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COUNTRY CHURCHES

Along with many other things in this progressive age, the country church is undergoing some definite changes, materially as well as spiritually. Though there has been, and still is, much opposition to the movement for consolidation of the creeds under one roof with the same minister, progress toward this greater co-operation and greater efficiency among churches is unmistakable.

Ministers and others interested in better churches and better people in these churches are beginning to realize that much of the present failure of the country church is due to duplication in equipment and a consequent greater expenditure of funds to obtain even fewer results. Just as the educational authorities awoke to the increased efficiency of the bigger, consolidated schools, so the religious authorities are beginning to see that, in order to keep their high rank in the social organization, they must adopt the methods of other more efficient institutions.

The difficulty just now consists in the creeds to adjust their petty misunderstandings in the interest of a much higher cause. The church fills a place in the spiritual life of man that nothing else can fill, but the same church must keep abreast of the times and accept established facts if it wishes to hold this strong position. Minor differences over customs and interpretations must not exist if the church is to do its proper work in this civilizing of mankind.

Especially in the country districts is the need for better church organization apparent. By the nature of the lonely life they lead, country folk are more God-fearing and serious than their city cousins, and it is to fill this field properly that the church must learn its lesson of co-operation and fit its ministers for real work and teaching.

A district which has each of four creeds one-fourth of the time may have a very desirable change of diet under present church conditions, but one minister on duty all the time could undoubtedly be of more real service to the community. The church must learn the lesson of science and organization and apply them wherever fit.

PAVING SENSE

All water mains must be laid before the paving of any of Columbia's streets. This was the action taken by the City Council at its meeting last Tuesday night. It is paving sense. Now an ordinance should be passed requiring for an inspection of all streets torn up and replaced by public service companies. They should be left in as good a condition as possible.

Nothing is more unsightly in any city than paving which has been torn up frequently and improperly replaced. The holes in the street make any sort of traffic unpleasant.

Paving maintenance is another phase which should be considered by the City Council. There should be a placing of responsibility upon either the city or the contractor. The property owners do their share when they pay once for the paving in front of their property. There should be an ordinance providing that all paving contracts be let with a maintenance clause. This maintenance clause should bind the contractor, requiring him to keep the streets in repair for so many years after the completion of the contract.

Other cities have such conditions. Why should not Columbia? It is paving sense.

SUPPOSE IT WERE YOU!

Arrested. This word bears no terrors for you, business man or farmer. No thought

was ever farther from your mind than that you, yourself, might be charged with crime and lodged in jail. Only the scum of society commit crimes, and the worst jail is often better than the homes of such persons, you say. It is good enough for them; if they don't want to be arrested and thrown into a dark and smelly jail, they should behave themselves.

But did you ever think that perhaps all who are arrested are not guilty and that they are in jail sometimes for months before trial on charges of which they were afterward cleared? Mistakes happen, even in the course of the law, and the wrong man is often arrested.

Suppose you go to your neighbor's stable to borrow some garden tool. He sees you enter, but leaves the premises before you reappear. That night his horse is stolen. He accuses you. You are arrested on his information and lodged in the Boone County jail. You are merely believed to be guilty until you have been proven so by trial. Yet you must suffer the same punishment administered to convicted criminals.

Can you give any logical reason why this adventure should not happen to you or a member of your family? Why are you any farther from the Boone County jail than the habitual lawbreaker?

If, through a misunderstanding, you were lodged in this venerable building, it would be a crime against humanity, yet if some actual offender should find his way there he would be receiving his just due.

Inconsistency.

The Open Column

A public forum for the discussion of things worth-while. Articles should be short and signed by the writer, as proof to the editor of good faith. Signatures will not necessarily be published.

Come In, Fellows.

Editor the Missouriian: If you like to read your home-town paper, or some magazine while you're lolling in a soft cosy armchair, your pipe in your mouth, why come in, fellows, come in.

Perhaps you like to "shoot" a game of pool or billiards. Come in, fellows. We have some fair tables. You devotees of chess can read that model game of Morphy while you play it on one of our chess boards. Or you may wish to play a game of whist or checkers. Come in.

Don't you like to sit around in some soft chairs and "chew the rag" and smoke? Don't you want a place where you can take your friends or talk something over with your "prof"?

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We're Losing the Spirit!

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The Missouri Store and Allen's Music Store

the attitude of the students at mass meetings for quitting the department yells.

There is another side of this attitude of the students that is showing up stronger every day—the decrease of the Missouri spirit.

The abolishment of hazing did more to kill the "Tiger spirit" than the sudden stopping of department yells. The rooting at the game October 14 was a disgrace to Old Missouri. The Washington rooters out yelled us. We can't have hazing again, but we can have department yells. If anything will help to bring back our fast disappearing reputation, it is friendly rivalry between the different departments. Such rivalry will bring the spirit into each department that will unite them to form the Tiger spirit on the bleachers.—J. R. S.

EXPERT FEARS WHEAT FAMINE

Embargo on Flour, Too, Favored by Paul Schulze of Chicago.

By United Press
CHICAGO, Ill., Oct. 21.—"Unless an embargo on the exportation of flour and wheat is declared at once there will be a wheat famine before spring," said Paul Schulze, head of a large baking concern here today.

Bakers paid \$9.50 a barrel for flour yesterday. Retail prices had advanced to \$9.50 and \$10, the highest in twenty years. Speculative wheat has jumped almost ten cents this week and grain men today were again predicting \$2 wheat before the first of the year. The cause is laid to short crops throughout the world. Argentine is suffering from a drought. Russian wheat is held up and because of the scarcity in Canada, the British government is talking of commandeering the crop.

To Tell of Third Amendment.

Mrs. Deborah Knox Livingston will speak on the proposed third amendment. Monday night, at the Hippodrome. Miss Livingston comes highly recommended by the press of the towns in which she has appeared.

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Dr. R. J. Kerner Begins Series of Out-of-Town Lectures in History.

The University Extension Division has arranged for Dr. Robert J. Kerner of the history department to give a series of lectures in recent European history at Joplin, Webb City and Carthage. Phases of history leading up to the present war will be discussed under the following topics: "The Foundation of the Nineteenth Century," "The Age of Romanticism," "The Age of Nationalism," "The Age of National Imperialism," "The Age of Internationalism" and "The Causes of the Great War."

The object in giving this series of lectures is to acquaint the high school teachers of Jasper County with these parts of history and to interest them in courses offered by the Extension

Division. Sixty or seventy teachers attended each lecture last week.

Meetings are being arranged also for Nevada and Clinton. Kansas City, St. Louis, Bowling Green and Troy have made application recently for extension lectures.

Ferguson Heads Jewell Eleven.

The football team of William Jewell has elected Otto Ferguson of Iberia captain of the 1916 eleven to succeed D. G. Peterson who has entered the School of Journalism of the University.

Ray Countians to Entertain Visitors.

The Ray County Club will entertain the Richmond High School football team and rooters on November 3, when Richmond will meet the Columbia High School team here. The club's officers are: President, Bushrod R. Brown; vice-president, Marvin Breuer; secretary-treasurer, Miss Nell Megede.

Mr. M. H. Davis of Fayette, was over to Columbia today to see Dr. Blakemore, the Optometrist, and took in the football game.

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