

U. S. IS EXTRAVAGANT, SAYS DR. H. J. WATERS

Opening Speech of Farmers' Week Deals With the Nation's Faults.

UEL LAMKIN TALKS

State Superintendent Shows Weakness in the Rural School System.

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

(University Auditorium, 7:15) "What the New Housekeeping Means to the Farm Home"

"The American nation as a whole is not living within its income." This was the gist of the message delivered by Henry J. Waters, president of the Kansas Agricultural College, and former dean here, in the University Auditorium last night at the opening session of the twelfth annual Farmers' Week.

"In a normal year we sell products to Germany valued at \$300,000,000," explained Doctor Waters, "and buy back to the value of \$175,000,000. The trade balance is on the right side, and this appears on the face of it as satisfactory business. But, analyzing the situation, we learn that the products sold by this nation are in the form of raw material. Through this we are furnishing employment to the Germans and building up the industries of Germany. The same holds true with Denmark and other countries."

"We need a definite reorganization of our ways of living," said Doctor Waters. "It costs too much to get the product from the farmer to the consumer's kitchen. The farmer sells to a central market, and in its transfer to the consumer there results a tremendous waste."

Doctor Waters would have the West become more interested in community development and manufacturing. "All the elements of manufacturing are here," he said, "while New England has only established business and skilled labor. We should teach the boys and girls the importance of community development."

Tells of the Rural Schools. Uel W. Lamkin, state superintendent of schools, related the vital needs of the country school of Missouri. He showed by statistics that nearly half of the Missouri teachers are employed in the rural districts and that the average wage for the country teacher is only \$344 a year. Nearly half of the country school houses are valued at less than \$600 each.

"We need more revenue for the public school system," he said. "Missouri must learn that it is the business of the state to educate. The administration of our schools must be free from political control and influence."

Praises Work of College. President A. Ross Hill, who gave the words of greeting, praised the effective work of the College of Agriculture. He reviewed the financial conditions and spoke of the economy of the administration of the school was forced to submit to in rendering agricultural service to the Missouri farmer.

"The purpose of Farmers' Week is to furnish information, permit conferences and promote and perfect better organization of farming methods," said Dean F. B. Mumford, in explaining the function of Farmers' Week.

Banquet Tickets to be Sold. Dean Mumford told of the arrangement of the program into three divisions—the short courses, conferences and evening lectures. He said that the tickets for the banquet Friday would go on sale at 1:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon and would be sold at 75 cents. Tickets for sale have been limited to 800.

Philander P. Lewis, president of the State Board of Agriculture, replied to the welcome. He commented upon the fact that the farmer is the victim of the high cost of living in addition to the boycott movements launched in the cities.

Prof. J. S. Ankeney Opens Exhibit. J. S. Ankeney, professor of the theory and practice of art in the University, is showing in the faculty room of the University Library an exhibit of pictures that were painted at Cape Ann, on the east coast, during the last two summers and at Rochester and other Missouri towns. More than half of the paintings, Professor Ankeney says, have never been shown in Columbia before. The exhibit will last for at least two weeks.

NOTES OF THE WEEK

"The people of Columbia have come to the rescue nobly," said Miss Pearl Crump this morning at the Commercial Club, "and we have provided all with rooms who have come to us, and have room for many more. About four hundred persons have applied to the Commercial Club and have been assigned rooms. The Katy train last night brought the largest number to date, and it was 11:40 o'clock before the crowd had been cared for."

Visitors Get Out Early. Today was a cold and rainy day, but the farmer was on his way early. Before eight o'clock groups were seen going here and there, trying to find something of interest. Fond mothers were holding the children by the hands and piloting them through the mud, while "Dad" was in front discussing corn-growing with the neighbors. Just because they are on a "trip" is no sufficient reason for the farmers to sleep late.

Farm Papers Represented. In the basement of the Agricultural Building the Missouri Farmer, a farm magazine published here, has a desk and subscriptions are taken. Representatives of the Chicago Examiner, the Farmer and Stockman and the Peoples' Popular Monthly have tables here, and the array is similar to the line of newsstands in the union stations.

Registration This Morning 700. At 10 o'clock this morning about 700 had registered, and today is expected to bring the greatest number of any one day. There will be a special train from St. Louis. Every train is bringing visitors from over the entire state. G. W. Kiderlen of McKittick, Montgomery County, was the first to register. He wore a large smile when he stepped to the desk yesterday morning early—and it was very early—to be the first to start the week.

Children Have Busy Time. Many children are here for Farmers' Week. To them the week is one long round of festivities. Is this not something like the county fair? As one asked, "When are they going to put up the merry-go-round?"

