

McPHERSON'S FRIENDS CALL MASS MEETING

Gathering Scheduled to Take Place Tonight in Court-house in His Behalf.

OTHER CANDIDATES

The Question of Retaining Present School Head to Be Discussed.

Late this afternoon a report gained circulation that a new superintendent of the Columbia schools had been elected by the School Board to succeed J. E. McPherson. C. B. Miller, a member of the board, said: "There has been no election of a superintendent, nor will there be before the regularly scheduled meeting tomorrow night."

The fight to have J. E. McPherson retained as superintendent of Columbia schools will be continued at a mass meeting tonight.

By noon today dodgers announcing a mass meeting called for 7:30 o'clock this evening to discuss the threatened disorganization of Columbia's school system had been distributed throughout the city. W. T. Anderson, whose name heads the list of signers of the announcement, said that F. W. Niedermeyer, S. E. Conley and C. B. Miller, three members of the School Board who are opposing McPherson's re-appointment, will be asked to state their reasons.

Three men are said to be ready to accept the office of superintendent in case the School Board comes to an agreement to supplant McPherson at its meeting tomorrow night. One of these is said to be I. G. Wilson, head of the schools of Schuyler, Neb., who is in the city contracting University graduates for positions in the Schuyler schools. His application may be formally presented to the board tomorrow night. S. C. Brightman, principal of the Columbia High School is said to be willing to accept the position in case Mr. McPherson is not re-elected.

C. W. Loomis, one of the three members of the school board backing McPherson, said he knew nothing of the mass meeting "except a handbill which I picked up on the street a little while ago." He said that he would attend the meeting tonight as a spectator.

W. H. Braselton, who is backing Mr. McPherson, said: "I want to know why the three members of the board object to Mr. McPherson's re-appointment. If it is well founded I want to know it. If it is a personal matter, I want to know that, too. So far as I know now, Mr. McPherson has always been an efficient superintendent."

F. W. Niedermeyer said: "As a member of the School Board, I have always acted for the best interests of the Columbia Schools. I have been doing this for twenty years. That is all I care to say. Why we cannot support Mr. McPherson would take a long time to tell."

C. B. Miller said: "We as members of the School Board, have acted for what we thought the best interests of the city schools."

S. F. Conley said today: "There's nothing to say. We've done as we thought best."

Mr. J. E. McPherson said: "I'm not going to say anything about it. The School Board has never approached me in the matter. I know of no personal grievance, either way. I will not attend the mass meeting tonight."

The signers of the call for the mass meeting are: W. T. Anderson, Combe Bros., T. C. McHarg, J. D. Vanhorn, T. H. Armstrong, C. B. Bowling, F. W. Smith, J. M. Baker, Morris Bros. and C. B. Rollins.

MOTHERS INDORSE McPHERSON

Grant School Club Approves Superintendent's Work.

A statement left in the Missouriian office, unsigned, but headed "Statement From Grant School Mothers", says:

"The members of the Grant School Mothers' Club desire to make public their indorsement of the work of Superintendent McPherson. This indorsement is not just simply the voice of the minority nor even does it represent the opinion of the women who constitute the average attendance at regular meetings of the club, but it is the general opinion voiced as a result of an every member solicitation. "This was undertaken by several of the mothers who feel that the situation is a critical one. Everywhere they were met by hearty approval. While the canvass was primarily for the purpose of getting an expression from the fathers, in cases where the fathers were found at home, they expressed a desire to add their indorsement to those of their wives. "The club hopes that a speedy adjustment will be made and that Mr. McPherson will continue his work in Columbia public schools."

THE WEATHER

For Columbia and vicinity: Rain this afternoon and probably tonight. Tuesday partly cloudy weather; somewhat colder but temperature probably not lower than 40.

For Missouri: Rain this afternoon and probably tonight; colder tonight. Tuesday partly cloudy; colder east portion.

Weather Conditions.
The center of the atmospheric disturbance is in the lower Missouri and Mississippi valleys this morning, and has a slow eastward movement. Rain has been general in Kansas, Arkansas, Missouri, and Iowa. The slow movement of the low pressure has prevented the colder northerly winds from reaching the lower valleys and lower plains thus far, and the westerly weather of the northern states is gradually giving place to milder conditions.

All Missouri roads are more or less muddy. Rain will likely occur during the first half of the next 24 hours followed by partly overcast skies; the weather will be somewhat cooler but temperature lower than 40 is not expected.

