

TAX RECEIPTS SHOW \$37,998.20 INCREASE

Revenues of Boone County Amount to \$262,345.67 for the Year.

92.17 PER CENT PAID

J. R. Jordan, Collector, Says Record Made Is Best in Six Reports.

The Boone County tax collections for the year ending February 28 were \$37,998.20 in excess of the last preceding period. County Collector J. R. Jordan, who made his returns to the County Court yesterday says that his collections this year were nearer 100 per cent of the possible receipts than in any other of his six years of service as collector of Boone County. The records show that 92.17 per cent of all taxes have been paid. This leaves only 7.83 per cent out. According to Mr. Jordan this is a remarkably low percentage. The total collections were \$262,345.67.

Boone County has seldom been compelled to bring suit for taxes, said Mr. Jordan. The defendant has to stand the entire expense of the suit; consequently few delinquencies occur.

The fact that the special road and bridge fund tax was not levied last year is given by Mr. Jordan as the cause of this year's excess. The county court was being sued over the division of the fund. While the suit was being determined the court omitted the levy. However, even exclusive of the special road and bridge tax, this last year shows a substantial increase.

Collections came from the following sources:

From land and the personal tax books	\$209,309.22
From merchants' tax	10,133.99
From railroads, telegraph and telephones	25,988.91
From back tax books	15,131.45
From billiards, pool and vendors' licenses	1,782.00
Total collected from all sources	\$262,345.67

The foregoing collections were paid into the following funds:

State revenue	24,029.93
County revenue fund	54,935.47
Special road and bridge fund	25,971.25
School fund (to be apportioned among the various districts)	31,293.42
Rural school districts	10,708.05
Columbia City school fund	31,293.42
Centralia city school fund	10,856.96
Sturgeon school fund	5,492.54
Rocheport school fund	2,806.48
Ashtand school fund	1,352.02
Hallsville school fund	1,465.14
Harrisburg school fund	832.15
City taxes from railroads, telegraphs and telephones	845.93
Collector's commissions	4,470.75
Total paid into all funds	\$262,345.67

WILL PRESENT FARCE IN MAY

University Players Choose Cast for "The Importance of Being Earnest."

After remaining idle for more than three years, The University Players, a dramatic club, has decided to produce Oscar Wilde's famous play, "The Importance of Being Earnest." This play is considered by many the greatest farce in English. It will be presented at the Columbia Theater some time in May.

Eight members of the cast have been chosen. All have had previous experience in dramatics, either in the University or in high school. Russell L. Richards will take the male lead. Gordon P. Case will play the second lead. The part of the parson will be played by Robert R. Miller. The part of Lane, the humorous-serious butler, will be taken by Ira W. Fischer. Miss Genevieve Garnett will play Cecily, the leading woman. Miss Annalee Vernon will play Gwendolen. Miss Josephine Hollebaugh will play the part of Miss Prism, the governess.

One woman character remains to be chosen. The selection will be made in a day or two. Rehearsals will begin as soon as the approval of the deans and the committee on dramatics can be obtained for the cast.

Mr. Richards will be business manager and will buy new scenery for two of the acts. Robert Winternitz and H. F. Carlton, instructors in English, will direct the play.

Kansas Professor Likes M. U. Library.

"When Kansas University builds the new library of which it is at present very much in need, it can well look to the library of the University of Missouri for a model," said Prof. F. B. Dains of the University of Kansas. Professor Dains was much pleased with the administration of the University Library, as well as the library itself. He says that the library has a fine beginning. What it now needs is an appropriation for more books.

THE CALENDAR

- March 8.—Assembly lecture at 7:30 o'clock in the University Auditorium by Dean Walter Miller on "The College Student and His Life Work."
- March 8.—Address by Miss Frances V. Guthrie to University women on "Opportunities for Women in Medicine," Room 220, Academic Hall, at 4 o'clock.
- 9.—Illustrated lecture, "Chemistry and Alchemy in the Middle Ages," by Prof. F. B. Dains at 8 o'clock Friday night in the Physics Building.
- March 9.—Ad Club Carnival.
- March 14.—"The Silver Box," a play under the auspices of the University Dramatic Club at 8:15 p. m. in the University Auditorium.
- March 15.—Lecture by Miss Helen Ross in Room 220, Academic Hall at 4 o'clock on "Opportunities for Women in Social Service."

