

## MUCH OF HOLIDAY SHOPPING IS OVER

Columbia Merchants Say Christmas Buying Began Unusually Early.

### STORES WERE CROWDED

Dealers Declare Newspaper Agitation and Pre-Season Display Responsible.

Christmas shopping began a week or ten days earlier this year than it usually does, according to the merchants of Columbia. The stores were crowded nearly all of last week and there was much buying, especially the last few days.

"Christmas shopping began with us about a week earlier than usual," said W. C. Price, of the Drug Shop, this morning. "Many persons have done all their Christmas shopping now. Sales are unusually large this year. The cause, I believe, is that merchants placed their goods on display earlier this year and also advertised in the newspapers earlier than they ordinarily do."

J. A. Heibel, manager of the Columbia Drug Company, said the buying was unusually early this year. He thought the cause was the general agitation for early shopping carried on by the newspapers and the early display of Christmas goods by the merchants.

The manager of the Strawn-Holland Dry Goods Company said his store had been crowded all the last week. He believes much of the Christmas shopping has been done already.

Most of the stores in Columbia will keep open at night next week to accommodate Christmas shoppers.

### MEMORIAL BY THE ELKS.

Edwin C. Orr, of Chillicothe, Spoke At the Services.

Memorial services for nine of its members were held by Elks' Lodge No. 534 yesterday afternoon at Elks' hall. The memorial address was delivered by Edwin C. Orr of the Chillicothe lodge.

The members for whom the tenth annual "Lodge of sorrow" was held were George H. Barnett, Elmer R. Gribble, Moss P. Parker, George R. Henderson, Samuel H. Elkins, Gus Barth, Victor Barth, Vasco H. Roberts, and Frazier F. Roby.

An introductory address on the nature of the memorial services was delivered by J. P. McBaine, exalted ruler. The principal address was by Mr. Orr, who spoke of the significance, value, and beauty of such memorial exercises. Mr. Orr's address will be published in pamphlet form by the local lodge.

The invocation and benediction were delivered by W. E. Smith, chaplain of the lodge. A tenor solo, "There is a Land," was sung by W. R. Rizer. Music was furnished by a stringed quartette which played "Ave Verus," by Gounod, "Salve Regina" by Hodyn, and "Whispering Winds," by Mendelssohn.

### A GERMAN CHRISTMAS TREE.

Dr. H. B. Almstedt Will Lecture to Deutsche Klub.

Der Deutsche Klub at its meeting tomorrow night, will have a Christmas tree, fixed up in the German way and hung with candles, candies and cakes. Dr. H. B. Almstedt will lecture on "The Christmas Customs of the Germans," and the club will sing a few of the old German Christmas songs.

Der Deutscher Klub meets in the Ladies' Parlors of Academic Hall.

### Student Volunteers Meet.

About fifty attended the annual open meeting of the Student Volunteer band at the Y. W. C. A. house Friday night. The members of all the mission study classes, the members of the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. cabinets, and all others interested in mission study were invited. The speaker was Prof. A. W. Taylor, of the Missouri Bible College. Music was furnished by the Y. W. C. A. quartet. The devotional service was conducted by Edgar Wilson, president of the Volunteer band.

### A Stable of Concrete and Steel.

A stable built entirely of concrete and steel, has been constructed on the southeast corner of Broadway and Third street. Even the managers are of concrete. The stable is built beneath the street level, and will serve as the basement of a two-story brick warehouse for grain and farmers' implements. Judge J. A. Stewart is the builder.

### SNOW TONIGHT MAYBE.

Slightly Warmer Weather is Predicted For This Vicinity.

The weather forecast for Columbia and vicinity is: "Increasing cloudiness, with snow late tonight or Tuesday; slightly warmer."

The temperatures:  
7 a. m. .... 14      11 a. m. .... 21  
8 a. m. .... 15      12 noon .... 23  
9 a. m. .... 16      1 p. m. .... 25  
10 a. m. .... 18      2 p. m. .... 27

### FOUND WATER AT 780 FEET.

Twenty-Four Hour Test Will Be Made of Well for University.