Veteran Makes the Rounds. Everyone noticed an old man, leaning on a cane and assisted by a younger friend, making the rounds of the displays this morning. He said that he had attended every week and had been interested even before Dean Mumford had "knowed very much about it."

Women Farmers to Meet. The annual meeting of the Missouri Women Farmers' Club will be held at 9:45 o'clock tomorrow morning in Room 214, Agricultural Building.

Meeting called to order by President, Miss Pearl Mitchell. Reading of minutes, Mrs. Turner McBaine. 10:15 o'clock—Problem of the Girl Student in Agriculture, Prof. Meyers, College of Agriculture.

10:45 o'clock Address—Hay and Gasoline, J. T. Simons, St. Louis expert automobilist and motor plow builder, who will give valuable statistics as to use of gasoline farm machinery.

11:15 o'clock—Orchards, Their Care, Crops and By-products, Miss Alice Kinney, owner of "Riverside" Orchards near New Franklin, Mo.

11:45 o'clock—Farming and Femininity, Mrs. Ross Ingels, Columbia, owner of three farms, who will prove that practical business dealings does not lessen the refinement or delicacy of the feminine character.

Discussion. 12:30—Adjourn. Homemakers' Conference Meets. One interesting part of Farmers' Week is the Homemakers' Conference, which was in session this afternoon and which will meet again tomorrow, Thursday and Friday. The programs at the session will consist of talks on home and farm problems, reports of committees and the like. Mrs. Harry Sneed of Sedalia is the president. All meetings are held in Room 202, Schweitzer Hall.

Banquet Committee Adds Two. Prof. C. A. Eckles and Prof. W. H. Lawrence, both of the College of Agriculture, will be on the banquet committee for Friday. Professor Lawrence will have charge of the decorations of the banquet hall.

ARREDONDO EXPECTS TO LEAVE. Withdrawal of Pershing Also Probable Development With Mexico.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Ambassador Arredondo will leave for his post in Mexico City shortly, thus removing one source of friction between the United States and Mexico, it was reported here today. It is believed he will be succeeded by Medri, Mexican consul at San Francisco, who will be recognized as Mexico's official representative. That Pershing's troops may soon be withdrawn was the feeling developed in official circles this afternoon.

BREAK WITH TEUTONS MAY BE PUT TO VOTE

Action by Congress Expected From Conference of Wilson and W. J. Stone.

SUBMARINE IS ISSUE

War Threat to Force Germany to Give Peace Terms, Belief of Official.

J. P. YODER (United Press Staff Correspondent, WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Congress may soon vote on what is construed as a "break of diplomatic relations," which many believe would mean only war should Germany return to unbridled submarine warfare after the Allies' reply to the German peace proposal.

This interpretation of the situation was made after a conference today between President Wilson and Chairman Stone of the Committee on Foreign Relations. It is said that Senator Stone was sent to the Senate chiefly to sound out congress on the matter of secrecy pertaining to Wilson's peace message.

It was believed that President Wilson, fearing a congressional uprising over the secret diplomatic movements, desired to discuss with the Missouri senator such matters as might come up for consideration in the very near future as a result of the Allies' peace note and which might tend to "tear off the hide" and get at the exact attitude of Congress. This was the second conference the President has had with Senator Stone within three days.

At least one very important official has said that the war threat would be a club to force Germany to give her terms as the Allies desired. More important, perhaps, from the standpoint of the American people, is the fact brought out in the conferences of Senator Stone and President Wilson that there must be less secret diplomacy than has recently attended this Government's course. Administration diplomats have for some days kept closed mouths, while they maneuvered in secret.

PEACE VISION FADES

Official Germany Says Allies' Note Is Not Deserving of Answer.

By CARL W. ACKERMAN (United Press Staff Correspondent) BERLIN, Jan. 2.—"Peace hopes have disappeared, and now it is war to the last ounce of human blood. The Allies' note is not deserving of a written rejoinder."

Summed up, this is the opinion of the German people in official circles as well as of the men on the street, and apparently it states the attitude of all Germany at the present time. Germany's only answer to the Allies' rejection of peace must be by force of arms—this is the epitome of German feeling.

Privately, Berlin newspapers are even more bitter in their feelings that the German officials themselves or than their recent issues indicate.

Choral Society to Rehearse Tonight. The Columbia Choral Society will rehearse at 7:30 o'clock tonight in Prof. W. H. Pommer's studio in Academic Hall.

SAPP GIVES INSIGHT INTO STATE POLITICS

Representative Says Legislation of New Assembly Will Be Constructive.

BLAMES TAX SYSTEM

Declares People of Missouri Should Support University in the Present Fight.

