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FIVE SUICIDES IN ONE FAMILY IN 11 YEARS

Mrs. Acton, Who Died Saturday From Poison, Is the Latest.

SHE WAS 19 YEARS OLD

Her Mother, Grandmother and Two Uncles Took Their Own Lives.

The death of Mrs. Myrtle Acton, a young woman, which occurred last night, is the fifth suicide in the family of her parents in eleven years. Mrs. Acton was born in this city and was the fifth child in that family. When Mrs. Acton was only two years old, her mother, Mrs. George Acton, committed suicide by taking poison. Her father, George Acton, died in 1898, after being afflicted with insanity for several years. Her mother, Mrs. Acton, died in 1900, after being afflicted with insanity for several years. Her father, George Acton, died in 1901, after being afflicted with insanity for several years. Her mother, Mrs. Acton, died in 1902, after being afflicted with insanity for several years.

WEATHER TO CONTINUE COLD.

Forecast Calls for Cloudy Skies Tonight and Tomorrow.

The weather forecast is: "Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday. Continued cold."
The temperatures:
7 a.m. 26 11 a.m. 27
8 a.m. 26 12 noon 27
9 a.m. 26 1 p.m. 26
10 a.m. 26 2 p.m. 27

COMPLAINT AGAINST BARBER.

Negro Is Charged with Shaving Persons on Sunday.

Complaint has been filed with the state board of barber examiners against James Williams, a negro barber of Columbia, charging him with violating the state law by shaving persons on Sunday. Williams is found guilty, his license being revoked by the board. Williams was charged with shaving persons on Sunday. Williams is found guilty, his license being revoked by the board. Williams was charged with shaving persons on Sunday. Williams is found guilty, his license being revoked by the board.

M. U. CHRISTMAS TREE

Annual "Stunt" of All-Senior Class Will Be Held Tuesday, Dec. 21.

The annual Christmas tree "stunt" will be given in the auditorium of the University of Missouri at 8 o'clock Tuesday night, December 21. It will be, as usual, under the direction of the all-senior class. This year the entertainment will be in the nature of a vaudeville show.

The committee includes: Miss Mary Paxton, chairman; Miss Elsie Resor, Miss Sibyl Covington, Miss Gladys Craig, J. B. Powell, L. P. Scott, E. E. Child, E. N. Eisen and Warren Roberts.

THEY CALL IT "DANA HOUSE."

Journalists Name New Clubhouse for Founder of New York Sun.

"Dana House" is the name given to the new clubhouse of the students in the School of Journalism of the University of Missouri at a meeting in the house yesterday. The name was chosen in recognition of the career of Charles A. Dana, the founder of the New York Sun. The house is at 718 Maryland Place. It was completed about November 1. The organization of students living in Dana House is to be known as the Dana Press club. The club is planning a house-opening to all the students and faculty in the School of Journalism for next Friday night.

GIRL BOWLERS MAKE STRIKES.

Some Are More Proficient on Y. M. C. A. Alleys Than Men.

The Y. M. C. A. reception to the women of the university Saturday night was attended by about sixty women. The bowling alley and poolroom attracted many. Several of the girls made "strikes," a feat that some of the boys, who have been learning to bowl since the alleys were put in, have not yet accomplished. One feature of the entertainment was a candy pulling, by a professional candy puller from one of the Columbia stores. The candy and tea made by young men were served.

WRAPS WILL BE CHECKED

To Prevent Theft and Exchange at Reception Friday Night.

Hats and coats will be checked at the reception to be given by the juniors to the freshmen in the College of Arts and Science in the University of Missouri Friday night. Heretofore many who attended these annual receptions went home bareheaded or without their overcoats. One year more than thirty hats were stolen. The dancing this year will begin promptly at 9 o'clock.

A VERY SMALL ACTRESS COMING

Miss Grace DeMar Will Appear Here in "A Knight for a Day."

