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LARGEST CIRCULATION IN BOONE COUNTY.

IMPROVING COUNTRY SCHOOLS

An article in Tuesday's University Missourian states that J. Kelly Wright, the school commissioner for Boone county blames the school system for the decrease of children on the farm. He says that the tendency is for the students of the country districts to work through country school as quickly as possible, and then rush through high school with their mind intent on achieving a university entrance certificate. He adds that the solution of the problem will come through the general improvement of the roads which will enable a number of small country districts to be consolidated into one large enough and wealthy enough to support a good grade school and high school with an experiment ground adjoining it.

A great service would be done the country boy and girl if the rural schools were improved as Mr. Wright suggests. If grade schools were established in place of the ordinary rural school where one teacher must conduct so many classes that she can do justice to none, the county child would be given greater educational advantages. Also, a larger number of students in one grade would make the work more interesting while the greater revenue of the grade school would make possible the employment of more efficient instructors.

The country high school with its experiment station would be a practical and useful addition to the school system of the state. The town high school of today does not afford great enough opportunities for the country boy or girl who intends to remain on the farm. Oftentimes it serves to take away their interest in farm life. Many high schools require four years of Latin for graduation, and yet it would be more practical for the average boy and girl if they developed their minds by mastering some subject that would be of more use to them after they finish the high school. The country high school could arrange its subjects to suit the needs of its students, and those young persons of the country who felt that their talent lay in reading Latin rather than learning improved methods of agriculture could attend the high schools as they now do, unless the country districts saw fit to furnish Latin courses also.

WILL AUTO REPLACE HORSE?

The automobile has been in so-called "practical" use for ten years, and there has been more or less continuous discussion as to whether or not the horse would be displaced. From Roswell, N. M., to Torrance, N. M., a distance of 115 miles, there is an automobile line over which most of the mail to and from Roswell is carried. The railroad service in that part of the country is bad, and to save time the automobile line was established. The automobile beats the train time by cutting across the hills and plains. The old-fashioned western stage with the fleetest of horses could not possibly do this.

There are a few other similar instances. A great many of the rich farmers of the country find the automobile indispensable. A great many livery stables all over the country have automobiles for transporting passen-

gers, but the passengers are often of rather fastidious temperament, and the machine in this case is a luxury. However, it is frequently used to transport business men who have to do things in a hurry.

In this way the horse has been displaced. As a carriage, a vehicle for carrying passengers only, it is in high favor in some sections of the country, although the expense of running is somewhat prohibitive. On the other side of the question, however, horses are as high in price as they ever were and as much in demand. The price is against the automobile. For many kinds of work, the horse, it has been found cheaper and more satisfactory up to the present time. It will be many years before the horse is replaced, but there can be no doubt that the automobile has created a field of usefulness for itself and is

VALUE OF THE DAILY

Next to the convocations and mass meetings of all the students and faculty members, the university daily does more to unite the various departments of a great university than any other one factor. It is impossible for one person to take a wide personal interest in all of a university's activities—or even any large per cent of them. A great university is a complex institution. Different students have different interests. It is impracticable for the engineering student, for example, to know much of what is being done by the students in law or medicine, except as he learns of it through the university newspaper.

Through the daily newspaper the students in a university become familiar with the institution as a whole. Just as the metropolitan newspaper offers to its readers an opportunity to become better acquainted with the affairs of their city and thereby more useful citizens, so the university daily offers opportunity for the students to become more familiar with their institution and hence better, broader students—more able to understand their relation to the university as a whole.

That the place of the university daily in university life is secure an examination of conditions has shown. The Chicago Record-Herald, in a recent article on half a dozen university dailies (among them the University Missourian), described them as "the most thoroughly read newspapers in the world."

OUR CROWDED CHURCHES

With the large increase in the number of students who attend the University the churches of the city have become too small to accommodate the crowds that attend them. This is especially true of the Bible school which has an average attendance of about five hundred in each of the Columbia churches, this attendance largely being made up of students.

The churches were all built several years ago and at that time the larger number of students who would attend the University was not reckoned in the building.

The classes are congested in the Sunday school, many of them having to be taught in the auditorium when a class room should be provided. One of the churches has to take its members across the street and hold the class in the lecture room of a college building.

This large attendance at church betokens a broad mind for those who attend. They realize that education is not confined to the sciences and the arts, but that from the Bible can be got a fundamental knowledge. They are rewarded in the attendance at the Sunday school, for the classes there are conducted by men who can lecture and hold the listeners in contrast to the "goody-goody" material that is sometimes handed to college students.

"The Bible and Shakespeare," says a veteran professor of English in the University, "are an education."

We are a bit proud of the University Missourian. It is everywhere conceded to be the best daily newspaper issued by college students. Nor can any town no larger than Columbia boast its superior as a newspaper of general circulation.

University Chat.

Effort is being made to ascertain the true population of many western cities which believed to have "padded" their census reports. Evidence is hard to obtain in such cases, but Mr. Durand, the census director, is confident that the "padding" has been attempted. There are two reasons for believing that the census is "padded": one that the enumerators received three cents per capita for every individual counted, and the other, the natural rivalry which is known to exist among the cities whose population is being questioned.

