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**TESTING DEMOCRACY**

"Government of the people, by the people and for the people" is at a crucial test in our country. It is becoming more difficult daily to draw the line of demarcation between the powers of Congress and the powers of the President. Virtually the only assurance that the people of the United States will be consulted, even indirectly, on the matter of its going to war is the statement of President Wilson that—in spite of his possession of power to arm ships and thus, for all practical purposes, involve us in war—he will not do so openly without calling an extra session of Congress.

Will we act with a united front should that time come? In the absence of a large army and navy will the spirit of '76 and 1812 again revive itself and vindicate the nation? These are questions occupying the thoughts of all true and patriotic Americans today.

In '76 we humiliated the mother country with our small and ragged army; in 1812 we again triumphed over the Ruler of the Waves with our despicable fleet of eighteen "wooden barks" against Britain's "ships of the line." The scales of justice were in each case swung in our favor by some greater power than "reeking tube and iron shard." So long as "American warfare" means "defensive warfare" and we are on the side of justice to humanity, the spirit of '76 and 1812 will continue to burn within the souls of all Americans, ready to fight to the last trench for the freedom and glory of the nation.

The horrors of war will no doubt be materially increased when the spring poets mobilize.

In spite of Gerard's report that Germany is nearing its end, the aim of the submarine crews does not seem to be affected by nervousness.

**BEFORE AND AFTER TAKING**

Pictures of two young men taken before and after their enlistment in the national guard are used as an argument for compulsory military service. According to the argument, these men were converted from rough, unkempt and unintelligent "roughs," stoop-shouldered and shift-eyed, to erect, clean-cut and manly soldiers—in fact, there was practically no resemblance of the two men in the first picture to those in the second.

As a means of taking street-loafers and other riff-raff from under the feet of busy persons and making men of them, compulsory military service would undoubtedly perform a service to humanity. Men who are only a hindrance to progress, whose service to society is undiscoverable, should be drafted forcibly into the army and kept there until they are made useful at least to themselves. Here, compulsory military service would accomplish that which penal institutions and sanitariums have, in most cases, failed to do.

But rudely to drag from their allotted places in society the expert craftsman, the business man, the man of letters and all others who are vital parts of the social and industrial machine is another matter. A year blotting from the calendar of these busy and most important persons is a broken link in the chain which makes our social and industrial solidarity. No reform, physical or mental, is needed here. Little ails these persons. They are already enlisted in a greater army than that of the sword and shell. They are needed where they are.

The arguments and accompanying "before-and-after-taking" pictures put out by the propagators of compulsory military service read like patent medicine advertisements and should be tak-

en for what they are worth. Compulsory military service is not "good for whatever ails you."

Clothes may not make the man, but when a red-garbed individual with horns and tail appears at a masquerade ball he certainly plays the devil.

All that is needed to make gifts proper and conventional is price. A news dispatch says that friends of a New York editor gave him potatoes for his birthday remembrance.

The University debating teams should concentrate their efforts on more important topics. "Resolved, that rice is a good substitute for potatoes" is a question worthy of their attention.

**THE HOG AS A CLIMBER**

The latest claimant for recognition before the "I-knew-him-when" club is the great American, Hog. Formerly he was called a "pig" or spoken of as a "scrubby shote." But that day has passed, along with living wages, horse cars and blue-backed spellers. When he was only \$4 or \$5 a hundred pounds, he was a pig. Now he is HOG, emphatically and aristocratically a \$15-a-hundred animal.

However, he isn't responsible for his own inflated value. It was forced upon him. His greatness hasn't been obtained through any deed of valor, like the geese who saved Rome. He is one of the most repulsive beasts we have when he is lying in a mud puddle. But on the butcher's block, he lords it over the other inmates of the shop and dares Mr. Common People to buy.

On the scale of prices, the hog is far up in the treble and still going strong. Customers will soon be able to make their purchases of pork in the meat markets and put the package in their purses along with their change, if there is any.

Once we were highly amused by a little story, "Pigs is Pigs." Somehow, the average reader can't be convulsed with laughter when he reads it now. It deals with a subject too tragic in a manner far too light.

**FRANK SATTERLEE WINS CONTEST**

Education Student Gets \$15 Prize for Oration on Prohibition.

Frank I. Satterlee of Adrian, a student in the School of Education, won first prize in the oratorical contest of the Missouri chapter of Intercollegiate Prohibition League at the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium Friday night. His subject was "The Dawn of a New Era." A. F. McClanahan of Liberal won second prize and James A. Quinn of Lees Summit got third. The other contestants were Kossuth W. Blomeyer of Farmington and Harry E. Rasmussen of Austin, Minn. The first prize was \$15, the second \$5, and the third \$2.50. The W. C. T. U. and the Boone County Prohibition Association each contributed \$10 toward the prizes, and Dr. C. M. Sneed gave \$2.50. The judges of the contest were Dr. A. W. Taylor, L. W. Walker and the Rev. C. C. Grimes.

