

FIRE CHIEF BELIEVES CITY NEEDS NEW CAR

Earl N. Kurtz Answers Criticisms That Have Been Made Recently.

WOULD BE EFFICIENT

Most Blazes Small Enough for Chemicals—Pumping Engine Unnecessary.

Fire Chief Earl N. Kurtz is much displeased over the adverse criticism relative to the suggestion that the city purchase a chief's regulation motor car, with chemical tanks affixed.

A motor car of the type suggested by the chief has been on exhibit in Columbia for the last two weeks. The City Council probably will take action on the recommendation this evening. Chief Kurtz replies to the criticisms as follows:

1. The money that the chemical wagon would cost should be used in lengthening the city mains and putting in more plugs.

"The money for putting in mains and plugs must come out of the water and light fund. I realize the need of more extensive mains and more plugs and have recommended that action. It is up to the water and light department to make that improvement and use its own funds. There is plenty of money in that department's fund to pay for that improvement, and the fire department has the money to buy the chemical car."

2. A fire engine should be bought instead of a chemical wagon.

"The State Insurance Commission last summer recommended certain improvements by which this city could better its classification. The insurance rates of a city are lowered as the classification of the fire department is raised. Among other things, the commission suggested that another pump be installed at the pumping station, considering this more practical for Columbia than the pumping engine. The addition to the station is nearly completed, and a new pump will be installed in the near future. The pressure will then be sufficient, and the purchase of a fire engine would be doubling expenses for the same end."

3. The wagon will serve merely as a pleasure car for the chief.

"This chemical car is called by the factory a 'chief's regulation car.' In many cities they do not have the chemical tanks on the car. By supplying the car with the chemical tanks, the city is making the auto serve a double purpose. It is necessary that I have the car at hand, so as to reach any blaze at the earliest possible moment. If I use the car in making a trip away from the station it is merely to prevent any delay in reaching a blaze."

4. What Other College Towns Have.

"Lawrence, Kan., has two distinct fire stations, and Champaign, Ill., has three stations. Columbia, which, like these cities, is the home of a state university, has only one station. It would be the best thing to equip another station, with another crew and fire truck as we have, but that would be expensive. With the chemical car, we are prepared to take care of two fires at once, while we could answer only one call now. If the big truck should be put out of commission now, we would be helpless in case of any kind of blaze."

5. The chemical motor car is not an efficient machine.

"The car that is on exhibition here is equipped with two 35-gallon tanks. Only one is attached to the hose at a time. While the second tank is being emptied, the first one can be refilled; hence a continuous stream can be kept in play. The outfit is equipped with 150 feet of hose, which is sufficient to reach from the road into a dwelling. A longer strip of hose can be added if necessary."

6. Most Fires Now Are Small.

"The motor car would be an unnecessary additional expense. The machine on exhibition can be purchased for \$2,000. A fire engine would cost at least \$9,000. The chemical car will also save the city much in overhead expense, as it will cost much less to operate the chemical car than to buy the truck. More than 80 per cent of the fires in Columbia require only the use of chemicals. The chemical auto would really be the main factor, and the big truck would be used only in case the blaze was too big for the chemical car."

THE WEATHER

For Columbia and vicinity: Clearing up tonight and cooler. Wednesday fair and somewhat warmer. Strong northwest winds diminishing at night. For Missouri: Partly cloudy west, rain and cooler east portion tonight; Wednesday fair and somewhat warmer. Strong northwest winds diminishing.

Weather Conditions.

The center of the southwest disturbance, which was near Wichita yesterday morning, traveled northeast across Missouri and at 7 a. m. this morning was at St. Louis. Aside from giving brisk to strong winds, it is a great rain producer. From Eastern Kansas to Western Illinois rains have been heavy, varying in amounts from one and a half to more than three inches; from about Iowa northwest up the Missouri watershed the rains were much lighter.

The weather continues cooler than usual June conditions everywhere, save along the Texas, Louisiana, and Florida coasts. Frost occurred last night in Northern Minnesota and in most of the Northern Rocky Mountain states and Western Canada.

The present stormy weather will cease in Columbia tonight and will be followed by fair and somewhat warmer weather on Wednesday and probably Thursday.

Local Data.

