

## COUNCIL TO DISCUSS CITY'S FIRE SERVICE

### S. H. Levy Says Public Opinion Will Force Action in the Matter.

## FUNDS NOW AT LOW EBB

### Assessed Valuation Only About \$3,000,000—Revenue Is \$4,000 Short.

The condition of the fire department of Columbia will be brought before the city council by Councilman S. H. Levy next Monday night. Mr. Levy believes public opinion will force some action to give the city better fire protection.

Although the matter will be brought before the council, Mr. Levy does not believe that body will be able to do anything to improve present conditions. It is his opinion that the solution of the matter is in the hands of the tax assessor. The city is now handicapped by insufficient funds to such an extent that it cannot meet the present expenses by nearly \$4,000 a year.

### Assessed Valuation Low.

"The assessed valuation of Columbia is about \$3,000,000," he said this morning, "and it ought to be at least \$5,000,000. With a proper assessment of the city we would have no trouble in making all the improvements desired. The running expenses of the city government are about \$22,000 yearly, and the income is only about \$18,000. Thus, for the last three years we have been running behind nearly \$4,000 a year until now we are as far in debt as we can go under the state law and the rate of assessment is as high as it can be lawfully raised."

This apparently works a hardship on the poor man, for many of the wealthier men of the city are said to be assessed at only a small fraction of their actual worth.

"For example," continued Mr. Levy, "I could give you the names of several men who are known to be worth more than \$100,000, but whose average assessed valuation is about \$20,000. The assessed property of one man whom I know is about \$19,000, but he is worth nearer \$200,000. That of another, who is considered to be worth nearly a million, is less than \$100,000."

### Up to Assessors, He Says.

The city council has no power to remedy such a condition, according to Mr. Levy. It rests with the assessors, and indirectly with the people who elect them. Mr. Levy believes \$2,000,000 worth of property more than is now assessed should be taxed.

Neither Mr. Levy nor E. W. Stephens, president of the Commercial club, favor raising the money to improve the fire department by private subscription. Mr. Stephens does not believe the Commercial club has the power to do anything more than to exert its influence upon the city officials. He believes the people of Columbia have been asked for too much money already to permit the circulation of a subscription paper.

"The matter may come up for discussion at some future meeting of the club," said Mr. Stephens today, "but I doubt if anything can be done. I was asked to have the matter brought up yesterday after the Thursday luncheon. Any suggestions which may be brought to the attention of the club will be welcome."

## TO TRY SOCCER FOOTBALL

### T. E. Jones, Track Coach, to Use New Game to Develop Endurance.

The track athletes are to try soccer football for developing endurance. T. E. Jones, Varsity track coach, will line up his track candidates to teach them the new game. No teams will be organized this year but there will be enough competition to make the game interesting to the players.

Mr. Jones, who has seen the game played in the East, says that soccer is a great game for developing endurance. There is no tackling but a great deal of running. A fast man who is a good dodger and has plenty of endurance is the man who will make a good soccer player, he says. Weight has little to do with the man's ability as a soccer player.

### Freshmen to Have "Tacky" Party.

The freshmen of the School of Journalism of the University of Missouri will hold a "tacky" party in Switzer Hall next Monday night. A short program consisting of recitations and a debate will be given early in the evening.

## WARMER, RAIN OR SNOW

### Forecast Calls For Increasing Cloudiness Tonight or Tomorrow.

The weather forecast for Columbia and vicinity is: "Increasing cloudiness with rain or snow late tonight or tomorrow. Warmer tonight."

The temperatures:

7 a. m.	.....12	11 a. m.	.....30
8 a. m.	.....15	12 noon	.....35
9 a. m.	.....21	1 p. m.	.....38
10 a. m.	.....26	2 p. m.	.....40

## A CONFERENCE ON BASKETBALL

### Prof. C. L. Brewer Left For Des Moines to Attend Valley Meeting.

Prof. C. L. Brewer, director of athletics at the University of Missouri, left for Des Moines, Ia., this morning where he will attend a basketball meeting of representatives of schools in the Missouri Valley Conference. The sessions will be held tonight and tomorrow.

Changes in rules in basketball will be discussed at the meeting, and the schedules for this season will be arranged.

This is not a regular meeting of the Missouri Valley Conference at which all phases of athletics in the schools in the conference are discussed, but a basketball meeting only. The meeting of the conference at which football and other sports will be discussed will not be held until January.

