

## 607 TICKETS SOLD TO HALL BENEFIT

Tom Taylor and E. S. Stephens Are Now In Lead as Salesmen.

SOLD 80 YESTERDAY

Prof. L. M. DeFoe Will Be In Charge on the Opening Night.

Eighty tickets were sold yesterday for the benefit performance of the new Hall Theater. The committees were finishing the first day campaign, which accounts for the difference between the sale of the first two days.

The standing in the Salesmen League was upset, when the committee composed of Tom Taylor and E. S. Stephens went into the lead. Jacks, Evans, and McHarg were in a slump, but swear vengeance today. Taylor and Stephens lead yesterday with 31 tickets sold.

The total number of tickets sold is now 607 and not 1300 as reported in this morning's press. The committee will continue to work this week, and the territory of each committee will be changed. One committee has not been heard from. The committee to cover the University has been changed and is composed of R. E. Lucas, Leslie Cowan, and R. E. Watson.

"The newness of the work is wearing off, and the committees are getting down to business," said S. F. Conley, chairman, at the meeting this morning. "We have the majority of the people to see yet, and have hopes of reaching the mark set at the start."

Prof. L. M. DeFoe was appointed to have charge of the program for the opening night.

A short speech will be made by a local speaker before the performance starts. This will necessarily be short because of the length of the benefit show.

"We will move into the office today," said O. B. Wilson, who has charge of the new theater, this morning. "Tickets may be reserved after 9 o'clock tomorrow morning in the south office at the theater. There is no additional charge for the reservation, and when the tickets sold by the committeemen are presented, we will reserve them anywhere in the house. We will announce the act and the pictures tomorrow that will be shown at the opening performance."

Tickets should be reserved as soon as possible, and any one missed by the committee may secure tickets at the box office and have them reserved.

The additional subscribers for tickets yesterday were:

- A. H. Shephard 2, E. F. Schwartz 2, W. T. Anderson 4, J. M. Baker 2, Will Belcher 2.

- Gem Cafe 2, William McHarg 2, J. H. Gultar 4, Jack Taylor 2, Central Bank 23, C. W. Furtney 5.

- Ed. M. Price 2, Hartley Banks 4, Gray Henry 2.

- F. M. Brant 2, J. L. Henry 2, G. D. Porter 1, J. R. Jordan 2, H. R. Jackson 1, J. M. Batteredton 4, Percy Klass 1, M. R. Conley 2, Lee Walker 1, Ralph Finley 2, George Starrett 1, John Moscow 1, N. T. Gentry 1.

Visiting Mrs. G. F. Troxell.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Deal, Jr., of St. Charles are here for a week or more the guests of Mrs. Deal's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Troxell. Mr. and Mrs. Deal came here by automobile, arriving Saturday afternoon. Both are graduates of the University. Mr. Deal is operating a large farm near St. Charles.

A. R. Gwinn to Ames.

Albert R. Gwinn, of DeWitt, Mo., who was graduated from the College of Agriculture last spring, left for Ames, Iowa, to take graduate work leading to a master's degree in the agricultural college at that place. Mr. Gwinn will specialize in the soils department.

Visiting at Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Roberts and daughter Ollie, of Oklahoma City, Okla., who have been visiting friends and relatives here for the last three weeks, went to Mexico on a visit this morning.

G. H. Scott Goes to St. Louis.

G. H. Scott, former manager of the Hudson-Phillips Garage here, (now the Hudson Garage), left last night for St. Louis to assume his duties as vice-president of the Hudson-Phillips Motor Car Company of St. Louis.

## THE CALENDAR

September 14, 15, 16, Thursday, Friday and Saturday—University entrance examinations.  
September 18, 19, 20, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday—University registration.  
September 20, Wednesday—Opening Convocation, University Auditorium, 11 a. m.  
September 21, Thursday—University class work in all divisions begins.