The highest temperature in Columbia yesterday was 62, and the lowest last night was 38; precipitation, 1.75; relative humidity 2 p. m. yesterday, 90 per cent. A year ago yesterday the highest temperature was 77, and the lowest 50; precipitation, .90.

The Almanac.

Sun rose today, 4:49 a. m. Sun sets, 7:28 p. m. Moon sets 11:34 p. m.

With this car we could be of great assistance to farmers near Columbia, while we cannot help them at all now. Columbia should do all it can to cut down the loss by fire both within and without the city limits.

"If the city will buy the car, the University will let the city use its pulmotor for general service day and night. The pulmotor cannot be worked practically with the present truck. I recommended the chemical car to the council merely as a means of increasing the efficiency of the fire department at the lowest possible cost," said Chief Kurtz. "It is in no way a personal matter to me, and any person who looks at the matter from that side is wrong."

NO POST-SEASON K. C. BASEBALL

Announcement Is Made That Tigers Will Not Play Off Tie.

That there is absolutely no chance of the Tiger baseball team playing off the Conference championship tie with Kansas was the announcement made at Rothwell Gymnasium this afternoon.

Though Missouri and Kansas are both in favor of playing a series to decide the championship, the games could not be scheduled because of the Conference rule that no team shall play more than eighteen games with other conference teams. Both Missouri and Kansas have played eighteen Conference games.

MOOSE BACKING T. R.

"Roosevelt or Nobody" Is Ultimatum of Progressives From Southwest.

CHICAGO, June 6.—"Roosevelt or nobody" is the ultimatum given out today by Progressives of eighteen southern and western states.

Perkins gave out the statement this afternoon that the Colonel was the only man being considered by the Progressives.

The stannopatters and Republicans who hope for a compromise on some candidate say that the Perkins statement is merely for home consumption.

MISSOURIANS HOLD A CAUCUS

G. O. P. Delegates Probably Will Not Support Roosevelt at All.

CHICAGO, June 6.—The Missouri delegation of Republicans again held a caucus today to determine their stand.

Otto Stifel of St. Louis, chairman of the delegation, denies that he has sold out to certain.

It is certain that there will be no support for Roosevelt on the first ballot from the Missouri delegation, and it is probable that he will never get any support from them.

Game With St. Louis Team Called Off.

The St. Louis All-Star baseball team that was to have played the Columbia Browns will not play here, for a time at least. A double-header was scheduled for today, but rain prevented. If the weather is favorable they will play at Centralia tomorrow.

Mrs. Martha McClelland Buried.

The funeral of Mrs. Martha McClelland, 78 years old, who died at her home at Arrow Rock yesterday morning, was held at 4 o'clock this afternoon. The body arrived on the 2:45 o'clock train this afternoon. Burial was in the Columbia Cemetery.

80 DEAD, 1,000 HURT, IN SOUTHERN STORM

Property Damaged a Million and a Half in Arkansas and Mississippi.

MANY WIRES DOWN

Tornadoes and Cyclones Cause Havoc and Then Stop Communication.

By United Press.

ST. LOUIS, June 6.—Reports reaching here from Arkansas and Mississippi say that more than eighty persons lost their lives, that thousands have been injured and that \$1,500,000 property damage has been caused as a result of the tornadoes and cyclones throughout those states last night and this morning. Telegraph wires are down and communication is practically impossible.

RAIN IS WIDESPREAD

But Local Bureau Predicts Clear Sky and Sun for Tomorrow.

Columbians are not the only ones who are becoming grouchy about the weather conditions of the last two days, for the storm conditions have prevailed throughout the central states from Eastern Kansas to Indiana and the central Ohio Valley. This was the announcement made at the local weather bureau this afternoon, with the promise that the rain would not continue more than twelve hours and that tomorrow Old Sol would come out in full force to dry up the mud.

The present rain started about 7:20 o'clock yesterday morning and has continued steadily since. St. Louis, Kansas City and practically every town in this part of the country have had the same excess of water and many towns have been badly damaged by the heavy winds, which in many places have reached a velocity in excess of 40 miles an hour. Arkansas and Tennessee have also suffered heavily from the storm.

Locally the damage has not been so great. The wind was not attained a velocity in excess of 30 miles an hour in Columbia, though it has been very consistent, averaging 25 miles an hour for six or seven hours at a stretch. Many trees have been blown down and branches broken because of brief gusts which were increased in power by the driving rain.