The well at the University of Missouri was finished last Saturday night at a depth of 780 feet, where a good supply of water was found. Workmen are now constructing a plunger pump on the same derrick that was used in drilling and will pump the water for twenty-four hours to test its quality. Later, a large steam pump will be installed over the drill hole to pump the water which will aid in supplying the University.

Workmen have been drilling the well for thirty-five days. Some time was lost by dropping a drill bit in the hole when they were down about 250 feet. In drilling the well, limestone was struck at a depth of twenty-five feet and the drill was still in limestone when good water was struck at 780 feet. Experienced drillers from the oil fields were employed in drilling the well.

## WED AT WORSHIP

Pastor Finds Time Between Services to Marry Couple.

The Rev. Madison A. Hart, pastor of the Christian church, was obliged to find time yesterday morning between hours of service to perform a marriage ceremony in the parlors of the church building. Sunday school was in session at the time, but the pastor got to the parlors with but few of the members of the school knowing what was going to happen. The young and the old continued their study of the crucifixion, though only a wall separated them from the marriage that was taking place.

For no other reason than to suit their fancies, George Elliott Wyatt and Miss Mary Viola Sellers chose to have Dr. Hart marry them at the church, and at 10:30 o'clock.

Mr. Wyatt is 24 years old and has lived in Columbia for about six years. He is employed at Miller's planing mill.

Mrs. Wyatt's home was at Bunceon, Cooper county, but she has been living with a sister in Columbia several months.

The attendants at the marriage were J. H. Graf and Miss Edna Parsons.

### TO TELL OF M. U. CHRISTMAS.

Ad Club Will Meet Tonight to Discuss Plans.

Plans for advertising the University of Missouri during the Christmas holidays will be the chief topic at a meeting of the University Ad Club in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium at 7 o'clock tonight. Some of the county clubs have already made plans for programs at high schools in their counties. These programs will consist mostly of talks by members of the county clubs in which they will tell the high school students the advantage of attending the university.

Plans will also be made to have all the county club presidents work to obtain advertising in their home papers favorable to the university.

### IT'S SKATING TIME NOW.

Ice Has Been Thick Enough for Winter Sport More Than a Week.

Ice on the Hinkson creek and the ponds around Columbia has been good enough for skating for more than a week. Small parties have been going out every day and report the ice to be about six inches thick and in good condition.

The favorite places are the "Round Hole" and the "Long Hole" on the Hinkson, near the state farm.

### SAVED PARTY CLOTHES FIRST.

When House Caught Afire, Miss Lulu Barrows, Carried Them Out.

When Miss Lulu Barrows, of 607 Maryland Place, heard that the house was on fire Saturday morning, her first thought was for her dancing slippers, evening dress and hat. These she carried to safety. The fire, caused by a defective flue, was put out by Joseph Homan, a brother of Mrs. A. H. Gurwell, the owner of the house. The loss was small.

## BASKETBALL WITH ONLY THREE SCHOOLS

Missouri Will Play Four Games Each With Kansas, Nebraska and Ames.

### THREE QUIT CONFERENCE

Washington and Drake Will Not Have Teams—Iowa in Western.

The University of Missouri basketball team will play only three schools this year. Four games will be played with each of these schools, two at home and two abroad. The schools to be played are Kansas University, the University of Nebraska and Ames Agricultural College. Iowa, Washington and Drake universities have dropped out of the Missouri Valley Conference in basketball.

Washington and Drake Universities declared through their representatives at the Valley Conference in Des Moines Saturday, that they were compelled to quit basketball, because of their small floors, the crowd at games never paid expenses. Iowa University has been limited by the faculty this year to ten games of basketball, so only games with schools in the Western Conference will be played. Formerly Iowa had played in the Western and Missouri Valley Conferences impartially. Here is Missouri's schedule for 1911.

