

TWO FIREMEN PROTECT CITY AGAINST LOSS

Department Is Crippled by Loss of Two Men—Four Required.

MORE MONEY NEEDED

Chief T. M. Walden Unable to Fill Vacancies From Present Budget.

Columbia today is far short of its normal fire protection. Two firemen, who have been on duty twenty-four hours a day since last Wednesday, are at the fire station to man the truck and try to do the work of four men, in case an alarm comes in.

The nature of the Columbia fire department equipment requires a minimum of four men to render efficient service. One man is needed on the truck, another at the fire plug, while the other two are necessary to couple hose, and get the stream plying on the blaze.

With only two men it is impossible to get two streams of water on a fire. This means that adjoining houses must be left to their fate. With the frame construction common in Columbia, this presents a serious problem.

The men on duty at present are Chief T. M. Walden and Assistant Chief W. C. Kennedy. The chief gets \$125 a month while Kennedy receives \$90. Chief Walden stated this morning that the local fire department should have eight full-time men in order to reach maximum efficiency.

Four men are provided for by the City Council at present. This is the same number of men employed in 1913.

Chief Walden stated that he is unable to secure the two additional men provided for by the city budget. The Columbia firemen work 19 1/2 hours a day with no time off at a rate of 13.7 cents an hour. This amounts to \$1.10 for an eight-hour day.

"Most able-bodied men," said the chief, "can easily double this amount in any other line of work."

The men receive free lodging at the station but pay for their own board. Compared with the \$80 per month with a 19 1/2-hour day provided for by the Columbia City Council, nobler firemen receive \$100 a month for a twelve-hour day. Jefferson City firemen receive \$100 a month and Sedalia firemen receive \$105 a month for a twelve-hour day.

Assistant Chief Kennedy said this morning that the local fire department ranked third best among Missouri cities of Columbia's size when it had its full quota of men.

The local department is kept much busier than the average person would imagine.

"This idea has prevented the firemen from receiving wage increases," said Chief Walden. "In 1918, the Columbia fire department made 96 runs; in 1919, it made 89 runs, while up to September 12 this year the local department has already equaled the number of runs made during last year."

Columbia's fire loss in 1917 was approximately \$75,000. In 1918 the fire loss was \$34,330.63. This year there have been two serious fires. A building owned by J. F. Narlin at 108 South Tenth street was damaged to the extent of \$3,500 in March, while the burning of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon house in August entailed a loss of about \$10,500, according to Chief Walden.

MAY CHANGE INSURANCE RATES. According to H. E. Smith of the Columbia Real Estate & Insurance Company, Columbia is assigned the fire insurance rate of a class 4 1/2 town. This classification is made by the Missouri Inspection Bureau of Jefferson City, subject to the approval of the Department of Insurance. This classification is made from data as to the relative population of the town in question, the number and size of their fire mains, the general type of construction and the number of full-time firemen employed.

THE WEATHER

For Columbia and vicinity: Probably a thunderstorm late this afternoon followed by generally fair and cooler tonight and Thursday.

For Missouri: Generally fair tonight and Thursday; cooler.

Except a local thunderstorm this morning in the central part of Missouri fair weather has prevailed in all of the middle western grain states, though the weather still is more or less unsettled in most of the Plains and Central Valleys.

A quite well formed high pressure wave covers the Rocky Mountain region, attended by fair cool weather. It will be the dominating feature in the lower Missouri Valley within another 24 hours. It has caused frost in Idaho and Wyoming, but will not result in any injurious temperatures by the time it reaches Missouri.

All Missouri roads continue slippery or muddy.

Cool and generally fair weather is indicated for Thursday and Friday.

Local Data: The highest temperature in Columbia yesterday was 89; and the lowest last night was 72. Precipitation 0.33. A year ago yesterday the highest temperature was 86 and the lowest was 53. Precipitation 0.00.

Just 25, the firemen asked for a \$25 increase. The matter was held over until the next meeting, September 26, during which time they were asked if they would be satisfied with a 20 per cent increase. No definite action was taken.

The firemen are now asking that the matter be considered at the next meeting of the council, which will be next Monday. Neither the University nor the Hamilton-Brown shoe factory has a fire department of its own, although Hamilton-Brown officials stated this morning that they had been forced to place water plugs on the building grounds which are to be connected to the automatic sprinklers in the factory. This was necessary in order to maintain their insurance.

3 SOPHOMORES ARE SUSPENDED

Other Hazing Decisions to Be Made—Signs Not Due to Students.

John Fehlig, Ray Higginbottom, and Francis Lynch, sophomores in the University, have been suspended indefinitely for hazing. R. J. Erwin has been put on probation for the same offense.

The Student Senate met in continuous session from 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon until 11:30 last night. Twenty-four students were brought before the senate to be examined as violators of the hazing rule. Many cases are still undecided.

"The people in the state have, from time to time, shown their displeasure at hazing in the University," said O. M. Barnett, University Attorney, yesterday. "Many have refused to send their children here to school because of such abuses.

The Student Senate has been continuing its investigation of the green signs painted on University sidewalks.

"The Senate now knows that the painting was due to persons not connected with the University," said Walter Gray today.

