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PASSING OF THE SALOON

Half a century ago antisaloon literature was generally condemned as unreadable matter, anarchistic and anti-social. Thanks to the mothers and wives in that generation and this, the world is a different world today.

Business men learned the value of the temperate man for money's sake, but with little result at first. Though reckless in the persecution of home life, the nations now at war have in self-defense forced their soldiers to be temperate for efficiency's sake.

But the highest, truest reason for temperance is now pushing liquor from America, for the homeland's sake. We men—and women, too—were put into this world to strive for happiness and usefulness, not to palaver over the dollar.

The home, and the preservation of happiness and usefulness there, is the heart life of the nation; the inspiration for better labor and higher goals, the only acceptable reason for the existence of business and government. The mothers and wives in America have made us see that. Even Missouri, backward and awkward, is slowly working toward that most effective, most easily maintained method of home defense—prohibition.

Prohibition started in Maine in 1851 by legal enactment. Repealed in 1856, the law was re-enacted in 1858 and made a part of the constitution in 1884. All of New England had early provisions for temperance, varying in effectiveness. States, counties and towns have followed fast since the organization of the W. C. T. U. on Christmas eve, 1873.

Kansas, in 1880, was the first state to add a prohibition amendment to its constitution. A week ago nineteen states were dry: Maine, Oklahoma, Kansas, North Dakota, North Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi, Tennessee, Alabama, West Virginia, Virginia, Washington, Oregon, Colorado, Arizona, Iowa, Arkansas, Idaho and South Carolina.

At the last election South Dakota, Montana, Nebraska, Michigan and Alaska adopted prohibition. In Chicago and St. Louis, the middle western states have saloon strongholds, but even these two cities are losing in saloon strength by the changes in the states outside the cities. The saloon is going, going faster every year.

The Empire State no longer determines the national election, but St. Louis still keeps Missouri wet.

If St. Louis newspapers will get behind the prohibition movement, Missouri will go dry in five years.

A REVISED SYMPHONY

Fifty years ago the heroine wooed success and was wooed by suitors to the performance of a symphony on the grand piano. Twenty years ago the styles in fiction changed, and the heroine conquered the world to the tune of typewriter keys. Now it is being demonstrated that in old, but ever-young, music is being revived, and to its lively strains gold dollars dance into the hands of the artist. Enter, the new heroine—the washwoman.

Miss Georgianna Cuthbert was a stenographer who made fair wages. She had a talent for fine laundry. Now she makes \$68 a week doing washings for exclusive families in her home town and has given up all other work.

The inspired negro philosopher should have added to his aphorism, "The world do move," one clause, "but it moves in circles." Fifty years ago washing was unromantic and unremunerative; the heroine must be accomplished. Twenty years ago the piano lost in popularity to the bicycle and the typewriter. Now, it seems, we may swing back to the work in which our grandmothers spent their lives

and find it by far more remunerative than the usually accepted occupations.

The Tigers were showing their appreciation of Kansas' voting for Wilson.

Yes, furs are going up. Last year they were worn around the shoe tops; now, around the neck.

AT HOME FOR TWO DAYS

At a critical time, when the people watched the developments of the European war, the controversy about armed steamers, the question of the submarines and the Mexican situation, the election for President could completely change the curiosity of the whole country.

For an entire week the election took the most prominent part in American life. For two days everything else was overshadowed by the election news. No one thought of wars, and even the newspapers neglected all other news than that of election returns.

Wilson and Hughes were in those days the persons upon whom the eyes of a hundred million Americans were turned. In foreign countries the election news was watched with almost as much interest.

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.

Appreciation of Lectures.

Editor The Missouriian: The value of lectures often goes unheeded. No week passes in Columbia without one free lecture. Other towns are thankful for a few of these in months and then pay high to get them. Scarcity, as usual, adds to appreciation. Columbia could well apply this scarcity to make the people understand how much value the lecture brings.

The fact that lecturers are to be had so easily here seems to lower them in the estimation of the majority of persons. No matter how well recommended one may be, he is greeted by a comparatively small and unappreciative crowd. His coming is taken as a matter of course.