A tower to cost \$100,000 will be built at Princeton University as a national memorial in memory of Grover Cleveland. In connection with it the buildings of the graduate school will be erected later. It is a favorable commentary of the character of the man, who, with a limited education, borrowed \$25 and started out to seek his fortune, that his memory should be so revered at an institution like Princeton.

Every student who feels that he can afford to go to Joplin to see the Missouri-Oklahoma game should do so. The supporters of the University or of the state are expecting a great treat that day, and the more students there the better. It is an expensive trip, but it will be well worth the while.

In the death of David Rankin, of Tarkio, the state loses "the world's greatest farmer." His big farms will probably be broken up into smaller ones and worked still more intensively, but Missouri has suffered a loss in the death of this interesting and constructive man.

Missouri lost to Texas on population and mules, but she is the "Poultry Queen" of the Union. Which means more than one would think at first. \$46,000,000 worth of poultry and their products runs pretty close to the mule sales.

If progress in aviation continues at the present rate Mars may some day rival Newport as a summer resort.

PAY THEM FOR THEIR WORK

The seventh of the eleven proposed amendments to the constitution of the state of Missouri to be voted upon at the November election provides for increasing the salaries of the state legislators from five to ten dollars a day. A somewhat similar amendment was placed before the voters of Missouri two years ago, but the proposition was defeated. The amendment proposed two years ago provided for fixing the legislators' salaries at \$1,500 for the two year's session.

The amendment to be voted upon November 8 relating to this subject follows:

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring therein:

That at the general election to be held on Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, A. D., 1910, there shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the state for the adoption, the following constitutional amendment, to-wit:

Section 1. That section 16 of article 4 of the Constitution of Missouri be and the same is hereby amended by striking out the word "such" between the words "treasurer" and "compensation" in line two of said section, and inserting the word "as" in lieu thereof, and by striking out the words "as may from time to time be provided by law not to exceed five" as same appears between the words "services" in line three, and "dollars" in line four of said section 16, article 4, and inserting the word "ten" in lieu thereof, and by striking out the word "five" between the words "received" and "dollars" in line seven of said section and inserting the word "ten" in lieu thereof, so that said section, when so amended shall read as follows:

Sec. 16. Members, compensation of.—The members of the general assembly shall severally receive from the public treasury as compensation for their services "ten" dollars per day for the first ninety days of each session, and after that not to exceed one dollar per day for the remainder of the session, except the first session held under this Constitution, and during revision sessions, when they may receive "ten" dollars per day for one hundred and twenty days, and one dollar per day for the remainder of such sessions. In addition to per diem, the members shall be entitled to receive traveling expenses or mileage; for any regular and extra session not greater than now provided by law; but no member shall be entitled to traveling expenses or mileage for any extra session that may be called within one day after the adjournment of a regular session. Committees of either house, or joint committees of both houses, appointed to examine the institutions of the state, other than those at the seat of government, may receive their actual expenses, neces-

sarily incurred while in the performance of such duty; the items of such expenses to be returned to the chairman of such committee, and by him certified to the state auditor, before the same, or any part thereof, can be paid. Each member may receive at each regular session an additional sum of thirty dollars, which shall be in full for all stationery used in his official capacity, and all postage, and all other incidental expenses and perquisites; and no allowance or emoluments, for any purpose whatever, shall be made to or received by the members, or any member of either house, or for their use out of the contingent fund or otherwise, except as herein provided; or no allowance or emoluments, for any purpose whatever, shall ever be paid to any officer, agent, servant or employe of either house of the general assembly or of any committee thereof, except such per diem as may be provided for by law, not to exceed five dollars.

There are several reasons why this amendment should be carried. The salary of the law makers of the state should be commensurate with the dignity and responsibility of the office. In nearly all other states in the Union of the size of Missouri, legislators are paid more than they are in this state, and in many states the compensation is double the amount Missouri allows. The salary of five dollars a day is not sufficient.

One great evil of the system of poor pay is that men who depend upon the salary derived in office for support are often tempted to accept bribes or are easily influenced by financial advances. Some legislators do not need the money at all, while others must have it to maintain themselves. The failure to pay sufficient money for living expenses and a reasonable profit would tend to place in the state law-making body men of the richer class, a result that would be deplored.

Men employed to formulate the laws of the state should be paid enough to allow them freedom of action and insure them an average living. The fact that some men are willing to act in public capacities free of remuneration does not indicate that the standard of pay should be that low. The rate of pay should correspond to the poorest man's needs.

FOR AMENDMENT NO 11

Said Concerning the University. Voters will have a chance at the general election to do great service for the cause of education in Missouri. Amendment eleven which proposes a three-mill tax for the permanent support of the Missouri State University is to be voted upon at that time. It simply changes the method of appropriating the money for the support of this institution. It does away with the necessity for appropriations by the Legislature and insures a definite income for the University. Our State University is a great institution but we want to make it a greater one by giving it the kind and amount of support it needs. This paper sees no reason why the Missouri University should not be put upon an equal footing at least with the universities of surrounding states. Let us show Kansas, Iowa, and Illinois that we mean business by giving the eleventh amendment a rousing majority.—Higginsville Advance.

A recent magazine article says that certain Kansas editors are blaming the college trained newspaper men for the wind in Kansas journalism. That is giving the college men credit for considerable activity.

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