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**Teachers' Committee to Meet.**  
The executive committee of the  
State Teachers' Association will  
meet here Saturday afternoon.

**Student Senate Met Last Night.**  
The Student Senate held its regular  
semi-monthly meeting last  
night in the Law Building.

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Adv.

## INTEREST PICKS UP IN RURAL SCHOOLS

Dr. J. H. Coursault, of the  
School of Education,  
Cites Instances.

### TELLS OF MEETING

**Farmers Come 35 Miles—  
Ventilation, Games,  
Books, Important.**

Consolidation of schools, better  
ventilation, better systems of heating,  
playgrounds and an instillation  
in the minds of the pupils of their  
purpose in coming to school are  
points which Dr. J. H. Coursault of  
the University of Missouri says  
must be emphasized in the improvement  
of rural schools.

"Significant of the new interest  
in the schools of the rural districts,  
fifty men, members of the county  
school board, were present at a  
meeting which I recently attended  
in the southern part of the state,"  
he said. "Some of them drove  
thirty-five miles. They came in  
their overalls as if they had just  
dropped their plows, hurrying from  
their duties on the farm to these  
greater duties of the community.  
The interest which these farmers of  
that primitive part of the country  
displayed in the better education of  
their children is indeed significant  
of what the rural schools of our  
state are to become.

"Much improvement can be made  
in rural schools at little cost. What  
is needed is work along concerted  
lines. Patrons must be shown where  
their schools are lacking and how  
easily certain improvements can be  
made.

"The matter of cleaning I have  
found especially at fault. I suggest  
the sprinkling of floors before  
sweeping or the use of a sweeping  
compound. School dust is full of  
organic matter. For this reason the  
feather duster should be shunned.  
Its result is merely to stir up the  
dust, allowing it to settle in some  
other part of the room. The use of  
a dusting cloth is preferable.

**Unjacketed Stoves Found.**  
"In many communities, stoves in  
the schools are unjacketed, which  
means that the pupils sitting near  
the stove are hot and those in the  
far parts of the room are chilled.  
To remedy this condition, a piece  
of sheet iron should be placed  
around the stove, thus providing a  
greater radiating surface.

"Too often ventilation is entirely  
overlooked. Provision for this is  
also a very simple matter, as all  
that is necessary is to place a board  
at the bottom of the window, setting  
it in several inches and raising  
the window to its height.

"Of course the easiest method of  
fitting the pupil to the seat and the  
seat to the pupil is by use of the  
adjustable seat. The one drawback  
is the expense, which is hard to  
meet in the small school. By no  
means should a pupil be placed in  
a seat that is so high that his feet  
are permitted to dangle to the floor,  
the desk being so close to his eyes  
as to cause straining. Such conditions  
as these are the cause of weak  
eyes, headaches, dull brains and de-  
formed backs. If a seat or desk is  
too low, blocks may be used to raise  
it. If too high, a better arrange-  
ment of the pupils should be made  
by the teacher.

"One sometimes hears the state-  
ment that city boys and girls do  
not know how to play because they  
have been deprived of playgrounds.  
In rural communities it is too often  
the case that the child lives so far  
from his companions that he too  
knows but little of the science of  
play. Games as well as studies  
train the mind. They also put the  
child's body in a healthy condition  
and make his mind alert. Every  
school yard should have its basket-  
ball court and every school library  
should have a number of books on  
children's games. In the southern  
part of the state I asked a big,  
gaunt boy what games they played.  
He hesitated a moment, then not  
wishing to appear entirely ignorant  
of the knowledge of games, answered,  
'Drop-the-Handkerchief.' He had  
probably heard that there was  
such a game but had never  
played it or anything else.

**Still Use 'Old Oaken Bucket.'**  
"While I have found the supply of  
drinking water generally good, the  
individual drinking cup is but little  
used. Greater emphasis should be  
laid on the spreading of disease  
through the public drinking cup.

"The library in the country school  
should furnish an ample supply of  
good reading and reference books.  
Although the box supper is a good  
means of increasing sociability in  
a community, I do not approve of it  
as the one means of furnishing a  
library. This is the duty of the  
school board.

"To obtain in the highest degree  
the improvements that the rural

school needs in order that it may  
keep pace with the city school, I  
say emphatically consolidation is  
the most successful means. I believe  
that the patrons of rural  
schools are coming to see that this  
is the truth and are eager to do  
what they can in bringing it about.

"However good the teacher's  
scholarship may be, however hard  
he or she may be striving to bring  
about the best results in the dis-  
trict, it is evident that with thirty  
or thirty-five pupils in eight grades,  
the results are not going to be as  
satisfactory as with the same number  
in one, two or three grades.  
Better equipment can also be provided  
in the consolidated school,  
greater facilities for the teaching of  
home economics and agriculture—  
subjects which should be stressed  
in the rural community—are afforded,  
and a better school and community  
spirit will ultimately prevail."

