

## TEACHERS SEE NEED OF NEW CONSTITUTION

### Committee of State Organization Presents Seven Reasons for Change.

## CO-OPERATION ASKED

### Unequal Tax System and Educational Needs Among Items Emphasized.

A committee of five members of the Missouri State Teachers' Association, appointed for that purpose, has prepared a pamphlet setting forth seven reasons why the teachers believe Missouri should have a new constitution. The committee, acting for the association, desires "to enlist the co-operative efforts of other organized bodies in the state and the people generally, in urging upon the next General Assembly the necessity of submitting a call for a constitutional convention and for the election of delegates to a constitutional convention."

The members of the committee are: Walter Williams, dean of the School of Journalism, chairman; W. S. Dearmont, president of the State Normal School at Cape Girardeau; W. H. Black, president of Missouri Valley College at Marshall; S. E. Davis, a professor in the Normal School at Maryville, and William P. Evans, former state superintendent of public instruction and now principal of the Blow School of St. Louis.

### Education Is Hampered.

The reasons set forth are as follows:

"1. We have reached the limit of progress in the development of education in Missouri under the old constitution. All efforts at further progress are futile on account of limitations imposed by the constitution. Important educational movements under way in other states, including the proposed development of vocational education with the assistance of the national government, are impossible in Missouri on account of the limitations of the old constitution. Missouri must stand stationary, or perhaps retrograde in education, until a new constitution is adopted.

"2. The people of Missouri are living under a taxing system that imposes unequal burdens upon the various communities of the state and upon individual citizens. Certain forms of property, such as real estate of all kinds, and farm property in general, are readily listed by the assessors, while other forms of property are in many cases not reported for assessment at all. Citizens of Missouri are tempted to withhold their property from assessments, contrary to law and good morals, because some forms of property, if reported for assessment at all, would under the system of taxation imposed by the old constitution bear burdens of taxation so heavy as to amount almost to confiscation of the income on this property. The old constitution imposes this unjust system of taxation upon the people of Missouri and it must be borne until the people adopt a new constitution.

### Would Change Court Procedure.

"3. Provisions in the old constitution governing the organization and procedure of the courts largely defeat the ends of justice, and impose needless burdens of expense in all litigation. On account of limitations in the old constitution the supreme court is three years behind in its business. Under such conditions poor men are practically denied relief in our highest court because the long delay necessary in deciding their cases often means their ruin. Corporations and other wealthy litigants can force poorer litigants to accept their terms rather than endure the long delay necessary in deciding a case if an appeal to the supreme court is taken. The people of Missouri must suffer under an unjust and vicious system until there is a new constitution.

"4. Under limitations imposed by the old constitution, cities and towns and other local communities are denied the right of managing their own local affairs. They are unable to make needed public improvements and to provide for their welfare under modern conditions of life. Many rural communities are prohibited by the old constitution from maintaining a good school for more than a few months in a year. Most of the small cities and towns of the state are unable to support a public library on account of limitations imposed by the old constitution. Further progress and development in the small cities and towns of Missouri is made difficult, if not

well nigh impossible, by the limitations of the constitution.

### Good Roads Needed.

"5. The need of good roads is felt throughout the state, but it is very difficult under our constitution to establish and maintain good roads. A new constitution is needed to enable the state to do its part in making and maintaining good roads that are of such vital importance to the development of rural life and to the prosperity of our agricultural interests.

"6. Great changes in economic and social life have made imperative many reforms in social and industrial relations. Our old constitution was framed more than forty years ago, at a time when these changes were not anticipated. In most instances these reforms are blocked by provisions in the old constitution which are interpreted by the courts in the light of medieval rather than modern conditions. A new constitution is needed to make certain the power of the legislature to make these reforms possible.

### Educational Revenue Uncertain.

"7. All the state institutional activities are made uncertain and are hampered by the fact that none of the state's institutions can adopt and carry out consistently a constructive policy of development extending over a period of years because of lack of continuity and certainty in financial support. Much more economical administrations of all the institutions could be secured even without added revenue if it were possible to know what available resources would probably be at the command of the institutions during a term of years. Under such circumstances an institution could plan its building operations intelligently and carry them out with care and economy, which policy is at present impossible."

## MISS NELLE CARTER WILL WED

### Former M. U. Instructor to Be Bride of Herley S. Daily, LL. B. '10.

The engagement of Miss Nelle Carter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Carter, and Herley S. Daily was announced at the Alpha Phi banquet last night at the Virginia Grill. After the toasts had been given, each guest received a red rose with a card bearing the word "Betrothed" and the names of Miss Carter and Mr. Daily.

Miss Carter received a B. S. in Home Economics in 1912 and an A. B. in 1913. She was an instructor in economics for two years. She is a member of the Alpha Phi sorority.

