

## CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR COLUMBIA POOR

### Food and Fuel Given by Lodge Members to Seventy-five Families.

### DELIVERED TO THE HOMES

#### Groceries, 250 Rabbits, 385 Bushels of Coal and Clothing Distributed.

More than seventy-five needy families in Columbia were given Christmas supplies and food for their Christmas dinners yesterday by the lodges of Owls, Elks and Odd Fellows. It was intended that the supplies, consisting mostly of coal and rabbits, should be given out at the Owls headquarters, 718A Broadway, but it was decided yesterday morning that it would be better to distribute the gifts.

Many homes were made happy that before were cold and gloomy because of the cold and chill of Christmas, by the work of the Columbia lodge members. It must have made many a little fellow's face brighter up—and some older ones too—when a delivery wagon drove up to the door and Christmas supplies were unloaded.

The lodge members gave away about 250 dressed rabbits, 385 bushels of coal, flour, cranberries, beans, canned goods, hominy and other staple groceries. One wagon was kept busy most of the day delivering the gifts to the needy families.

In addition to these supplies, the Charity organization of Columbia distributed shoes, clothing and other wearing apparel. The names of the families favored were obtained last week, and a committee was busy all day yesterday looking for families that might have been missed in the canvass of the Charity organization and the lodge members.

### OLD FIDDLERS IN CONTEST

J. C. Selby, J. A. Oliver, D. B. Jones, and G. Morris won Cash Prizes. J. C. Selby won the first prize of \$25 at the Old Fiddlers' Contest held at the Columbia Theatre last night. The other winners of cash prizes were: J. A. Oliver, \$15; D. B. Jones, \$10; G. Morris, \$5.

When the curtain was raised sixteen "old-time" fiddlers were playing "Arkansas Traveler" and afterwards each contestant was given five minutes to play. "Yankee Doodle," "Red Wing," "Dixie" and "Fishers Hornpipe" were among the airs that were played.

The following were winners of merchandise prizes given by merchants in Columbia: O. P. Darnell, G. Morris, J. C. Selby, Jessie Baker, J. P. Gibbs, Howard McGuire, James T. Baker, Dan Jones, C. T. Butten, and S. P. Davis. E. C. Clinkscales introduced the fiddlers and the judges were J. W. Waller, Thomas Conley and B. F. Venable.

### WOLFF FUNERAL TODAY.

#### Former Resident of Columbia to Be Buried by the Odd Fellows.

The funeral of William Wolff, a former resident of Columbia, who died Friday morning in Kansas City, will be held at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon at the Methodist church. It will be in charge of the Odd Fellows.

The wife of Mr. Wolff, who was Miss Sophie Schmidt, of Columbia, Julius Schmidt, and his daughter, Mrs. Lucy Fawks, survive him.

### DRUG SHOP WILL MOVE

#### Hatton and Knight to Occupy Former C. B. Miller Store.

The former location of C. B. Miller's shoe store has been leased by Hatton and Knight, owners of the Drug Shop. They will move into it some time in the coming year. The Drug Shop has been at its present location for four years.

### Lithographed Pictures of Josephine

An eastern company has recently published a large lithographed picture of Missouri Chief Josephine, the world's champion dairy cow at the University of Missouri. The picture is in natural colors. More than 100,000 of the pictures will be distributed.

### William Earle Dennis Dies.

William Earle Dennis, the seventeen-months-old son of Frank Dennis, died at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the home of the parents. Burial will be in the Columbia cemetery.

### WARMER WEATHER TODAY

#### It May Rain or Snow on This Christmas Day.

The official weather forecast for Columbia and vicinity is: "Increasing cloudiness with snow or rain today. Warmer."

The highest temperature yesterday was 25 above zero, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and the lowest was 8 above at 7 o'clock in the morning.