Edward Hume and Miss Grace DeMar will be seen at the Columbia theater tomorrow night in the musical play, "A Knight for a Day." They are supported by a capable company, it is said. Miss DeMar is one of the smallest comedienne on the stage.

"M" Men Elect Officers.

The "M" men at a meeting in Academic Hall Sunday decided to give a dance following examination week this year. D. M. Nee was elected president of the organization. Other officers were: Shannon Douglass, vice-president and C. L. Ristine, secretary and treasurer.

MISSOURI CORN IS WORTH 114 MILLIONS

Crop This Year Is the Most Valuable in History of the State.

EXCEEDS RECORD OF 1902

Average Yield Per Acre Is 27.4 Bushels Price 58.1 Cents.

Missouri this year has produced the most valuable corn crop in its history, not excepting the record-breaking crop of 1902, estimated at 347,364,000 bushels, and worth, at the prices then prevailing, \$57,930,000. The value of the present crop is \$144,844,000, an average of 1.4 billion dollars worth of corn for each county in the state. The facts are brought out in the December crop report issued Saturday by George R. Ellis, of Columbia, secretary of the state board of agriculture. The total yield of corn for 1909 is 1,917,714,246 bushels on 7,000,336 acres. The average yield an acre for the entire state is 27.4 bushels. The ten-year average for corn is 25.8 bushels.

The season of 1909 opened auspiciously for a large crop. The loss by floods and overflows was 581,574 acres, which left 7,291,856 acres in corn. The corn acreage this year was 7,177,561 acres greater than last year. The quality of corn this year is 77.5, as compared with 81 last year. The poor quality is due largely to the drought.

The average price of corn in Missouri is 58.1 cents a bushel, which is 2.1 cents more than a year ago and 13.1 cents more than two years ago.

The estimated number of acres sown to wheat in Missouri this fall is 1,027,887 or 2.4 per cent more than the original acreage in 1908. The present condition of the new wheat crop is 95.5, as compared with 73 at the same time last year.

AT SUNDAY SCHOOL, 558.

Previous Records Broken at Christian Church Yesterday.

With 558 persons present, the First Christian church yesterday exceeded all previous records for attendance in Sunday schools in Columbia. Yesterday was rally day for this church. Next Sunday a similar rally will be held and the church will strive to have 700 present. The greatest number ever present at any Sunday school in Columbia previous to yesterday was 545, in the same church.

CLOTHES FOR POOR

Columbia Charity Society Gets Consignment From Barth Estate.

A consignment of clothing from the store of the Victor Barth estate was received Saturday by C. R. Herzig, investigating agent for the Columbia Charity Organization society. The clothing will be given to children who are out of school for lack of something to wear.

The box contained forty suits for boys and children, six children's overcoats, three dozen waists, six sweaters and twelve caps.

Poor Need Supplies.

Persons who desire to give Christmas dinners or other gifts to the poor should communicate with C. R. Herzig, agent for the Charity Organization society, which has charge of gifts to the poor. Mr. Herzig announced this morning he had a number of applications from poor persons for supplies and any donations would be distributed as soon as received.

K. C. STAR TRIED FARMING.

Booklet Tells of Year's Profit from One Acre of Ground.

The School of Journalism has received from the Kansas City Star a booklet issued by that paper in the interests of intensive farming. The Star leased an acre of ground near the city and cultivated it for a year. The net profits for the year were \$1,106. Vegetables were grown exclusively.

PARTIAL ECLIPSE OF THE SUN.

Occurred Yesterday and Today, But Was Not Visible Here.

A partial solar eclipse of the sun occurred yesterday and today. It was not visible to the United States, but only to the extreme southeast tip of Australia—the southeastern part of New Zealand and the south polar regions. This eclipse was considered of but little importance by astronomers.

JAIL PROMOTERS ARE NOT DISCOURAGED

They Say the Question Must Necessarily Come Up Again Soon.

