

MANY SIGN PETITION TO HELP TEACHERS

150 Solicitors Circulate Appeal to State Board of Equalization.

CENTRALIA IS ACTIVE Organizations Will Co-Operate With Teachers to Carry On Work.

The petition asking the State Board of Equalization to increase the valuation of property throughout the state is being circulated in Columbia, and it is thought that the work of canvassing will be finished by tomorrow night. The purpose of the petition is to get the Board of Equalization to raise the value of property in the state so that the public schools would receive greater revenue. This would make it possible to increase the teachers' wages.

About 150 solicitors were out with the petitions yesterday and got a large number of signers. The city is divided into six districts, three north and three south of Broadway.

Prof. George H. Sabine, Dr. W. J. Shepard and Russell Monroe are in charge of the petitions.

Teachers of Two Counties Meet.

Teachers' salaries and club work were the topics discussed at the meeting of the teachers of north Boone and west Audrain counties in the high school building in Centralia Saturday afternoon. Charles E. Northcutt, county superintendent of Boone County called the meeting to order at 2 o'clock and presided over the session. Short talks were made by Mr. Northcutt and Ed Offutt, county superintendent of Audrain County.

Chubs Will Co-Operate.

E. M. Carter of Columbia, secretary of the State Teachers' Association, discussed the organization work and the securing of petitions to present to the State Board of Equalization. Julius Edwards, cashier of the First National Bank of Centralia and Mrs. Benjamin Cartwright, president of the Women's Club, endorsed the methods suggested by Mr. Carter. The Community Association unanimously endorsed the plan for securing signatures and appointed a committee to co-operate with the Women's Club and other organizations.

TO BE USED FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS K. of C. Student Home Open to University Use.

The new Knights of Columbus Student Home can be used for any function connected with any operation of the building, any University function, or affairs given by the University faculty. All local Catholic organizations will also be allowed the privilege of holding meetings or social affairs in the building. This decision was made at a two-day meeting Saturday and Sunday by the committee in charge of the new home.

The committee was composed of Luke E. Hart, state deputy of the Knights of Columbus of St. Louis; W. L. Hager, Jefferson City; W. A. Franken, Carrollton; W. J. A. Meyer, Hannibal, and John F. Tehan, Columbia.

Thos. J. Blong of St. Louis, who had the painting contract for the building, was also present. Preston J. Bradshaw of St. Louis, contractor, spent the week-end at the home, assisting the officials in checking over the building.

Pictures were taken of the building, and also of the rooms yesterday for the Columbian, a national organ of the Knights of Columbus, published in New York. Moving pictures, taken the day of the dedication, are being shown over the country, and appeared in New York three days after they were taken by the film company. The Mariner, which is a Missouri Knights of Columbus paper, contained a large feature story of the work being done for the students attending the University by the organization.

The question of building a similar home for girls has been discussed, but there are no definite plans in view at present.

NUMBER MISSED IN CENSUS

Columbians Not Counted Can Call S. O. Pancoast at 1292 Black.

S. O. Pancoast, who is in charge of taking the census in Columbia, received a letter from D. Boone Osborn, supervisor of the eighth district of Missouri, stating that he was in receipt of a number of cards from people in Columbia who had been missed. This, he asserts, is causing him much trouble, for each name has to be traced back through the files.

The plan has been for all persons missed to fill out blanks and send them to Mr. Osborn but now he wishes the people who were overlooked by the census taker to turn their names in to Mr. Pancoast whose telephone number is 1292 Black.

Graduates Write Paper on Contracts.

A paper has been received by the Missouri Alumnae written by J. A. L. Waddell, LL.D. '04. The paper is a discussion on contracts. It is reprinted from the proceedings of the American Society of Civil Engineers, 1919.

THE WEATHER

For Columbia and Vicinity: Some cloudiness but generally fair tonight and Tuesday; colder tonight, temperature about 37. For Missouri: Generally fair tonight and Tuesday; colder tonight.

Shippers' Forecast: Within a radius of 200 miles of Columbia the lowest temperature during the next 36 hours will be near the freezing point west and north, slightly above east and south.

MRS. LOEB'S BROTHER DIES

Pneumonia Is Fatal to Fred Lengsfeld of Marlin, Tex.

Fred Lengsfeld, a brother of Mrs. Isidor Loeb, died Saturday of pneumonia following influenza. Mr. Lengsfeld was in the commission business in Marlin, Tex., where his death occurred. The body was taken to New Orleans for burial. Mr. Lengsfeld leaves a wife and two children.