## HAYS CASE TRANSFERRED

### Papers Taken to Jefferson City on Change of Venue.

The papers in the case of Harriett M. Hays against the city of Columbia were sent to Jefferson City by the Boone county circuit clerk this morning. Mrs. Hays stepped on a defective crossing at Broadway and Ninth streets last summer and fell on a pile of bricks, injuring her side. She now asks \$10,000 damages from the city. The case was to have been tried here at the October term of court, but a change of venue to Cole county was obtained.

## GIRLS SELL TICKETS

### Members of Y. W. C. A. Are Helping to Get Audience for Faculty Stunt.

Have you seen the girls selling tickets?

Fifty girls of the Young Women's Christian Association are now selling tickets for the faculty stunt to be given at 8:15 o'clock the night of December 14 in the University auditorium.

The faculty stunt for the benefit of the University Y. W. C. A. will consist of four distinct parts, each taking about half an hour to perform. One is to be Hood's poem "Love and Lunacy" read by John R. Scott, former professor of elocution in the University; and acted in pantomime by Prof. B. F. Hoffman, Miss Mary Shore Walker, Prof. J. S. Ankency, and Mrs. C. W. Greene. Another will be an old fashioned spelling match, the two sides to be headed by the presidents of the University of Missouri and of Christian College. A third is to resemble charades. A word of two syllables will be presented in a three-act play. The first act will represent the first syllable, the second act the second, and the third, the entire word. The fourth part of the program is a secret only to be learned by seeing it.

Tickets will cost twenty-five cents, and may be also obtained at the Co-op, at the Missouri store, and at Harsh's book store.

President H. N. Quisenberry of Stephens College has accepted the invitation to take part in the faculty stunt next Wednesday night. He will give out the words in the spelling match in which President A. Ross Hill will lead one side and Mrs. Luella Wilcox St. Clair of Christian College, the other.

## GIRLS TO BE CLERKS ONE DAY

### Twenty-five From Sunday School Will Work in Book Store.

About twenty-five girls from Mrs. W. E. Harshe's Sunday School class will act as clerks at Harshe's book store tomorrow. This class belongs to the Baptist Sunday School, and it is starting a fund for girls working their way through school at Stephens College. The money will be used to fit up a room for their use.

The plan is to have these girls act as regular clerks for the day. Ten per cent of the cash proceeds from the day's sales will go toward this fund.

## A Social Hour at Y. M. C. A.

Students of the University of Missouri who room in the Y. M. C. A. building stopped study between 9 and 10 o'clock last night, and assembled in the association parlors to eat fruit and listen to a musical program.

## EVANGELIST PREACHING IN COLUMBIA, WHO ONCE WAS YOUNGEST COLLEGE PRESIDENT.



THE REV. JOHN E. BROWN

## EVANGELIST ONCE COLLEGE PRESIDENT

### The Rev. John E. Brown at One Time Head of Scarritt Collegiate Institute.

## HOLDING REVIVAL HERE

### Also a Journalist, Editing "World Wide Revival" at Siloam Springs, Ark.

The distinction of having been the youngest college president known is held by the Rev. John E. Brown, the evangelist who is conducting a series of revival meetings in the Methodist church. When he was only 22 years old Mr. Brown was made president of the Scarritt Collegiate Institute of Neosho, Mo., for a term of two years. He says he would have remained longer had he not felt that there was a greater field for him in the work that he is doing now. The Scarritt Institute is now a part of Morrisonville College of Morrisonville, Mo., which absorbed it a few years ago.

Mr. Brown is also a journalist. He is editor of the "World Wide Revival," which is published at Siloam Springs, Ark., where he makes his home. He is also the largest stockholder of the publishing house of that city. He began his newspaper training as a "devil" in a newspaper office. While president of the Scarritt Institute, Mr. Brown also published a daily and a weekly paper in the same city.

Mr. Brown is writing a book which he hopes to complete before he leaves Columbia. He has named the book "Just Thinking," and in it he emphasizes the power of thought. The book will be on sale January 1. Mr. Brown is now writing next to the last chapter.

From Columbia Mr. Brown will go to Roswell, N. M., then to Houston, Tex. From there he will go to Fresno, Cal., and to Danville, Va.

Mr. Brown has traveled in this way, arousing a new spirit in the cities in which he has spoken, for the last twelve years. He began when he was nineteen. He says he will continue his work until he dies. Mr. Brown is married and is the father of four girls.

## JEFFERSON SCHOOL CHAMPION

### Defeated West Ward School Team at Football, 11 to 0.

The ward school football championship of Columbia was decided yesterday afternoon on Rollins field when the Jefferson school defeated the West Ward school 11 to 0. Both touchdowns made by the Jefferson team came in the last five minutes of play.