If the average Columbian or University student had to remain in other towns for a while, he might learn to appreciate the advantages here. No line of work, no phase of life, is missed by the lecturer in Columbia. The best to be had are obtained. There is no person who cannot find his special subject discussed at some time. From every lecture some general good is to be derived.

Suppose Columbia should go through a whole school year without having a lecture. Then a howl would go up that the University is becoming inefficient. This complaint would be justly made. Yet such a plan would be a good lesson for people who grumble about the things that are needed and do not make use of the advantages they have. These lecturers are brought here at someone's expense. To hear them at any price is considered a privilege in other towns. Your own education is at stake; your view of life is checked in its broadening by a disregard of the message which the lecturer brings.

Better Movies—How?

Editor The Missouriian: A "campaign" for better movies and vaudeville for Columbia has been begun. The act itself is commendable as an indication that the people of Columbia and University students are working for the best interests and advancement of the community.

Campaigns for a "better something-or-other" are as numerous as the birds of the air and about as flighty.

Of course there is room for improvement in everything, but before continuing that campaign let us discover the conditions which make things as they are and then suggest the remedy if one can be found.

Few will deny that Columbia vaudeville is often "rotten," and some of the movie productions not much better. But what towns of Columbia's population, removed from any large city and with poor railroad connections has any better vaudeville and motion pictures? Poor transportation facilities have caused the best vaudeville performers to refuse to show in Columbia. In order to pay out on a high priced act the theater manager must find a theater in a nearby town which will split with him on the other half of the week. A high class vaudeville act playing here for three nights would be stranded for the rest of the week, as Moberly and Jefferson City exhibit no better vaudeville than does Columbia.

As to the children's pictures suggested for Saturday afternoon, it is almost impossible to get these reels for a single performance at reasonable cost, and such pictures of any merit are rare. An occasional exhibition of these pictures would be possible as a service to children at Saturday matinees and an advertisement for the theater, but an entire change of program for adults would be necessary for the evening performance.

Motion picture productions are exhibited in "runs" of two days in Columbia according to contract with the producers. A break in this schedule means a loss to the exhibitor. Being isolated from any large city, Columbia movie managers must "stick" closely to the schedule of pictures, since special films are difficult to get on short notice.

Compared with the movies of a year or two past, the quality of productions shown in at least two of Columbia's movie houses is not to be grumbled at. An occasional film of the "barnstorming" days must be tolerated.

If someone can suggest a way to remove the obstacles in the path of better movies for Columbia, who will cooperate with rather than antagonize movie managers, perhaps a reform may be realized in local theatrical circles.

MOVIE FAN

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TO GIVE LECTURE AT CHRISTIAN

H. L. Southwick, President of Oratorical College, Here Dec. 13. Henry L. Southwick, president of Emerson College of Oratory, Boston, Mass., on a lecturing and reading tour that includes almost every state in the Union, will be in Columbia Wednesday night, December 13. Mr. Southwick will be at Christian College and will interpret Shakespeare's Othello. He comes to Columbia from the University of Kansas and the Universities of Wisconsin and Nebraska, with many others, in which Mr. Southwick conducts University extension courses, are in his itinerary.

Agricultural Fraternity Initiates.

Alpha Zeta, an honorary agricultural fraternity, last night initiated Albert J. Renner and Paul C. Knowlton, juniors in the college, and L. C. Dennis, a graduate student. The organization was addressed by Dr. J. C. Whitten and Prof. M. F. Miller.

Tickets for "Wax Works" on Sale.

Tickets for "Mrs. Jarley's Wax Works," which will be repeated next Tuesday night in the University auditorium, are now on sale at the Co-op, Missouri Store and Penn's.—Adv.

To Tell Nebraskans of Tuberculosis. Dr. D. F. Luckey, state veterinarian, will accept an invitation to speak before the Nebraska Veterinary Association and Commercial Club of Lincoln, Neb., which will hold a joint meeting December 19 and 20. Dr. Luckey will deliver an address on tuberculosis and will show pictures in connection with it.

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MARK TWAIN



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