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**AQUILLA H. JONES**

With the death of Aquilla H. Jones Friday night, Columbia, the University, Boone County and Missouri lost one of its best friends and most cheerful philanthropists. His life was that of a true Christian. He was a business man of unvarying integrity. The needy knew him for the bigness of his heart. He gave freely but with no ostentatious display. The Y. M. C. A. building and its furnishings will always stand as a monument to the generosity of Aquilla H. Jones. Every person with whom he associated will carry the memory of a real man. His life is an example which might well be followed by the younger men of Boone County.

**COLUMBIA GOVERNMENT**

Many cities have tried commission government. None has returned to the superseded system. The commission plan carries with it five important characteristics. It gives the municipal governing authority to a small body of men. Elections are held at large instead of by wards. Administrative, legislative and appointive powers are all vested in the board. Each commissioner is placed in charge of one department of government and is directly responsible to the public for the proper functioning of that department. The security of an honest and efficient government may be placed in the hands of the people through the initiative, referendum and the recall.

**GETTING OUR MONEY'S WORTH**

Welfare societies, health officers, visiting nurses, red cross funds—are they worth the price? Yes, and more, for they are saving more than 400,000 human lives every year.

United States census reports for 1915, made public this week, record that only 13.5 persons out of every 1,000 died in the United States during 1915. In 1900 the death rate was 17.8 persons in every 1,000, while in 1890, in the same number, 19.6 persons died.

The 1915 record is the lowest death rate ever recorded in this country. It was due to the fact that society desires more and more that the poor shall not want and the sick not go uncared for, and that society is desiring this so much that it is willing to contribute both time and money for the alleviation of poverty and sickness.

**BILDAD FOR A FRIEND**

Did you ever have a friend who reminded you of Bildad the Shuhite? Or did you ever find yourself becoming such a friend?

You may not remember who Bildad was. If you don't remember, then take your Bible from off the shelf where the dust has been its only companion and turn to the Book of Job. There you will find all about Bildad's friendship and can learn for yourself whether you ever got into his place.

According to the story Job had three friends who came to comfort him in his trouble. One of these was Bildad the Shuhite. Job thought he knew the definition of a friend well enough to feel that these three would give him just the encouragement he needed. But Bildad reproved him for all that he had done instead of helping him out of his difficulties. With an "I told you so" attitude, he reminded Job that the wicked were always punished and that the good never suffered. Job was made out a sinner who could do nothing to save himself. No word of consolation was brought in.

Has human nature changed so since the time of Bildad? No; it is always easy to be a Bildad. This same spirit of "I told you so" is as prevalent today as it was yesterday. When a friend needs our sympathy do you

go to him with an explanation of his trouble or do you give him the consolation that he needs? Bildad became not only a failure as a comforter but also a failure as a friend. Whenever you find yourself reproaching when consolation is more fitting, take time to turn to the Book of Job and read the story of Bildad the Shuhite.

**The Open Column**

**On Woman Suffrage.**

Editor the Missouriian: Not even the strongest adherents of universal suffrage for women contend that all women are fitted to vote upon all subjects. Nor is the same test said to hold good for men.

The point of the matter is, are women fitted to vote upon the vital things which come to the ballot for decision? And this leads us further to the dangerously circuitous inquiry as to what is vital.

"Let the women have a part in the making of laws by which they are to abide," vociferates the woman suffragist. To which we might all heartily agree if the giving of suffrage to women would bring about this condition. But unfortunately legislation, with rare exceptions, does not come before the voting public for direct action but is the work of representatives of the people.

Are women capable of selecting legislators? What do the women of your acquaintance know of politics and politicians? Ask your wife who the candidates for Congress from your congressional district are and upon what they base their claims for election. Ask her about the initiative, the referendum, the recall. Does she know the fundamental differences in the attitudes of the leading political parties toward current national problems? And the point is, has she the opportunity and desire to find out these things and the thousand more with which every intelligent voter should be familiar? D.

**The Street Posts.**

Editor the Missouriian: As a matter of mere civic pride Columbia's three street posts, on Broadway at Eighth Ninth and Tenth streets, should be replaced by structures more in keeping with the beauty of the city.

For all practical purposes, it may be argued, the present posts are sufficient, but it so happens that nowadays something more than mere practicality is desired. Street signs are one of many public utilities which admit of combined attractiveness and usefulness.

To an artistic eye, Columbia's posts are unlovely. They are unbalanced, being exceedingly bottom-heavy, they are too gaudily striped and lettered. And the addition of the plants seems the height of desecration—as if the crass awkwardness of the whole could be redeemed by the touch of greenery!

Can you picture Columbia's posts transported to Michigan avenue in Chicago, the "world's finest thoroughfare," or can you visualize each corner of Kansas City's splendid boulevard system "adorned" with such striking examples of civic thoughtlessness?

What if it is a National Old Trails road? Need it be so imperishably emblazoned upon us? Something less bizarre would prove far more impressive.

Columbia is regarded as a model city in many respects. With its broad, paved, well-lighted streets and fine old trees Columbia has a statewide reputation as a beautiful city. Why should not this feature be one to be copied and not ridiculed? D.