Mr. Daily was graduated from the School of Law in 1910. He is a member of the Aecia fraternity. He practiced law here until recently, when he went to St. Louis to take a position with the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company.

## C. H. S. GIRLS WHIP CHRISTIAN

### High School Basketball Season Closes With 24-19 Victory.

The Columbia High School girls wound up their basketball schedule last night by defeating the Christian College team in the college gymnasium. At the end the score stood 24 to 19.

The game was close at all times. Time was called often to give the girls a chance to fix their hair. The cheering was led by girls dressed in the school colors.

Misses Lila Green and Martha Shockey starred for the high school; Misses Sarah Morris and Frances St. Clair, for the college.

The high school line-up was: rf, Vandiver; lf, Green; c, Shockey; e, McDonald; lg, Barkwell; rg, Gilbert. The line-up for the college was: rf, St. Clair; lf, Morris; c, Murphy; e, Hickman; lg, Moore; rg, Brown, Hill and Hadady.

## DR. BLACK HERE TOMORROW

### First of Religious Week Addresses to Be Given at 7:30 p. m.

Dr. Hugh Black, professor of practical theology in the Union Theological Seminary of New York City, will arrive here tomorrow and will deliver the first of his Religious Week addresses at 7:30 o'clock that night in the University Auditorium.

Doctor Black is well known in Columbia. Last year he made the Washington's birthday address. He will give five lectures during Religious Week. The hours are: Monday, 7:30 p. m.; Tuesday, 11 a. m.; Wednesday, 2 p. m.; Thursday, 3 p. m.; Friday, 10 a. m. All will be given in the University Auditorium and will be open to the public.

### Two Couples Licensed to Wed.

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday to Elmer R. Craighead, Centralia, 22, and Miss Bessie Jones, Centralia, 22; and to Clark Sapp, Easley, 22, and Miss Lorena Wren, 18, Ashland.

## CURATORS KEPT BUSY BY FACULTY CHANGES

### Appointments and Resignations Occupy Time of Meeting in St. Louis.

## M. U. MAN TO CHICAGO

### Dr. H. A. Watson of Yale Is Named to Succeed Prof. W. W. Stewart.

The accepting of resignations and the ratifying of new appointments occupied most of the time of the Board of Curators of the University at the meeting in St. Louis Friday. The report of President A. Ross Hill on the dismissal of Walter C. Martin from the University was presented to the board.

Dr. H. A. Watson of Yale was named assistant professor of economics to succeed Prof. Walter Stewart, who has accepted a position in the University of Chicago.

The following resignations were accepted:

D. H. Doane, state leader of farm advisers; C. A. LeClair, assistant professor in soils; B. F. Geisert, assistant in the agricultural extension service; F. R. Brodie, chief clerk in the office of the business manager; Mrs. H. S. Varner, order clerk in the same office; J. D. Fehsenfeld, student assistant in soils; Miss Jessie H. Hill, stenographer in the department of entomology; I. F. Gilmore, county agent of Marion County; Glen B. Johnson and Luther E. Davis, student assistants in zoology; J. W. Palmer, student helper in chemistry; Carl W. Betz, reader in mathematics; Miss Cora Schultz, student assistant in botany; H. L. Dahm, assistant in chemistry.

The following appointments were made:

Mrs. Anne Karstetter, stenographer in the office of the business manager; Lewis R. Long, stenographer to Dean W. W. Charters; A. R. Gwin, student assistant in soils; Miss Ruth Gans, stenographer in the department of entomology; L. C. Yeager, reader in Greek; Roy Hastings and Miss Mary Guinn, student assistants in zoology; Wayne R. Fuller, student helper in chemistry; Guy McDaniel, student assistant in botany; Homer T. Newton, assistant in chemistry; Miss Mary Percival, student assistant in women's gymnasium work; Thomas Capp, assistant baseball coach; Jacob Speelman, student assistant in physical education, to take the place of Wilbur Huttsell.

C. L. Brewer, J. D. Eliff and C. H. Williams were appointed as a committee to arrange for High School Day.

## NO POST-SEASON FOOTBALL

### Presidents of M. V. Conference Schools Vote Down Proposition.

That post-season football games have no place in the Missouri Valley was decided at St. Louis Friday when at the meeting of the presidents of the schools in the Missouri Valley Conference a motion was passed that the football season should end on or before Thanksgiving Day.

It was also voted to ratify the motion made by the faculty members of the Conference at their meeting last December rescinding the rule which prohibited the playing of football games on Thanksgiving Day. While there was hardly any doubt that the Turkey Day games would be allowed, the vote of the conference presidents was necessary. Their action insures the playing of the Missouri-Kansas game on Thanksgiving Day.