COLUMBIA VOTED IN FAVOR

Country Precincts Showed the Strongest Opposition to Movement.

The defeat of the proposition to issue \$200,000 bonds for building a new county jail at the special election Saturday has not discouraged the leaders in favor of the movement. They say the question must of necessity come up again soon. The bonds failed to receive a two-thirds majority.

E. W. Stephens, president of the Charity Organization society of Columbia, said this morning:

"I feel that the people of the county did not understand the question thoroughly. The people of Columbia had better opportunity to be acquainted with the conditions of the old jail and the needs for a new one and their attitude was well shown at the election. Many persons did not have a correct idea of the building which we had planned. Of course the question has been defeated for the immediate present, but it must of necessity come up again soon and be favorably passed upon. Columbia is up-to-date in all other respects and it cannot long neglect the building of a new jail."

To insure the building of a new jail a two-thirds majority was required. A majority of ninety-five votes was cast in favor of the bond issue, but this number was insufficient. A tight vote was cast on account of the bad weather. Only 1122 votes were cast in Columbia. Of these, 826 were in favor of a new jail. The rural precincts in most cases showed strong opposition. In two precincts every vote cast was against the jail. Centralia showed strong opposition.

BOWLERS SHOW IMPROVEMENT

Squad of Ten Men Chosen and Games Being Arranged.

The members of the university bowling squad are improving, and scores of 150 or better are being rolled daily. Warren Orr and "Jack" Spratt are showing consistent form. A squad of ten men has been chosen and will bowl regularly. Letters have been written to a St. Louis bowling academy and to the University of Illinois for games. If these games are arranged they will be played either St. Louis, Champaign, Ill., or at the Y. M. C. A., of the University of Missouri.

ROOSTER "MOTHERS" CHICKENS

Brood Belonging to Columbia Man in Cold Weather Kept Alive.

Did you ever see a rooster mother a brood of chickens? Dr. P. J. Mitchell, who lives at 603 West Broadway, has a rooster that adopted some half grown motherless chickens and hovered over them during the recent cold weather. The chickens did as well as if they had not been deprived of a mother's care.

SKATING AROUND COLUMBIA.

Cold Weather Makes Good Ice On a Number of Ponds.

Skating was resumed on several of the ponds around Columbia yesterday. While the ice in most places was rather rough, it was good enough to lure many from their homes. Forty persons were skating on Gordon's lake at one time in the afternoon, and the pond on the state farm was crowded. Many small boys skated on the icy sidewalks and streets.

BATS AT THE U. D. CLUB.

Not Served at the Tables—Just Visiting Around.

P. Martin Brandt, A. G. Axline and others at one of the tables in the University dining club saw a cheiroptera—that's just a plain bat—above their heads last night. C. W. Bressler caught it with a napkin. Another bat was killed Saturday night in the dining room by a student who hit it with a book.

W. J. Spillman to Speak Tonight.

W. J. Spillman, of the United States Department of Agriculture, who was to have addressed the Scientific association last Saturday night, but who was delayed, has arrived in Columbia and will deliver his address this evening. The subject is "The Present Status of Evolutionary Doctrine." The address will be given in the Zoological Building at 7:30 o'clock. Mr. Spillman is an alumnus of the University of Missouri. He was graduated in 1888.

RED CROSS STAMPS HERE.

Receipts to be Used in the National Warfare on Tuberculosis.

The Red Cross stamps were placed on sale in Columbia today. Ten thousand stamps have been sent to Columbia from St. Louis and more will be forwarded if they are needed.

The stamps are being sold at the following places: Missouri Store, Co-operative store, Harsh's book-store, Tuley's pharmacy, Fredendall's department store, Strawn and Holland's dry goods store, Rogers' dry goods store, Harrie's confectionery, women's parlors at the University of Missouri.

The Rev. R. P. Horton, who has charge of the sale, says the school children will be asked to buy, and participation is being sought to sell the stamps to the young women of Christian and St. Johns colleges.

