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THOMAS H. BENTON

A recent campaign statement by former Governor Herbert S. Hadley brings to mind the life and character of one of Missouri's greatest statesmen, Thomas H. Benton.

Leaving college in North Carolina, he came to this state soon after the war of 1812, during which he had served in the army and had been mixed in a fight with Andrew Jackson, afterward one of his closest political and personal friends. Previously, in the Tennessee legislature, he had forced through a bill giving the slaves the same right of trial by jury as a white man.

As editor of the Missouri Enquirer, Benton fought for Missouri's admission into the Union and in 1820 was rewarded by being the first senator chosen from the new state. During his thirty years' of service in the Senate he obtained much favorable legislation for the western country and aided greatly in those years of development.

In the Mexican crisis of 1847, by reason of his position in Congress and his knowledge of the southern country, Benton became the closest adviser of President Polk and changed the administration's policy of "masterly inactivity" to one of vigorous prosecution of war. His Spanish, learned while a young lawyer in St. Louis, helped him here, as at other times.

His opposition to the Wilmot Proviso, the state rights bill of Calhoun, led to his defeat in the Missouri Legislature of 1848, although his brilliant campaign had seemingly assured his re-election. Later he was elected to the House, but retired when his branch of the Democratic party lost power.

In 1856 Benton made his last effort, a vigorous campaign as an independent candidate for governor, an office through which he hoped to regain his seat in the Senate. He was defeated, however, and two years later, after completing his "History of the Working of the American Government from 1820 to 1850," he died in Washington. Fully 40,000 persons attended the funeral services in St. Louis.

Benton studied questions of government assiduously and was an authority on financial and industrial conditions in this country. A commanding intelligence and a liberal culture made him a leader of men; immense activity, with this vigorous leadership, made him more than a mere legislator—a far-seeing statesman and a great man.

WORKING FOR PROHIBITION

Following the lead of the larger cities of the state, Columbia now has an association organized to promote the Third Amendment. This body of workers, in co-operation with the W. C. T. U., is doing all in its power for the cause of statewide prohibition for Missouri. True, this band of fifty leading citizens can work only as a local body, but if all cities and towns would follow the lead of Columbia and its association prohibition would be coming at a faster pace than has been thought.

Attempts at prohibition in former years have shown that a definite plan of procedure must be used in order to down the whisky interests. It takes organization to do this. The W. C. T. U. has worked continuously to do away with the evil. It has made its presence effective in many states, but Missouri has been among the list of those states which have held out against all efforts. The women's organization has been handicapped because of the lack of suffrage. None of its work can be done at the polls. With such conditions, a decided interest is shown in that the men are aiding the W. C. T. U. to make all efforts mean something definite.

At the coming election, the prohibi-

tion question is again to be decided for good or bad. It is hoped that an amendment assuring statewide prohibition will be added to the constitution. Now comes the work of the men's organization. It has pledged itself to spread the cause and exercise the influence which it possesses in the right way. Prohibitive measures in Columbia in the past have come with the aid of such voters. There is little question about the vote here. Yet the work of the Third Amendment Association is an example of concentrated effort to make the public decision the right one.

From now until the deciding day, the association will lose no chance to throw its influence a little farther. Such an association working in all the cities and towns of Missouri would have no difficulty in deciding the vote of the whole state in favor of the amendment so much desired by those who have the welfare of the people at heart.

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.

Van Dyne.

Editor of the Missouriian: In the departure of Van Dyne, the Tigers lost one of their best football players and a man of whom much was expected this season.

Although he left at a time when his services to the team were most needed, we cannot help admiring his splendid spirit. He was confronted with two duties. One demanded that he give his best to the football team. The other called for loyalty to his parents in this time of their need. The two duties were inconsistent.

Turning his back on his duty to the team and ignoring the honor and popularity, which are the rewards of a successful football player, he answered the call to the greater duty. This shows the true nature of the man.—G. S.

Those few women who know the meaning of "Vanity Fair" to Columbia can hardly wait for the new project to become known to all refined people. Adv.

R. B. PRICE IS STRONG FOR M. U. UNION PLAN

Columbian, Student in Fifties, Says That Organization Is Necessary.

HE'S A LIFE MEMBER

Thinks Idea Will Attract Alumni—Sees No Competition With "Y."

R. B. Price, Sr., an old friend of the University, is enthusiastic in his praise of the new Missouri Union plan. He believes in it so thoroughly that he has recently taken out a life membership.