Local Data.
The highest temperature in Columbia yesterday was 57; and the lowest last night was 51. Precipitation 0.28. A year ago yesterday the highest temperature was 67 and the lowest was 37. Precipitation 0.63. Sun rose today 5:27 a. m. Sun sets 8:04 p. m.

STORM KILLS SEVEN

Danville, Arkansas, Reports Many Injured and Large Property Loss.

By United Press
FORT SMITH, April 19.—Seven were killed and many seriously wounded in Braine Yell County, Ark., by the wind storm Sunday night according to reports here from Danville, Ark. In Johnson County the storm followed Big Piney Creek. Fifteen were injured at Hicktown. Thousands of dollars of damage is reported to farm property and small villages.

Two Are Killed in Logan County, Ark.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., April 19.—Two are dead, many injured in Logan and Johnson counties in Arkansas after last night's wind storm according to reports here today by telegraph and telephone. The town of Belleville was seriously damaged and several reported injured. Mrs. Charles Zacheray and daughter were killed at Caban Creek in Johnson County.

SNOW HOLDS TRAINS

Conditions Battering Today—Homes Short of Foodstuff.

By United Press
DENVER, April 19.—The blizzard that has raged here for two days tapered off today into a light snowfall, and railroad trains over the state are beginning to move from the drifts where they have been held through the last two days. The path the storm is following now leads toward Wyoming.

At least twelve passenger trains have been held in drafted cuts for the last forty-eight hours. Milk delivery in this city has been utterly impossible, and thousands of homes are short of foodstuffs. Many live stock losses have been reported.

The total depth of snow fall in Colorado is two feet, but many of the drifts that delayed trains were twenty feet deep.

400 WILL ATTEND LUNCHEON

Two Dining Rooms Needed For Commencement Day Meal.

Applications for approximately 400 tickets to the commencement luncheon at the Daniel Boone Tavern Thursday noon had been received at the office of the alumni secretary, room 7, Academic Hall, up to Saturday night. As the banquet hall at the Tavern seats only 300, the overflow crowd will be taken care of in the regular dining room and will afterward join the others in the banquet hall to hear the speaking.

Those who applied for tickets are requested to call for them at the office of the alumni secretary tomorrow and Wednesday. The office hours will be 9 o 12 and 1 to 5 each day.

FARM PICTURES TO ARKANSAS

Animals and Student Activities Show For Publicity.

Pictures of the famous animals of the College of Agriculture, student activities and buildings on the campus and University farm will be shown in Arkansas. The pictures were sent today by Dean Mumford to the head of the committee in charge of publicity for the visit of Arkansas business men here under the direction of Governor Brough of Arkansas. Incidentally, the pictures will show the teaching facilities of the college.

Wabash Will Run Two Specials.

Special trains on the Wabash will run from Columbia tonight and Thursday evening at 9 o'clock to accommodate students who are leaving Columbia. Pullman tourist cars will be attached to these trains to Kansas and St. Louis, reaching St. Louis at 7:55 in the morning and Kansas City at 7:30 in the morning. Coach and chair car passengers will transfer to main line trains at Centralia.

PAYS \$61.10 TO TALK TO BROTHER-IN-LAW

Costs Christy Family \$3 a Minute to Converse With N. Y. City.

COULD HEAR WELL

Columbia Got Report Back In 10 Minutes—Talked an Hour Later.

George Christy, proprietor of the Vanity Fair shoe shining parlor, nearly \$3 a minute yesterday to talk to his brother-in-law in New York City. Christy and his family talked to their relative and their conversation lasted just twenty-three minutes. The total cost of the little visit was \$61.10.

Christy's brother-in-law is a steamship agent. Christy says he was struck with the desire to talk to him yesterday.

"But didn't you have some important message that you wanted to give him?" he was asked.

"None whatever. I have not seen him for four years and I thought that it would be fine to have a little visit with him over the telephone," said Christy today.

So Christy stepped to the telephone, called long-distance, gave his relative's name and address and said he wanted to talk to him. The astonished telephone operator actually got his relative in New York on the phone in one hour. Then Christy began to talk. After he had finished the rest of his family did the same. They said the relative's voice was as plainly heard as if he had been in Columbia instead of half-way across the continent.

In the meantime the operators grew interested as the time mounted up. When Christy finally hung up he had talked twenty-three minutes and his bill was \$61.10.

