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TYPHOID FEVER PREVENTION.

The United States Army has offered a great opportunity to test the efficiency of vaccination against typhoid fever. Dr. M. P. Ravenel, in his address on "Vaccination" before the Scientific Association, told of the value of typhoid vaccination as a preventative.

Before vaccination was practiced, there was much typhoid fever in our army. There were 173 cases in 1909. Sixteen soldiers died. In 1913, after vaccination had been introduced, there were only three cases in the entire army of more than 90,000 enlisted men, quartered in the states and all the possessions. Two of the deaths were newly enlisted recruits; the third was a case in which vaccination had not been completed.

This day sees absolute prevention of smallpox possible and cases among people not vaccinated minimized. The future soon will see typhoid fever as thoroughly driven out.

SPOTLESS BROADWAY.

Every one in Columbia who went down town Thursday started from home and began the accustomed business of wading through the dirty, disagreeable mud that covered the streets and crossings. And then when Broadway was reached the surprise came. There spick and span lay every brick, scrubbed until it fairly shone and glowed with cleanliness in the sunlight.

No one could help feeling the pleasant contrast. This change had been made by the hydraulic flusher the city bought last year, and it showed what can be done with the streets at this time of the year. It probably would be too big a job at present to clean all of Columbia's streets that way, but Broadway can be kept clean at no great expense. Just to keep that little bit as clean as it was Thursday will be a great help. Every one who sees it will feel the difference, appreciate it, and the result may be in time to work up a public feeling which will make it possible to keep more and more of the streets just as clean.

SENATORIAL COURTESY.

"If it had been the purpose of the framers of the Constitution to permit senators to make appointments," says the Kansas City Times, "that provision would have been put in the constitution."

But just there's the rub. The constitution's framers probably did not mean for the senators to make appointments, but just the same they did put that provision in the constitution, or, at least, one that time has proved to amount to the same thing.

A great many of these persons who are attacking Senator Reed for his stand regarding the appointment of the postmaster of Kansas City and a United States marshal are disregarding the fact that as far as the constitution is concerned, the senator is as nearly right as the President. He has, technically at least, a position fortified by the constitution and almost a hundred years of usage and custom.

The men who framed our constitution knew that the President should be responsible for the efficiency of the Federal civil service. They gave him, therefore, the power to appoint all officers of the United States. But the framers were men jealous of power; they believed in checks and balances, so they added the provision that the appointments should be made "by and with the advice and consent of the Senate."

For the first few administrations this provision worked just as they had intended it should, merely as a check on the President's unwise ap-

pointments. Then came Jackson and with him the "Spoils System." Appointive office became political capital, wherewith to pay political henchmen. Then the senators demanded the share in the distribution of spoils that this clause gave them.

Out of this grew the institution of "senatorial courtesy." It became the recognized right of each senator to dictate the appointments in his state. His brother senators were bound to stand by him against the President. For all had the same ax to grind. So arose the condition which makes it possible for Senator Reed to demand that appointments in Missouri be made "by and with the advice and consent of the junior senator from Missouri," to quote the Times again.

The Open Column

Neglected Sidewalks.

Editor The Missourian:—Certainly the cultural value of the snow shovel is not given its proper place in our University curriculum. The most neglected sidewalks on Virginia avenue after our snow storms are those in front of two sorority houses. J. D. L.

On Railroad Valuation.

Editor The Missourian:—The valuation of the physical property of railroads may or may not be worth while, but the methods employed do not seem to have been chosen because of their efficiency in being able to get the value of the most property in the least possible time.

The way it is being done is that a "Pullman party"—that's what they call it—in a special Pullman car with shower baths and other conveniences and luxuries—ten men with two valets, traveling at the rate of two and one-half miles a night and working that space during the day, are evaluating the railroad properties.

The computers, two in number, stay in the car and work the results of the day before while the others go out and get new figures. On rainy days they stay with the computers and help them.

The average number of ties to a mile of track is already well known to every railroad engineer. A man who knows anything at all about ties can inspect and value with all the accuracy that is humanly possible about ten miles of track a day, and that is setting a low measure, according to some engineers.

To count those ties and the equally well-known average of rails per mile, and to turn the daily account over to two computers, and to figure depreciation on them, and replacement value, and only the commission knows what else, is a reflection on our people's common sense, a mockery of efficiency.

At the rate the commission is progressing today, the ties they are now inspecting will all be replaced by the time these hopelessly inaccurate figures reach the gates at Washington. S. J.

College Days.

Editor The Missourian:—"Those days in college were certainly the days. I wouldn't take anything for the good times we enjoyed then; no, sir! Of course we had to work, but—you know what I mean."

How many of us have heard such words from the lips of graduates of our state universities in "the good old days," or in the past few years, for that matter? There is no doubt that we will all be greeted with such words if we inquire among our predecessors in educational ambition, for the joys of our college days cannot be denied in after years, although we do work hard while "on the job."

