

FORMER M. U. MAN SHIPS 1,000 CARS WATERMELONS

"Watermelons, watermelons, any watermelons today?" This cry is now heard every day, for it is watermelon time. Missouri is in the flood stage of the melon season and is furnishing a large part of the melons used in the United States. Southeast Missouri is the real watermelon part of the state, and this year will ship around 3,200 cars, or about four million watermelons. The most of these are handled by one man, John E. Marshall of Bladgett, Mo., who attended the University of Missouri twenty-seven years ago, in 1886 and 1887.

This year Mr. Marshall will ship more than 1,000 cars to the big markets in the United States, besides handling many other cars in an indirect method through agents, for he has men in the principal cities. He raises a part of his melons on about a thousand acres of his own land, and the rest he buys from growers and sells through his own offices.

This is Mr. Marshall's twenty-fifth crop, and since his business has averaged 1,000 cars a year it is estimated that he has handled upwards of twenty-five million watermelons. During the busy season in 1908, according to an article in the Country Gentleman by W. L. Nelson, assistant secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, this firm shipped in 3 days 253 carloads of watermelons at an average cost of \$110 a car. The value of the melons handled in a single year by the Marshall firm has amounted to more than \$150,000, while \$160,000 is a fair average.

Marshall melons tickle the palate of many persons in the eastern cities; many go west to Montana, Washington and Oregon; others cross the line into Canada and are raised 3 cents apiece in price because of duty. The freight rate on a car of melons to Billings, Mont., was \$27.50, the cost of the car of melons alone was only \$100.

In Southeast Missouri the most profitable varieties are the Tom Watson and Kolb's Gem. The Tom Watson is the long, green melon, with medium thick rind, a good shipper and of excellent flavor. The meat is the bright red, crisp and inviting, like the kind in the picture hung in so many dining rooms.

John Marshall attended the University in an early day and it cannot be found in the records that he ever studied anything about melons or their culture. The story goes that Marshall was a poor boy and earned his way while here, but even then he was forced to leave after two years' study without a degree of any sort.

After leaving school in 1887, Marshall found himself in Scott County, Southeast Missouri; he had no money

and his future was very unpromising. He began growing watermelons on the small patch scale; he did well, and the crop paid. He stuck by the business, with its successes and failures and is now recognized as the "Watermelon King of Missouri."

Although he was a poor boy when he went to the University, now he is rated as a millionaire.

Marshall keeps in daily touch with the markets by a private wire to his offices in Scott County and for his own purposes uses a private code. In this way he is in close communication with all his agents in the eastern cities as well as in the West.

This tremendous business in watermelons has been developed by John E. Marshall and his brother Ben F. Marshall, who have been together in the mercantile business since 1888.

DEUTSCHLAND GETS HER PILOT Same Man Who Brought in U-Boat Will Guide Her Out to Sea.

By United Press.

BALTIMORE, Aug. 1.—Owen Coleman, the pilot who brought the submarine Deutschland safely into port, will take her out again.

Plans of the promoters called for him to pilot her down the bay before night.

Shortly after the information concerning the pilot became known, the tug Timmins and the smaller launch Efco started out towards mid-channel, carrying a drag, apparently to pick up any mines or obstacles.

The tip that the vessel will sail before night came from a more reliable source than the usual crop of unconfirmed rumors.

The revenue cutter Apache lay in the Patascoe, a short distance below the Deutschland, apparently ready to see that she had fair play on her return journey.

Rumor had it that the Bremen is due along the Atlantic seaboard either today or tomorrow, but there was no definite information as to whether she will dock here or at Boston.

CHURCH NOTES

The Women's Missionary Society of the Baptist Church will meet next Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. F. F. Stephens, 203 Thilly avenue.

The B. Y. P. U. of the Baptist Church had charge of the evening service at Hinkson Chapel last evening.

The outdoor meetings of the B. Y. P. U. have proved so successful that they will be continued as long as the hot weather lasts.

WARRING COUNTRIES ANXIOUS FOR PEACE

J. W. T. Mason Thinks End of the European Conflict Is Near.

EXPENSE TOO GREAT

Allies and Germans Are Both Suffering From a Lack of Finances.

By J. W. T. MASON.
(Written for the United Press)
NEW YORK, Aug. 1.—The warring nations of Europe are at their last stand, as they enter today upon the third year of the conflict.