In less than ten minutes after Christy put in his call the Columbia Telephone Company had New York on the line. But Christy's brother-in-law was "not in." He was reached just an hour later.

CAMPAIGN TO LAST A YEAR

Commercial Club Will Cover Entire Field For Members.

The membership campaign of the Commercial Club will not be of a week's duration this year, but will be continuous. Although the campaign is being pushed with vigor at present by the directors, the club workers will not stop when they have covered the field once. The territory has been divided into districts with the prospects in each district listed. A new committee will be appointed for each district monthly.

Russell Monroe, secretary of the Commercial Club, thinks conditions are favorable for a successful year.

"The subscriptions this year so far exceed those of previous years," said Mr. Monroe. "We will probably have many gifts of \$100 and over as compared to only three of this size last year. We have set a goal of a membership of 700 and I am confident that we will reach it not exceed this number. The University alone furnishes us hundreds of prospective members."

MRS. GILBERT DIES TODAY

Funeral and Burial Will Be at Pleasant Grove at 2 O'Clock Tomorrow.

Mrs. Mabel G. Gilbert, 114 Sexton road, died at her home this morning of tuberculosis. She was the wife of Boone P. Gilbert. Mrs. Gilbert was 30 years old and had lived in Columbia most of her life. She is survived by a husband and several children. She was born in Lincoln County, Neb., and moved here with her father, J. W. Fishburn, who now lives in Callaway County.

Funeral services and the burial will be at the Pleasant Grove Cemetery at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

SEWER PLANS NOT READY YET

Council to Be Asked to Meet Again to Hear Report.

The plans which were to have been submitted to the City Council at the regular meeting tonight will not be ready, according to Dean E. J. McCausland. His work has been unexpectedly delayed. The city engineer was trying to finish the last field work this morning.

Dean McCausland will ask the council to adjourn tonight subject to the call of the mayor so that he can submit the plans at an adjourned session thereby saving a week.

The largest part of the money voted will be spent on the septic tank and filter so that the sewage will pass into the stream and have no offensive odor.

Dr. Curtis Improving.

Dr. W. C. Curtis, who is being cared for at Parker Memorial Hospital, continues to improve. Dr. Dan G. Stine said today. Doctor Curtis became suddenly ill last Thursday night while presiding at a meeting of the University of Missouri Teachers' Union.

STRIKE SITUATION RAPIDLY IMPROVING

Reports From Various Cities Say More Than Half of Strikers at Work.

EMBARGO STILL ON

Posts of Those Who Have Not Returned Filled With Others.

By United Press

CHICAGO, Ill., April 19.—The third week of the "outlaw" switchmen's strike opened today with the strikers rapidly losing control. Railroad officials claimed that they were now operating 66 per cent of normal in the yards here. Union officials and railway men said that the strike had practically lost its effectiveness.

A "substantial increase in inbound and outbound freight was noted yesterday," according to railroad officials.

The six strike leaders who were re-arrested yesterday were to appear today before United States Commissioner Mason to give bond for their appearance April 24. New warrants charging conspiracy to interfere with the transmission of food have been issued.

The Association of Western Railway Managers, in a statement issued today, declared that the strike is practically ended. They reported that freight and passenger traffic is moving in practically every section of the Middle West.

Lines Approaching Normal.

By United Press

NEW YORK, April 19.—The "rump" strike of railway workers in the New York district was practically ended today. The majority of the "outlaw" strikers were back to work, according to J. J. Mantell, chairman of the railway general managers' association, and practically all lines are rapidly approaching normal.

The posts of the strikers who have not returned have been filled permanently by other workers. The embargo on freight has not been lifted.

Strikers Denied Hearing.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 19.—Jersey City "outlaw" railway strikers today were denied a hearing by the railway labor board meeting here. The denial was under a ruling adopted by the board requiring workers with grievances to first try to settle them by a conference with their employers. The ruling states emphatically that the board will refuse to hear workers who have not complied with it.

ART EXHIBIT TO OPEN APRIL 21

Prof. J. S. Ankeney Is Supervising Display of Paintings.

The art exhibit, arranged by the art department of the University, in the Faculty Room of the University Library will be open to the public from April 21 to May 15. The display consists of paintings and etchings owned and loaned by Columbians. Paintings by Sylvester, Bingham, and Steele, and etchings and water colors by other noted artists will be shown.