HOOVER A CANDIDATE?

Statement That He Will Not Run Taken as Enunciation of His Platform.

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Herbert Hoover's statement made public in New York today, declaring he was not a presidential candidate, was received as an actual enunciation of his platform by both parties here today.

Officials of both sides said of it that Herbert Hoover is a "receptive candidate" and that this statement is a practical declaration of his principles.

In a letter from C. H. Snyder, secretary of the joint council of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers here the Missouri University branch is asked to pass a resolution in favor of Herbert Hoover for President of the United States. The letter says that the unquestionable integrity and freedom from partisan politics of Hoover make him the business man's candidate for President.

BETH ESTES, 11 YEARS, DIES

She Was the Only Child of Mr. and Mrs. Berkeley Estes.

Nancy Elizabeth Estes, 11 years old, died of pneumonia following influenza last Saturday night at 7 o'clock. She was the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Berkeley Estes, 404 Price avenue. Death came after an illness of about ten days.

She was a pupil of Lee School in the sixth grade. Besides her parents, she is survived by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Mat Turner, who live six miles east of Columbia, and many other relatives of the community.

The funeral was held at the home at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. The Rev. Madison A. Hart, the Rev. A. W. Taylor and the Rev. W. S. St. Clair conducted the services. Burial was in the Columbia cemetery.

The following acted as pallbearers: L. B. Wilkes, John Casey, Reece Estes, William McHarg, Leland Lynes and William Dysart.

\$100 TO SYNAGOGUE FUND

Campaign Delayed by Illness of Committee Chairman.

The soliciting of funds for the place of worship which the Jewish Students' Congregation plans to build in Columbia has been delayed by the illness of Monroe Epstein, chairman of the executive committee. Victor Victor has taken over the work temporarily and will keep the campaign going.

E. J. Epstein of St. Louis, who is here visiting his son, started the fund last night with a donation of \$100.

The congregation will incorporate under the laws of Missouri as the Jewish Students' Congregation of the University of Missouri.

ABOLISH EASLEY ROAD DISTRICT

County Court Makes Decision to Revert to Old System.

The County Court this afternoon decided to abolish the Easley Road District and revert to the old system of road districts conforming to the school districts. The Easley Road District was organized by the County Court in February, 1911. In the evidence it was charged that the roads had been neglected by the commissioners and that during the last year only five miles of road had been worked.

DELTA GAMMAS BUY HOUSE

Will Take Possession of Building on Providence Road August 1.

F. W. Niedermeyer has sold to the Delta Gamma sorority what is known as the Klein residence at the corner of Providence road and Burnham street. The consideration was \$20,000, possession to be given August 1, 1920.

The Columbia Real Estate & Insurance Company were the agents who made the sale.

BABY AT PRACTICE HOUSE

Mother Has Influenza; So Home Economies Girls Take Charge.

Dr. Dan G. Stine took a three-week-old baby to the Home Economics Practice House last week. The mother is very ill with influenza. The girls at the Practice House are deriving considerable fun as well as practical training taking care of the baby under Miss Bess M. Naylor's supervision.

MISSOURI STORE WILL ERECT NEW BUILDING

Book Store and Restaurant Will Be Constructed Opposite Library.

PLANS ARE HELD UP High Price of Materials Delays Work—Warren Roberts Is Architect.

According to plans now being made, a new Missouri Store building will be put up in the next year or two. It will be on Lowry street, directly in front of the University Library. The property the company now occupies on the corner of Conley and South Ninth streets is owned by the University. It was condemned and bought, together with other property in the block with the library, some time ago and is now being held under a lease from the University. The quarters were erected in 1909.

The new building is to have, beside rooms for the Missouri Store, a college room and, according to Boyd Lucas, one of the members of the company, a Childs' restaurant if that company can be induced to take hold of a business here. The second floor of the building will house a wholesale book department.

The house now occupying 909 Lowry street will be moved to a new place behind the one at 907, where it will face on Ninth street. The new building will have a frontage of 60 feet.

Warren Roberts, an architect at Chillicothe and a graduate of the University is working on plans for the building. It will probably be of brick. Building is now being held up because of the high cost of material.

JUDAISM PRESERVES THE JEWS

Says Rabbi Halpern in Address to Jewish Students Sunday.

