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ALCOHOL AND FACTS

Laying aside all sentiment, let us consider this question of the use of alcohol from a standpoint of facts and figures.

Taking the word of Dr. M. P. Ravenel, preventive medicine expert of the University, alcohol was formerly considered a valuable medicine in some stages of diabetes where a person must have some energy-producing substance free from sugar for temporary use, and in low types of fever or pneumonia alcohol seems to be advantageous at times.

As a food alcohol is a joke. It does not build tissue, nor is it stored in the tissues for future use; on the other hand, it has a poisonous narcotic action. Finally, it is extremely expensive. For example, where energy from 10 cents' worth of beer amounts to 240 calories, the same amount of money spent on eggs would give 450; spent on bread, 2,080; on corn meal, 3,310; on oatmeal, 3,720.

When one measures with accurate instruments the amount of work which can be done under the influence of alcohol, it is found that even moderate doses reduce the physical power about 8 per cent below normal. Mental efficiency, where memory and other tests are used, is also materially reduced, even by moderate dosing.

The effect on the death rate has been widely studied by life insurance companies of many countries, and within the last few years these results have been published. For example, comparing abstainers, those who rarely use alcohol, temperate persons and moderate drinkers, the following is determined: Abstainers show a 17 per cent smaller death rate than those who rarely use alcohol, 29 per cent less than the so-called temperate persons and 23 per cent less than those who call themselves moderate drinkers. The Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company of Canada for twenty-nine years had its policy-holders divided into an abstainers' section and a general division. From 1906-10 the mortality in the abstainers' section was 40 per cent less than in the general section, and from 1911-15, 35 per cent less.

The annual cost of the production and importation of alcoholic beverages in the United States is about \$510,000,000 a year.

NATIONAL AND LOCAL ISSUES

What has the Mexican question to do with the paving of Columbia's streets? Now that the national and state elections are over it is well to remember that the divorce of national and municipal issues is vital to the conduct of local affairs. The politics of the nation should not cloud the mind of the citizens to the issues of the municipality.

Elections for Columbia officials should have as the main issue "who are the best men to conduct efficiently the machinery of the city?" City government is a matter of business management rather than politics. The fact that a man believes that a low tariff is best for the country should not cause the Republicans of Columbia to refuse to vote for him for mayor. And vice versa, a man's belief in a high protective tariff is no sign that he would be a poor business mayor. The politics of Columbia should emphasize the man rather than his national politics.

The one form of government which has a non-partisan ballot is the commission form of government. Under the commission plan party emblems are refused a place on the ballot, and the question is not whether the candidate is a Republican or a Democrat but whether he is an efficient man or not.

If you believe that the marriage between city and national politics is harmful—and so political scientists

think—you should favor the form of government which emphasizes the non-partisan ballot—commission government.

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.

What School Spirit Is.

Editor the Missouriian: The phrase, school spirit, has many connotations. To the reactionary it indicates a wild mob doing a snake dance on an athletic field, or a sparsely clad, endless line whirling through the city streets. The reactionary mistakes an evidence for the inner fact.

To the sport, school spirit is that which is responsible for the feeling, "Our school, our team, our coaches and students, right or wrong, as long as they win." The sport considers only the desire and effort to win, which is an essential part of school spirit, without adding to it the sportsmanship which accepts defeat and acknowledges even the value it has toward solidarity.

To the flabby-minded, school spirit is a thing to be talked about, a subject for essays. That it requires any activity, mental or physical, is a foreign thought. Such are the persons who sit on the bleachers while others cheer or parade and condescend to whistle languidly when the band plays.

To the majority of students in the University of Missouri and other great institutions, school spirit stands for snake dances, shirtilal parades, cheering at the football game, whistling when the band plays and jubilation when the team wins. But it also includes forbearing to say that the team is rotten and can never do anything but lose, and not "damning with faint praise" the other fellows who, after all, may have their school spirit, too.

It includes attending not only mass meetings but all University affairs. Attendance at athletic events is a part of school spirit, but so, too, is attendance at all the other events which distinguish a University community.

It includes, all in all, that spirit of loyalty, unity and co-operation which is the fine flower of college life.

G. B.

For a Dry State.