CELEBRATION TO BE AT NIGHT

St. Pat's Parade to Start at 7 P. M.; Stunts Include an Automobile Show.

The night of March 17 is the time set for St. Patrick's celebration this year. The preliminary parade will begin at 7 o'clock. After the parade campus stunts will be given which will include the crowning of St. Patrick and the conferring of the degrees of Knights of St. Patrick to the Senior Engineers. Other entertainments which have not yet been announced will be given.

Another part of the program will be an automobile show of more than twenty cars all illuminated by a bank of lights. The cars will be placed in the space between Switzer Hall and the Engineering Building. Cars from the Cadillac, Dodge, Chevrolet, Reo, Hudson, Overland, Chalmers, and Oakland factories will be shown. Also Harley-Davidson and Indian motor cycles, and several farm tractors will be on exhibition.

The laboratories of the School of Engineering will be open for public inspection and demonstrators will be present to explain electricity, thermodynamics and light as applied by the students in engineering.

Walter C. Thee, a student assistant in the School of Engineering, is in charge of the automobile show. He is also Senior adviser of the mechanical laboratory. St. Pat's board, composed of students in the School of Engineering have apportioned the work for St. Pat's Day among the students, thus systematizing the labor and assuring efficient preparations. Cecil J. Hubbard is editor of the Shamrock this year. He held the office last year also. Louis Senter is business manager.

HE GARDENS FOR FUN OF IT

Dr. R. H. Jesse Says Work Is Good for Prices but Better for Health.

"Columbians should not think too much of their pocketbooks or a full dinner table when they plant their back-yard gardens," says Dr. R. H. Jesse, former president of the University, whose hobby for twenty-five years has been the kitchen garden.

"If you only have a plot of ground as large as a rug, plant something on it and keep it growing. In so doing you will develop yourself physically and mentally. An hour or two each day in the garden is the best possible thing for the University man," he says.

Doctor Jesse, who is 64 years old, has kept himself young in spirit by two hours work each day in his garden when the weather permitted. He does this as a relaxation from his books, for he is still an enthusiastic student of languages and philosophy. He has used the same garden hoe for twenty-five years.

Doctor Jesse gives all the credit for his unusual activity to his years spent in his garden. He believes that gardening is an inducement to lower market prices is an excellent idea but that gardening for the pure fun and physical benefit of it is the best in the long run. He doesn't "care a rap" for what happens to his vegetables after he has seen them safely through to maturity. He has realized his profit long before his vegetables reach the table or the market.

Germans Capture 300 French.

BERLIN, March 9.—"French forces strongly attacked the German positions south of Ripent, taken by the Germans February 15, and entered isolated trenches on Height 185 yesterday. They were repulsed, however, and the position retaken by our forces with the capture of 4 officers and 300 men," today's official statement declared.

Ad Club Carnival Is Postponed.

The Ad Club Carnival which was to have been given tonight has been postponed indefinitely because of the death of Mrs. A. Ross Hill today. It will probably be given sometime next week.

PRESIDENT WILL CALL EXTRA SESSION SOON

April 16 Decided Upon as Time for Work of the New Congress.

HE WILL ARM SHIPS

Executive Is Convinced That He Has Power—Announces His Decision.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, March 9.—President Wilson has decided to call an extra session of Congress April 16, it was learned this afternoon. In the meantime, he has decided definitely that he has power to arm merchant ships without an authorization by Congress. In connection with the President's call for an extra session, Secretary Tamm stated that President Wilson was convinced he has the power to arm merchant ships and is free to exercise this power at once.

"So much necessary legislation is pressing for consideration," said Tamm, "that the President is convinced it is in the best interests of Congress that an early session of the Sixty-fifth Congress be called."

Senate Waits for Committees.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, March 9.—The Senate adjourned at noon today until noon Monday to permit the steering committee to give undivided and immediate attention to the renaming of Senate committees. It was pointed out that, until the committees had been appointed, the hands of the Senate are tied.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, March 9.—President Wilson announced this afternoon his decision to arm American ships immediately. The Navy Department is completing plans whereby all merchantmen flying the American flag will be armed. There is no announcement as to what ships will receive arms first. The Navy Department has become suddenly secretive. Secretary Daniels has asked all newspapers to refrain from using the names of ships armed or their destination. It was not explained whether gunners will be furnished with the guns.