January 13-14, Ames at Columbia. January 21, open. January 27-28, Kansas at Lawrence. February 10-11, Nebraska at Columbia. February 17-18, Kansas at Columbia. February 22-23, Ames at Ames. February 24-25, Nebraska at Lincoln.

From now until Christmas C. L. Brewer and T. E. Jones will coach the Tiger basketball team together. After the holidays Mr. Brewer will take entire charge of the team and Mr. Jones will take up his work with the track team.

## 2 MEETS SCHEDULED

Both Are With Kansas—Others Will Be Arranged for Later.

Two track meets for the Missouri team have been scheduled and three others probably will be scheduled later. The meets already arranged are both with Kansas University. The first will be held in Convention Hall, Kansas City, March 10. The second will be an outdoor meet at Lawrence, May 13.

Besides these two meets with the Red and Blue, there will be one other indoor meet and two other outdoor meets. The indoor meet may be either with Illinois in St. Louis, with Washington and St. Louis Universities in St. Louis, with Nebraska at St. Joseph or Omaha, or with some school in Columbia. It is thought by C. L. Brewer, director of athletics, and T. E. Jones, track coach, that a meet here could be successfully arranged, but that it would be preferable to have it somewhere else, for financial reasons.

A triple meet with St. Louis and Washington at St. Louis would be a big drawing card, they think, as would be a meet with Nebraska at either St. Joseph or Omaha. In case none of these meets are arranged, the Tigers will be sent to Omaha in March to compete in the big annual indoor invitation college meet. Here they would meet teams from Michigan, Chicago, Wisconsin, Minnesota and all the big schools in the west. While the authorities here believe that the company would be too fast for any except the Tiger stars they believe it would be beneficial for the men to compete.

The track men will start training in earnest January 1, according to Coach Jones. He thinks that if training is started earlier than this, the strain is too great for the men to hold up under, and as a result they "go to pieces" before the season is over. Only light work has been given the men so far, but after the beginning of the new year they will be given hard work-outs every day in preparation for the meets.

### Fire from Flue Burns Hole in Roof.

The burning out of a flue caused a small fire at the home of Mrs. A. H. Gurwell, 603 Maryland Place, Saturday morning. A small hole burned in the roof was the only damage done.

## SORORITIES IN STAMP SELLING CONTEST

Sale of Red Cross Seals Is Being Conducted by M. U. Women.

### DELTA GAMMAS ON TODAY

Each Organization of Girls Will Have Charge Once This Week.

Now is the time for all good and loyal students to come to the aid of their favorite sorority. One day of this week is to be given to each sorority in which to sell the Red Cross seals. The number sold each day will be counted, and there is to be much rivalry between the different organizations. The stand is at the post office, and each sorority expects its friends to buy all their stamps on that day.

The Delta Gammas have charge today. At 8 o'clock this morning the first girl went on duty. For every hour between 8 and 11 o'clock in the morning, and 2 and 6 o'clock in the afternoon, a girl is assigned to take charge. E. A. Remley, the postmaster, said it was not necessary to keep anyone at the office the rest of the time, as there is seldom a crowd there during the noon hours.

### Working Under Disadvantage.

Miss Elta Savage, who was on duty this morning, says the Delta Gammas, and the others who have the days in the first part of the week are under a disadvantage, as most of the Christmas packages will not be sent until later, and because they have not had time enough to tell all their friends about the sale.

Tomorrow the Alpha Phis go on. Wednesday is the turn for the Pi Beta Phis, Thursday the Kappas have the field, Friday is the Thetas' day, and the Y. W. C. A. will conclude the week's work Saturday.

Mrs. Walter McNab Miller said this morning that the sororities were asked to do this work by the Charity Organization Society of Columbia because of their wide acquaintance among the University people.

### Gets Idea From St. Louis.

"We got the idea from the St. Louis society women," she said. "They are selling these stamps at all the hotels, theaters and at the post office. They have sold more than \$27,000 worth of stamps in a short time. We are trying to work through the groups in the University. The girls who are working during the early part of the week have the worst of it, because we have not had time to advertise the movement. Saturday night the totals for each day will be given out."