## HOUSE LEADERS OPPOSE WILSON

### Second "Show-Down" on Ship Warning Plan May Come Tuesday.

By United Press. WASHINGTON, March 4.—Clark, Kitchin and many of the Democratic leaders in the House of Representatives are in revolt over President Wilson's ship warning plan. Action on the resolution has been postponed. It will probably be taken to a vote on Tuesday. A fight is on over the form of the resolution to be voted on.

### Bradford to Run for Sheriff.

Frank C. Bradford announced yesterday that he is a candidate for sheriff of Boone County. Mr. Bradford is a former sheriff of the county. He has also served as collector.

### Ad Club to Meet Tomorrow.

The University Ad Club will hold an important business meeting at the Y. M. C. A. Building at 7:30 o'clock Monday night.

## FRENCH CLAIM HALT OF DRIVE ON VERDUN

### Terrific Artillery Fire Forces Cessation of the Crown Prince's Attack.

## TEUTONS TAKE 20,000

### Berlin Reports Capture, and Allies Admit Loss of Douaumont Village.

By United Press. LONDON, March 4.—Terrific artillery fire, sweeping the northern approaches to Verdun, has brought the Crown Prince's drive to almost a complete halt, according to Paris dispatches tonight. French air scouts report heavy massing of German troops east of Fort Devaux and around Frenes.

The fighting around Douaumont is believed to be preliminary to a hard smash by the Germans from the north-east and the east.

The Teutons have resumed long-range bombardment of Verdun itself, Berlin dispatches say. Tonight it was claimed that 20,000 unrounded French prisoners have been taken since the Verdun fighting began.

By United Press. LONDON, March 4.—Minor fighting northwest of Verdun was reported tonight by General Haig, British commander-in-chief. An official statement tonight said the Germans had bombarded the mine craters held by the British, attacking them with hand grenades. All the attacks were repulsed.

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### Greatest Modern Disaster, Loss of La Provence, is Unexplained.

By United Press. PARIS, March 4.—The cause of the sinking of the French transport La Provence, a converted liner, which went to the bottom in the Mediterranean February 26, was still a mystery tonight. No submarines were seen before or after the sinking. It was officially announced that 3,130 lives were lost, mostly of soldiers, making the disaster the greatest of modern times. Of the 4,000 men on board when the ship sank, only 870 were saved.

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## HUSBAND AS BIRTHDAY GIFT

### Miss Alvis Gets License on Day She Comes of Legal Age.

"I would like to get a marriage license," bashfully said Ernest C. Lepper to County Recorder John L. Henry Thursday.

"How old are you?" began the recorder with his usual line of questions. "I am 24," replied Mr. Lepper.

"What is your name and how old are you?" asked Mr. Henry, turning to the blushing girl who stood at the side of her husband-to-be.

"My name is Lillian Ruth Alvis, and I will be 18 tomorrow," she replied.

"Nothing doing," replied the recorder to the surprised pair. "Nothing doing, according to law. You are not of age. Come around tomorrow, and I will let you have your husband as a birthday present."

Sadly the couple walked out. Early Friday morning, just after Mr. Henry opened his office, the pair peeked through the door, and then bravely walked in.

"I am 18 today," said Miss Alvis. "I have come to claim my birthday present. May we get our license now?"

"Sure thing! Congratulations!" cried the recorder.

The couple announced that they would be married today at the home of the bride in Centralia. Mr. Lepper lives at Madison.

## RANKS AS COLONIAL DAME

### Miss Mattie Rae Sebastian Has Right to Rare D. A. R. Title.

Miss Mattie Rae Sebastian of Columbia, a graduate of the University of Missouri, A. B. '11, B. S. in H. E. '12, who is now doing research work for her A. M. degree, has compiled an ancestral record which shows her to be entitled to the very rare title of "Colonial Dame," which is conferred by the Daughters of the Revolution. Her genealogical history has been compiled and sent to Washington to be placed on record.

There is no local chapter of the Colonial Dames, and it is possible that her membership will be held either in St. Louis or Kansas City. To enjoy this distinction, one must show conclusively that her ancestors on both sides of the family participated in the Revolution.

## St. Pat's Ball to Be Given Again.

The St. Pat's annual ball will be given at Columbia Hall Friday, March 17. The chaperons will be President and Mrs. A. Ross Hill, Dean and Mrs. E. J. McCaustland, Prof. and Mrs. L. M. DeFee, Prof. and Mrs. Guy D. Newton, and Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Niedermeyer.

## Scott to Retain Post a Month.

By United Press. WASHINGTON, March 4.—President Wilson wants General Hugh Scott to serve as Secretary of War thirty days more, it was reported tonight.

## THE WEATHER.

Report issued Saturday morning: For Columbia and vicinity: Mostly cloudy and unsettled Sunday; warmer; for Missouri, Sunday unsettled, warmer; southeast portion.

