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Now we can look for a rise in soda pop stock.

One of the best ways of insuring comfort for next winter is to fill the coal bin now.

The uninstructed delegate must not be understood as a person who has never gone to school.

### COAL IN COLUMBIA

The coal situation in Columbia is one which should cause the residents to take notice. The Commercial Club and the local coal dealers are devising everyone who can to lay in a winter's supply now and thereby insure himself fuel for the winter, and at the same time aid in averting the predicted shortage for next winter.

The device is good but the question of the price of coal dropping later in the season arises. If the price should drop, the man who has laid in his supply of coal would feel that by trying to do a patriotic duty he has been left holding the bag. His bins would be full of coal which cost him more than it would cost to put it in as it is needed.

This situation has arisen in Columbia in years past but it is not likely that it will come again this year. With transportation facilities such that coal moves very slowly from the mines in the East to the Middle West, with the inadequacy of the local supply, with the rise that is likely to come in freight rates before next fall and with the shortage that already exists in factories for coal, it is not likely that the price will drop this year.

With less than 120 days until cold weather and with many big manufacturing industries of the country hampered more or less by the present shortage, it is not at all likely that sufficient supply can be laid in during the warm weather to cause a relax in the buying this fall which will affect prices.

Granting that there should be a drop in the prices of coal, Columbia has not passed through a winter in several years without a fuel shortage. Nearly every Columbian and nearly every student who has passed a winter here can recall shivering in an office, home or rooming house because of the lack of heat. This happened during years when the railroads were operating under practically normal conditions. The chances are that by the time cold weather comes this year the railroads will be giving better service than they are now, but normal transportation can hardly be expected from them. The fear that the prices of coal will fall should not cause any one to hesitate about laying in his supply now. If he buys coal now the house holder need not shiver next winter.

A ladie's man is one who can distinguish between georgette crepe and tulle.

Mrs. Kate O'Hare is the first political prisoner to be released. Another case of the eternal feminine appeal.

### NOMINATING A PRESIDENT

The Democratic and Republican parties will each nominate a candidate for the presidency of the United States this month. The time is rapidly approaching which will determine who will go before the people with an appeal for election to the highest office in the American government.

Persons who do not think deeply of the significance of a nominating convention are accustomed to say that conventions are but the struggles of politicians seeking political advancement. Likewise they regard the contest necessary for a nomination as divesting candidates of the dignity they had hitherto possessed. These viewpoints are incorrect, for if delegates are but office seekers and candidates puppets of rings and cliques, they are the sufferers in the end. This being common knowledge to every politician, it is not reasonable to suppose they would follow a course so hazardous.

Conventions are really the evidence of a dynamic process at work in the country, getting power to act from the will of the people. America is blessed in having few political parties, for the government gathers power by reason of this. Whichever wins the election, it represents the wish of the greatest number of people in the country, and is not compelled to resort to tricks to maintain its grasp as are those in authority in foreign countries where parties are abundant.

The election this year is as important as ever held. The minds of the people are filled with memories of the crisis through which the Nation has passed, making the presidency a greater office than it had ever been. Party lines are not so closely drawn as formerly. Each convention knows it must satisfy its party with the man it nominates, and it may reasonably be supposed that both conventions will spare no pains to name the most available man. The country demands it.

True, there is much accident in any national convention, but the nation is its own master and will summarily attempt to correct any blunder or accident any convention may make in its nominee. Americans are not beholden to any power of dictation—they rule their rulers.

The two men who will be named by the two leading parties this month must go before the people in a campaign of four months. Each must appeal to those indifferent to him as well as those opposed to him. The time between the action of the conventions and the election in November will be the acid test for both candidates and platforms. Whoever can emerge from this with the favor of the greatest number of the people and be successful in the election must be a good man with a good platform.

The American criticisms of England and the answers by British newspapers reminds one of the "spats" of school children.

Every hat that is not in the ring will have a chance to be waved when the presidential candidates start down the home stretch this week in Chicago.

### RELIEF TO EUROPE

The call of the American people to bring relief to the starving population of Europe brings up the question of, Can we do it? Yes, we can send money and food supplies which will give temporary relief, but the question is, Will this help these people toward a permanent betterment of their conditions?

We want the people of all countries who are suffering to have the necessities of life but we do not want to furnish them with these at the expense of a peace which would enable them to provide for themselves. By furnishing them with food we are probably putting off the time when they will settle their disputes.

It is well to care for the women and children of the destitute nations of Europe, but if we do we probably only make the men of these countries feel that their homes are provided for in a way and cause them to be willing to continue to fight. When the common man of Europe sees that his family is destitute he will become stubborn about fighting and will demand that he be allowed to go home. When enough o fthe common soldiers of the unsteeled countries are willing to make this demand, the leaders in the petty wars will have no following and the conflicts will have to cease.