### TO WED ST. VALENTINE'S DAY

#### Former Students Here Will Be Married in Carrollton.

Announcement of the coming marriage of Miss Anna Hudson to Henry Lewis, both of Carrollton, Mo., has been made in their home town. They will be married on St. Valentine's Day. The bride-to-be is a granddaughter of Mrs. J. P. Hubbell, of Columbia, and is a graduate of Christian College.

The announcement of the engagement was made at a meeting of the Carrollton Wednesday Club. Miss Amanda Painter, a former student of the University of Missouri, read a telegram from "Loveland," announcing it.

Mr. Lewis is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Sinton Lewis, of Carrollton.

## COLUMBIA BUYERS DID SHOP EARLY

### Merchants Here Say Idea Has Worked to a Great Advantage.

### AN INCREASE IN SALES

#### Continued Purchasing Season Alleviated Rush and Aided Service.

Did the people of Columbia shop earlier this Christmas than any other previous Christmas? This is the question asked now that the rush is over. Many are wondering whether or not the wide-spread agitation for earlier buying had any effect upon the shoppers, and whether they really did do their buying a week or two before instead of waiting until Christmas Eve.

Believing that such practice on the part of buyers would be helpful to

THE world is awake today. Christmas morning is here, and with it the Christmas spirit. It is the same Christmas spirit that has gladdened the hearts of humanity for nineteen hundred years. The spirit comes magnifying the joys of life, enriching the home ties, and spreading happiness over the land. There should be no frowns, no moanings, no selfish thoughts today, for this is Christmas morning.

This is the beginning of a day of friendship and love. The choirs of the world are billowing the happiness of the day. The sweetest compositions of old masters are "swelling the glad tidings." The world is a huge church where carols and symphonies swell upward, carrying praise to the skies.

To all mankind let there be happiness. To the old and young, the glad and sad, the sorrowing and joyous, the rich and the poor, let there be Christmas greeting. May church bells ring, choirs sing and pipe-organs peal—only to recall us to the love of man for man, May the significance of peace and good will thrill the hearts of mankind today as it has never done before. May the petty trivialities of life, and the differences of riches and poverty be forgotten when we think of the sacrifice that was made on this day nineteen centuries ago.

And, in the language of Tiny Tim, "God bless us—every one!"

### TO CHOOSE RHODES SCHOLAR

#### Committee Will Select One of Two Candidates from Missouri Schools.

The Rhodes Scholarship committee will meet tomorrow night in St. Louis at the Southern Hotel to decide on the appointment to Oxford University. It is understood that the selection rests between a student from Washington University and one from William Jewell College. There is no representative of Missouri University who took the examinations.

## 40,000 SEALS SOLD

### Columbia Charity Society Estimates Sales from Incomplete Returns.

Most of the returns from the sale of the Red Cross seals in Columbia have been reported to the Columbia Charity Organization Society committee, but the number is so large that the count will not be made until next week.

It is known, however, that more than 36,000 have been sold, according to a rough estimate. The final figures probably will be nearly 40,000. Of these the sororities sold about 18,000, the public schools 8,000, the churches about 4,500, and the rest at the different stores where the stamps had been placed.

The committee of the Columbia Charity Organization Society gives great credit to the newspapers of the town for the success in the recent campaign saying that the publicity given their efforts was one of the most potent factors in selling the stamps.

The Presbyterians, who were at the postoffice stand yesterday sold about 400 in the morning. They ran out of seals in the afternoon and for three hours there was no one at the stand. There was little demand for them yesterday.

### SONG COMMITTEE TO MEET

#### Selection of State Song Delayed by Prof Pommer's Illness.

The first meeting of the committee appointed by Governor Herbert S. Hadley to judge the songs submitted in the state song contest probably will be held some time in January, according to Prof. W. H. Pommer, chairman of the committee.

"The committee has done nothing yet because of my illness," said Prof. Pommer yesterday. "I have written to Governor Hadley and have asked him to set a date for the first meeting. The committee probably will meet in Columbia."

both customers and business men, there was begun early in December a movement to get everybody to begin their holiday trading two or three weeks before Christmas Day. Newspapers, advertisers, business houses—all joined to bring about a change in Christmas shopping.