"There is no more royal road to religious life, than there is to learning. We cannot understand the value of religion unless we know what it is, and we can learn that only through study," said Rabbi Abraham Halpern, of St. Louis, Sunday night in addressing the Jewish Students' Congregation on "The College Man and Conservative Judaism."

Rabbi Halpern spoke of the symbols and ceremonies which distinguish Judaism and said that it was these symbols and ceremonies which united the Jews and helped to preserve them as a people. That these were the tangible forms of ideals, and to eliminate these ceremonies and symbols would force the Jews to think of their religion in abstract terms.

"Judaism is a practical religion," continued Rabbi Halpern. "It is a religion of life. It does not concern itself with life after death. It tells you to live a moral and just life and the after life will take care of itself."

TO EXTEND AIR MAIL SERVICE

Plans Made to Improve Present Aerial Post Routes.

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Plans for a vastly extended aerial mail service were made before the Senate post-office committee by Assistant Postmaster-General Prager today.

Prager asked \$3,400,000 for the aerial mail service. This amount is to be used in improving the present route from New York to Chicago and New York to Washington and for four proposed routes.

New York to San Francisco via Omaha; Pittsburgh to Kansas City; St. Louis; Detroit to Cleveland via Toledo; St. Paul and Minneapolis via Chicago.

COUNTY REPUBLICANS TO MEET

Will Choose Delegates to State and Congressional Conventions.

The Republican County Committee has called a mass meeting of all Republicans, both men and women, to be held at the courthouse February 21 to elect nine delegates to the state convention in Kansas City, May 5 and nine delegates to the congressional district convention in Jefferson City February 27.

Debating Club to Give Smoker.

A smoker will be given by the Athenaeum Debating Society February 21. The smoker is intended to give the new members an opportunity to learn some of the ideals embodied in the society. The debate last Saturday night on the question of universal military training for the United States was won by the negative. John Casey and T. J. Anderson debated for compulsory service and Fred Eidean and Hollis Moore against it. The judges were: James Coppage, William Angie, and C. T. Smith.

May Form Rifle Club Here.

An attempt is being made to organize a branch of the National Rifle Association among the University students. Though it will be too late probably to send a team to the intercollegiate matches this year, they hope to get the organization in shape this spring.

WILSON APPROVES UNIVERSAL TRAINING

Letter to Secretary Baker Commends Conduct of Moderate Courses.

NOT A PARTY ISSUE President Urges Democrats to Take No Stand Before National Convention.

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—President Wilson today in a letter to Secretary Baker approved a moderate and carefully conducted course in universal military training, but declared it should not be made a party issue in Congress.

The letter was prompted by the action of the House Democrats in calling a caucus tonight for the purpose of putting the party on record against universal military training. The President urged the Democrats to take no stand before the question had come up before the national convention and the formation of a party platform.

The letter will be sent by Secretary Baker to Representative Clark to be read at the caucus tonight.

HOSPITAL NO LONGER CONGESTED

Decrease of Influenza Causes Discontinuance of Out-Patient Department.

The number of influenza cases in Columbia has decreased to such an extent that the out-patient department of Parker Memorial Hospital, which was maintained during the epidemic, has been discontinued. The number cared for at the hospital is now twenty-four, compared to sixty last week.

Earl R. Peoples was admitted to the hospital yesterday and Howard Wendell Davis, Herbert H. Daniels and Bert Austin were discharged.

Eleanor Danglerfield, who was operated on for appendicitis Saturday, is much improved today. Irwin Neale, who was operated on for appendicitis last night, is in a favorable condition.

MAY STRIKE FEB. 17

If Appeal to President Fails, 300,000 Railroad Men Will Walk Out.

By United Press.

DETROIT, Mich. Feb. 9.—A strike of 300,000 members of the United Brotherhood of Maintenance Employees and Railway Shop Laborers has been called for Tuesday, February 17. The strike was announced by Allen E. Barker, grand president of the brotherhood, after communicating with J. B. Malloy, grand vice-president, at Washington.

Malloy announced today that the strike would be carried out only in case a final appeal to President Wilson to grant demands for wage increase fails.

The appeal may go to the President today.

THE WHY OF EXPRESSIONS

Popular Sayings Have Their Origin in Ancient Times.

"To give a cold shoulder." Have you ever heard the origin of this expression?

It was once the custom in France, when a guest had outstayed his welcome, to serve him with a cold shoulder of mutton instead of hot roast. This was the French way of getting around asking the guest to leave.