Two years of prodigal expenditures, of enormous losses and of indecisive victories and defeats have led up to the final phase of the great struggle which discloses neither side able as yet to dictate terms to the other. The Allies and the Central Empires have not even decided among themselves as to the details of their own terms. This must be the principal work of their statesmen during the third year of the war.

The two years of conflict have demonstrated that in a war as complex as in the European struggle, other forces beside those controlled by the militarists play an increasingly important part in the final outcome. Lines on either side may hold, but once the enemy establishes a definite superiority in man-killing power, this fact will have a new bearing on peace negotiations.

Three Influences at Work.

Three other influences are at work in the final phase of the war: financial, economic and food. Financially, Europe at large is approaching a limit of possible taxation after the war to pay the interest on the money now being so readily borrowed under the influence of public fervor. Belligerent statesmen are entering upon the third year of the war with serious financial misgivings that will probably stimulate interest in peace as new borrowings of billions become necessary. It is practically certain that in some of the warring nations thinly disguised socialistic seizures of property will have to be made to pay the war bills, even if the war doesn't last a day longer. If peace continues to be evasive far into the third year of the war, there will be few countries that in the end will be able to avoid widespread confiscation.

Economically, the two years of warfare have not been disastrous for any of the principal belligerents. Workmen's wages, in general, have risen higher than the increased cost of living. The dispatch of so many millions of men to the front and the use of so many millions more in munition factories, have caused a scarcity of ordinary labor throughout Europe.

Raw Materials Nearly Gone.

The Central Empires, however, will feel a serious economic strain when the war is over, because their supply of raw materials is rapidly becoming exhausted. The Allies have been able to import raw materials continuously during the war, while Germany and Austro-Hungary have had to live on their reserves. How to purchase raw materials from abroad in sufficient quantities to provide for the millions of Teuton soldiers returning to the workshops and factories after peace is declared will present a serious problem for Berlin and Vienna to solve.

For two years the supply of food in the Teutonic countries has been constantly dropping. The enforcement of a low dietary scale upon the Germans has undoubtedly had some depressing moral effects, but there is as yet no evidence that actual starvation for the mass of the people is imminent. If the Russian armies, however, can reach the grain fields and cattle pastures of Hungary and Galicia before the August harvesting is over, the Teutons may yet be starved into surrender. But as the third year of the war begins, it seems as if the Russian offensive started too late to accomplish this objective.

Daily Market Report

By United Press.
EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill., Aug. 1.—CATTLE RECEIPTS—200, including no Texans. Market steady. Native beef steers \$7.00@10.25. Yearling steers and heifers \$8.50@10.00. Cows \$5.50@8.00. Stockers and feeders \$5.30@8.25. Calves \$6.00@11.75. Texas steers \$5.50@9.10. Cows and heifers \$5.00@8.00.

HOG RECEIPTS—7,500. Market steady, 5 higher. Mixed and butchers \$9.75@10.95. Good and heavy \$9.90@10.00. Rough \$8.90@9.10. Light \$9.70@10.05. Pigs \$8.75@9.75. Bulk \$9.70@10.00.

SHEEP RECEIPTS—4,500. Market steady. Slaughter ewes \$5.00@7.25. Breeding ewes \$9.00@10.00. Yearlings \$6.00@9.50. Spring lambs \$7.00@10.00.

WINNERS WILL GET TROPHIES

Summer Session Athletes to Have Loving Cups and Watch Fobs.

The winners of the tournaments in tennis, golf, basketball and baseball will all be presented with trophies. Small silver loving cups will be awarded to the champions in tennis and golf; the members of the Migets' basketball team will receive watch fobs decorated with small silver basketballs; the members of the Kirksville baseball nine will get fobs decorated with sterling silver baseballs.

Those who receive cups are: In tennis—Roscoe Ellard, singles; Helen Hungate, singles; Biggs and Biggs, mixed doubles, and the winners of the men's doubles, which has not yet been played; in golf, C. L. Brewer gets the cup in the championship class and W. D. A. Westfall the cup in class B; the baseball men who get fobs are Sach Rowitz, Stephenson, Pittam, Brooks, Martin and Orr.

STEPHENS GETS APPLICATIONS

Not Enough Dormitory Room for Students, Says President Wood.

President James M. Wood of Stephens College announced at the meeting of the board of curators last night that more than enough applications have been received to fill the college dormitories. The board decided that the registration books be closed on August 5 and that all applications received after that date will be placed on the waiting list.

