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**THE WEST IN POLITICS**

The new West, the West of independent voters, the West of discriminating progressivism, the West of political power, the West of rugged nationalism, the West of prospective leadership, the West of intelligent ideals—all of these traits of the last American frontier have been brought to light by the recent presidential election, according to the country's newspapers. The surprise in a Democratic president which the West presented to the East has provoked editorial comment as given below:

St. Louis Post-Dispatch (Independent)—The scepter of American politics has passed from the East to the West. It is a new declaration of independence. The West revolted against the combination of the Puritan with the blackleg and aided by the masses of New England formed a new party—the progressive democracy—which will dominate American politics for a generation.

William Allen White, in the Emporia Gazette—The West remembered its aspirations for a better, broader Americanism, and it feels that the first quality of that Americanism shall be a nearer approximation of justice between man and man, economically and politically, than now exists. The West feels that it must have a country worth fighting for before it considers too intimately the details of that fight. So the gloomy fight for Americanism failed to make the West forget its ideals and aspirations for a better country.

Henry J. Allen, in the Wichita Beacon—The West went for Wilson on the catchy slogan, "Peace and Prosperity." It was the section of the country that was getting high prices for all it produces. It was not looking at the problems of social justice.

New York World (Democratic)—Nothing better has happened in a generation than this shifting of political balance to a section which still maintains the ideals of the republic. The cash-register patriotism of New York has been spat upon by a virile American West that is keeping the faith of its fathers.

Portland Oregonian (Republican)—The eastern states, where there has been the greatest prosperity during the past two years, were against Wilson, and the far western states, where there has been no prosperity except in certain lines, has approved the policies of the present Administration. Who says that we are a people moved by material consideration and not by sheer sentiment or emotion?

Brooklyn Daily Eagle (Independent)—The breaking away of the West from Republicanism, indicated in 1896, culminated twenty years later in an alignment of the West with the South for Democracy. The old idea of the national dominance on the part of the rich and populous East has been rudely shocked.

Chicago Tribune (Republican)—West of the Mississippi the yellow doctrine worked. There are states which have humiliated themselves and have handed the nation a costly bill.

St. Louis Republic (Democratic)—Since the West is a region of enterprise, of intellectual and moral courage, of vast possibilities, it became easy to say that its political ascendancy is assured. The East's narrowness of sympathy has taken away its power to think straight and has given the West its chance.

Kansas City Post (Independent)—If there is any section where real Americanism dominates it is the West—for the men and women who built this great section are descendants of pioneers who felt the same urge of liberty of action and of conscience which made America a reality. The West dominated the election, fortunately for the American people.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat (Republican)—

can)—The talk of a new alignment in politics with the West playing the leading role is shallow. It was a Wilson victory.

Milwaukee Leader (Socialistic)—New York has discovered the United States.

**"THIS, TOO, MUST PASS AWAY"**

Four more states have climbed into the prohibition ranks. After science had proved the physical harm of alcohol, after religion—the churches, the Y. M. C. A.'s and the Y. W. C. A.'s—had issued its ultimatum that alcohol must go, after womanhood had fought for prohibition, four states issued their fiat, and the saloon passed from their borders.

Missouri still remains aligned against science, religion and womanhood in the fight against the saloon. St. Louis, deaf to the pleas of the rest of the state, is keeping Missouri, chivalrous Missouri, in the humiliating position of fighting against what is best for her.

"I can't vote,  
Neither can Ma.  
If Missouri goes wet  
Shame on Pa."

Missouri stopped its ears to the pleadings of the children who marched in the streets chanting this call. What a mortifying position for Missouri!

The redeeming feature of the situation is that thousands of Missourians did listen to the entreaties of their wives and children. Prohibition is on the increase in Missouri. The saloon is tottering on its last legs. It will go.

There will be few mourners in Missouri when the saloon passes away.

**THE OPEN COLUMN**

Thatcher Invents Kansas Game Yell. Editor the Missouriian: Although I have not by any means forgotten, the Missouriian keeps me informed. Thanks to the Missouriian.

I have followed the Tigers from week to week and through every game with silent cheers. Kansas is coming, and a victory must be gained. A victory will be gained.

That I might do my small part I have constructed a yell. How it will sound I know not, but maybe it's worth a trial. For the sake of convenience I shall call it "The Jayhawk Special."

Here's the noise:  
Rock-Chalk, Jay-Hawk, who are y-o-u?  
"Rock-Chalk, Jay-Hawk, who are y-o-u?"

Tiger meat!  
Tiger meat!  
Tiger meat!