The idea of using these stamps was started about four years ago in Detroit. It was brought to America by the National Red Cross society. This society now sends stamps to any organization which asks for them, with the understanding that 20 per cent of the receipts are to be given to the society and the remainder used in some way to check the spread of tuberculosis. In Columbia the money is to be used to procure exhibits and lectures for the school children.

The stamps do not carry mail, being simply an evidence that one has contributed to a good cause. The postmaster here has received orders from headquarters to permit the sale of the stamps in the lobby of the post office.

COAL FAMINE HERE

Dealers Say None Can be Had in Town—University Supply Short.

Columbia is facing a coal famine. Dealers said today their last supply had been exhausted. The University of Missouri has barely enough fuel to run until tomorrow morning. In case a new supply cannot be obtained early in the forenoon it may be chilly in some of the class rooms.

Only one car of coal came into town today. That was over the Wabash and was consigned to the City Water and Light company.

Several fraternity houses tried to get coal this morning, but were told that none could be had in Columbia. The dealers say they expect some tomorrow. One house succeeded in getting several bushels of "scraps."

The Kappa Alpha house is one of the chief sufferers. The dealers blame the railroads for the shortage. They say the recent snowstorms have caused a delay in shipments. M. D. Bell, the Wabash agent here, said the fault was with the coal dealers in not ordering soon enough.

A QUEER CITY ORDINANCE

Pigeons Prohibited From Roosting on Shed by Columbia Council.

John Bicknell, the clerk of the city council, is the only man in the city of Columbia who knows all the city ordinances. The last revision of the ordinances was made in 1909, and the council members estimate that two thirds of the existing ordinances have been passed since that time. They are all filed with the records of the meetings of the council, but if a revision is made no one but John Bicknell will be able to pick them out without looking through the records of every meeting.

Mr. Bicknell has been clerk of the council the last ten years. He says that several absurd ordinances, passed by the council in a spirit of fun, have never been repealed. One of these ordinances forbids pigeons to roost on a man's shed.

BANQUET TO JUDGE LAWSON

Phi Alpha Delta Dines With Dean on Eve of Trip.

The Phi Alpha Delta, an honorary law fraternity, gave a dinner at a Columbia hotel Saturday night for Judge John D. Lawson, dean of the School of Law at the University of Missouri. Judge Lawson will leave, about the first of next year for a trip through Europe and the Orient. Speeches were made by Judge Lawson, Orville Zimmerman, J. P. McBaine, Prof. Percy Bordwell, Prof. H. Hill and Carl L. Ristine.

C. J. McGuirk Better.

C. J. McGuirk, a student in the School of Journalism of the University of Missouri, who was operated upon for appendicitis last Friday, was much better this morning. He is now out of danger, the surgeons at the hospital believe.

Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses were granted to the following Friday and Saturday: C. Edward Goodale, of St. Louis, and Miss Nora Dreps, of Centralia, Mo.; B. H. Downing, of Fowler, Kas., and Miss Margaret Freeman, of Paris, Mo.

GIRLS ARE EXILED FROM READ HALL

Building Too Cold to Live in After Breaking of Furnace Pipe.

WILL RETURN IN A WEEK

Twenty-seven Pack Their Suit Cases and Seek Warmer Quarters.

Read Hall, the dormitory for university women at the University of Missouri, has now only four occupants. Twenty-seven of the girls were exiled from the hall temporarily on account of a broken furnace pipe. They will return to the hall as soon as the building can be heated.

The supply pipe of the furnace broke Saturday morning. A plumber was unable to mend it, and the basement was in danger of being flooded. If the furnace continued to be used, when Miss Eva Johnston, acting adviser of women and head of the hall, discovered the full extent of the accident, she told the girls that they would have to leave.

Those who have friends with whom they can stay had better go to them," she said. "I have procured enough rooms for the rest, I think. They say that the new pipe will be here by next Wednesday, but I advise you to prepare to stay away a week at least."