And who is it that enjoys his college days the most? Is it not that person, male or female, who takes the greatest interest in student activities, who is not afraid and does not miss the chance to mix with his fellow classmates on all occasions that are offered? Undoubtedly.

With such facts well known to all, we wonder why it is that so many students fail to take advantage of the many chances to get acquainted with their classmates and enjoy this fellowship, that means so much after we have left our Alma Mater. Of course, some are hindered by responsibilities, but, on the other hand, the majority are really anxious and able to mix up and take part in the many student activities.

This argument refers to the students of the University of Missouri. The lack of interest in departmental affairs is deplorable. And it is through these departmental affairs that we become acquainted with the very persons whose friendship means the most for us in the years to come.

When only a handful respond to the call for all the members of two years' classes in a department to turn out for an important session, when it is known that over 200 are included in this call, it begins to look bad for the famed "Missouri spirit" in that direction. Such a thing has happened—and more than once, too.

There is no reason why the members of every department in Missouri should not support the efforts of organization and friendly relation with a majority turn-out at least. It means much for the spirit of the school and the retaining of enjoyable memories when we have "struck out" for ourselves.—E. R. E.

One Good Story

Perhaps it may help some people to learn not to use "balance" where "remainder" is the proper word if they know the story of the millionaire who bought a newspaper and in his zeal to improve "newspaper English," put on the bulletin board a notice that under no circumstances should the word "balance" be used. "Use 'remain' instead," he ordered. That afternoon a cleaner fell out of the tenth story window of a building and the next morning the paper had the story: "John Jones, a window cleaner, lost his remainder and was dashed to death by falling out of a tenth story window."—Edward Hughes.

The Literary Trawler

Nothing is given for nothing in this world; there can be no true love, even on your own side, without devotion; devotion is the exercise of love, by which it grows; but if you will give enough of that, if you will pay the price in a sufficient "amount of what you call life," why then, indeed, whether with wife or comrade, you may have months and even years of such easy, natural, pleasurable, and yet improving intercourse as shall make time a moment and kindness a delight.—R. L. Stevenson.

H. L. Herbert Heads Pre-Journalists.

The pre-journalists elected presidents Thursday night. For the pre-journalist president, H. L. Herbert was elected. R. P. Brandt was elected president of the freshmen pre-journalists and H. B. Hutchison, president of the sophomore pre-journalists.

Y. W. C. A. HAS STUDY PROGRAM

Mission Class Is Ready for Year's Work—Money Pledged.

The Mission Study Class of the Y. W. C. A. announces the following program for the year: "The Call of the Homeland" by A. F. Phillips, teacher, Mrs. H. M. Gibbs; "Conservation of National Ideals," teacher, Prof. W. C. Gibbs; "An Apologetic for Modern Missions" by J. Lovell Murray, teacher, Miss Constance Latschaw; "The Evangelization of the World in This Generation" by John R. Mott, teacher, Mrs. Turner McBaine; "Daybreak in Turkey" by James L. Barton, teacher the Rev. A. C. Zumbunnen; "The Social Aspect of Foreign Missions" by F. P. Faunce, teacher, Mrs. A. C. Zumbunnen. This study class will begin about February 15.

Two hundred girls are expected to sign up for this work. A hundred already have done so.

When Miss Myra Withers, foreign secretary of Y. W. C. A., was here last fall, \$150 was pledged by members of the local association. Nearly \$50 has been received already. The rest will be raised after the membership campaign is closed.

TO FIGHT TUBERCULOSIS

Several Bills Against Disease Will be Introduced in State Legislature.

Dr. Walter McNab Miller returned from Jefferson City Friday, where he had been working in the interests of anti-tuberculosis bills which have been introduced in the state legislature, some of them at the instigation of Columbia Anti-Tuberculosis Society.

A bill which will be introduced next week authorizes the county court or the city to employ a visiting nurse, upon the complaint of the tuberculosis society, and makes the employment of a nurse compulsory upon petition of 250 persons.

Other bills provide for the maintenance of county tuberculosis hospitals and the establishment of a farm or camp in connection with the Sanitarium at Mt. Vernon, where patients may be cared for at \$3.50 a week.

BOONE COUNTY BOY SCORES

James Stowers One of Fifteen Chosen for Red Cross Corps.

James Stowers, a former Boone County boy and graduate of the University has been one of the fifteen doctors chosen from 23,000 applicants to make up a Red Cross relief corps that has been organized at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Toronto, Canada. The corps will sail for England February 20.

Mr. Stowers received the degree of A. B. in 1910 and his A. M. in 1911 from the University. He received his M. D. from Johns Hopkins University at Baltimore. He is a son of Doctor Stowers of Millersburg, Boone County.

Farmers Accept Journalists' Challenge

The freshman farmers have accepted the challenge of the journalists for an interdepartment basketball game.

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