## MRS. MARY FRANCIS SLATE DIES

Funeral Services Tomorrow—Burial in the Columbia Cemetery.  
Funeral services of Mrs. Mary Francis Slate, who died yesterday afternoon at her home on Hinkson avenue where she has lived for more than half a century will be held at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. They will be conducted by the Rev. W. S. Clair. Burial will be in the Columbia cemetery.

Mrs. Slate was born in Madison County, Kentucky in 1830. At the age of eleven months she moved with her parents, the late Hezekiah and Nancy Speaks to Columbia, making the then arduous trip on horseback.

Mrs. Slate was a member of the Christian Church. She was married twice. From her first marriage, one child, Boone Reed, who lived with his mother at the time of her death, survives. Her second husband was the late John G. Slate. Of this union four children survive: Mrs. J. E. Dreps of Centralia, L. J. Slate, A. Y. Slate and John L. Slate of this city. Besides these there also survive one brother, W. H. Speaks of Oklahoma, and one sister, Mrs. George McKinney of California.

## REPUBLICANS ADOPT PLATFORM

Terms Administration Under Governor Major "Incompetent."

By United Press.  
JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Aug. 23.—The Missouri Republicans today adopted a state platform which termed the state government under the Major regime "incompetent" and indorsed the principles of Americanism and national preparedness.

The platform was adopted shortly before 2 o'clock after the platform committee had been working on it all night.

The platform favors: Workingmen's compensation law, good roads, river improvement, enactment of a pure-seed law, reformation of court procedure, home rule for the cities, rural credits, pensions for the blind, non-partisan management of the penitentiary, amendment of the election laws and favors a new constitution framed on a non partisan basis.

## KIMBALS' TRIAL IS RESET

Will Be Heard by Justice Bicknell on August 31.

The case of the State of Missouri versus C. R. Kimbals, in which R. B. Taylor of Harrisburg is the plaintiff, came into Justice J. S. Bicknell's court this afternoon. The trial was reset until August 31 on account of the fact that some of the witnesses from Jefferson City failed to appear.

It is alleged by Taylor that on July 3, Kimbals, posing as the agent of the Capital City Iron, Metal and Wool Company of Jefferson City, purchased from him rags, rubber, brass, copper, zinc and paper to the amount of \$52,500 and gave the plaintiff a worthless bank draft drawn on the Capital City Iron, Metal and Wool Company for the above amount.

## MISS CORA PEACHER IS BETTER

Condition of Girl Injured in Runaway Is Improving.

Miss Cora Peacher, whose skull was fractured in a runaway accident Monday night, has at last partially recovered consciousness and is thought to be on the road to recovery, her condition is still serious, however, and it may be several days before the doctors can pronounce the young lady completely out of danger.

## Commission to Meet in September.

By United Press.  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—The joint American-Mexican commission will begin its meetings the first week in September, it was announced today, after a half-hour conference between Secretary of State Lansing and Mexican Ambassador Arredondo. The exact date and place will be settled at the conference between the commissioners.

## D. T. Gentry To Address Club.

The Commercial Club luncheon will be held at 12 o'clock tomorrow at Harris'. D. T. Gentry will speak on "Insurance." This is the first of a series of talks before the Commercial Club, by representatives of branches of businesses in Columbia.

## RAILWAY PRESIDENTS ARE GETTING UNEASY

Heads of Systems Are Splitting Up on Terms With the Employes.

"UP TO WILSON NOW"

Some Railroad Chiefs Would Leave Matter in the Hands of Wilson.

By United Press.  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—The three-cornered fight under way here to avert a nation-wide railway strike appeared this afternoon to have run into a jam. Leaders among the railroad presidents said they could not see how any conclusions could be reached in less than forty-eight hours. At the same time, in another part of the city, leaders of the railroad brotherhoods' representatives were planning ways of holding in check an uprising on the part of the brotherhood representatives. An unanimous strike demand might come from them, it is said.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—Marked evidence of uneasiness began to appear today among the sixty railway presidents gathered here.

They have no solution for the situation President Wilson called them here to solve. They are divided among themselves and unable to agree upon a proposition that might soften the effect of the President's plan for averting a national railroad strike. Still holding out against acceptance of the 8-hour day they did not exhibit the defiance that was noticeable when President Wilson first announced the scheme for settling the question.