Editor the Missouriian: Missouri has shown herself progressive and ready to protect her weaker citizens by voting 50,000 dry. Shall she be dominated by the black sheep she has in her flock? In other words shall the interests of the brewers be protected and their debauching business continued when 80 counties out of 114 voted for a dry state?

When Kansas City, Sedalia, Springfield, Joplin and their counties voted dry and St. Joseph voted only 2,000 wet, shall the sovereign state act the weakling and permit the black sheep, St. Louis and the liquor men, to dominate the state?

God forbid! Is it not time for the citizens, the loyal, self-respecting citizens of the state, to demand of their representatives and senators that they rid the state of the cause of the trouble by enacting a state law, a statute which shall bar the curse of liquor from her confines?

The people are sovereign! Let them get busy and refuse to be liquor-cursed.

It is a shame to permit Montana to outdo us on the three big questions of the day and for old Missouri to come creeping in later at the rear end of the procession of sobriety, equal suffrage, and representation! These things are sure to come. Why cannot Missouri lead?

I cannot but resent it in the name of that half of the citizens of the state who must obey the laws, be taxed, though not allowed a voice as to the valuation or amount of said taxation, no representation, (as every honest man must voice his own opinion and has but one vote, he cannot cast votes for two consciences), and who cannot come out openly to vote to put liquor out of the state, your state, and mine.

CARRIE PAINE ALGEO.

NO SPEECHES AT LUNCHEON

Commercial Club Will Discuss Missouri Statutes Thursday.

There will be no formal or lengthy speeches at the weekly luncheon of the Commercial Club Thursday, but the members will discuss informally laws of Missouri which tend to hinder the industrial development of the state. Special attention will be given the statute which prevents any foreign corporation from holding more than 10 per cent of the stock in a Missouri public service corporation.

Willing Workers Are Entertained.

The Willing Workers class of the Broadway Methodist Sunday School were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bernard last night. The home was decorated with flowers from the greenhouse of Mr. Bernard. The class is taught by Miss Callie Windsor.

Stephens College Notes

Miss Helen Vick returned to her home at Bunceeton Sunday, after a short visit to Miss Dorothy Whitaker. Miss Elizabeth Shank of Versailles is the guest of her niece, Miss Fanny May Ross, of the college faculty.

Miss Hazel Wachker of Sedalia spent the week-end with Miss Maurine Knapp.

Miss Helen Gow of Hardin College was the guest of Miss Helene Reck Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Quigley, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Stanton, Miss Eva Wehmeier, Truman Wehmeier and Vest Miller of Tipton were the guests of Miss Ruth Quigley Sunday.

Mrs. F. L. Sheley of New Bloomfield spent Sunday with her daughter, Mary.

Miss Thelma Winberg of Sedalia was the guest of Misses Ruth Kidd and Edith Monroe for the week-end.

Miss Lottie Medley of the Chi Omega house spent the week-end with Miss Kathleen Teague.

Miss Blanche Oakley returned Monday afternoon from a short visit at Wellsville.

Miss Eva McKinley West of the college faculty spent the week-end at her home at Hannibal.

Miss Bernice Flowers of Albany was the guest of Miss Helen Cotton Sunday. Miss Flowers was graduated from the college in the class of 1915.

Miss Decimund Campbell of Christian College was the guest of Miss Grace Gambill at dinner Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Newsum of New Bloomfield spent Sunday with their daughter, Edith.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Cabbell and daughter, Pauline, drove from Bosworth Saturday to visit their daughter, Ethel. Miss Besse Chinn accompanied them.

Dr. B. F. Hoffman, professor of German in the University, spoke at vespers services Sunday evening. His subject was "Unselfishness."

Mrs. E. C. Thompson, of LaBelle, Mo., is visiting her daughter Velva.

Miss Bertha Lee Loudermilk left today for St. Louis, where she will meet her sister, Miss Anna Loudermilk.

The Y. W. C. A. is directing a series of prayer meetings each day this week in accordance with the national "World Fellowship Week." The meetings are held after lunch. Students are selected each day to lead the meetings.

THANKSGIVING BIRDS SCARCE

But Prices Now Are Slightly Lower Than Last Year.

The season for the festival bird, the Thanksgiving Turkey, is drawing near with the usual scarcity of the fowl, according to reports received from the country today by local produce dealers. Prices are 18 cents for gobblers and 20 cents for hens, which is slightly lower than last year.