Mr. Satterlee will represent the University in a state contest, to be held at William Jewell College, April 13.

D. M. Nee Resigned as Coach at Drury. Daniel M. Nee, LL. B. '12, who for the last five years has been football, basketball and track coach at Drury College, Springfield, has resigned that position and will give all his time to his law practice in Springfield. Mr. Nee is a former Missouri football star. He is assistant prosecuting attorney of Greene County.

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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.

Editor the Missouriian: Much public and private discussion has been directed this season to the miserable sanitary conditions in Columbia. There is much sickness. As a measure of precaution is it too much to ask the teachers in the University to watch carefully the ventilation of their classrooms? The fact that the University buildings are not equipped properly for thorough ventilation does not lessen the fact that the air which the students are compelled to breathe during the class hour is in the majority of cases foul and unfit for the lungs.

Foul air full of poisonous gases is very unhealthy and persons remaining in it soon become drowsy, yawn, and complain of headache. The continuous breathing of foul air into the lungs weakens the resistance of the body to disease. The prevalence of sickness among students may be very well traced, in part, to improper ventilation.

Most of the classrooms are not equipped with thermometers, or, if they are, they are wholly disregarded. The temperature in a classroom should not be allowed to rise above 68 or 70 degrees. In most rooms it is nearer 80 by the time the class has been in session a half hour. The rooms should be filled with fresh air while they are empty and the windows should be opened sufficiently from the top at all times to allow the warm and foul air to escape. W. M. A.

**Oscar Leonard Urges Charity at Home.**

The field open to the Jewish college graduate in social service is in community work among his own people, according to Oscar Leonard, superintendent of the Jewish Educational Alliance of St. Louis, who spoke last night at the meeting of the Jewish students' Congregation. "Charity begins at home," he said.

**County Court Holds Special Session.**

A special session of the County Court was held today in the courthouse. Only routine business, such as the signing of bills and the approving of bonds was transacted.

**OPTIONS SECURED ON RAILWAY**

Columbia Holds 85 Per cent of Tentative Rights.

H. W. Knight who is projecting the electric line which is to be run from Jefferson City through Columbia to Moberly says that an option on 85 per cent of the line has been secured. "Paris, Shelbyville, Shelbina, LaBelle, Newark, Williamstown, Kahoka, Wayland, St. Francisville and Harrisburg have heartily indorsed the plan," said Mr. Knight, "and in a few days the proposition will be put to Moberly."

Mr. Knight is of the opinion that since the law prohibiting foreign companies the right to hold stock in a Missouri corporation has been repealed no difficulty will be experienced in getting the proposition financed.

**SENATE PASSES ON CENTENNIAL**

Provides for State Celebration—Gardner to Name Committee.

The state senate has passed without objection the house resolution providing for a joint committee of five representatives and two senators to take up the question of a centennial celebration commemorating the admission of Missouri into the Union. Under the terms of the resolution, Governor Gardner will appoint the committee.

**ALL-STUDENT ELECTION APRIL 27**

Nominations, Signed by Ten Students, Must Be in Two Weeks Early.

The election of all-student officers will be held Friday, April 27, according to Lue C. Lozier, student president. Nominations must be submitted to P. F. Schowengerdt, secretary of the student council, by 6 o'clock Wednesday evening, March 28. A filing fee to defray the expenses of the election will be charged. Nomination petitions of the candidates for president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer of the student body will be published March 29 or 30.

The petitions must contain the signatures of at least ten students. Nomination petitions for councilmen must contain signatures of students in the division from which each is a candi-

**TRAVELLERS MAY MEET HERE**

Local Chapter Wants 1918 Convention in Columbia.

The state convention of the Travellers' Protective Association will be held in Columbia in 1918, if Post P, the local chapter, is successful in obtaining it. It was decided at a banquet Saturday night at the Athens Hotel to try to get the convention here.

A. A. Sims was elected delegate to the state convention, May 11 and 12, at Sedalia.

The following officers were elected: President, J. A. Oliver; first vice-president, L. W. Berry; second vice-president, A. A. Sims; third vice-president, W. B. Nowell, Jr.; secretary and treasurer, Preston Shearer; board of directors, W. W. Whittle, Lou Belcher, John F. Tehan, William A. Majors and Percy M. Klass.

**FRANK HEILEMAN TO MARRY**

Former University Officer to Wed Miss Loretta O'Gorman.

The engagement of Frank Heileman, former assistant superintendent of University buildings, and Miss Loretta O'Gorman of St. Louis was announced a few days ago in St. Louis. Mr. Heileman, who was visiting at the Acacia house, returned to St. Louis yesterday. He will report as second lieutenant in the regular army at Fort Leavenworth April 1.

**Prof. J. D. Elliff to Convention.**

Prof. J. D. Elliff, chairman of the committee on secondary schools, left today for St. Louis, where he will attend the twenty-second annual meeting of the North Central Association of Colleges, and Secondary Schools. Mr. Elliff is a member of the executive committee of the association. He will be gone the rest of this week.

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