The teams have met three times before. The first game was won by the West Ward, 15 to 5. The second was a 5 to 5 tie. The third resulted in a 5 to 9 victory for the Jefferson. Yesterday's game was the deciding one.

About 200 spectators surrounded the field, and frequently rushed out from the side lines to get a closer view of the game. After time was called, there was a celebration.

J. L. Colonius, coach of the high school, was referee, and E. A. Rensley was umpire.

## SAYS POOR HERE MAY SUFFER THIS WINTER

### Charity Organization Has Little Money With Which to Aid Needy.

## MANY IN WANT SOON?

### U. R. Hertig Believes Outside Givers Have Wrong Ideas of Charity.

U. R. Hertig, head of the charity organization of Columbia, says that this winter may be the hardest on Columbia's poor that the town has known. More appeals will be made for charitable aid this winter, he says, than ever before and there is less money with which to aid the poor than at any time since the society's organization. Mr. Hertig said this morning.

"Columbia's reputation as a growing commercial and industrial town has brought many persons here to swell the population. Many of these have been unable to find work and as soon as work stops here for the winter there will be a great many common laborers who will have nothing to do and no money.

"These, with the usual quota of those who must have help to live through the winter, will bring more than the usual number of calls for aid to this association. At least 100 families will need assistance, and if the winter is severe there will be many more than this.

"This winter, too, we will have very little money. The smallpox cases here last spring depleted our funds. Aid which should have been given the families quarantined in poverty by the city was withheld and we had to aid them out of our funds. The Conley fund, which usually gives us \$500 for aiding the needy, will amount to not more than \$300 this winter. Our emergency and general funds are also gone."

## MEMORIAL PROGRAM BY ELKS

### Lodge Will Next Sunday Honor Members Who Have Died.

A memorial program has been arranged by the Elks of Columbia for their departed brothers, to be held at 2:30 o'clock next Sunday afternoon. This is the tenth annual "Lodge of Sorrow" held by Columbia lodge number 594. The following are the names of Elks of this lodge who have died: George H. Barnett, Elmer R. Gribble, Moss P. Parker, George R. Henderson, Samuel H. Elkins, Gus Barth, Victor Barth, Vasco H. Roberts, Robert F. Rogers and Erazier F. Roby.

H. L. Collier is chairman of the committee which has arranged the following program:

Are Verum—(Gounod), String Quartette.  
Invocation—Chaplain W. E. Smith.  
Salve Regina—(Hadyn) String Quartette.

Address—"Exalted Ruler," J. P. McBaine.  
"Tenor Solo—"There is a Land," (Crownsfield) W. R. Rizer.

Memorial address—E. C. Orr of the Chillicothe lodge.  
Whispering Winds—(Mendelsohn) String Quartette.  
Benediction—Chaplain.

## CANADIAN EDUCATOR COMING

### An Address at Assembly Tuesday By Prof. J. W. Robertson.

Prof. James W. Robertson, chairman of the Royal Commission of Industrial Training and Technical Education for Canada, will address the students of the University at the regular assembly next Tuesday morning. Professor Robertson and John N. Armstrong, of the Dominion of Canada, will arrive in Columbia Sunday afternoon to be guests of the University. Both men are members of the educational commission and are making a tour of Canada, the United States and Europe in company with other members of the commission, to investigate the provisions made for industrial training and technical education, as a basis for their report and recommendation to the Dominion government.

Professor Robertson was formerly principal of the McDonald College of Agriculture, affiliated with McGill University, Montreal. He is well known to educators and agricultural experts throughout the United States, and he pays a compliment to the University of Missouri in selecting it as one of the two or three institutions that his commission will visit in this country.

He is said to be a clever speaker and his Scotch accent makes his talks unique and interesting. In this respect he is not unlike Dr. Hugh Black.

## FATHER OF 3 M. U. GRADUATES

### Principal of Kansas City Westport High School Visits Columbia.

S. A. Underwood, principal of the Westport high school at Kansas City, was in Columbia yesterday for a few hours and visited the University.

"I like to keep in touch with the school and the people who are connected with it," he said. "I have had three children graduated from the University of Missouri. Another attended until he was appointed to the naval academy at Annapolis. Missouri is a great University and I am much interested in its future."