Tigers, Tigers, Tigers."  
Here's hoping for a big delegation and victory at Lawrence.

HERBERT K. THATCHER

**Phi Mu Alpha.**

Editor the Missouriian: Cultural pursuits are as much a part of a college career as the professional studies around which American universities have built their departments. Of making books there is no end, and libraries have advanced to the point where reading is possible even in isolated towns. Conversation is possible even in isolated towns. Conversation is possible wherever persons meet who have inclination to converse and not merely to talk. If this cultural aspect is obscured, the inland school has only its own members to blame.

But music, drama and the plastic arts involve expenditures so large that only large centers of population commonly find patronage of these possible. Painting and sculpture have received attention in somewhat the same way as books, but music and the drama are rarely enjoyed at their best by the students whose college is placed in a small town. This lack in musical provision Phi Mu Alpha has provided for ten years. The great artists of the musical world have given their art to the comparatively small audiences of Columbia at prices very little higher than those of metropolitan theaters. The programs have been well rounded; no department of music has been neglected; no inferior musicians have appeared.

For the contribution to the cultural possibilities of their state school, the people of Missouri are indebted to Phi Mu Alpha. For the opportunity to hear good music during their college days, the students for the last years and many years to come must thank Phi Mu Alpha. The society is doing a big work unassumingly and with neither the credit nor the support which the work deserves. B.

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 Allens. Price 25c.—Adv.

**THE NEW BOOKS**

**"Good English in Good Form."**

Carefully prepared to fill a real need in the daily work of business men, authors and newspaper writers is "Good English in Good Form," by Dora Knowlton Ranous. The author of the book died a few weeks before its publication. She was justly admired by her co-workers as an editor of great ability. The volume is a valuable one for ready reference.

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Daniel Defoe, eminent journalist and author of the immortal "Robinson Crusoe," is portrayed in William P. Trent's "Defoe—How to Know Him." The volume contains a delightful sketch and enough of the author's text to give an understanding of his work. It is the best volume thus far issued in a remarkably well-edited series.

(Bobbs-Merrill Company, Indianapolis; cloth, 330 pages; \$1.25 net.)

**OLD BALANCED ROCK HAS RIVAL**

Second One, Southwest of Stewart Bridge, Not So Well Known.

Two balanced rocks are within a mile of the city limits. The one on the Hinkson is well known. The second balanced rock, if it may be called balanced, is not so well known, nor is it often visited. It is southwest of Stewart Bridge, on the east slope of the ridge that runs roughly parallel to the M. K. & T. Railroad tracks. The best way to find it is to go down the Katy track about 200 yards south of Stewart Bridge, then leave the track, cross the crest of the hill east of the railroad and follow the eastern slope southward.

The rock itself is about twelve feet high, about seven feet thick at the base and about four feet through at the top. It is cylindrical and stands perpendicularly. The sides are rugged, affording an easy means of mounting. The top is flat, or nearly so—just uneven enough to make seats.

Initials have been cut in the top and sides of the rock. Near the best seat on the top are two initials surrounded by a heart. The infrequency and solitude of the place seem to have attracted sentimental visitors.

**INJURY MAY CANCEL LECTURE**

Dr. Clarence D. Ussher Severely Hurt While Boarding Street Car.

Dr. Clarence D. Ussher, who was to have spoken at the University Assembly December 5, was severely injured in New York last Wednesday while attempting to board a street car. Although no definite information has been received regarding the extent of his injuries, it is supposed that he will be unable to keep his appointment here in Columbia. Dr. A. W. Taylor wrote to New York today to get further details of the accident.

Doctor Ussher has just returned to the United States from Armenia, where he has been practicing medicine for eighteen years. Since his return he has been lecturing on Armenia. His address here was to have been "The Present Conditions and Future of Armenia."

**Benton Hall Goes Without Lights.**

Benton Hall was in darkness all Wednesday night. The wire which conducts the electric current was either grounded or broken a few minutes before 7 o'clock, leaving the hall dark. Part of the boys went to the library to study, others remained and studied by the aid of candles and still others went to bed. The lights came back late yesterday afternoon.

**Boxing and Wrestling Class Organized.**

A class in boxing and wrestling has been organized at the Rothwell Gymnasium. It meets from 4 to 6 o'clock Tuesdays and Thursdays. Any University student may take the work.

Miss Glandon in the Hospital. Miss Miriam Glandon, a sophomore in the College of Arts and Science, is

suffering from an attack of neuralgia of the heart. She was taken to the hospital yesterday.

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