Just how successful the movement has been, it cannot yet be determined, though it is the opinion of Columbia merchants that it is the beginning of a much needed reform. They say that the agitation has worked to an advantage here.

"I could never understand," said a clothing merchant yesterday, "why persons wait until almost the last minute before purchasing their 'Santa Claus' and other Christmas goods. There is every advantage in the world in early shopping. There are more goods to select from, and both prospective buyers and clerks have more time to devote to each purchase made."

"Business Has Been Better. Count me as always in favor of early shopping. I think, too, that newspapers deserve much credit for their efforts along this line."

Not only have Columbia merchants been favored with early shopping, but, according to several business men, trade has been heavier this year than for several years.

"Business has been good this year—excellent, I should say," said a Columbia druggist, "and trade began earlier than usual."

"I think the holiday trade has been better this year than for five years," said a Broadway clothing merchant.

"Here at the end of the week persons are buying overcoats and suits, which is evident to me that they bought their holiday good earlier."

It was mentioned by many merchants that students in the several schools in Columbia spent more money on Christmas goods than ever before. One man said he had been in business here a number of years and that the students turned their money "loose" in larger amounts than usual.

Kept Busy Up to the Last. "Trade began some earlier this year than heretofore, but our business was rushing right up through the last day," is the testimony of a hardware dealer.

"We have simply done a bigger business than ever before," one Columbia jeweler said. "It began earlier, but it has been even heavier on Christmas Eve than any year before."

"Yes; I guess people are eating more this Christmas than any previous Christmas, for our business has been real good," said a grocer. "I like the idea of early shopping. It doesn't rush the business man so hard."

## PROGRAM COMPLETE FOR FARMERS' WEEK

### Many Agricultural Authorities Will Address Visitors in Columbia.

### OPENING DAY JANUARY 10

#### Biggest Crowd Ever at Annual Convention Expected, Says Mumford.

According to Dean F. B. Mumford, of the College of Agriculture, and T. E. Wilson, secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, Farmers' Week this year at the University of Missouri will be the best and largest attended farmers' meeting ever held in Columbia. The program has been completed and will be sent to farmers through the state in a few days.

Many prominent men from Eastern colleges who are recognized authorities on agricultural subjects will address the visiting farmers. Among the noted speakers who will appear on the program are: J. E. Rice, professor of animal husbandry at Cornell University; Norman J. Colman, ex-lieutenant-governor of Missouri, editor of the Rural World; Professor E. G. Montgomery, of Lincoln, Neb., who will talk on grain improvements; Professor Warren, of Cornell University, who will speak on farm management, and Professor Spittman, of Washington, D. C., a graduate of the University of Missouri, who will also speak on farm management.

President A. Ross Hill of the University of Missouri will deliver the address of welcome at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, January 10, the opening day of the session. Dean Mumford will also speak. Dr. Stanley N. Smith, mayor of Columbia, will address the meeting in behalf of the citizens of Columbia.

The program for the week will be divided into three sessions each day. From 8 o'clock in the morning until 3 o'clock in the afternoon each day, the time will be spent in giving the visiting farmers a short course in agriculture. This work will consist of lectures by the instructors in the College of Agriculture and by members of the Board of Agriculture and of practical laboratory work.

From 3 o'clock to 6 o'clock in the afternoon of each day meetings of the state agricultural associations will be held. The night session will consist of addresses by prominent men from Missouri and other states. These will be general meetings.

"Our plan," said Dean Mumford, this morning, "is to give the farmers an intimate knowledge of the work we are trying to do at the College of Agriculture. We will do everything in our power to tell them what we know and to see that they have a good time while they are here. There will be exhibits and demonstrations of many different agricultural appliances and methods of farming and we hope to be of great service to the farmers who come to the meetings."