"I am heartily in favor of the Union because I believe it will make a bigger and broader University," says Mr. Price. "Of course, back in the fifties, when I was a student in the University we had no need for such an organization, for there were only 120 students and 8 professors. We all knew each other then, but since the growth of the University some such plan as that of the Missouri Union is a necessity."

"The Union will get the alumni into closer touch with their alma mater. Graduates who have lost interest in the school will come back to Columbia to visit the scenes of their college days, because they know they have a home here and will find a hearty welcome. With renewed interest, the alumni will boost for 'Old Mizzou' as never before. Graduates from high schools all over the country will be attracted to the University because of the Democratic spirit which the Union will institute."

When asked if he thought the Union would in any way conflict with the Y.M.C.A., Mr. Price said that he did not believe it would. "The Y.M.C.A. and the Union have different fields. Both are necessary, and there will be no rivalry," he says.

"Because of the greater sociability and democracy that will result from the new plan, I think it is a good movement. Other large universities have accomplished a great deal by some such plan, and I am glad to see the University of Missouri take such a progressive step."

SON OF M. U. STUDENT IS BURIED

Funeral of George Davis, Jr., Fire Victim, Held at St. Charles.

George Fleming Davis, Jr., the 4-year-old son of Mrs. George Fleming Davis, a student in the School of Education, who was burned to death Monday at the home of his grandfather at Defiance, was buried at 10:30 o'clock this morning at St. Charles. Several Columbians, friends of Mrs. Davis, attended the funeral. Mrs. Davis lived with Mrs. E. L. McBride, 204 Hitt street, while attending the University. Mrs. McBride says that she will not return.

SOCIETY NOTES

Mrs. J. F. Main of Olympia, Wash., arrived this afternoon to visit Mrs. E. J. McCaustland. A tea will be given from 3 to 5 o'clock tomorrow afternoon by Mrs. McCaustland at her home on Hicks avenue in honor of Mrs. Main. The rooms will be decorated with flowers. In the receiving line will be: Mrs. F. Foster, Mrs. D. P. Savant, Mrs. Main and Mrs. McCaustland. Those who will assist are: Mrs. J. C. Jones, Mrs. Walter Miller, Mrs. Guy L. Noyes, Mrs. W. S. Williams, Mrs. J. R. Wharton, Miss Elizabeth Spalding, Mrs. T. J. Hodhouse, Mrs. L. M. DeFoe, Mrs. H. W. Hibbard and Mrs. George Reed.

Mrs. George Reed will entertain with a luncheon Saturday for Mrs. J. F. Main.

The Margaret Elwang Circle of the Kings Daughters will give a silver tea and musical at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in the parlors of the Presbyterian Church for the benefit of the Ozark School. Vocal, piano and Ukelele solos, recitations and songs by the farmers' quartet will be given. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited.

The Columbia Auxiliary to the Christian Woman's Board of Missions will give a silver tea Thursday afternoon from 3 to 5 at the home of Mrs. Madison A. Hart, 1506 Rosemary lane.

Former Tiger Pitcher To Be Married

C. L. "Dutch" Angerer and Miss Viola Lee, will be married October 28 at Chillicothe, Mo. Mr. Angerer

received his B. S. in agriculture in 1914 and was pitcher on the Tiger baseball team. Miss Lee attended the University from 1912 to 1914.

Size and Description of Lots to be sold in the Westwood Lot Sale on Monday October 30, 1916 1:30 P. M.

Sale No. 1 Fronting 85 feet on Broadway by 222 feet deep. This lot lies immediately west of the beautiful home of Hon. John T. Mitchell, and is conceded to be the most beautiful building lot in Columbia, having deep rich soil covered with fine blue grass and several fine forest trees located just where they ought to be.

Sale No. 2 Fronting 112 1-2 feet on Broadway by 220 feet deep on Glenwood Avenue. It is practically the same description as lot No. 1.

Sale No. 3-4-5 Each front 80 feet on Glenwood by 197 1-2 feet deep. These lots are located just opposite the beautiful homes of Mr. J. P. McBaine and Mr. I. A. Barth.

Sale No. 6 A beautiful new black brick house fronting east on Glenwood 80 feet by 286 feet deep. This home is thoroughly modern, hot water heat, hardwood floors throughout, white enameled woodwork with mahogany doors. Living room 16x29 feet. Sun parlor enclosed with glass. Dining room and kitchen below, four nice bedrooms, sleeping porch and bath above. You will have to go through this house to appreciate it, and it is just being completed.

Nearly all the other vacant lots front east on Glenwood Avenue with large frontage and a depth of 286 feet and will have to be seen to be appreciated.

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