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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.

Columbia's Negroes.

Editor the Missouriian: Two straws which seem to indicate which way the wind of public opinion blows on the negro problem in Columbia are the utterances of "Lily White" and the refusal of the fruit judging team to meet the Ames team on which a negro had obtained a place. The feeling against the negro had been further aggravated by the recent hold-ups in the city, and it is the general impression that the negro is a hopelessly bad citizen.

The straws are crossed; public opinion is notoriously inconsistent. The submerged tenth is always a sore spot in society, and when the tenth is increased fourfold, as is the negro population of Columbia, trouble is inevitable. As long as the dominant element in the community insists upon keeping the negro in comparative ignorance and poverty, imperfect understanding and appreciation of laws both moral and civil cannot be removed.

Columbia's problem is neither new nor unique, but only now brought to a head. Constructive education and fairmindedness are far greater than hatred and recrimination. B.

Editor the Missouriian: You may call me an alarmist, but so was Jeremiah. But you citizen, you men and women of this University town, the alarm must be given, so I am here as an alarmist.

The outrageous stunt, the niggardly looting, that for the third time in two weeks, has taken place in a certain sorority house, and only last night in a fraternity house, is to be deplored. Have these unprotected girls, far from their own paternal fireside, no protection?

Wake up you police and do away with this. Citizens and students of Columbia have just cause for alarm, when five students are held up in one night, two of the number, out of my own home.

But "unprotected girls,—" are you men, you Mayor, you Chief of Police, are you going to sit idly by and see them in danger? Do you not want to maintain a "safe open door" to the young people of the state?

What should happen, if the parents of these boys and girls should say, "Columbia is not safe."

A MOTHER.

THE NEW BOOKS

"Democracy and Peace."

"Democracy and Peace," by Prof. James B. Pratt of Williams College, is a book by a pacifist who believes in war. It consists of four essays, entitled "The Meaning of Democracy," "American Idealism," "The Idealism of War" and "The Hope of Lasting Peace." Democracy, it is maintained, is primarily not a matter of government nor of economics—it is a moral ideal. The prospect of lasting peace is considered from the psychological point of view, and the bearing of this larger opportunity on the present problem of preparedness is carefully considered.

(Richard D. Badger, Boston; cloth, 105 pages; \$1 net.)

"The Agony Column."

"The Agony Column" is a delightful, humorous story by Earl Derr Biggers, author of "Seven Keys to Baldpate." It is light enough for summer reading and attractive enough for winter reading.

(Bobbs-Merrill Company, Indianapolis; cloth, illustrated, 193 pages; \$1.25.)

"The Breath of the Dragon."

"The Breath of the Dragon," a romance of modern China, by A. H. Fitch, deals in part with legation life in Peking, but mainly with events in the Imperial Palace and among the people and the beggars of Peking. A correct portrayal of that extraordinary character, the Empress Dowager, is given. While not a historical novel, the romance contains historical truths. The author is a niece of a former United States minister to China and lived there with her aunt and uncle for two years.

G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York City; cloth, 447 pages, illustrated cover and frontispiece; \$1.50.)

Miss Grace Stahl Weds Mr. Barker.

A marriage license was given yesterday to Willard Barker and Grace Evelyn Stahl, both of this city. Mr. Barker, who works at the Hamilton-Brown Shoe factory, is a son of P. W. Barker 704 North Seventh street. Miss Stahl is the daughter of William A. Stahl, 102 Sexton Road.

Sampson Hall Has Fire Scare.

The fire department made a run to Sampson Hall last night and arrived just in time to prevent a fire. A hot flue was the cause of the trouble.

STAY-HERES TO MEET TONIGHT

Party and Dinner at Y. M. C. A. Planned to Lessen Homesickness.

A party for the stay-in-Columbia students will be given at the Y. M. C. A. Building tonight. Both the resident and non-resident students are invited. L. H. Capehart, assistant secretary of the Y. M. C. A. is making the arrangements. Columbia students will give the annual Christmas dinner for the non-resident students Wednesday evening, December 27.

Notice.

Entrance examinations will be given during the last week in January in those subjects in which there is a sufficient demand. All persons who wish to take entrance examinations at that time should notify the undersigned promptly, stating the subjects in which entrance examinations are desired. The definite program of entrance examinations will be posted on the bulletin boards on Saturday, January 13, 1917.

FRANK CHAMBERS, Registrar.

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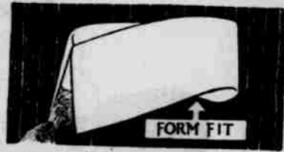
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Library Receives Children's Books.

A number of good children's books have been received by the University Library. Among them are, "Treasure Babies" by Davless, "Dream Fox Story Book" by Wright, "Tommy Trot's Visit to Santa Claus" by Page, "Now-A-Days Fairy Book" by Chapin is illustrated by Jessie Wilcox Smith.

Library to Install Vacuum Cleaners.

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Phillip E. Bradley Here. Phillip E. Bradley, A. B., '16, telegraph editor of the Missoula (Mont.)

Missoulian, is in Columbia on his way to St. Louis to spend the Christmas holidays.

COLUMBIANS:

DON'T YOU REALIZE THE APPEAL OF GIFTS WHICH ARE SIGNIFICANT OF COLUMBIA?—GIFTS WHICH, BESIDES THEIR INTRINSIC WORTH, ARE TYPICALLY DISTINCTIVE OF THE STATE'S EDUCATIONAL CENTER?

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