Dean Mumford will appoint a committee from the Columbia Commercial Club to provide accommodations for the visiting farmers who will be in the city. Last year there was no trouble in finding room for all, because the students were home for their holiday vacation at that time. This year they will be back before Farmers' Week and fewer rooms will be vacant.

### A RECORD IN LICENSES

#### Seven Permits to Marry Were Issued in Columbia Yesterday.

Evidently alarmed at the low number of marriage licenses granted up to Friday night, Dan Cupid came into his own again and all records in the granting of licenses in one day in Boone county were broken yesterday. Seven were issued before 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and the greatest number ever issued before in one day was six.

The licenses were issued to James Harvey Griggs and Mary Virginia Jones, both of Columbia; Thomas Smith, of Sturgeon, and Addie Cornelson, of Woodlandville; Wells Burnett, of Columbia, and Martha Wise, of Brown Station; Bernard Roberts, of Centralia; Eugene Estes and Ida Gray, both of Columbia; Benjamin F. Shippe and Winnie Burroughs both of Rocheport; Clarence Everett Chick, of Columbia, and Daisy Branson, of Mexico.

### FIRE AT J. B. MUNDY'S HOME

#### Defective Flue Causes Small Blaze—False Alarm Last Night.

A small fire on the roof of the home of J. B. Mundy, 1113 Paquin avenue, gave the fire department a hard run at 7 o'clock this morning, but did little damage. It was easily extinguished. The fire caught from the burning out of a flue, which threw sparks on the shingle roof. The damage was about \$10.

It was discovered by several persons passing by who alarmed the persons in the house. Had the fire obtained a better start, it would have been hard to extinguish, as it was eating down into the eaves of the house.

A false alarm turned in last night by some person that the home of Claud Wheeler, a Columbia jeweler, 1468 Broadway, was on fire gave the fire department and Mr. Wheeler some exercise. Mr. Wheeler says he does not know what caused the alarm to be turned in, as there was no sign of fire at his residence.

For the first time in several weeks, the fire whistle was blown when these alarms were turned in.

## A PICTURE MESSAGE

### Governor Hadley Plans to Show University to Legislature by Stereopticon.

The University of Missouri will have special representatives at the approaching meeting of the state legislature who will deliver lectures, exhibit pictures and stereopticon views setting forth the present conditions of the institution, according to advice from Jefferson City. It is said that this plan has been suggested by Governor Hadley to take the place of special messages to the general assembly concerning the conditions and needs of the state schools.

It is reported that the College of Agriculture is already at work preparing for the meeting, though Dean F. B. Mumford says he is not acquainted with the plans.

Governor Hadley believes that special messages, touching the requirements of the state institutions, are not widely read since they are made up largely of figures, and he thinks the legislators will get a better idea of the needs of each institution in this way.

If the plan is carried out, the hall of the house of representatives will be used at night as a lecture and exhibit hall, and the public will be invited to such meetings.

### CONDUCTOR OUSTS NEGRO

#### Trouble on Train Caused by Black's Offensiveness to Passengers.

Serious trouble between Conductor J. L. Hill and Ben Edwards, a negro whom Mr. Hill had put off the 1 o'clock Wabash train, was averted yesterday afternoon only by several bystanders. Edwards had boarded the train to go to Switzler, and became offensive to several persons in the train. One of them asked Mr. Hill to see to the matter, saying that Edwards was drunk.

When Hill spoke to him, Edwards swore at him, with the result that he was put off the train just as it was leaving Columbia.

### MANY CALLS FOR SERUM

#### Ravages of Hog Cholera Cause Farmers to Ask Aid of Experts.

Many letters have been received recently by T. C. Wilson, secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, from farmers throughout the state asking for aid in stopping the ravages of hog cholera among their hogs.

"I receive many letters of this kind every day lately," said Mr. Wilson this morning. "We send men out to inoculate the hogs with serum. Part of the expense is borne by the state."