Some even are talking among themselves of agreeing to the 8-hour day and letting the consequences take care of themselves. "Let the result be on President Wilson's head," they said. These, however, include few of the presidents of the bigger railroad systems.

The latter are working as hard as they ever worked in their lives to avoid making the concession. They toiled late into the night and were still at it today.

The full number of railway presidents met at noon to hear the report from the sub-committee of eight and the committee of three, who called on the President last night. Neither committee, it was said, was prepared to report a decision on any acceptable plan.

One committee said that one thing was certain and that was that there would be no action by independent roads without agreement by all.

Strike talk broke out again among the brotherhood men today. Thomas Donovan, the Boston and Albany chairman, proposed at the morning session that the brotherhood chairmen return to their homes, leaving the four heads here to arrange their strike. His effort, however, was crushed.

## THE DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM

The principal points of the Democratic platform, as reported by Senator James A. Reed and as adopted unanimously by the Democratic Convention yesterday at Jefferson City, are as follows:

**Record of Democratic Congress.**  
The Democratic Congress exposed and drove out the organized lobby headed by "The National Manufacturers' Association." It is now organizing a system of land banks enabling farmers to obtain loans at reasonable rates. It has helped farmers by enacting agricultural implements on the free list, by increasing the appropriation and powers of the Agricultural Department, and by appropriating \$80,000,000 for good roads throughout the country. The Congress practically abolished penalties by establishing a sound currency and banking system under the Federal Reserve Act.

**Labor Legislation.**  
The Democratic Congress abolished government by injunction, gave labor and farm organizations statutory recognition, abolished involuntary servitude in the merchant marine, enacted an eight-hour law for women and children workers in the District of Columbia, extended the eight-hour law for government employes, provided for industrial education, abolished Republican stop-watch methods in the navy, provided for the construction of ry-yards in government navy yards, investigated and exposed intolerable labor conditions of West Virginia and Michigan industries, adequate labor employes, established a bureau for the study of child disease and prohibited the shipment of circus-barnyard institutions.

**Record of Democratic Legislatures.**  
The Missouri Democratic Legislatures have enacted anti-trust laws, laws contracting agricultural, mining and dairy industries, adequate labor employes, laws and laws supporting the public school system, the public school fund, the university, the normal schools and the eleemosynary institutions.

**Recent Enactments.**  
Among recent laws passed are the creation of a public service commission, the establishment of a state highway department, the policy of state aid for schools, the creation of the board of pardons and

## HARMONY'S KEYNOTE OF STATE DEMOCRATS

Committee Organizes With All Satisfied, Says James E. Boggs.

CERTAIN OF VICTORY

Young Men's Democratic Club to Have Room at State Headquarters.

"Harmony with a big H was the keynote of the Democratic gathering at Jefferson City yesterday," said State Committeeman Boggs of this city upon his return this morning. "Everyone from Gardner down to smallest hanger-on seemed to be intent upon victory at the polls in November, and everything else was sacrificed to this main end."

"The opposition to Cowgill melted away when the showdown came, and he was unanimously chosen chairman. The only office that seemed likely to develop a fight was secretary, and, when the state candidates, in caucus, indorsed "Doc" Brydon, he was elected by a 3 to 1 vote.

"Contrast this with the Republican meeting, and you can understand why we Democrats are so confident of carrying the state this fall, both for the national and state candidates."

"Doc" Brydon, who was elected secretary of the state committee, has been revenue clerk in State Auditor Gordon's office. He resigned yesterday, however, and went at once to St. Louis to take charge of the Democratic headquarters in that city. Dale S. Flowers of Albany, Gentry County, was unanimously elected treasurer of the state committee.

The Young Men's Democratic Club, of which J. E. Boggs is president, also met at Jefferson City yesterday. They are to have a room at the Democratic headquarters in the Leathe building, St. Louis, and will be a bureau of the state committee.