There was no fire in the furnace Sunday, but the girls crowded around the one grate in the living room and really enjoyed themselves. "We really aren't uncomfortable," said one. "Couldn't we stay in the hall, Miss Johnston? We could study in the library and would not be in our rooms very much."

But Miss Johnston said they had better find warmer rooms. Sunday night townspeople saw a crowd of university women carrying suit cases. It was so long before the Christmas holidays that they wondered. The girls, realizing the sensation they were producing, looked as woe-begone as possible.

They Made a Joke of It. "Let's make them think that we have been turned out," said one.

When the pilgrims reached their temporary homes, they were surprised at the number of necessities they had forgotten. But one box of powder can serve many, and all of the girls were generous.

Ten of the Read Hall girls are now staying at 515 South Sixth Street. The rest of the twenty-seven are staying with friends and relatives. Meals are still served at the hall, since the dining room is heated by a grate.

The four present occupants of the hall, among them Miss Johnston, live in rooms with fireplaces.

BELL IS ALSO OUT OF ORDER.

Read Hall Visitor Fails to Get Response. Goes Home and Phones.

The furnace is not the only thing out of order at Read Hall—the doorbell refuses to ring. Last night a man called on one of the Read Hall girls but could not get in. Then he went home and telephoned. "Didn't you expect me over to-night?" he said.

"Why, yes, I thought you were coming," she replied. "Well, I asked because I have been over there ringing the doorbell for about half an hour, and got no answer."

Fifteen minutes after this conversation he was seated by the Read Hall fireplace.

TO THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD.

Many Persons Afraid to Venture on Slippery Sidewalks.

Many persons walked in the middle of the street yesterday and today in preference to trying the icy, slippery sidewalks. The sheet of Saturday night made the grand old walks like glass. It was with difficulty that one could keep his balance—and the great majority didn't.

Although it was "hard going" the Sunday schools and church services were better attended than the week before. Many persons fell, but no severe accidents have been reported.

"This is a hard day on souls and soles," said E. W. Stephens before his Sunday school class at the Baptist church yesterday morning.

WOMAN GO HATLESS IN COLD

Despite Zero Weather Many Girls Attend Classes Bareheaded.

Despite the zero weather many of the university women go bare-headed to school. Of 225 counted in assembly Thursday morning, eighty-four were hatless. Of the remainder thirty-three wore red caps. A number of the red and black caps were worn. Red was the predominating color. In the semesters, it was unusual to see a university woman wearing any kind of hat or cap.

ELCK WILL PLAY BASKETBALL.

Football Captain Is Member of Vernon County Team.

J. H. Phelan, captain of the Tiger football team for 1910, will play in a game of basketball between the Vernon County students in the University of Missouri and Nevada high school Christmas week.

SCHOOL CHEATING DISCUSSED.

Professors Who Give Long Lessons Blamed by Some Speakers.

Cheating in university work was discussed yesterday afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. building. It was the general sentiment that a thoroughly honest student would not hand in work that was the result of cheating.

"Cheating in college work will bring about intellectual suicide," said H. S. Pillsbury, of the School of Engineering, "but it cannot be stopped by any class organization. It must be done by the individuals themselves."

Professors were blamed for the cheating by some of the speakers, who said that lessons are often made too hard to be mastered in a limited time.

TO ORGANIZE LOCAL BARBERS.

J. C. Shanessy, of St. Louis, Will Be in Columbia This Week.

J. C. Shanessy, of St. Louis, state treasurer of the barbers' union, will be in Columbia some time this week to effect the organization of a four-cent International Barbers Union of Columbia. Application for a charter was made by the barbers about a month ago. The charter will be here in a few days.

A movement has been started among Columbia barbers to close their shops every night except Saturday night at 10 o'clock. The shops now remain open until about 9 o'clock.

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