It is a little too early for farmers to be bringing in their flocks said a local dealer today. They usually wait until later so they can obtain a high price for their birds. The present day farmer does not raise the large flocks of turkeys that they did in former years, said another dealer. The farmer pays more attention to the cultivation of crops and the raising of cattle and leaves the raising of turkeys to the women, who can not spare much time. The raising of turkeys requires much work as they are hard birds to take care of, being very susceptible to changes in weather.

With the present high prices here is a cheap Thanksgiving dinner for six and costs only \$5, according to the home economics department of the University.

- Orange and White Grape Cocktail
Mushroom and Oyster Patties
Roast Turkey—Cranberry Sauce, Bread Stuffing
Sweet Potatoes Buttered Beets
Waldorf Salad
Thanksgiving Pudding
Coffee, Cream

National Grange Here in 1917.

A telegram received yesterday from C. O. Raines of Canton, by the College of Agriculture stated that the National meeting of the Grange in 1917 will be held in Missouri. Mr. Raines is master of the Missouri State Grange.

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RABBI HARRISON WILL BE HERE

St. Louisan Added To Welfare Conference Program—Plans Perfected.

Rabbi Lepp Harrison of St. Louis will attend the State Conference for Social Welfare meeting here November 26 to 28. Rabbi Harrison has no definite place on the program, but, according to J. L. Wagner, secretary of the conference, will take part at the meetings.

The Rev. H. E. Tralle, president of the Kansas City School of Religious Pedagogy, will deliver the conference sermon. The sermon has been announced for 4 o'clock but the speaker has not previously been made known.

Besides the meetings of the conference, the infirm officials will meet in the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium, and the officers of state institutions will hold a meeting. There are fourteen institutions in the state, each of which will be represented by at least two persons. Round table discussions for all those attending the conference will be held at dinners and luncheons at the various restaurants. Topics at these discussions will include "Child Welfare," "Mental Hygiene," "Relief," "Administration of Institutions," and the like.

Exhibits from state institutions will be shown in the old Historical Library room in Academic Hall. Charts on feeble-mindedness will also be placed here for inspection.

Members in Kansas City and St. Louis are making special efforts to get delegates to come to the conference meeting here, and to acquire new members. Circulars telling of the need for social reform in Missouri have been published and distributed in Kansas City. One such circular distributed there, which announces the meeting in Columbia, reads in part: "The state of Missouri is backward in social legislation, mainly because the citizens do not know the needs. The conference desires to employ a field secretary to carry social education to each county and thus promote public interest in state problems. With 3,000 members this can be done." Mr. Wagner says he expects several hundred delegates from the two cities.

Persons having rooms to rent during the conference are requested to turn in their names to the Commercial Club.

POULTRY SHOW IN JANUARY

Date Selected to Coincide With M. U. Annual Farmers' Week.

The Twelfth Annual Poultry Show of Boone County, under the auspices of the Boone County Poultry Association, will be held the second week in January. This week has been selected by the Association so that the annual show may coincide with Farmers' Week.

Demonstrations on the care of poultry by Prof. H. L. Kempster of the College of Agriculture, will be one of the features of this year's show. The children's department will be a special department and separate from the regular show. Premiums will be offered in this department.

The premiums to be offered this year have not been definitely set but will be practically the same as last year. Entry fees to the show will be \$25 for a single bird and \$1 for a pen. Premiums will be paid on all standard varieties of poultry, ducks, geese and turkeys. The catalogue will be out about Dec. 1.

The place of holding this year's show has not been selected. Several meetings of the association will be held before the show.

Come to the Baptist Sunday School. The Bible Class has 200 members, of whom 125 are University students and college girls.

THINK IT OVER

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TO HOLD CROSS-COUNTRY RUN

Annual K. C. A. C. Event to Be December 2 Over 5-Mile Course.

The annual Kansas City Athletic Club cross-country run will be held over a 5-mile course December 2 in Kansas City. Stars from the big

schools of the Missouri Valley will compete in the event. A. V. Grady, former Kansas track man, will represent the Kansas City Athletic Club. No invitation has been received at Missouri, according to C. L. Brewer, Director of Athletics.



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