The college is ready to receive applications for local students who wish to enter this fall. It will also receive applications for students wishing to enter in 1917.

Last year, the total enrollment of the school was 306 girls, of whom 156 were local students. This year the school will have 150 dormitory students, as last year. President Wood thinks that more local students will enroll this year.

Smith Not Yet on Loan Board.

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—Charging that President Wilson violated the law by making the foreign loan board Democratic instead of non-partisan, Republicans on the Senate banking and currency committee today succeeded in holding up the confirmation of W. S. A. Smith of Sioux City as a member.

England's Relief Terms Refused.

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—Germany has refused to agree to England's terms for Polish relief. The answer to England and to the circular note of the State Department of July 7, expressing the hope for a relief agreement, was cabled from Berlin by Ambassador Gerard and given out by the State Department today.

HOLDEN CAVE, NEAR HERE, ONE OF NATURE'S CURIOS

Did you ever go for a long hike and then wish you hadn't? Just get tangled up in the hills and brush and never find a place worth going after?

There's one of nature's curios nine miles northwest of Columbia that few persons seem to know about—Holden Cave. It is near one of those nameless roads where drivers help their horses up hill and places sought are always "just over the next rise." Able geographers of the neighborhood locate it two miles from Yeager's, which is seven miles from town, midway between Sexton road and Rocheport gravel.

Pass three log cabins, a superannuated road and a creek and you are there. A ragged black cliff blotched with heavy moss rises on the right of the path and a bright plain of blue grass bordered with willows and more hills stretches away in front for an acre or two. Below the center of the cliff, where small sized boulders are clustered, is Holden Cave, perhaps the most legendary and least known spot of the county.

Old settlers of the neighborhood claim it was the supply house and meeting place for Bill Anderson's bushwhackers half a century ago. If Bill Anderson never used the cave he should have; he was safer there than most other places.

"Sun never shines on that cave," said a farmer boy who ought to know. "I've been in there for twenty-four hours at a time and never yet struck the end of it."

Neither spooks or bushwhackers are given credit for living there recently, but wild dogs living as wolves and preying on the sheep and calves of the Blackfoot Hills were found there as late as the last ten years. Each evening the pack ranged the country, and hunters have seen them singly or in twos in the daytime. Farmers have little regard for the place and no houses are found near.

But Holden cave is not so spooky as one might think after the first look. A bright cold stream runs out at the mouth and half circles the low meadow before it finds another hole in the hills. Follow that creek back and you find a pleasant room behind the back entrance. A little crawling next, and then there's room for a whole circus parade and alleys enough to suit the wildest fancy. Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn had no better haunt than the boys of the Blackfoot hills.

But the entrance and the level front yard to the place are enough, and far easier for the explorer. Holden Cave should make a delightful picnic ground when the roads are made passable.

E. R. B.

ELLARD IS TENNIS CHAMPION VICTIMS OF FIRE BEING BURIED

Wins Summer Session Title by Defeat of Stanley Sisson.

Roscoe Ellard became the Summer Session champion in tennis when he defeated Stanley Sisson yesterday in the finals of the Summer Session tournament by the score of 6-4, 6-4. Ellard played a hard, consistent match clear through and was never in danger of defeat; his service was hard and his returns effective. Sisson played a conservative match, but lacked speed and swiftness on returns and service; his points were mostly won by placing and good head work.

Ritter and Crookshank defeated Biggs and Niederluecke in the semifinals of the men's doubles yesterday afternoon by the count of 6-0, 6-2. This leaves Ritter and Crookshank to play Newport and Marr in the finals, which will be the last game of the tournament.

Miss Helen Hungate is the champion in the women's singles, decided by the finals last Friday; Biggs and Biggs, the winners of the mixed doubles.

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Death Toll in Canadian Disaster Believed to Be 500.

By United Press.
HALLSBURG, Ontario, Aug. 1.—As scores of dead in the fire-swept district between Ramore and Cochrane were buried in deep trenches today, there was every indication that the toll of life taken by the devastating forest fire will never be known.

Relief workers believe more than 500 were lost in the forest fire which swept hundreds of square miles in northern Ontario.

Man Killed in Springfield Fire.

By United Press.
SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Aug. 1.—Thomas Pruitt, 45 years old, was burned to death this morning in a fire which destroyed a rooming house in the business district. All others escaped.

Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of Edna Day Hyde deceased, will make final settlement of his accounts with said estate as such administrator at the next term of the Probate Court of Boone County, Missouri, to be holden at Columbia in said County, on the 14th day of August, A. D. 1916.

A. LINCOLN HYDE, Administrator.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

Phone 55

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For Rent: New four or five room apartments in exclusive neighborhood, opposite agricultural farm. Heat and water furnished. Barn or garage can be furnished. 815 College Ave. Phone 1179 Green. C. 285-311.

For rent: An eight-room house, furnished or unfurnished at 510 S. 5th street. Phone 448 Red. L. 283-289

For rent: Furnished or unfurnished a modern 8-room house, one block from University. Address J. S. D. care Missourian. H. 282-286.

For Rent: A six room house, completely modern, at 1305 Bass avenue. See Prof. B. F. Hoffman. Phone 414 Red. H. 182 ff.

For Rent: An eight room house, furnished or unfurnished, at 510 S. 5th street. Phone 448 Red. L-278-284.

For Rent: A ten room house at 403 Matthews street. Can be used either as a flat or dwelling. For particulars phone 421. B-235-ff.

MISCELLANEOUS

Wanted: One furnished room and kitchenette for fall term. Address Mrs. W. R. Morgan, Rolla, Mo. M-279-285.

Wanted: Three or four unfurnished rooms for school year 1916-17. Call 1067 Red. S. 285-288.

Wanted: Middle aged woman for housework. Stephens. Second house south of Sexton road on Oak Street. S. 281-283.

For Tatting Work call 448 Black. 289

Dancing lessons taught privately at

709 Hitt St. 50c per lesson. Phone 1125-White. G. 147 ff.

TEACHERS WANTED

Superintendent of Consolidated High School; Superintendent of two year high school, Teacher Training teacher. Missouri Teachers' Agency, Citizens' National Bank Building, Kirksville, Mo. M. T. A. 281-285

SEWING

Woman of considerable experience wants sewing at home or by the day. Phone 816 Red. B. 283

FOR SALE

For Sale: Gas range. Number 101 Jewel—Also a Number 12 heater. Pluto Jewel, 1321 Keiser. Phone 1221. McG. 285 ff.

For Sale: All my household goods. Mrs. Mollie E. Sanford, 604 S. 9 St. Phone 633 Black. S. 283-288.

House for Sale: Seven room modern house. Pleasant location; large garden; two and one half blocks from East Campus. Part cash, time on rest at reasonable interest. For information call at 1509 Anthony Street, Columbia, Mo. L. 182-190.

For Sale: A genuine Navajo Indian blanket. Cost \$85, will sell for \$50. Apply 111 Cousins St. F. 182 ff.

For Sale: High grade piano, selected dark oak case; a few pieces of furniture; some choice Chinese articles brought from Peking. A. Heinz, Dumas Apt. H. 281.

For Sale: Attractive six room house, modern, excellently located at 1319 Keyser. Reasonable terms. Phone 445 Green. T286.

ADVENTURES IN BUYING IN COLUMBIA

No. 8 of a Series

HERE'S another real letter from a new resident of Columbia that recommends that grocery stores print their street addresses in their advertisements. The Missourian accepts part of the responsibility for this oversight and henceforth will do its part to induce advertisers to print their addresses in all advertisements. The letter follows:

Columbia, Mo.
July 27, 1916.

Editor, The Missourian,
Columbia, Mo.

One of the things about Columbia that makes it hard for new-comers, is the disposition of the grocery stores to keep their locations as secrets.

It is very rare to find a grocery ad in Columbia papers that contains the street address of the store.

New-comers who are careful buyers, do not care to order groceries indiscriminately over a phone, without first seeing the store and getting some idea of its management.

The phone number is usually given, but all new-comers do not have phones and if they did could easily get the number from the directory, but the street address is carefully omitted.

Is this done to discourage new-comers from buying here and to induce them to send more mail orders for groceries?

(Signed) MRS. NEW-COMER.

The Missourian commends this letter to every merchant in Columbia. Merchants are likely to think that "everybody knows us." A little investigation would show that the population of a growing city like Columbia changes about every six or seven years, that is, the moving in and out amounts to about that proportion.

The Missourian would like to receive further letters with constructive suggestions similar to the foregoing. The purpose of these articles is to make Columbia a better place to trade in as well as live in. Address letters to

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