Chairman Cowgill of the state committee will within a few days appoint an executive committee of seven to have active charge of the coming campaign. Four of the committee will be from the state committee, while the other three will be selected from outside by Mr. Cowgill. This committee was made necessary because of the unwieldiness of the state committee, which consists of thirty-two members.

Mr. and Mrs. Royle Return Home.

Mr. and Mrs. I. O. Royle, who have been visiting Mrs. Royle's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Tandy at 205 South Eighth street, left this morning for their home in St. Louis where Mr. Royle is a teacher in the David Rankin School of Trades.

Will Discuss Profanity.

"Is profanity on the increase?" is the topic for discussion tonight at the prayer meeting of the Christian Church, Walnut and Tenth streets. The meeting will start at 7:45 p. m.

## THE WEATHER

For Columbia and vicinity: Fair tonight and Thursday; warmer or more for Missouri; fair tonight and Thursday; warmer Thursday, and west and north portions tonight.

**Weather Conditions.**  
There are small low pressure areas overlying the St. Lawrence Valley, the Middle Gulf, and extreme Southwest, but throughout nearly the entire interior, an extensive area of high pressure centered in Kansas, dominates weather conditions on the map this morning.  
It has caused cooler weather from the Rocky Mountains to the Atlantic Coast, the change ranging 10 degrees or more from Oklahoma and Kansas northeast to Lake Erie. Fair skies also have prevailed except for a narrow strip from Little Rock to Montreal where showers resulted from the mixing of the cool and warm air masses of the advancing "high" and the retreating "low." Thunderstorms occurred at New Orleans and Roswell, due to local conditions.  
The center of high pressure should pass east of Columbia late tonight. Fair weather with rising temperature should prevail tonight and Thursday.

**Local Data.**  
The highest temperature in Columbia yesterday was 80, and the lowest last night was 56; precipitation, .00; relative humidity 2 p. m. yesterday, 55 per cent. A year ago yesterday the highest temperature was 82, and the lowest 55; precipitation, .00.

**The Almanac.**  
Sun rose today, 5:30 a. m. Sun sets, 6:23 p. m.  
Moon rises 12:31 a. m.

**The Temperatures Today.**

7 a. m.	58	11 a. m.	75
8 a. m.	62	12 m.	78
9 a. m.	67	1 p. m.	79
10 a. m.	72	2 p. m.	80

## HAD TO PULL DOWN CHIMNEYS

Mix Up Over Building Costs J. C. Schwabe \$100.

Neglect in supervising strictly the construction of a house in accordance with the Flue Ordinance of the City, caused J. C. Schwabe trouble, time, and an added expense of almost \$100.

Mr. Schwabe had at the time of the beginning of the construction of a house on Seventh street, given the contract to a firm of two men, one of whom, in the intervening time, had sold out to the other. In the mix-up the ordinance was forgotten, and the chimneys were completed when Earl Kurtz, chief of the fire department, after inspecting the flues, called attention to the neglect to live up to the ordinance.

Mr. Schwabe made his pleas to the Mayor and several councilmen, but assured them that he would make no protest if Kurtz decided the ordinance held good in this particular case.

The chimneys have already been pulled down and others in accordance with the ordinance almost completed.

## COOK-PEARY QUESTION AGAIN

Report of U. S. Ensign May Reopen Old Dispute.

By United Press.  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—Upon the report of a youngster of 28, an ensign in the United States navy, may depend a reopening of the Cook-Peary controversy over the North Pole. Ensign Fitzhugh Green of Missouri, who represented the government on the Crockerland expedition, has reported to the Navy Department his return to Copenhagen, but he makes no mention of having located Crockerland, which Peary claimed to have discovered during his dash for the Pole.

According to Peary, he saw the new continent from the altitudes in Northeast Greenland. Friends of Doctor Cook have disputed the existence of this new continent along with the other claims of Peary.

Congressman Kelgesen of North Dakota has endeavored to have the government investigate the Peary claims and, coincident with indications that Green failed to find Crockerland, it was learned that the government hydrographic office has removed the "continent" from its charts.