Among the contributors to the exhibit are: President A. Ross Hill; R. B. Price, Sr.; C. B. Rollins; H. H. Banks; Professors Sabine, Curtis, and Dunlap; and Christian College. Columbia people are particularly invited to bring their commencement guests to the exhibition. A private showing in honor of the contributors will be given from 8 until 10 o'clock tomorrow evening. Prof. J. S. Ankeney, of the art department is supervising the exhibit.

CIVIL SERVICE TEST MAY 8

To Hold Examinations for Applicants for Postoffice Positions.

A civil service examination will be held May 8, at the Columbia postoffice for persons wishing to qualify as post-office clerks and carriers.

No married women will be admitted to the examination and the ages of both men and women taking it must be between 18 and 45 years. Applicants must be physically sound and male applicants must not be less than 5 feet 4 inches tall and weigh not less than 135 pounds.

Jesse O. Bateman, secretary of the Board of Civil Service Examiners, will answer all questions concerning this examination if they are addressed to him at the Columbia postoffice.

ALUMNUS RESIGNS POSITION

Will Be Superintendent of Ranch in California.

C. E. Howell, B. S. in Agriculture '15, has resigned as assistant professor of animal husbandry in the State College, Pullman, Wash.

Mr. Howell has taken a position in the San Joaquin Valley, California, as superintendent of a 10,000-acre ranch owned by the E. J. Stephenson Corporation which is being developed under irrigation. Ultimately this tract will become a stock ranch.

OLD FRIEND ASKS FOR FOOD

C. M. Sneed Gets Card From Austria Requesting Relief Draft.

Dr. C. M. Sneed received a post card last week from Dr. Carl Rotky, Gratz, Austria, a professor of philosophy in an Austrian University, requesting that an American Relief Warehouse Food Draft be sent to him in Vienna.

Doctor Sneed and Doctor Rotky were students in Prague University, Prague, Austria in 1913. The post card which Doctor Rotky sent is printed in German and English and explains that the sending of money or individual food packages is of no use as there is no food to be bought, and the packages do not reach them. Directions are also given for obtaining the drafts from the American Relief Administration offices and from banks.

This is the first card of its kind to be presented at a local bank, and they were not prepared to handle it so Doctor Sneed has to send it to the offices of the Administration in Chicago.

A personal message on the card states that things in Austria are very horrible and that he is very unhappy to live in Austria at this time.

TO RENEW BLOCKADE?

Beatty Summoned to Council of Premiers in San Remo.

By United Press

LONDON, April 19.—The summoning of Earl Beatty, hero of the battle of Jutland, to the conference of the council of premiers at San Remo was attributed by the press here today as forecasting arrangements for the threatened renewal of the blockade against Germany. Beatty will attend the conference at Lloyd George's request.

DAILY SENTENCED FOR THEFT

Gets 5 Years For Stealing Harness and Oats From Jess Calvin.

Mark Daily was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary in Circuit Court late Saturday afternoon. He pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing harness and oats from Jess Calvin.

F. A. Tandy was awarded \$150 judgment in his case against Pearl Lloyd today. Tandy claimed \$89 for repairs he had furnished for Miss Lloyd's automobile.

The case against George Adams, deaf and dumb patent medicine salesman, was dismissed.

A charge of delinquency has been filed against Harry Utley, 16 years old. It is alleged that he stole chickens from the Wilson-Parker Hog Cholera Serum Company. Doc Hyde, negro boy, is charged with having stolen a \$10 gold watch from John Brown.

In Justice Court, Thomas Lloyd pleaded not guilty today to speeding. His trial was set for April 27. Lloyd is charged with driving a motorcycle at a fast rate of speed on the Columbia-Rockport road.

R.O.T.C. PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR

Will Have 600-Yard Rifle Range and Relief Maps.

The work of the R.O.T.C. here is finished until the fall term. In speaking of the results of the last year, Capt. W. E. Persons said, "The big thing we have done is laying foundation for the scientific and theoretical training of students in military science. Owing to the bad weather, the practical side could not be stressed but the inspection last week shows that through the theoretical instruction the men have a real understanding of what is wanted."

Plans are now under way for a 600-yard rifle range to be located southwest of the University farm. Construction of the range will be started this summer.

Another feature for next year will be a number of large relief maps for theoretical instruction. These maps are approximately 5 by 10 feet in size and cost \$100 each. With the aid of these maps students will be able to work out all manner of field and topography problems as if on the actual terrain.