**FINE AND SUSPENSION AFTER FIRST HAZING**

**H. G. Weeks, Sophomore, Found Guilty in Police Court of Disturbance.**

**FRESHMAN HAD GUN**

**P. Miller, Who Carried Revolver, Placed on Probation by M. U. Authorities.**

A fine of \$25 and costs and suspension for one semester from the University was the punishment administered to H. G. Weeks of Eldon, Mo., a sophomore in the College of Arts and Science of the University yesterday because he took part in hazing freshmen. P. Miller, the Freshman hazed, has been put on probation by the University for carrying a revolver. The fine was assessed by Judge Edwards in police court yesterday morning and his suspension was the result of action taken by the discipline committee of the University yesterday afternoon.

The following statement was given out last night by the University administration:

"The anti-hazing policy adopted last spring by the students and endorsed by the Discipline Committee of the Faculty was not meant as a bluff or a joke, and the University authorities will enforce the regulation as strictly as the city authorities. The sophomore who pleaded guilty to the charge of disturbing the peace in the connection with Friday night's mix-up has been suspended from the University for the remainder of this semester and will be readmitted only on strict probation. Less lenient action will be taken in the case of any further violation of this agreement and regulations."

Prof. L. M. Defoe, chairman of the discipline committee told the fifty students assembled in the court room yesterday morning that all other students who took part in the hazing would be expelled, if he could get their names.

Friday night Mr. Weeks and several other sophomores met P. Miller, a freshman, at the corner of Hitt and Locust streets. Mr. Miller had been receiving marked attention from other sophomores early in the evening. As he was on his way to the theater, some of them had "disciplined" him with paddles. Smarting from the pain resulting from the paddling and fearing that it might be repeated, Mr. Miller borrowed a revolver before he went home. So when the sophomores asked him if he had been wearing his cap and moved toward him, he pointed the revolver at them, it was shown in police court.

"Come out in the light, we want to look at you," they said. Just as they were going toward the light Police-man Fenton arrived on the scene in an automobile.

Mr. Fenton had been called out to stop hazing in other quarters. All of the sophomores got away except Mr. Weeks. He was taken to the police station and locked up until the sophomores bailed him out.

Mr. Miller asked the judge to let Mr. Weeks go, after the sentence had been pronounced. "They never did anything to me," he said, "and I do not think that they intended to."

"You could be arrested for drawing that gun on him," said City Attorney George S. Starrett.

Mr. Starrett then told the students that the next case of hazing would be punished with the maximum penalty which is a fine of \$22, and it might include a jail sentence of six months at the judge's option.

"You were warned," said Professor Defoe, "and last night's hazing was done deliberately, maliciously and in defiance of authority. I have no sympathy for you and will send home all of those engaged in it if I find out who they are. It is a disgrace to us that

a freshman should need a revolver to defend himself in a civilized community."

"I would not have shot them even if they had attacked me," replied Mr. Miller.

Lue C. Lozier, student president, told the students that they had not played fair with the student council which had put them on their honor.

"I believe that Mr. Weeks is the victim of circumstance," said Mr. Lozier. "I do not think that his intentions were bad, and he has a good record. But I warn you now, that the next student or students caught hazing will find me on the other side of the fence."

Mr. Weeks when informed of his suspension told the Discipline Committee that he had nothing to say. Later, he said that he might enter the University next semester.

**WILL CENSOR SUMMER WORK**

**Y. M. C. A. Employment Bureau Council Plans to Protect Students.**

Steps toward the organization of a board to censor selling propositions put before University students for summer work, were taken by the Y.

M. C. A. Employment Bureau council yesterday. The action was taken as a means of protecting the students from all unworthy propositions.

As a substitute for the selling propositions that are not approved by the board, the council will seek to locate summer work for the students. Inquiry will be made in regard to work in the orchards, harvest fields and stock farms over the state. Plans are being made for the publication of a bulletin to be sent to high school graduates, instructing them in methods of earning money while in the University.

A scale of wages for student labor will be worked out by the council, with the view to insure all students an equal chance to earn their way. The report of Sylvester Voss, secretary of the bureau, showed that 157 students had filed applications for work this fall. Since the opening of school 174 temporary positions have been filled by the bureau and forty-eight students have secured permanent positions.

Firestone Tires at Newman's. N. 25.

**ROACH OVERRULED BY COURT**

**Secretary of State Cannot Reject Prohibition Amendment From Ballot.**

JEFFERSON CITY, Sept. 30.—The Supreme Court today overruled Secretary of State Roach in his action of rejecting the prohibition amendment from official ballot. The order of the court was issued directing him to certify the proposed amendment to the various counties for publication and to place the proposition on the official ballot for the November election.

The ruling opinion in the case was not filed, but will be filed later. Chief Justice Archelaus M. Woodson and Justice Waller W. Graves dissented. Justices Henry W. Bond, James T. Blair, Chas. B. Farris, and Robt. F. Walker concurred. Justice Chas. G. Revelle was out of the city.

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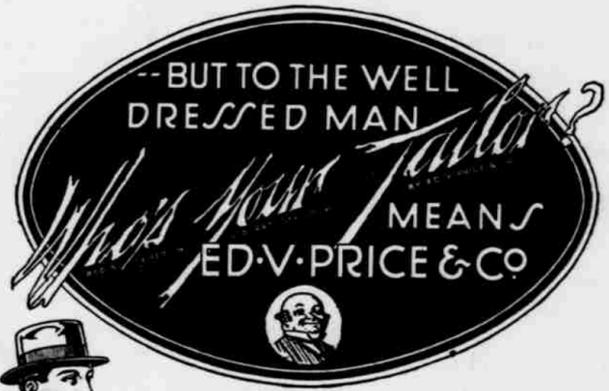
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