### M. U. GRADUATE MARRIED

#### N. O. Booth, Now Professor in Oklahoma, Weds Miss Acheson.

N. O. Booth, a graduate of the University of Missouri and for two years assistant professor of horticulture here, was married December 22 to Miss Rebecca P. Acheson, at Tulsa, Okla. Mr. Booth was graduated from the College of Agriculture in 1898.

The couple will live in Stillwater, Okla., where he is a professor of horticulture in the Oklahoma Agricultural College.

### Postoffice Open Today and Monday.

The Columbia postoffice will be open for the distribution of mail both Sunday and Monday mornings from 9 until 10 o'clock.

## SANTA CLAUS HAS VISITED COLUMBIA

### He Attended Entertainments at the Churches and in Happy Hollow.

### POOR WERE REMEMBERED

#### Charitable People Gave Presents to Those the Good Saint Missed.

Today is Christmas. Santa Claus has come and gone and has left presents for the children of Columbia who have been good the last year. He may have missed some poor children, but the Charity Organization Society, the people of Columbia, and the students who are here for the holidays, cared for most of them.

Some of the University students who are staying through the holidays, conducted a Christmas entertainment at the Happy Hollow school house Friday night. About 150 people were present, and gifts were distributed to everyone. Not only the children were remembered, but the men and women also received presents. Mrs. Neal Mahaney, about 40 years old, received a doll. A large Christmas tree was covered with presents and Osmer Edgar, as Santa Claus, distributed them.

The following students were present and aided in amusing the children: James Ware, H. B. Hill, W. H. Lionberger, Osmer Edgar, Miss Grace Ware, Miss Colquitt Newell, Miss Lilian Ritter, Miss Mary Newell, and Miss Doris Ware.

Santa Claus made an early visit to Columbia Friday, stopping at the Baptist Sunday School at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. He found about 300 children and 150 grown people, and he gladdened the hearts of the Sunday school pupils with candy and fruit. The boys and girls, as their part of the entertainment, sang and recited Christmas pieces. Cady's orchestra furnished music. C. R. Everman was Santa Claus.

At the Christian Church Friday night old St. Nicholas appeared again. A cantata was given by members of the Sunday School before an audience of about 600, more than half of which were children. The boys and girls were trained by Miss Jennie Jenkinson. Santa Claus, who resembled James Parker, of Columbia, distributed 300 boxes of candy to the Sunday school pupils. F. S. Lonsdale and W. T. Keithley had charge of the program and the decorations.

A treat was given the children of the Methodist Sunday School in the basement of the Methodist church at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Santa Claus attended, laden with candies and oranges and gifts for the boys and girls that go to the Methodist Sunday School. Tonight the pupils will give a Christmas program in the church that will take the place of the regular service.

The Presbyterian Sunday School held its Christmas entertainment yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Marshall Gordon and Miss Caroline Jesse were in charge. The children gave a program of songs, speeches and choruses. Santa Claus distributed gifts to all who were present.

### TO WALK TO EXECUTIVE BALL

#### Four Officers of Cadet Corps Will Attend Function in Jefferson City.

Several officers in the University of Missouri cadet corps are planning to attend the Executive Ball, given in the Governor's Mansion, the night of December 31. They expect to walk to Jefferson City the day before, and walk back the next day. The uniforms will be sent by express.

All the cadet officers are invited by the Governor. Those who are planning to go from here are: Lieut. Col. L. E. Jones, Maj. C. E. Sexton, Capt. H. L. Kearney and Capt. J. A. Cole.

### County Offices to Be Closed.

Excepting the collector's office, all of the offices in the county courthouse will be closed tomorrow. This will give the various county office-holders a holiday that comes somewhat unexpectedly to them.

### No Missourian Tomorrow.

There will be no issue of the University Missourian tomorrow, it being a legal holiday. The paper will be issued during the rest of the week as usual. All communications to the Missourian during the holidays should be addressed to the publishing office, telephone 55.