PARENTS DIE ONE DAY APART

Dr. Chester Murray's Father and Mother Victims of Pneumonia.

After falling ill as she was attending at the bedside of her husband, Mrs. William A. Murray of Moline, Ill., died at noon last Sunday, just a day after the death of Mr. Murray. They were the parents of Dr. Chester Murray, associate professor of Romance languages in the University. Doctor Murray was called home last Friday by the serious illness of his father, who died Saturday morning. He arrived Sunday morning before the death of his mother.

Both died of pneumonia. Mrs. Murray was 65 years old on the Friday preceding her death. Mr. Murray was 66. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at Moline. The bodies were buried in one grave. Mr. and Mrs. Murray are survived by six children. Mr. and Mrs. Murray had been married 47 years. According to Doctor Murray, who returned from Moline yesterday, his mother had expressed a wish not to outlive his father. She, however, was only semiconscious at the time of his death and it is not known whether she knew that he had died.

Country Banker Helps Farmers.

"The country banker in Missouri is becoming the real leader in his community," says Jewell Mayes, secretary of the State Board of Agriculture. C. P. Breen, president of the Farmers Exchange Bank of Parkville, is urging farmers in his neighborhood to build silos by offering loans at a reduced rate of interest. He buys agricultural literature and distributes it among his depositors, and is building up the community sentiment in a practical and profitable manner, according to Mr. Mayes.

Magazine Has Article by M. U. Man.

Dr. Jacob Warshaw of the Romance language department has an article, "Preciosite" After the Seventeenth Century," in the March Number of Modern Language Notes.

Firemen Find Burning Grass.

The fire department made a run at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon to Stewart road. The grass of a vacant lot between Thilly and Hicks avenues was on fire and was soon extinguished.

SAYS SENATOR STONE WILL HOLD POSITION

Lewis, Administration Whip, Declares Criticism Has Come From Without.

"UP TO MISSOURI"

If Any Rebuke Is Made, He Holds, It Must Be by Home State.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, March 9.—"William J. Stone will be renominated as chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee," Senator Lewis of Illinois, Administration whip, told the United Press this afternoon while the Democratic steering committee was in session to pass on the committee's selection.

"You may definitely state," Lewis said, "that Senator Stone will again head the committee."

"Criticism of Stone's 'face about' in refusing to support the armed neutrality bill has come largely from outside sources and a few administration men," Senator Lewis said, "but the attitude now taken by the Senate indicates that Stone will be returned to the chairmanship."

"It is up to Senator Stone's constituents to rebuke him, if he is to be rebuked. It would be unethical for senators to upbraid one another. Members of the Senate represent sovereign states, and one senator may not question the stand of another."

Opposition to Stone's retention as head of the committee will be voiced by Senators James of Kentucky and Harris of New Hampshire.

Senator Reed Exonerates Stone.

By United Press
JEFFERSON CITY, March 9.—Senator James A. Reed, Missouri's junior senator, in a telegram to Representative Harry B. Hawes of the Missouri General Assembly today, defended Senator Stone and exonerated him for all blame in beating the armed neutrality bill in the Senate.

"The Congressional record proves beyond a peradventure of a doubt that Senator Stone did not engage in a filibuster against the passage of what is known as the armed-ship bill," said a portion of Senator Reed's telegram.

SAYS FOOD IS CHEAP IN CHINA

Former Student Writes That Prices Would "Scare U. S. to Death."

Mrs. Russell Monroe has received a letter from Mrs. Albert Heinz, a former resident of Boone County and student in the University, who now lives in Peking, China. Mr. Heinz is a teacher of mathematics in Tsing Hua College, Peking, a Chinese school founded with the money returned to China by the United States after the Boxer uprising. Before her marriage Mrs. Heinz was Miss Clara Alexander.

Mrs. Heinz tells of the troubles incident to their trip across the Pacific. They left Columbia last August, expecting to sail from Vancouver in September. Mr. Heinz, however, contracted diphtheria and was quarantined in Omaha. For this reason, they missed their boat. Then Fate smiled, writes Mrs. Heinz, for they were able to get the passage on the next steamer which another couple had canceled. Their next trouble came a week before Christmas, when their son, Elgin, contracted scarlet fever.