That the 1917 General Assembly will mark a new era in constructive legislation for Missouri is the belief of William H. Sapp, representative from Boone County, who will start his second term in the House of Representatives when it is convened tomorrow. Representative Sapp yesterday gave a Missouriian reporter an analysis of the political situation in the state, a summary of the work to be done during the session and an insight into the relations of the Legislature and the state's institutions, including the University. Mr. Sapp believes that the work of the Legislature will not be hindered even though a content is filed by Judge Lamm.

"All the state institutions have suffered seriously for years because of insufficient revenue from the state. The Legislature has met the demand for appropriations; but the University is a striking example of the condition of our tax system, which fails to supply the money to make the appropriations good," says Mr. Sapp.

Looks for Emergency Measures. "I believe that the condition will be remedied in the coming session by proposed emergency measures suggested by Governor-elect Gardner," he continued. "The matter of a more permanent revision of the tax system to be remedied by a state tax commission. I am somewhat dubious of, because already there is evidence that a tax commission would be merely a political body, furnishing highly paid jobs."

"The proposed tax commission could not be looked to for a relief from the present stringent financial conditions until the 1919 session of the General Assembly; so the present situation must be relieved by the immediate enactment of bills proposed by the Governor-elect."

"The problem of the present legislative body is to get away from the reactionary influences which controlled the session two years ago. Issues must be faced squarely. The liquor question cannot be dealt with as it was then; nor can there be the trading of support between the House and the Senate on proposed legislation as there was then, noticeably in the case of the Buford bill."

"Conditions for M. U. Better."

That conditions pertaining to the support of the University have changed since 1915 was pointed out by Mr. Sapp. At that time it seemed that both political parties had no cause to support the institution, but this year, with a political campaign just ended, during which charges and counter-charges were made regarding the institution, there is reason for both parties to champion the cause of the school, according to the Boone County representative.

Mr. Sapp believes that public opinion the state will not permit a legislative fight to be made on President A. Ross Hill of the University. "The state metropolitan press of influence is supporting Doctor Hill, and this is

THE WEATHER

For Columbia and Vicinity: Partly cloudy and probably somewhat unsettled tonight. Wednesday generally fair. Not much change in temperature—lowest tonight near the freezing point.

For Missouri: Partly cloudy tonight; probably unsettled east portion. Wednesday generally fair; not much change in temperature.

Local Data. The highest temperature in Columbia yesterday was 43, and the lowest last night was 32; precipitation, .05; relative humidity 2 p. m. yesterday, 76 per cent. A year ago yesterday the highest temperature was 62, and the lowest 31; precipitation, .35.

The Temperatures Today. 7 a. m. 32 11 a. m. 37 8 a. m. 33 12 m. 39 9 a. m. 34 1 p. m. 41 10 a. m. 36 2 p. m. 44

an indication of the attitude the people would take on such a fight," he says. "Let those who oppose Doctor Hill make their charges before the Board of Curators. It is selected by the constitution with power to select and discharge the president of the University. The Legislature does not possess the power to discharge President Hill. If President Hill is a menace to the best interests of the University, he should be removed from the presidency in the constitutional way."

Expects Action From Rolla. In regard to the rumor of the removal of the School of Engineering from Columbia to Rolla, Representative Sapp said that it is probable such action may be attempted if the members of both houses from the southern counties should find a "divided house" on the north side of the river, and especially in Boone County.

"If the citizens of Boone County divide into two hostile groups—one supporting the University and Doctor Hill, and the other group fighting both, it is not difficult to imagine that the enemies will swoop down upon us and capture the School of Engineering while we continue our family battle. There should be no traitor in our camp. The whip of local public sentiment should be made to sing about the ears of any citizen of Columbia who would dare betray us."

"In our support of the University, Columbians, Boone Countians and Missourians as a whole should support the University in its entirety, not in its departments or divisions. The fight against the University in the Legislature will be against the institution as a unit and the support of the University should be the same way," concluded Mr. Sapp.

LEAKS STIR CONGRESS

Both Houses in Turmoil as Result of Charges Concerning Wall Street.

By United Press WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—A storm of charges and counter-charges regarding the reported "leaks" from the State Department to Wall Street of advance information on the President's peace note, broke in both Houses today. Chairman Henry of the House Rules Committee announced he would not call his committee together before sufficient evidence had been received by him of any irregularities. In the Senate, Chairman Stone formally denied charges in the newspapers that he had been benefited by the leak.

Chairman Henry introduced a resolution that would give Congress power to regulate the Stock Exchange, and he took this action immediately after hearing from Lawson, who stated that sixty million was made by those "on the inside" of the peace message leak.

"Henry has enough information now to investigate the whole business regarding the Wall Street leak," said Lawson.

"Nothing has been given me even approaching the information I desire or that would warrant my calling together the Rules Committee," said Henry in a formal statement this afternoon. "Lawson has not furnished me with a single name," he added.