Many other expressions have come down to us from ancient times. During the wars with the Turks it was the custom for the Hungarian to wear "a feather in his cap" for each Turk he had killed. During the time of Queen Elizabeth an English shoemaker committed suicide by standing on a bucket while he tied a rope around a rafter and around his neck. He then "kicked the bucket." In Puritan times a certain matron was in the habit of baking enough apple pies on Saturday to last through the week. She labeled one or more pies for each day in the week and arranged them in the pantry in the order in which they were to be used, or in "apple pie order."

Starve Woman Marries.

Boyd Kemper of Kansas City and Miss Mary Finlay Jackson of Sturgeon were married recently in Kansas City, where they will make their home. Mrs. Kemper is a daughter of T. M. Jackson of Sturgeon. Mr. Kemper is a son of John W. Kemper of Independence, who formerly lived near Sturgeon.

Mrs. Ida P. Hussey Seriously Ill. Mrs. Ida P. Hussey of 716 Missouri avenue, is seriously ill with pneumonia and complications following influenza, at Parker Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Alice Bolphin of Milwaukee came today to be with her.

Offenders Give Naval Names.

Three young men were fined \$1 and costs in police court today for trespassing on the Christian College campus last night. They gave their names as John Jones, James Smith and Jack Johnson.

88 YEARS OLD; CELEBRATES

Mrs. Elizabeth McQuitty Last of Famous Kentucky Family.

Mrs. Elizabeth McQuitty celebrated her 88th birthday yesterday at her home at 1217 East Ash street.

Mrs. McQuitty is the last of twelve members of the famous White family of Kentucky. When a child Mrs. McQuitty came to Boone County. For many years she lived near Bethlehem Church north of Columbia, later moving to the city.

Mrs. McQuitty had the pleasure of having both her youngest and oldest granddaughters present at the birthday party. Miss Martha McQuitty, daughter of J. Guy McQuitty, was the youngest granddaughter, and Mrs. Robert Jacob was the oldest.

Four other grandchildren were present. Also the following children: J. E. McQuitty, of Moberly, and E. C. McQuitty, J. Guy McQuitty and Mrs. George McBaine of Columbia.

DEFINE WAR GUILTY

Entente Letters Do Not Dictate Ultimatum—Auber Surrenders.

By CARL D. GROAT (United Press Staff Correspondent)

BERLIN, Feb. 9.—The Entente letters covering the list of alleged war guilty Germans ordered to be delivered for trial by Allied tribunals, was described "as not in the nature of an ultimatum." The text of the letter has eased the situation considerably from the German point of view.

The letter asserted that the list does not include all war guilty Germans, but names only those who are chiefly responsible for war crimes.

The only accused German who surrendered himself early today was Herr Auber, majority socialist and former minister of the interior in Bavaria.

PHILIP VANATTA, 83, DIES

Succumbs at Home of Son, E. E. Vanatta, 1306 Rosemary.

Phillip Vanatta, 83 years old, of Audrain County, Missouri, died Sunday morning at the home of his son, E. E. Vanatta, 1306 Rosemary lane.

Mr. Vanatta was born in 1837 in Beaver County, Pennsylvania, and came to Missouri when 9 years old. He had lived in Audrain County until a few weeks ago when he came to visit E. E. Vanatta, who is a member of the faculty of the College of Agriculture. He was an active member of the Methodist Church.

Mr. Vanatta is survived by his sons, Elmer E. and Albert, both of Columbia; two brothers, William and James, who live in Kansas; a third brother, Joseph, who home is in Iowa, and three sisters. Mrs. William Smalley of Iowa, Mrs. Icie Holston of Minnesota and Mrs. Mary Dorr of California.

Funeral services were held at the home of E. E. Vanatta at 9:30 o'clock this morning. The body was taken to New London, Ia., for burial.

IMMEDIATE RATIFICATION URGED

Committee Headed by Lowell of Harvard Gives Wilson Memorial.

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—A committee claiming to represent 50,000,000 persons and a number of national organizations today presented President Wilson with a memorial urging immediate ratification of the Peace Treaty by a Senate compromise. The committee, consisting of three members, was headed by President Lowell of Harvard University.

ONE GERMAN THE BRITISH LIKE

Private Bruckmann's Bravery Give Him Friendship and Passport.

LONDON, Jan. 24 (by mail).—The first friendly reception accorded a German since 1914, was seen at Dorchester recently when Private Bruckmann, prisoner of war, was presented with a watch and money, together with his passport to return home, in recognition of his bravery in rescuing a British aviator from a burning airplane.