Mrs. Heinz writes that she is thankful they do not have to pay such exorbitant prices for food as we do here. Butter and milk are high there, but she says the prices of meats, eggs, vegetables and fruits are so cheap that they would scare us to death.

Mr. Heinz is from Cameron, Mo. He was graduated from the School of Education in 1910.

CITY "BONE DRY" LAST NIGHT

Water Shut Off While New Mains Were Connected.

Columbia was "bone dry" from 11:30 o'clock last night until 5:30 o'clock this morning, while workmen at the city water and light station were making necessary connections for transferring the water from 12-inch mains to new 16-inch mains on More's boulevard. Early this morning normal pressure was resumed.

U. S. Marines Land Safely at Santiago.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, March 9.—The landing of American marines at Santiago, Cuba, was accomplished without the loss of life and without a single injury to our men. Commander Belknap notified the Navy Department today.

THE WEATHER

For Columbia and Vicinity: Generally fair and warmer tonight and Saturday but becoming unsettled and windy Saturday. Temperature tonight above the freezing point.

For Missouri: Generally fair tonight and Saturday; warmer tonight and east portion Saturday. Fresh winds.

Shippers' Forecast: Prepare shipments within a radius of 200 miles of Columbia to withstand temperatures as follows: North 32, above the freezing point East, South and West.

Weather Conditions.

The weather still is stormy in New England, and similar conditions obtain along the Pacific Coast and Rocky Mountain states; in the greater part of the interior, however, rather pleasant to fine weather prevails.

Temperatures are above the freezing point in all southern states, slightly below in central, and range between 10 and 20 above zero in northern states.

In Columbia during the next two or three days the weather will grow milder but it also will become more or less unsettled and windy Saturday and Sunday.

Local Data.

The highest temperature in Columbia yesterday was 50, and the lowest last night was 30; precipitation, .00; relative humidity 2 p. m. yesterday, 29 per cent. A year ago yesterday the highest temperature was 38, and the lowest 20; precipitation, .00.

The Almanac.

Sun rose today, 6:29 a. m. Sun sets, 6:10 p. m.

Moon rises 7:14 p. m.

The Temperatures Today.

7 a. m. 30 11 a. m. 50

8 a. m. 34 12 m. 54

9 a. m. 40 1 p. m. 57

10 a. m. 41 2 p. m. 61

MRS. A. ROSS HILL DIES TODAY

Wife of University President Had Been Long in Ill Health.

Mrs. Agnes Hill, wife of President A. Ross Hill, died about 3:30 o'clock this afternoon at the president's home on the University campus. Mrs. Hill had been in ill health for more than a year and a half, but in recent months she had felt much improved. Yesterday, however, her condition became worse. Pneumonia, the result of operations she had undergone during her long illness, is given as the immediate cause of death.

Mrs. Hill was formerly Miss Agnes Baxter. She was born March 18, 1870, at Halifax, N. S. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baxter, and a sister, Miss Elizabeth Baxter, now live in Halifax. Her parents came from Scotland, and for several years her father was manager of an electric light company there. A brother, Norman Baxter, also survives. He lives at Elyria, Ohio, and is superintendent for an electric power company in a series of Ohio cities.

Mrs. Hill received her B. A. degree with first rank honors in mathematics from Dalhousie University, Halifax, in 1891. Later she received her A. M. degree from the same University. During the following two years she was a fellow in mathematics at Cornell, where she took her Ph.D. degree in 1895. Mrs. Hill was the last fellow under the famous Professor Oliver of the mathematics department at Cornell. At the time of his death she was assigned the task of editing his mathematical notes, which were later published.

Doctor and Mrs. Hill were married August 20, 1896, in Halifax. Doctor Hill at that time was teaching in the normal school at Oshkosh, Wis.

Two children, Miss Jessie and Miss Ester Hill, survive. Miss Jessie is 19 years old and is a senior in the University. Miss Ester is 14 years old, a sophomore in high school.

The funeral arrangements have not been made.

SPEAKS ON MEDICAL PROFESSION

Miss Guthrie Says Women Have Opportunity in This Work.