The rainfall up to 2:30 o'clock this afternoon was between 2 and 1-4 inches. Such a storm is unusual at this time of the year, according to George Reeder, head of the local bureau.

CARRANZA TROOPS OPPOSE U. S.

Announcement Is Made That Help Becomes a Hindrance.

COLUMBUS, N. M., June 6.—That twenty thousand Carranzistas today began tactics actually to obstruct the American troops in their pursuit of Villa was announced here this afternoon. The Carranzistas were with the American troops, supposedly to aid them, but high officials this afternoon reported that absolutely no co-operation had been given.

Former M. U. Instructor to Wed.

Word was received here today announcing the engagement of George Arthur Underwood, instructor in romance languages in the University in 1913-14, to Miss Catherine DePay Allison of Northampton, Mass. The marriage will be at Saturday, June 24. The couple will be at home in Northampton after October 1.

Alumni Association President Coming.

Allen McReynolds, A. B. '01, the newly elected president of the University of Missouri Alumni Association, writes to H. H. Kinyon, the secretary, that he will come to Columbia about June 29 to confer with the officers of the association regarding the work for this year. Mr. McReynolds is practicing law at Carthage.

Colorado Graduates to Hear Dr. Hill.

President A. Ross Hill left yesterday for Boulder, Colo., where he will deliver the Commencement address to the graduating class of the University of Colorado tomorrow morning.

BROWNS OUT FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

George Bryant Says Columbia, With Money and Support, Will Win.

"Columbia has a good chance for the Central Missouri baseball championship if the Columbians will help support the team financially," said George Bryant, one of the player-managers of the Columbia Browns, this morning.

"The Browns have played five games, winning two and losing three, but if they played as they did last Sunday no team in the league can stop them."

"The only thing that is lacking is money. We are now more than \$19 behind, and we are going to start out soon to try to get that to put the team on a substantial basis."

Columbia still has fifteen of the twenty games scheduled to play. Mericlerly are tied for second and Gierco leads the league; Centralia and Mopolaces; Columbia and Paris are tied for the fourth and fifth places. Columbia will play Paris at Paris next Sunday.

Centralia is the biggest rival, according to Bryant.

PILOTS PREPARING FOR DERBY

Famous Speed Kings Try Out for 300-Mile Event June 10.

MAYWOOD, Ill., June 6.—Entrants for the second annual Chicago Automobile Derby, to be held on the Speedway here June 10, were to hold their qualifications tests here today, tomorrow and Thursday. There were more than thirty entrants, among them Barney Oldfield, driving a Delage; Ralph de Palma, a Mercedes; Dairo Rosta, a Peugeot; Tom Alley, an Ogren; Billy Chandler, a Crawford; Eddie O'Donnell, a Duesenberg, and Ira Vail, a Hudson Six.

There will be only twenty-seven entrants in the race, which is for 300 miles, and each must make a speed of 90 miles an hour in the trials to qualify for the derby. In case more than twenty-seven cars make the required speed, the cars recording the best marks will be entered.

All drivers and mechanics must be over 21 years old to compete.

FOR A 3-WEEK SUMMER SESSION

Elementary School to Have Short Term, Beginning June 12.

The University Elementary School will be conducted for three weeks during the Summer Session, beginning next Monday, June 12. The teaching force consists of four regular teachers of the regular session. Classes will be held between 9 and 11 a. m., with a playground hour from 11 to 12.

Any pupil who has had at least one year of school may attend, but application should be made to Prof. J. L. Meriam immediately as the classes will be limited. There will be no tuition fee and all books will be supplied by the school. If as many as twelve pupils apply for bench work, this will be given from 11 to 12 a. m., but a payment of \$1 must be made for the course.

After this Summer Session closes Doctor Meriam, with two of his teachers, will go to New York City to carry on a similar kind of work at the summer session of the Teachers' College of Columbia University, July 10 to August 18. Miss Sinclair, the primary teacher, taught in the same school in the summer session of 1914.

INSTRUCTOR TO WED TONIGHT

A. H. Hollinger Will Marry Stenographer, Miss Jessie Helen Hill.

Albert H. Hollinger, instructor in horticulture in the University, and Miss Jessie Helen Hill, his former stenographer, will be married at 8 o'clock tonight at the home of Mrs. Lena Hill, 1405 Pratt street. The Rev. M. A. Hart of the First Christian Church will perform the ceremony.