### Weather Conditions.

The cold wave is drifting southeastward, carrying with it freezing temperatures to the northern border of Florida. On the other hand, the weather in the Plains and Rocky Mountain states is moderate, owing to the approach of a low pressure system from the northwest.

Precipitation of the past 24 hours was local, being confined to relatively small areas in the Ohio valley and on the middle and south Atlantic coast, and on the north Pacific coast and a few other scattered localities.

The line of zero has retreated to North Dakota and the line of 32 degrees, west of the Mississippi, is not farther south than the northern border of Florida.

In Columbia the weather during the next 36 hours will become more or less unsettled, but warmer. Most of the snow now on the ground probably will have disappeared by Sunday night.

## VENUE CHANGE FOR BALDRIDGE?

### Believed That Case Will Be Tried in Montgomery or Howard County.

It is believed at Centralia that the case against W. H. Baldrige, charged with the murder of Dr. J. Q. Cooper, will not be tried in the Boone County Circuit Court, but will probably be taken to Montgomery or Howard county on change of venue. This course is believed to be favored by Baldrige's attorneys on account of the feeling against the former police officer.

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## STORM ON ATLANTIC; SHIPS CALL FOR AID

### Clyde Liner Apache, With 100 Passengers, Sends Out S. O. S. Message.

## U. S. SUBMARINE, TOO

### K-6 Is in Distress, and Two Rescuers Speed to Her Assistance.

By United Press. WASHINGTON, March 4.—The Clyde liner Apache is in distress off Norfolk, Va., with 100 passengers on board. The revenue cutter Onondaga was sent to her relief tonight.

The submarine K-6 is in distress near Jupiter Inlet, north of Key West, said a dispatch to the Navy Department tonight. The Peoria and the coast-guard cutter Tampa have been sent from Key West to her assistance. Rough seas are supposed to have endangered the submarine.

Other vessels are reported to be in danger in this vicinity in a terrific storm which has been raging along the coast for twenty-four hours.

## NOT A COMPETITION, THEY SAY

### Members of Home Economics Department Explain Baby Conference.

It doesn't do any good to want to know which of the seventy-eight babies examined and scored in the Baby Welfare Conference last week ranks the highest. No results will be announced. The home economics department declares that the conference was not a competition. The purpose was to aid the mothers in caring for their babies.

It is the aim of the department to hold two conferences a year. At the next, which will probably be in November, efforts will be made to interest more mothers.

The department expresses its appreciation to the physicians and dentists who helped, including W. E. Muns, C. M. Sneed, E. H. Smith, J. E. Thornton, H. E. Stephenson, R. L. Lockridge, A. W. Kampshmidt, E. R. Clark, Max W. Myer, M. P. Ravenel and C. W. Digges. Thanks also to Dr. W. H. Pyle of the psychology department, who was assisted by Miss Erna Waltner and H. B. Bruner. The negro babies were attended by Dr. J. A. Taylor and Dr. J. C. Tymany.

## MRS. W. W. BEAZLEY, 69, DIES

### Boone County Pioneer Was Sister of Miss Eva Johnston.

Mrs. W. W. Beazley of Willow Springs, a sister of Miss Eva Johnston, adviser of women in the University, died at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon after an illness of several years. The funeral services will be held at the Bethel Church today.

Mrs. Beazley, who was 69 years old, was one of the pioneers of Boone County. She was born February 22, 1847, on the old Taylor place in Cedar Township and spent nearly all her life in Boone County. She was the granddaughter of Captain William Johnston, one of the early settlers.

April 6, 1871, she was married. She is survived by her husband and five children: Mrs. Nat Dodd, Columbia; Mrs. W. D. Hart, Sikeston; W. J. Beazley, Neville, Canada; A. J. Beazley, Toronto, Kan.; R. F. Beazley, Chicago. Brothers and sisters are Miss Eva Johnston, Columbia; Mrs. Penner and Mrs. W. O. Ellis, Ashland; J. W. Johnston and J. S. Johnston, Pomona, Calif.; Dr. J. T. M. Johnston, St. Louis.

## COL. McNEELY HERE TUESDAY

### National Guard Officer Will Talk to Machine Gun Company.

Colonel John D. McNeely of the Fourth Infantry, National Guard of Missouri, will be in Columbia Tuesday to look over the new addition to his regiment—the Columbia machine gun company. Members of the company will hold a meeting in the Commercial Club rooms Tuesday night and Colonel McNeely will make a short talk on the purposes of the company and will assist them in laying their plans for the future.

"The company is coming along fine," said E. E. Major. "But I want to impress on its members the necessity of every one being at the meeting Tuesday night. It will be the most important meeting we have had, and I want every member to be there to meet Colonel McNeely."

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