Dean Loeb to Speak at Luncheon. The weekly Commercial Club luncheon will be held at 12:15 o'clock Thursday at the Virginia Grill. Dean Isidor Loeb of the School of Commerce will speak on the "City Manager Type of Government." Will E. Griswold, chairman of the Hannibal (Mo.) Commercial Club, will talk. Visitors from many towns in Missouri will attend.

LOCAL GAS COMPANY MUST LOWER RATES

Supreme Court Upholds Schedule of State Public Utilities Commission.

TO REFUND EXCESS

Plant Accepts the Decision Twenty-Two Months After Appeal Is Taken.

Columbia gas consumers are to get the rates set by the State Public Utilities Commission which were appealed by the Columbia Gas Company to the Missouri Supreme Court twenty-two months ago. The court upheld the ruling of the commission.

W. H. Watts, manager of the gas company, interviewed this afternoon, said: "The company will abide by the decision of the court. The new rates set by the commission will go into effect February 1, and a refund to all gas consumers for the excess charges during the last twenty-two months will be made. Already \$8,000 has been deposited with the Central Bank to cover the refunds. Some 15,000 accounts must be calculated before the company can begin to refund."

"The public cannot be properly submitted to unreasonable rates in order simply that stockholders may earn dividends."

"If a corporation cannot earn dividends for stockholders it is a misfortune for it and them which the constitution does not require to be remedied by imposing unjust burdens upon the public."

This language was used by Chief Justice Graves of the Supreme Court in disposing of an appeal from a ruling of the State Public Service Commission wherein the gas company of Columbia was ordered to lower its rates to consumers.

The company appealed and the supreme court has sustained the ruling of the commission. "The old rate was: Consumers under 10,000 cubic feet per month, \$1.75; minimum charge per month, \$1. The commission ordered this rate reduced to \$1.35 net for the first 10,000 cubic feet and all in excess thereof at \$1.26, with the minimum charge fixed at 75 cents per month."

NO BIG CASES IN COURT TODAY

Verdict of Justice Kurts Reversed in Cunningham-Johnson Affair.

The opening session of the January term of the Boone County Circuit Court today had no important cases. Several of lesser importance were decided by Judge Harris.

In the case of Bettie C. Cunningham vs. Frank Johnson, appealed from the court of Justice Kurts, the verdict of the lower court was reversed. In the lower court the plaintiff was awarded damages for a cow which was said to have been taken from the pasture by the defendant, but the Circuit Court ruled in favor of Mr. Johnson, awarding no damages.

Clarence Douglas changed his plea of not guilty to guilty to the charge of common assault. He was fined \$25. Jerry Pollock, who was yesterday fined \$300 for violation of the local option law, was today granted his petition for parole. He put up a bond of \$200 to cover his parole of a year. He lives near Hinton.

The Kappa Alpha Theta sorority of the University filed a petition for permission to incorporate under the laws of Missouri.

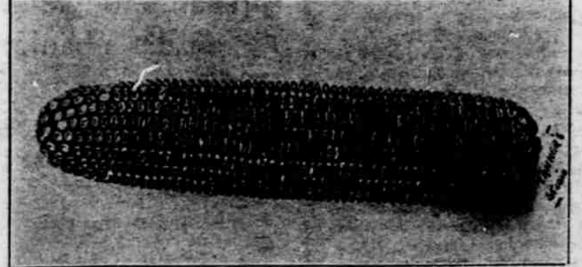
SAYS CIVIL SERVICE HAD LEAKS

Stone Holds System Responsible for Loss of State Secrets.

By United Press WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Admitting that secrets had found their way out of the State Department, Senator Stone today blamed the present system of civil service for such discrepancies. Stone, from the first, caustically referred to Thomas W. Lawson.

Rising to a point of personal privilege, Stone read several newspaper articles declaring the Senator had profited at various times from Wall Street market fluctuations. "Things have occurred which should not be possible," said the Senator, "and secrets have found their way out of the State Department, but the things I refer to had nothing to do with the stock market. They pertained to the honor of the nation."

ONE OF THE PRIZE WINNERS



Grand Champion Single Ear, Reid's Yellow Dent; Grown by H. G. Windsor, Booneville, Mo.

The grand champion single ear of Missouri State Corn and Grain Show here this week, Farmers' Week, by H. G. Windsor of Booneville. Premiums were offered for the grand champion bushel, white corn, yellow corn, acre yield, white oats, wheat, cowpeas, soybeans, timothy seed and red clover seed. The contests were divided according to sections of the state, men, boys, and boys' and girls' clubs. Mr. Windsor, who won the prize for the best ear, is president of the Missouri Corn Growers' Association. The judges were Prof. E. M. McDonald and C. A. Helm of the College of Agriculture.