### REAL SHOW AT CHRISTIAN

**College Girls Entertained Large  
Crowd Last Saturday.**

Theaters are closed in Paris.  
Perhaps that's why the troupe from  
the Gayety Theater entertained the  
crowd at the "Mart of Nations,"  
promoted by the Alumni and the Y.  
W. C. A. of Christian College last  
Saturday afternoon and evening.

Other nations were represented,  
too. Each had a booth in which  
were sold fancy articles, suitable  
for Christmas gifts, contributed by  
the Alumni and students. The  
Dutch booth, decorated in Delft  
blue and white, was conducted by  
girls in the costume of Holland,  
including the wooden shoes. The  
Oriental booth was decorated with  
orange, red, purple and black. The  
Japanese booth was covered with  
pink and lavender, and that of Ice-  
land with snow white. The American  
booth was decorated in the  
national colors.

A fortune-teller shared an Indian  
wigwam with several of her  
tribe, and read the palms of all  
who were not afraid to learn of  
their future.

The bazaar opened at 2:30 in the  
afternoon. Visitors, for it was open  
to the public, despoiled the booths  
of their treasures, and supper was  
served on the running track in the  
gymnasium at 6 o'clock.

The opening of the Gayety Theater  
at 4 o'clock was announced by a  
band parade. Twelve girls  
military costumes played "Old K  
U." "Mandalay" and "Missouri" on  
instruments of their own make. In-  
side the theater an orchestra of  
the students played between the  
series of vaudeville stunts. A chorus,  
in military uniforms and carrying  
army rifles (borrowed from  
University Cadets), sang "Tipperary."  
"The Bagdad Girl," "The  
Vogue Girl," "The Bogey Man," "The  
Elgin Marbles," which were poses,  
and "The Black Town Minstrels,"  
composed of seven girls, were some  
of the numbers on the Gayety bill.  
A solo, "California," was especially  
praiseworthy. To accommodate  
the crowd the Gayety Theater was  
forced to give six performances,  
each time presenting a new program,  
and the troupe wondered if  
the war zone were strenuous.

The bazaar is an annual event at  
Christian College. Half the proceeds  
go to the Alumni Association and  
half to the Y. W. C. A. The  
Alumni last year gave their half  
to the library. The Y. W. C. A. use  
their half in missionary work and  
the sending of a delegate to the  
national convention of the association  
at Estes Park, Colo. After  
the expenses are paid the proceeds  
this year will amount to about \$180.

### COLD WILL STOP WORK

**H. H. Krusekopf Says Men Doing  
Soil Surveying Will Return.**

H. H. Krusekopf of the soils de-  
partment says that on account of  
the cold weather the men who are  
still doing field survey work will  
doubtless come in immediately.  
These men are E. K. Knobel and  
C. E. Deardorff. They have been  
making a detailed soil survey of  
Newton county.

Mr. Krusekopf returned some  
time ago. Since completing the  
area in Pettis County he has been  
at work on a reconnaissance of the  
soils of the state. He also assisted  
in locating some new experiment  
fields. These fields are generally  
eight or ten acres of land leased  
for a term of five or more years  
and are worked by the owner under  
the direction of men from the sta-  
tion.

### NOTICE.

Students leaving Columbia for  
Christmas Holidays, please ar-  
range to purchase your tickets and  
make your reservations as early  
as possible in order to avoid a  
rush on the date the University  
closes for the holidays.

J. C. ABBOTT,  
Agent, Wabash R. R.  
Adv.

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presents. John N. Taylor. Adv.

### SHE DIDN'T HAVE A MATCH

**Balmacaan Coat and That Didn't  
Indicate Sex of the Wearer.**

As he left the Engineering Build-  
ing he drew the customary case out  
of his pocket and instinctively stuck  
a cigarette in his mouth. But not  
a match to be found in any pocket.  
Absorbed deep in a book he  
walked on toward Academic Hall.  
A moment later, out of the corner  
of his eye, he saw a Balmacaan  
coat and hat walking beside him  
"Got a match?" he bellowed.  
The reply was sweet but cau-  
tious.

"No, sir; we can wear these hats  
and coats but the Women's Self-  
Government Association voted  
down matches."

### Former Students Visit.

Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Fansler, both  
former students of the University,  
have been visiting in Columbia for  
the last two days. After being  
graduated here Doctor Fansler  
completed his work at Johns Hop-  
kins University. At present he is  
instructor in pathology at Mar-  
quette University in Milwaukee. He  
is a member of the Phi Kappa Psi  
fraternity.

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