"Opportunity for women in the medical profession is as great as that for men," said Miss Frances V. Guthrie in a lecture on "Opportunities for Women in the Medical Profession," yesterday afternoon in Academic Hall.

Miss Guthrie said that fewer women are entering the medical profession in the United States than in the past, probably due to the increased expense in training. Besides, the remuneration is becoming less each year.

In speaking of the advantages in training for women, she said that although women at first had a struggle to be admitted, many of the best medical schools now admit women with the same privileges as men. Nine per cent of the students in Rush Medical College and 10 per cent in Johns Hopkins University are women. Johns Hopkins gives the same clinical facilities to women as to men.

University Bull Sells for \$600.

Beau Perfect 10th, a bull belonging to the College of Agriculture Hereford herd, was sold for \$600 at the combination Hereford sale in Kansas City recently.

SHOE BID TOO HIGH BY EIGHTH OF CENT

Hamilton-Brown Factory Misses Government Contract for 450,000 Pairs.

WAS THIRD LOWEST

Local Plant Loses to St. Louis Company Which Makes Price Below Market.

The Hamilton-Brown Shoe Company's Columbia plant probably lost a contract to make 450,000 pairs of army shoes for the United States Government by the difference of one-eighth of a cent on a pair, between its bid and that of another company. Recently the War Department opened bids for 450,000 pairs of shoes to be delivered as soon as they could be made. The Columbia factory was the third lowest bidder.

The lowest bidder, a St. Louis company, offered to deliver the first 100,000 pairs at \$4.89 a pair, the next 100,000 pairs at \$4.98 and the remaining pairs at \$5.12. Because of the fluctuating value of leather and the company's inability to furnish all the required materials from its warehouses the bids had to be divided according to dates of possible shipment. Having sufficient leather on hand to make 10,000 pairs of shoes, the company was able to make a price of \$4.89. The second shipment was to have been made of leather upon which the company had an option, and the last shipment was to have been made from leather purchased on the open market.

Boston Firm Second Bidder.

The second lowest bidder was a Boston firm. Its bids were as follows: \$4.92 for the first 100,000 pairs, \$4.95 for the next 100,000 and \$4.97 for the remaining pairs.

This company either had in stock or had an option upon all the leather required to make the 450,000 pair of shoes, and was able to make its bids below the open market price.

The Columbia factory offered to make the first 25,000 pairs at \$4.99, the next 25,000 at \$5.02, a third 25,000 at \$5.05 and the remaining ones at \$5.10. Enough leather is now in stock at the factory to make about 25,000 pairs of shoes.

Thinks Local Factory Will Lose.

While the contract has not been granted by the Government, Superintendent Braselton figures that the Columbia factory will lose the contract by about one-eighth of a cent on a pair. All the bids submitted by the various companies ranged between \$4.89 and \$5.12 a pair.

The Columbia plant has a capacity of about 2,500 pairs of shoes a day, according to Mr. Braselton. If the contract had been obtained, all of the shoes would have been made in Columbia.

PLANS TRACK MEET EXCURSION

Committee Must Have 200 to Get Rate to Kansas City.

Director C. L. Brewer announced this morning that an effort would be made to have the Wabash Railroad run an excursion to Kansas City March 16 for the Missouri-Kansas indoor track meet, which is to be held in Convention Hall on that date. It will be necessary for two hundred students to agree to make the trip in order to get a round-trip rate of \$4.50. Lists will be circulated Monday by members of the track team and the committee which is boosting the excursion. Plans to take the University Band are under consideration. Sorority members will be asked to sell tags one day next week; this money will be used to pay the expenses of the band.

C. W. Martin, '05, '09, Promoted.

Charles W. Martin of St. Louis, B. S. in Eng. '05, C. E. '09, has been made secretary of the Woermann Construction Company in St. Louis. Mr. Martin is an associate member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and has been working in the bridge department of St. Louis for the last seven years. He designed several public viaducts there.

150 Tickets Sold for Firemen's Ball.

More than 150 tickets had been sold at 4 o'clock this afternoon for the Firemen's Ball to be held tonight at Columbia Hall. The decorations are more elaborate this time than ever before, according to Chief Earl N. Kurtz. He expects a large crowd on account of the Ad Club Carnival having been postponed.