"We are working through the other organizations in Columbia, but this method seems one of the most effective to us. A pretty girl selling any article increases its sale."

The Delta Gammas have also had the seals on sale at their house, besides the post office. However the downtown stand is the recognized place to sell the stamps. The sale had not been large at 10 o'clock this morning, but was rapidly growing.

The girls who had charge today are: Elta Savage, Valeria Easton, Mildred Thrilling, Roberta Wilson, Alice Moss, Alice Richardson, Marguerite Robertson, and Mildred Bixby.

### GRADES ARE NOT EVERYTHING.

The Highest Record Does Not Mean Success Says the Rev. M. A. Hart.

"College life is more than books," said the Rev. Madison A. Hart, pastor of the First Christian church last night. "The student who makes the Phi Beta Kappa society is not necessarily the best one. I knew a student in college who had no ambition other than to make grades. He made a good record, but was a failure in other ways. He did not have the symmetrical, well-rounded education that counts for most in the world."

Mr. Hart showed that Christ was devoid of any thought of self, but gave his attention to mankind.

### College Odd Fellows Meet.

E. E. Collins was chosen president at the annual election of the college fraternity of Odd Fellows in the Y. M. C. A. building Friday night. The other officers elected are: Vice president, O. E. Huston; secretary, T. S. Hill; assistant secretary, R. E. Talbert; financial secretary, D. F. Johnson; treasurer, H. C. Castor; sergeant-at-arms, F. L. Bentley; attorney, C. H. Lankford. A committee was appointed to make plans for a supper next Friday.

### TO FORM SCHEDULE JAN. 6.

Conference Will Decide on Baseball Games At the Next Meeting.

A schedule for the University of Missouri baseball team for 1911 will be made out at the next meeting of the Missouri Valley Conference. This meeting will be held in Des Moines, January 6, at which time the schedule for all conference teams will be made.

It is possible that Missouri may send the Tigers on another southern trip this year, as several schools in the south have already written asking for games next spring. Last year the Tigers played three games with Arkansas University.

After this meeting at Des Moines to discuss baseball, there will be another. This makes, with the one just held, three conference meetings only about three weeks apart. This will be avoided next year, as it has been decided to hold only one meeting, at which all branches of sport will be discussed and business for the year attended to. This meeting will be held annually in Des Moines the last Friday and Saturday in November.

### MEXICO IS GROWING SLOWLY.

Population Now is 5,939—Ten Years Ago, 5,099.

MEXICO, Mo., Dec. 12.—The population of Mexico as announced by the United States Census Bureau today is 5,939. Ten years ago the population was 5,099.

## TO COAST BY WAGON

Man and Three Sons Were Here on Their Way to California Overland.

A middle-aged man, shabbily dressed, yet apparently industrious, approached the county clerk, John L. Henry, and asked for the requirements for a peddler's license. When he was told that it was \$80 for a state license, and \$41 for a county license, he looked disappointed, and said:

"I and my three small sons are going to California overland, and I wanted a license so that I could make expenses on the way. Can't I take out a merchant's license?" he asked as a final hope.

"Not unless you have permanent residence," the clerk replied.

"Then all the goods I have are practically worthless," the man replied. "We have to travel overland to make the change of temperature gradual. I have been on the road for three months now, and have come all the way from Ohio overland. When I get to Oklahoma, two of the boys can go to school and then we'll go on to California. I'm sorry about the license," he said, and departed.

### CLASS OF GIRLS EARN \$12.15.

Money Will Be Used to Furnish Room at Stephens College.

The twenty-two girls of Mrs. W. E. Harsh's Sunday School class of the Baptist church who clerked at Harsh's book store Saturday, received \$12.15 as their share of the day's sales. This is a little less than was earned last year. They were given 10 per cent of the sales for the day, which amounted to \$121.71.

"It isn't quite as much as we made last year," said Mrs. Harsh yesterday, "but it is not the fault of the girls. Last year the store was turned over to the class on December 20, and this year on December 10. A week or ten days makes a big difference in a day's sales this time of the year."