## A TALK ON PLANT BREEDING

### Dr. E. J. Durand Will Discuss Parthenogenesis in Plants.

Dr. E. J. Durand, assistant professor of botany at the University of Missouri will discuss parthenogenesis in plants at the meeting of the Scientific Association tomorrow night. Parthenogenesis is considered as the development of an embryo from a normally formed egg without previous fusion with an antherozoid. He will tell of its practical importance in relation to plant breeding.

The lecture will be given in the Zoology lecture room at 7:30 o'clock. The meeting is open to the public.

## VISITING COMMITTEE LEAVES

### School of Mines at Rolla Will Be Inspected Today.

The visiting committee to the University went to Rolla, Mo., last night where they will inspect the School of Mines of the University of Missouri. The committee visited the College of Agriculture and the state farm yesterday afternoon.

## ISLAND CASE ENDS

### Compromise Effected in Suit Involving Land in Missouri River.

T. T. Simmons, attorney for Henry Johnson of Claysville, Boone county, today withdrew the case in the county court regarding a tract of land in the Missouri river and a compromise was effected, the county paying the costs. The land, now an island, was said to have been part of the farm owned by Mr. Johnson. The county court considered the land public property. The withdrawal of the suit means the relinquishing of Johnson's claim to the tract of land.

The county court at one time sold twenty-two acres of the land when the tract was small. As the sands and drift increased, several persons claimed the land on the ground that it adjoined their farms. The tract now contains approximately 144 acres, which would be valuable were it not for the uncertainty of the current of the river. A turn in the course of the stream would wash all the island away.

Several farms on the Missouri river have been robbed of rich bottom land by this gradual, washing process. The land in the island when originally sold brought \$1.25 an acre. It is worth about \$5 an acre now.

## A SUFFRAGETTE CLUB PLAN OF M. U. GIRLS

### Organization Would Co-Operate With Movement for Votes for Women.

## MARTIN TWINS LEADERS

### Miss Eva Johnston, Opposed to Campaign, Will Not be a Patroness.

Is the University of Missouri to have a suffragette club?

A few University women have been working to complete an organization of this kind to co-operate with other clubs working for woman's suffrage. The organization has not yet been formed.

The club will be a student organization. The girls who have been working for the movement intend to allow only students in the University to become members, although others interested will be welcome at the meetings.

Miss Donniss Martin and Miss Gladys Martin, the twins who were the first among the five Phi Beta Kappas elected recently, are among the leaders in the work. They say that no definite plans have been adopted, as they have been merely sounding the sentiment among the University women. They have spoken especially to the seniors, and also to some of the women in the faculty.

"Missouri is so conservative," they say. "The girls we have talked to do not seem to realize the seriousness of the subject. Many of them say they are contented with the way things are going at present, and do not see any reason to form a club advocating woman's suffrage."

"The suffragette movement is strong in the East, but out here in the Middle West, the subject has not received much attention. We do not intend to do much active work, but will merely keep in touch with the movement and work with the other clubs for the same purpose in America. Later, we may change our plans."

Miss Eva Johnston, adviser of women at the University of Missouri, said this morning that she had heard that she and Miss Mary Shore Walker were to be patronesses of the Woman's Suffrage club. She believes that this report was started as a joke. She added that, as she did not even believe in woman's suffrage, she was not very likely to be a patroness of such a club.

## BIG SALE OF SEALS

### Sorority Girls Will be on Duty at Post Office Next Week.

Young women from the several sororities and the Y. W. C. A. will assist in selling the Red Cross Christmas seals. Beginning Monday, these seals will be on sale at the Columbia post office between 9 and 11 o'clock in the morning and 2 and 6 o'clock in the afternoon. The anti-tuberculosis committee is arranging to have young women in the lobby of the building at these hours.

Already 10,000 of the 20,000 seals originally ordered have been sold in the town, and 10,000 were ordered today. The demand is greater than was expected, and members of the committee say now that they will sell 30,000.

New members are being added to the committee. All of the societies in Columbia have sent or will send a special delegate to work on this committee. When finally made up, there will be about twenty-five members of the anti-tuberculosis committee.

Those who have charge of the selling of the seals want several more young women to help in the work. Hours satisfactory to those that apply will be arranged. If you have but one hour a week to give, there is a place for you. The Rev. H. P. Horton will be glad to talk with any who would like to help in this work.

## MARKET REPORT

NATIONAL STOCK YARDS, Ill., Dec. 9.—The market quotations today, as furnished by the Davis and Dimmitt Live Stock Commission company, are:  
Cattle—2,000; steady, top, \$6.50.  
Hogs—5,500; 15 cents higher, top, \$7.70.  
Sheep—1,600; steady, top, \$6.25.