



**TEACHERS PLAN FOR NEXT YEAR**

**Executive Committee of State Association Hears Reports.**

The executive committee of the State Teachers' Association met today at the office of E. M. Carter, secretary of the association, in the Gordon Hotel Building. The members of the committee are: T. E. Spencer, St. Louis; chairman R. H. Emberson, Columbia, C. A. Hawkins, Maryville, M. A. O'Rear, Springfield, H. L. Roberts, Cape Girardeau, Ira Richardson, president of the association, Maryville, E. M. Carter, secretary of the association, Columbia.

Aside from the fiscal detailed business taken up, a report of the finance committee was received and approved. The funds were reported to be about

\$18,000. A sub-committee, composed of Mr. Richardson, Mr. Spencer and George E. Melcher, of Kansas City, was appointed to select headquarters and make arrangements for the next regular annual meeting of the association in Kansas City in November, 1917, and also to make arrangements for the headquarters of the executive committee at the meeting of the department of superintendents of the National Educational Association. A report was made by Dean Walter Williams of the School of Journalism on the future action of a committee on constitutional conventions, on which the association spent \$2,000 in support of the agitation of the submission of constitutional conventions to the people, a movement that has been

adopted as a plank in all political party platforms.

Miss Montgomery, principal in the public schools of Sedalia, is the first woman to serve on an executive committee of the association. She was chosen in accordance with the new constitution which provided that vacancies occurring in the future should be filled by women until three had been appointed. Two more vacancies will occur in a year when two more women will be appointed on the committee.

**Wood Alcohol Kills Three.**  
By United Press

JOLIET, Ill., Dec. 16.—Three prisoners in the state penitentiary are dead and six are dangerously ill after drinking wood alcohol extracted from shellac.

**"THE MAGISTRATE" PLEASES AUDIENCE**

Dramatic Club's First Play Applauded by 400—O. V. Batson in Lead.

**FIRST IN TWO YEARS**

Three-Act Comedy Only University Historians Since 1913.

Four hundred persons attended the first University Dramatic Club performance in two years in the University Auditorium last night when "The Magistrate," a three-act comedy, was presented.

The plot centered around O. V. Batson alias Mr. Posket, the Magistrate, whose dilatorious habits involved both him and his step-son, Fred Edwards, playing the role of Chat Farrington, in numerous embarrassing situations. Mr. Batson's ingenious inconsistencies afforded much amusement.

The Misses Eleanor Neuman and Mary Deputy as Mrs. Posket and sister withstood their hotel siege and imprisonment. Misses Carlotta Sommers, as Beatie Tomlinson, the music teacher and Matilda Dreifus as Popham, the parlor maid, carried difficult parts. H. F. Carlton, as Wyke, the butler, proved a typical, genteel English valet.

O. C. Torr, and F. O. Ruchl, as Deputy Magistrate and Clerk, represented efficiency and consistency in police work in contrast with the methods of Mr. Posket. Himey White, proprietor of the Hotel des Princes supplied much amusement by his lack of composure and strict observance of closing hours, and Isidore, his waiter, alias G. H. Lombard was equally erratic and observant of hotel etiquette.

A. M. Ginsberg and Robert Winternitz as Colonel Lukn and Capital Vale, respectively, paralleled their duties of defending their ladies by supplying misleading names to the court, as well as proving able to meet other difficulties with rapid concoctions.

Ewing Gibson, E. J. Schmueck and Melvin Mooney as Police Inspector, Constable, and Sergeant, experienced trouble in raiding the Princes hotel and in disentangling the complicated situation brought about by Mr. Posket and his step-son.

The coaches were H. F. Carlton and Robert Winternitz, Prof. J. E. Wrench, the stage manager. The changing of scenery was done expeditiously.

**NEGRO MISSIONARY WILL SPEAK**

Charles Stewart of Chicago, European Traveler, Visits Columbia.

Charles Stewart, A. M., D. D., of Chicago, general missionary of the negro National Baptist Convention, arrived in Columbia yesterday to deliver a series of lectures. He will preach this morning at the Second Baptist Church, and in the afternoon, will deliver a special lecture to men only on "Whole Men or Fragments—Which?" He will preach tonight at the St. Paul's A. M. E. Church. Monday morning, he will visit the negro school, and at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon, he will address the women and girls at the Baptist Church. His final address will be given Monday evening at the Second Baptist Church.

Doctor Stewart formerly represented the Associated Press in Chicago. He has traveled in Europe and over the United States as representative of the Baptist convention.

**BROADWAY ODEON**

**WEEKLY PROGRAM**

**Monday**

"LIBERTY," Marie Walcamp, Eddie Polo and Jack Holt. Also "CONSPIRACY" featuring Harry D. Carey and Edith Johnson.

**Tuesday**

Carter DeHaven in "FAME AT LAST."

**Wednesday**

Billy Burke in "GLORIA'S ROMANCE." Also a 5-act Red Feather feature, Violet Mesereau in "THE NARROW PATH."

**Thursday**

Jackie Saunders in "THE GRIP OF EVIL." Also Ben Williams in "SOCIETY HYPOCRITES."

**Friday**

Lucile Hutton in "A RURAL ROMANCE."

**Saturday**

Murdock McQuarrie in "THE NARROW CREED." Also Windsor McKay and his Jersey skaters.

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—I don't begrudge you any of your joy or any of your pleasure, or any of your glory, but won't you please, just for once, tell the folks what I really want in my Christmas stocking.

- I don't want a new fern for the Library.
- I don't want a new door mat—they are always in the way.
- I don't want a new furnace shovel—I hate the one I've got now.
- I don't want something flossed up and stitched.

**But There are Many Things I do Want.**

—Things I'd like to have, but wouldn't buy for myself. If some body would give them to me, if some body would only stop and think about what I really want, I'd have a merry Christmas just like I used to have when I was a boy.

**--Tell Them I Would Like**

- SILK SHIRTS—You know I don't like to spend money for them myself.
- NEW NECKTIES—I never had enough, you know.
- Or a FUR CAP for these wintry days in my auto.
- And it's about time I had a new pair of GLOVES, if some one would only think.
- And if all of them would chip in I know I'd like to have a NEW SUIT—yes, and maybe an OVERCOAT would not be bad.
- HOUSE SLIPPERS, A HOUSE COAT, A BATH ROBE, any one of them, will make me feel more like Christmas.

—If you run across any more of my friends, Santa, just tell them I'd like some new Handkerchiefs, some new Pajamas, some warm Driving Gloves, a new Walking Stick or any other things of this kind that you happen to remember.

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