Captain Persons hopes that on the day before Thanksgiving a military tournament can be held, featuring all the activities of the R.O.T.C., and that an operator from Pathe News will take pictures of this and the football game the following day.

CANTATA AT CHRISTIAN TONIGHT

Thirty-two College Girls Will Sing in Chinese Operetta.

Chinese princesses and their playmates, wearing vivid oriental costumes and playing in a royal Chinese garden, will be the actors in the cantata, "The Feast of the Little Lanterns," to be presented this evening in the Christian College Auditorium by the college chorus.

Chinese dances will be introduced in the celebration of the feast day scene. Miss Thelma Coleman, Miss Velma Tepe, Miss Ruth Burns and Miss Elva Lester will sing leading roles. Thirty-two college girls will sing the choruses.

WILSON MAY APPEAR AGAIN IN POLITICS

Expected to Ask Congress Last of May for All Summer Session.

IN GOOD CONDITION?

All Presidential Candidates Keeping Quiet Except Palmer.

By United Press

By HUGH BAILLIEY
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, April 19.—That an eleventh hour reappearance of President Wilson in the political arena may be expected soon is the opinion of prominent political leaders here today. The apparent plan, they say, is to have the President appear in public and address Congress not later than the last week of May. The substance of this address will probably be a request that Congress remain in session through the summer.

Such a program would obviously give force to the demand of the President that the national Democratic convention in June nominate a candidate who will make the presidential fight on a League of Nations platform, in other words, a "Wilson man."

It is supposed from these plans that Wilson is in a much better physical condition than the public generally believes. He has for some time now been attending to his official duties and Cabinet members who attended a recent meeting at which he presided report no lack of strength and no lessening of his usual power.

While these outlined plans are being perfected, the majority of Democratic presidential hopefuls are keeping quiet and waiting for further developments. All but A. Mitchell Palmer are making themselves as inconspicuous as possible until it is definitely known just what Wilson is about to do.

BRYAN WANTS TO BE DELEGATE

Hitchcock Says Commoner Should Go To Republican Convention.

By United Press

LINCOLN, Neb., April 19.—Campaigning for the primaries in this state closed today, and the voters will decide between Wood, Johnson, and Pershing. Although Johnson's campaign in Nebraska is the most strenuous, Pershing's favorite son position gives him a considerable advantage.

The fight between William Jennings Bryan and Gilbert M. Hitchcock for the Democratic leadership of Nebraska is becoming hot. Bryan is a candidate for delegate-at-large from Nebraska to the San Francisco convention, and Hitchcock is a presidential possibility of long standing. Hitchcock says Bryan should wish to go not to the Democratic convention, but to the Republican meeting in Chicago.

PERSHING DINNER AT HAND

Twenty Tickets Still Available for Banquet.

Plans for the John J. Pershing banquet to be given at the Daniel Boone Tavern Wednesday noon by the Commercial Club are well in hand, according to E. Sydney Stephens of the committee.

Twenty tickets of the 200 reservations were unsold at 4 o'clock this afternoon. Tickets may be secured at the Daniel Boone Tavern.

The Commercial Club has asked the merchants of Columbia to decorate their places of business in honor of General Pershing and Gen. Enoch H. Crowder. Russell Monroe, secretary of the Commercial Club will be glad to offer suggestions for decoration.

STATE SEED CONTEST LARGER

Tractor Is Prize for Pupil in Vocational Agriculture.

Roy T. Kirkpatrick of the College of Agriculture has returned from a trip through the state on which he visited nine of the forty-five schools which are giving vocational agriculture under the Smith-Hughes plan. He represented the Missouri Corn Growers' Association in the interest of growing seed by the pupils under the project plan. A complete tour of the schools will be made this spring.

Mr. Kirkpatrick predicts that the interest which is being aroused among the boys of the schools will bring at least 500 boys to Farmers' Week next year when the prizes for the work will be awarded.

Prizes offered vary from \$1,000 to \$15. The largest prize is to be a tractor. The prizes are different this year from last in that they will be given for growing better seed of all kinds instead of only corn on the five-acre yield plan. Sets of books on agriculture are offered to the school making the best yield and to the boy making the best yield.

Overalls for High School Students.

A movement has been set on foot among the students in the Columbia High School to organize an overall club. The organization has not been completed as yet.