The money is to be used to furnish a room at Stephens' College for girls who are working their way through school. As \$12 is not enough the class voted to give a bazaar after Christmas to raise the rest of the money.

### D. A. R. Commemorates Anniversary.

The Columbian chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, held a reception at Read Hall Friday night to commemorate the anniversary of the founding of the chapter here. Mrs. George B. McFarland is regent of the Columbian chapter.

### Burial of Mrs. John Keene.

The funeral of Mrs. John Keene, who died at her home five miles north of Columbia Saturday night, was held at 9 o'clock this morning. She was buried in the Columbia Cemetery. Mrs. Keene had been an invalid many years.

### To Wed Marshall Girl.

A marriage license was issued to Fred H. Gouges, of Columbia, 21 years old, and Miss Goldie Lydon, of Marshall, Mo., 20 years old, in the recorder's office Saturday.

## CURATORS TO ATTEND ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

Colonel Jay L. Torrey, Chairman of Visiting Committee, Also Will Talk.

### BOARD TO MEET HERE

Address by Prof. J. W. Robertson, Noted Canadian Educator.

Members of the Board of Curators, Colonel Jay L. Torrey, chairman of the visiting committee of the University, and Prof. James W. Robertson, chairman of the Royal Commission of Industrial Training and Technical Education for Canada, will attend assembly tomorrow morning. Several of them will talk, perhaps all of them.

Professor Robertson has been announced as the principal speaker for the program. Colonel Torrey, who could not visit the University with the rest of the committee last week, is making his inspection of the institution this week. He will talk to the students tomorrow. All the members of the Board of Curators will be in Columbia tomorrow and it is expected they will attend assembly and talk to the students.

The semi-annual meeting of the Board of Curators will be held in the board's room in Academic Hall at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. The meeting probably will last only one day. The budget will be made up for the state legislature and routine business transacted.

The members of the Board of Curators are: B. H. Bonfoey, Unionville; J. C. Parrish, Vandalia; C. B. Rollins, Columbia; J. V. C. Karnes, Kansas City; P. E. Burton, Joplin; S. L. Baysinger, Rolla; David R. Francis, St. Louis; C. E. Yeater, Sedalia; T. J. Wornall, Liberty.

## TO SEE WORK OF M. U.

Chairman of Canadian Commission Will Study Methods in Use Here.

Dr. James W. Robertson, chairman of the Royal Commission of Industrial Training and Technical Education for Canada, who will speak at the University of Missouri assembly tomorrow, is investigating the work of this University. The commission is examining the work of the schools of the United States. Dr. Robertson and John Armstrong of the legislative council of Nova Scotia are the members who are investigating the schools in this section of the United States. The five other members are in the southern part of the United States. Dr. Robertson and Mr. Armstrong visited the Kansas City schools last week and complimented the work done there.

Dr. Robertson is an entertaining speaker. He talks with a Scotch accent. The people of Canada are much the same as the people of the United States, he says.

### CHAFING DISH CAUSES FIRE.

Soap Box Full of Water Used to Extinguish Blaze in Rooming House.

A celluloid soap box full of water was used to extinguish a fire at the home of Miss Hazel Kearney, of 508 Turner avenue, Thursday night. Several girls were making candy in a chafing dish when it exploded, igniting the dress of Miss Betty McCutcheon and a lace curtain.

The girls screamed, and one of them grabbed the soap box. It was taken to a water faucet, filled with water and thrown, box and all, on the flames. One of two of the less excited girls smothered the fire. The soapy water thrown on the carpet is harder to efface than the effects of the fire, they say.

The candy was being made for a bazaar for the women of the Christian church.

### Market Report.

NATIONAL STOCK YARDS, Ill., Dec. 12.—The market quotations today, as quoted by the Davis and Dimmitt Live Stock Commission company, are:  
Cattle—5,500; 10 cents lower; top, \$6.50.  
Hogs—9,000; steady; top, \$7.90.  
Sheep—4,000; steady; top, \$6.50.