This seems like a cold way of looking at the matter but it is perhaps the best in the long run. We should be willing to help the starving countries of Europe when the time comes that we can do so without causing them to prolong their struggles, but we should let them become willing to help themselves before we help them.

"College men wishing to earn a good income during their vacation, working either at home or traveling, should communicate with us immediately. Good clean business, large returns. Refer to Page 123 of the May issue of the Ladies Home Journal. Vacuette Sales Company, 163 W. Washington street, Chicago, Ill. Adv.

A Missourian ad will rent it.

## SOCIETY NOTES

Mrs. Berry McAlester will entertain at a tea from 4 to 6 o'clock Friday afternoon. Those assisting will be Mrs. C. B. Miller, Mrs. J. P. McBaine, Mrs. C. B. Bowling, Mrs. C. C. Bowling, Mrs. Sidney Stephens, Mrs. J. C. Jones, Mrs. Lloyd Jones, Mrs. D. A Robnett, Mrs. Charles W. Digges, Mrs. E. W. Stephens, Mrs. St. Clair-Moss, Mrs. Guy L. Noyes, Mrs. Frank Dearing, Mrs. John Sykes, Mrs. Irvin O. Hockaday, Mrs. Florence Kline, Mrs. W. H. Willis, Mrs. Frank Nifong, Mrs. M. L. Lipscomb, Misses Juliet Bowling, Ruth Rollins, Jennie Hockaday, and Helen and Frances Mitchell.

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Mrs. Vance Vandiver and Mrs. Ben Nowell will entertain with a buffet luncheon Friday at the home of Mrs. Vandiver, Hinton Gravel, for Mrs. Everett Manning of Tulsa, Okla., and Mrs. Dudley Robnett of Baltimore, Md.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Furtney returned last night from Kansas City, where they spent the week-end with their daughter, Miss Lorraine, who is teaching physical education in one of the ward schools there. Miss Furtney will return to Columbia the latter part of the week to spend the summer with her parents.

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Miss Lucille Downing and her brother, Robert Harris Downing of McCook, Neb., will arrive tomorrow for a two-week's visit with their aunt, Mrs. Marie Robinson, 1010 Walnut street and their uncle, Frank G. Harris of West Broadway. They left McCook last Friday and are driving through, stopping in Kansas City for a day. Miss Downing attended Columbia High School last year and was a student in the expression department of Christian College.

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Announcement has been received of the engagement and approaching marriage of Miss Alberta Mae Elsberry to Curtis B. Taylor of Elsberry, Mo. Miss Elsberry was a student in Christian College in '17 and '18, taking a special course in music. Mr. Taylor attended Central College at Fayette. After the wedding June 15, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor will spend their honeymoon in the East, returning to Elsberry where Mr. Taylor is in business.

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Miss Belle Hope Robinson, who has spent the winter in Sand Springs, Okla., arrived Monday to spend the summer with her mother, Mrs. Marie Robinson.

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Mrs. John N. Taylor will entertain with a luncheon tomorrow at noon in honor of Mrs. Everett Manning, of Tulsa, Okla., who is the guest of Mrs. A. J. Estes. The following guests will attend; Mrs. A. J. Estes, Miss Elizabeth Estes, Miss Mary Denny, Mrs. Marshall Gordon, Mrs. J. M. Estes, Mrs. W. L. Dorgan, Mrs. L. W. Coleman of Moberly, Miss Julia Sampson, Miss Carrie Sampson, Miss Elizabeth Sanderson, Miss Norine Dorgan and Miss Frances Denny.

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There will be abirthday meeting of the Maria Layng Gibson Circle with Mrs. Owen Smith, 700 West Broadway, at 3 p. m. tomorrow.

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The Kappa Sigma fraternity will give an informal dance for about twenty-five couples at the chapter house Friday night.

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Mrs. W. C. Wright of 318 Sexton road entertained last night with a party for ten neighborhood children in honor of her sister, Urith McLean, and her cousin, Ruby Fulkerson, who are visiting her.

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Miss Texie Riles of Yates, Mo., and the Rev. R. J. Roberts of La Belle, Mo., will be married tomorrow morning at the home of the bride. Miss Riles was formerly a student in the University.

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Lawrence H. Humfeld of the Tavern Barber Shop, has returned to Columbia with his bride. Mr. Humfeld left about two weeks ago on his vacation. Soon after, it was learned that he and Miss Edna Barnes of Fayette, Mo., were married at Sedalia June 1. After the marriage the couple returned to Fayette where they visited with the bride's parents. A short honeymoon through Missouri towns wound up with their arrival in Columbia where they will make their home.

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Miss Edith M. Buster of 502 Woodrow avenue was the dinner guest of Miss Lucy Lee Sanderson of 1111 University avenue at Read Hall, Tuesday

## NOTES

Martin J. Murphy left this morning for Kansas City after attending the Elks' convention.

L. P. Blattner left this morning for Mexico. Mr. Blattner will be with the Redpath-Vawter Chatauqua circuit.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Duble left this morning for Kansas City.