TO CONSIDER SALE OF PLANT

Commercial Club to Discuss Plans of Disposing of Gas Works.

The board of directors of the Commercial Club had a meeting scheduled for 4:30 o'clock today at the Commercial Club rooms to consider the sale and reorganization of the gas works.

Miss Ruth Burns of 506 McAllister street has been employed to look after the affairs of the Retail Merchants' Association.

WALLACE SARGENT, DIES

Pneumonia Fatal to Boone County Man of 29.

Wallace Sargent, 29 years old, died of pneumonia Saturday night at his home in Midway. He was buried yesterday afternoon in the Locust Grove cemetery. He is survived by his wife, two children, father, three brothers and four sisters.

U. D. C. Meeting Postponed.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy have postponed indefinitely their meeting scheduled for Wednesday, because of the influenza.

RULES SUSPENDED TO RECONSIDER TREATY

Lodge Moves to Begin Action by Calling for Reconsideration.

SENATORS DISAGREE Hitchcock Asks That Treaty Be Reported Back Without Reservations.

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The Senate today passed a motion to suspend its rules for the purpose of reconsidering the Peace Treaty. The vote for suspension was 63 to 9. The nine senators who voted against the motion were all Republicans. They were, Borah, Brandegee, France, Gronna, Knox, McCormick, Poindexter, and Sherman.

Immediately after suspension of rules Senator Lodge moved that action be begun by calling the treaty up for re-consideration.

Norris read the point out of order and said that Lodge was not entitled to make such a motion because he did not vote on the prevailing side at the last session; second, because under Senate rules reconsideration is impossible; third, that the treaty was finally disposed of during the last session and it is now too late to revise it.

Vice-president Marshall overruled Norris, who at once appealed for decision. The Senate supported Marshall's decision saying that Norris' point was not well taken.

Senator Lodge then moved to re-commit the treaty to the foreign relations committee "with reservations adopted by the Senate and resolutions to ratify with instructions to report the treaty back immediately with the Senate reservations and resolution of ratification."

Senator Hitchcock asked Lodge to change this provision that the treaty be reported back without reservations.

Lodge replied that the other way would save time, and would prevent re-opening of the whole question of reservations to the treaty.

Hitchcock then reported that the expression of adopting the reservations by the Senate in as much as other reservations had been adopted by majority vote and the resolution for ratification failed to get two-thirds vote, Hitchcock then moved to strike out of Lodge's motion the reference to adoption of reservation by the Senate.

Senator Underwood in support of Hitchcock's amendment said Lodge's motion would put the Democrats in the position of supporting reservations now who opposed reservations last session.

BACK TO BIG OVERSHOES

University Girl Has the Latest Style From the East.

They came straight from New York and all points East. A youthful University girl wears them—big, heavy, thumpy things that they are, buckling so high that the deepest snow can never cause her cold feet. They are sensible, yet fashionable. They are the latest things in overshoes.

Our grandmothers wore earlier editions of such shoes. Our own rubbers are degenerate descendants. And now these latest children of the race have reverted to type. These latest overshoes have soles of thick rubber and their uppers completely covering the shoes, are made of heavy black canvas.

MILITIA KILLS FIVE OF MOB

Negro Whom Kentuckians Attempt to Lynch Is Sentenced for Murder.

By United Press.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Feb. 9.—Five persons were killed in Lexington today by Kentucky state militia when a mob attempted to lynch Will Lockett, a negro, charged with the murder of Genevieve Hardeman, 10 years old, of South Elkhorn.

While the soldiers were driving back the mob of 4,000, the negro was found guilty of murder and sentenced to be electrocuted.

BOONE COUNTY COUPLE MARRY

H. T. Richardson and Miss Fannie Coats Will Live Near McBaine.

Hartley Thomas Richardson and Miss Fannie Elizabeth Coats were married at the Huntsdale Baptist Church by the Rev. R. S. Cunningham of Columbia yesterday. John Redmond was best man and Miss Emma Johnson maid of honor.

A dinner was served to the bride and groom and their friends by Mrs. J. R. Redmond, grandmother of the bride. They will live on a farm near McBaine.

Presbyterian Women to Meet Friday.

The meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church will be held at the church at 10 o'clock Friday morning instead of at the home of Mrs. John Pickard, as previously announced.

Recovers From Influenza.

Miss Cornelia Crumbaugh is recovering from influenza.