## HEAT FORCES ADJOURNMENT

National Federation of Catholic Societies Cuts Short N. Y. Convention.

By United Press.  
NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—Because of the intense heat, an effort was being made this afternoon to wind up the business of the Fifteenth Annual Convention of the National Federation of Catholic Societies by tonight, instead of holding sessions Thursday, as originally planned.

Kansas City was chosen as the convention city for 1917.

With one exception, that of a vice-president, all officers were re-elected.

## Dogs Desert German Trenches.

By United Press.  
SOUTHAMPTON, England, Aug. 23.—An officer arriving from the front today related that just before the Big Push began four dogs came out of the German trenches and despite the whistling and shouting of their masters, proceeded across No Man's Land, deserting to the English. The Tommies hailed it as a good omen and charged singing.

## BOTH PARTIES FAVOR A NEW CONSTITUTION

Republicans and Democrats Would Submit Question to Assembly.

A MEETING IS HELD

Progressive Convention at Kansas City Also Votes In It's Favor.

By Special Correspondence.  
JEFFERSON CITY, Aug. 23.—Both the Democratic and Republican state platforms as finally adopted contain planks favoring the submission to voters of Missouri of the question of a new state constitution. These planks were presented to both parties by a committee from the New Constitution Association.

The plank in the Democratic platform was approved by Col. Frederick D. Gardner, Democratic nominee for governor and offered to the committee on platform by Sam B. Cook, of Jefferson City, Democratic nominee for the state senate. It reads:

We favor the submission by the next General Assembly to the voters of Missouri of the question of the need of a new state constitution.

The plank in the Republican platform was written by Judge Henry Lamm, Republican nominee for governor, and is as follows:

We favor the submission by the next General Assembly to the voters of Missouri of the question of a new constitution. We declare in this connection that a new constitution should be framed as a non partisan instrument and therefore we recommend that the submission be made in a form to provide for an equitable and just representation of all political parties in the constitutional convention."

Some opposition in each party committee was manifested but the final vote in favor of adoption was practically unanimous.

Representing the New Constitution Association at the various committee hearings were Dr. W. H. Black, President of Missouri Valley College, Marshall; George H. Forsee, of the Kansas City Commercial Club; Benjamin A. Wood and Charles M. Hay of St. Louis; J. H. Dickbrader of Washington, Harry E. Sprague, of Kirkwood, and Walter Williams of Columbia.

The Progressive party in session at Kansas City adopted a similar resolution.

## NEW ARMY BILL PASSES SENATE

Calls for \$267,596,530—Is Agreeable to President, Now.

By United Press.  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—The \$267,596,530 army appropriation bill, which pays for Uncle Sam's increased land forces, passed the Senate today.

The bill includes the Senate's original revision of the articles of war, which had not been changed since 100 years, in place of Representative Hay's revision, which exempted retired army officers from court martial and which made President Wilson veto to the measure last week.

Underwood's amendment, providing that no one under twenty-one years should be permitted to enlist without consent of his parents, was beaten, 25 to 23.

## McPHEETERS CANT SIGN CHECKS

His Vouchers Are Turned Down by St. Louis Treasurer.

By United Press.  
ST. LOUIS, Aug. 23.—City councillor Daus this afternoon informed the board of police commissioners that it would be advisable for vice-president Sheehan of the board to sign the monthly payroll voucher of the police department. Daus said any voucher signed by Samuel McPheeters, who has been ousted by Lieutenant Governor Painter, might be declared illegal.

Two vouchers signed by McPheeters yesterday for equipment for police stations were turned down by the city treasurer on advice of Daus.

## Telephone Company Buys a Ford.

The Clinkscapes Garage sold a Ford roadster to the Columbia Telephone Company. The machine will be used for repair work.

Visiting Mrs. R. T. Tandy.

Mrs. M. E. Fountain of Excelsior Springs is here visiting her sister, Mrs. R. T. Tandy at 205 South Eighth street.