Mr. Hollinger is from Detroit, Mich., and is 25 years old. Miss Hill is a Columbia girl. The wedding plans have been kept secret, but Mr. Hollinger said today that they would probably spend the summer at his home in Detroit.

Wind and Rain Tear Ivy Down.

A large part of the east wall of Lathrop Hall, at the entrance to the Cafeteria, was stripped of its ivy as a result of the rain and wind this morning.

County Court Changes Voting Place.

The voting place for Perche precinct was changed today by the County Court from Butler's store to Pat Wood's store.

City Council to Meet Tonight.

The City Council will meet tonight in the City Hall. The usual business will be taken up.

ADMIRALTY ADMITS LOSS OF KITCHENER, STAFF AND CRUISER

Hampshire, Carrying British War Minister and Aids, Is Sunk by Mine or Torpedo Off the Orkney Islands.

ON WAY TO RUSSIA FOR A CONFERENCE

Discussion of Slav Help in Asia Minor and Mesopotamia Reason for Trip—Leader Born in 1850.

LONDON, June 6.—Lord Kitchener and his entire staff were lost when the English cruiser Hampshire was sunk, either by a torpedo or a mine, off the Orkney Islands last night. This was admitted by the British admiralty this afternoon. The Hampshire's tonnage was 10,850.

Kitchener and his staff were en route to Russia to hold a conference in regard to Russian aid in Asia Minor and Mesopotamia.

The admiralty has given up all hope of saving any of the persons aboard the Hampshire.

Horatio H. Kitchener was born in 1850. He entered the engineering corps in 1871, after graduating from the Royal Military Academy. His rise was rapid, and he was raised to the peerage in 1899. He became minister of war at the outbreak of the present struggle.

WED AFTER COLUMBIA ROMANCE

Harry Martin Is Married to Miss Shirley Moore, University Graduate.

Harry Martin of Springfield, Mo., son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Martin of Columbia, was married at 10:30 o'clock this morning to Miss Shirley Ruth Moore, an alumna of the University, at her home at 5085 Von Verson avenue, St. Louis. The wedding is the culmination of a romance that began in Columbia when the bride was a student here and Mr. Martin was associated in business with his father.

The bride was graduated from the School of Education of the University in 1914, and has since made her home with her mother, Mrs. W. S. Moore, in St. Louis. Mr. Martin since leaving Columbia has been traveling for the Pierre Lorillard Tobacco Company with headquarters at Springfield.

The couple will come to Columbia Friday for a few days visit and will then go to Springfield, where they will make their home.

C. W. Martin and Miss Fannie Martin, father and sister of the bridegroom, attended the wedding.

WILL HOLD MODEL BABY WEEK

Columbia Child Welfare Association Plans for November Meeting.

A called meeting of the Columbia Child Welfare Association was held this afternoon at the home of Mrs. G. E. Troxell to consider plans for the model Baby Week to be given by the association next November. This will be held in connection with the state meeting of the Social Welfare Association.

"Our plan," said Mrs. Troxell, "is to have a model baby week, so that other towns in the state will be inspired to take up the work in earnest."

7 School Districts to Consolidate.

The citizens of the Hallsville school district and six adjacent districts last Saturday voted to consolidate and to erect a high school at Hallsville. The proposition was carried on about a month ago and carried, but due to a technical discrepancy in the holding of the election the voting had to be done over. It carried this time, 149 to 108. A \$12,000 high school will probably be built.

Dean Williams Speaks at Fulton.

Dean Walter Williams of the School of Journalism delivered the annual commencement address of Westminster College at Fulton at 10 o'clock this morning. He will return this evening.

To Decide Pan-Hellenic Champions.

Rain prevented the Alpha Tau Omega baseball team from playing the Sigma Nus for the Pan-Hellenic championship today. The game will be played, weather permitting, at 5 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Hamilton-Brown Wins at Browns.

The Hamilton-Brown Shoe Factory baseball team began its season at Browns Sunday by defeating the team of that place, 6 to 0. McDaniels, pitcher for the factory workers, held the Browns team to one hit and struck out thirteen.

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