R. F. Finnell returned to his home in Hurdland this morning.

Mrs. H. A. Biggs and children, Helen and Harry, Jr., left this morning for Odessa where they will visit Mrs. Biggs' sister, Mrs. J. T. Biggs.

Miss Vera Donner left this morning for Malvern, Iowa, after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Donner.

Miss Emma Greer left this morning for Auxvasse where she has been called on account of the illness of her uncle, Robert Hamilton.

J. T. Mitchell left this morning for Centralia on business.

Mrs. W. M. Fite and daughters ,Miss Beatrice and Margaret, left this morning for Mexico to visit Mrs. Fite's sister. Mrs. John Moran.

Hiram Powell left this morning for his home in Mexico after attending the Elk's convention.

W. R. Jesse left this morning for his home in Mexico after attending the Elks' convention.

Mrs. E. R. Ashbrook left this morning for St. Louis where she will visit for several weeks.

J. W. Crist left this morning for his home in Moberly after attending the Elks' convention here.

Louis M. Richard left for his home in St. Louis this morning after attending the convention here.

Mrs. J. H. Hill and small daughter, Miss Bessie Hill, left this morning for their home in Sturgeon.

Miss Mamie Clair Walker has returned to Columbia for the summer and is the guest of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Humphrey Walker. She has been teaching the last year at Lawrence, Kan.

Miss Mary Clark, who has been teaching the past year at Kirksville, has returned home for the summer vacation.

Gilbert and Velma Chandler, students in the University left last night for their home in Farmington on account of the serious illness of their mother.

E. R. Gordon left for Hollister today to attend the summer student conference of the Y. M. C. A.

Mrs. Fred Woemmel with her daughters, Miss Bertha Woemmel and Mrs. A. E. Kramme, and little granson, Raymond Kramme, returned to St. Louis yesterday after visiting Mrs. Woemmel's daughter, Mrs. Carl Kehr, at 32 Forrest ave.

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Warnock, their daughter, Marian, and Miss Avis Keasling of Butler, Mo., arrived in Columbia Monday evening to attend the Elks' convention, to which Mr. Warnock is a delegate from the Butler lodge.

Mrs. S. L. Watson and son, Berry Allen, of Manhattan, Kan., arrived today for a visit in this city with her mother-in-law, Mrs. B. A. Watson, 8 Watson place.

Prof. R. C. Journey of the political science department of the University is meeting his classes again, after returning from a short visit in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Norman of Chillicothe, Mo., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ralston of Pemberton Hall. Mr. Norman is attending the Elks

Miss Leila Wade returned to her home at Republic, Mo., Sunday after a visit with her brother, Bernard Wade, a student in the University.

Miss Dorothy Woodruff, a student in the University, left yesterday for her home in Springfield, Ill. She will not complete her school work.

Misses Lucile Royston, Jessie Brenizer, and Phoebe Thule, accompanied by Miss Eva Johnston, will go on a fishing trip to Rocheport, Saturday.

Sidney Hartman of the Y. M. C. A. left today for St. Louis to attend the commencement exercises of the Soldan High School from which he was graduated in '18.

Howard McKinney of the McKinney Real Estate Company of Bolivar, Mo., came to Columbia yesterday to look for a suitable home for his mother and brother. His brother expects to attend the University this fall.

Miss Eunice Remley will go to St. Louis Thursday to visit Mrs. Jack Turcot for several weeks.

Miss Katherine Erwin and Dr. Roy R. Haley of Brookfield motored to Columbia Sunday and are the guests of Miss Jessie Carney, 505 Hitt St.

### Will Start Fox Farming.

The four foxes in the window of the Allen Music Company may be forerunners of a large family of foxes in Boone County. C. F. Wilson and J. G. Parker intend to use these four little foxes to start a fox farm near Columbia. Mr. Parker owns a sixty-acre farm near the city which he says is an ideal place on which to raise foxes. It is mostly wooded land and rocky bluffs. Prime fox skins sell for about $25 and there are from four to six young in the average fox litter. The greatest problem is keeping the foxes on the farm. Fences must be buried at least two feet below the ground to hold them.

### JUDGE MAYER IN COLUMBIA

**Is Candidate For Democratic Governor of Missouri.**

Charles Holt Mayer, who is a Democratic candidate for governor of Missouri, is here attending the Elks' convention.

Judge Mayer was born in Sturgeon, Boone County, and now lives in St. Joseph. A number of students in the University, friends of the judge, have taken the opportunity of his being in Columbia to do a little campaigning on their own account. They have issued small pamphlets with a short account of the judge's life and are distributing it among the Elks present at the convention.

"In announcing my candidacy for governor, I propose a plan for the revision of our taxing system," Judge Mayer said. "If this system is adopted it would greatly simplify and equalize taxation in this state. It will, also, give the schools more benefit through the taxes."

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