expect.

ONE OF THEM.

Show Me Spirit.

To the Editor of the University Missourian: Although Dr. A. Ross Hill is a Canadian by birth, and has attended school and taught in both Nebraska and New York, he seems to have the Missouri "Show Me" spirit, in a sufficient degree for the most exacting citizen of the "Show Me" state.

Lunch together.

To the Editor of the University Missourian: The Saturday luncheon of the alumni of the University of Missouri, which is held in St. Louis every week is one of the best ways of keeping up the "Missouri Spirit." All members of the University of Missouri alumni association in St. Louis meet every Saturday at a certain restaurant downtown and lunch together. This practice should be followed in every city of the state where there are alumni of the University of Missouri.

Support Makes for Spirit.

To the Editor of the University Missourian: In an article in the Daily Nebraskan by R. G. Clapp of the Athletic Department of the University of Nebraska, the University of Missouri is classed below all of the schools in the Missouri Valley Conference, in the matter of "college spirit." The writer attributes this to the lack of co-operation on the part of the students and the athletic management. The trouble with Missouri is that it has failed to learn how to support a losing team. When the Tigers win a victory then the students display college spirit, but when the team loses a game, everybody starts out to knock the team and the coaches in general. College spirit is not so much in boosting a winning team as it is in supporting a losing team. If Missouri is ever to have what is real college spirit, her students must learn to support a losing team.

White Quail in Illinois.

At the risk of being accused of nature faking Robinson contributes its quota to freak literature. Two white quail have lived here for some time, and O. L. Gordon of Gordon Station shot one of them and intends to have it mounted.

The birds were beautiful, but aside from the white shade were not different from other quail.—Robinson Correspondence of St. Louis Times.

THANKS!

D. E. Killam, graduate of the University of Missouri, a practicing lawyer of Troy, Mo., writes: "I feel that it is impossible to get along without the University Missourian."

United States Senator Charles J. Hughes, Jr., of Denver, Colo., is one of the new subscribers to the University Missourian, with a pleasant word of congratulation upon the attractiveness of the newspaper.

MUNICIPAL EXPERIMENT

FROM down Virginia way come interesting reports of a municipal experiment that consists in placing the business affairs of a city under a business manager. Staunton, a Virginia city of some 12,000 inhabitants, has not tried the commission plan of government, but it has found relief in another direction. The old form of administration, embodied in a mayor and city council chosen by the voters, has been left undisturbed, but those officials, who are politically responsible to a self-governing community, have elected a business manager to whom they have turned over all the purely business functions of the city government. In his relations to the city council, the business manager stands somewhat in the same relation that the general manager of a large corporation does to the board of directors.

In Staunton's case, the manager is elected for a year. He presents a report every three months and he is permitted to suggest new legislation along the lines where he is active. In making contracts for all municipal work and in the buying of city supplies, he is given a free hand, and the results are already highly satisfactory. The experiment began last April, and the manager has shown himself so efficient that his reelection for a second term has been determined upon. The Washington Herald, to which we are indebted for information, says: "For one thing, he was able to place contracts for granolithic paving at 71 cents a square yard instead of the \$2 the council was paying prior to his appointment." And there were other matters in the disposal of which Staunton's business manager has been able to save money for the taxpayers.

Staunton could not help saving money by such an arrangement, if the business manager was honest and capable and the city council protected him from the politicians. Any city could save money by the barrel in doing the same thing. The idea may not be new, for many municipal reformers have pointed out again and again how extravagance and waste in city administration could be prevented by giving municipalities the benefit of close and careful management in their purely business affairs. The desire for reform has led to the

SOCIETY

INVITATIONS have been received in Columbia to the wedding of Miss Virginia Florence Yancey and Ralph Scott Hamilton at the First Baptist church in Mexico, Mo., Tuesday evening, Dec. 29, at 8:30 o'clock. Both are former students of the University of Missouri. After Feb. 1, Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton will be at home at Lind, Wash., where Mr. Hamilton is an attorney.

Standing Pat.

The textile and allied schedules will be gone over thoroughly, but the prevailing sentiment is that they will not be changed in any material way. Here and there, where there are loop-holes for frauds, there may be some changes to the existing law; in some cases there may be a moderate increase in rates; in others a slight reduction when it can be done without imperiling any industry.

There will be no extensive horizontal reduction in rates of duty on any textile fabrics or raw material, probably. It is quite likely that there may be some increases. One thing seems certain, that the wool growers and manufacturers will stand by each other in opposition to any material reduction in duties on wool or fabrics.—Fibre and Fabric.

Journalism in Pennsylvania.

We have taken wood, potatoes, corn, eggs, butter, onions, cabbage, chickens, stone, lumber, labor, sand, calico, sauerkraut, second-hand clothing, coon skins and bug juice, scrap iron, shoe pegs, rawhides, chinquapins, tanbark, dogs, sorghum, seed, jarware and wheat straw on subscription, and now a man wants to know if we would send the paper for six months for a large owl. We have no precedent for refusing, and if we can find a man who is out of an owl and wants one we'll do it.—Trevorton Times.

wide discussion, and application in some instances, of the Galveston and Des Moines commission plans, but evidently Staunton is able to reach the same end by the very simple device it has employed.

If legal obstacles are not present, any American city may imitate Staunton without changing its form of government, or depriving the voters of their political control of the local administration. The Virginia city had a city council and mayor wise enough and free enough from political obligations to undertake the experiment, and undoubtedly the mass of the citizens were public spirited enough to support the council's policy. No more is needed anywhere than the right sort of public opinion to give a city the best municipal administration attainable. Forms of government will adjust themselves to the end desired if only the people demand what is best.—Springfield Republican.