BOLSHEVIKI PLAN OFFENSIVE

Reorganized Russian Forces to Attack Poland Again.

SPRINGSTON IS A VICTIM OF G. O. P. "HOOK"

Republicans Dispense With Services of "Professor of Oratory."

ATTACKS FROWNED ON

Defamation of City and University Makes Speaking Career Brief.

It was a brief and meteoric splash that Hon. Humphrey Springston, Boone County Republican candidate for the office of prosecuting attorney had in state politics.

Word now comes to Columbia from an authoritative source that the "professor of oratory" has been called off the job of stumping the state in behalf of the Republican ticket. His voice will be raised no longer in untruthful attacks on the morals of Columbia as a city and against the University and its president.

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From another source, however, it is learned he was recommended and accepted on the advice of a Republican leader in this community.

FUNERAL DIRECTORS MEET

D. A. Robnett Goes to Massachusetts as Local Representative.

The National Funeral Directors Association began its annual convention this morning at Springfield, Mass.

D. A. Robnett, president of the Missouri association, and a party of funeral directors from this state are attending the convention. The purpose of his convention and the organization of the funeral directors is to place the profession of undertaking on a higher plane of scientific work.

DESCHANEL TO RESIGN OFFICE

French President's Resignation to Be Considered Before October.

PARIS, Sept. 15.—President Deschanel will resign from his office this week, the French foreign office announced here today. The mental and physical condition of the president is said to be growing worse steadily.

The cabinet will meet as soon as Premier Millerand returns from Switzerland. A meeting of the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate will then be called to accept the president's resignation. It will not be deferred until the regular meeting in October.

MISSOURI CROPS ARE GOOD

Neighboring States Reflect General Good Condition.

The combined condition of all crops in Missouri, from data secured by E. A. Logan, agricultural statistician, is 15.4 per cent above a ten-year average, which is an increase of 5.8 points above the condition on August 1.

The good general prospects in Missouri, with the exception of local spots, are reflected in the neighboring states of Kansas, 36.2; Iowa, 18.5; Kentucky, 15.5; Tennessee, 8; and Arkansas, 9.2; but Illinois is 2.4 per cent below an average.

M. U. TEACHERS DIFFER WITH H. G. WELLS, WHO SCORNED COEDUCATION

H. G. Wells says that pretty faces distract men, and thinks coeducational schools are not the best for developing scholarship.

To this a Columbia educator, Dr. C. A. Ellwood of the sociology department of the University said, "My experience in teaching in six American universities is that, so far as university education is concerned, the coeducation of young men and young women is without objection."

It has a great advantage that it prepares young men and women for the common tasks of life together, acquaints them and brings about truer understanding and sympathy. However, in my experience, I regret to say, contrary to Mr. Wells' view, it does not seem to promote marriage among those undergoing coeducation."

"Mr. Wells knows coeducational schools from the outside," said Dr. Max Meyer of the psychology department. "He has been neither a scholar nor a teacher in one and he talks about an imaginary coeducational institution."

In regard to Mr. Wells' statement that a system can't be laid down suited to the minds of boys and girls of a definite age, Doctor Meyer said, "We don't have any classroom in America where there is a room for people of a definite age, for 15 or 18-year-old students. The curriculum is for those prepared to do the work."

"Furthermore," he continued, "We don't force women to take subjects that have no meaning to them. Where is she expected to do that?"

Doctor Meyer said that coeducational training might not have developed leadership among the women of England because they had not enough experience; but that here the leaders were in the main college graduates. He concluded that the habits of a nation such as England can't be changed in a generation, which, however, is no argument against coeducation.

Jonas Viles, professor of history, on the other hand, held the opinion that the ideal state is one that is not coeducational. "I can't conceive, however," he said, "of a state university which is not co-educational, unless it is clearly a failure. I don't think the advantages of segregation are so great as to warrant it in state schools, because after all the minds of boys and girls are not so essentially different."

DEMOCRATS OF M. U. TO MEET

Men's and Women's Clubs to Hold First Joint Meeting.

The first meeting of the Men's and Women's Democratic Clubs of the University will be held in the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium Thursday evening, September 23. Arrangements were discussed at a meeting of the Democratic central committee here this afternoon. A delegation from the Men's Democratic Club of the University, headed by Claire McGee, club's president, attended the meeting.

The Democratic State Speakers' Bureau, of which James E. Boggs of Columbia is chairman, has expressed a willingness to supply speakers of the first caliber for the students' meetings, and R. L. Hill, of the county speakers' bureau, is to go to St. Louis within the next day or two to complete arrangements for the first meeting.

The Women's Democratic Club probably will not actually come into existence until the joint meeting at school on Thursday. Interest in politics manifested by a large number of University women has convinced the leaders, however, that the plan of organization will meet with success.

It is possible that instead of having distinct clubs for the men and women, the two will be combined. Details of the county campaign also were to be taken up by the committee, which was still in session at 4 o'clock. Political activity in the county is to increase perceptibly within the next week, designed as "Organization Week" by the Democratic State Committee in session at Jefferson City yesterday.

FIRE CAUSES LITTLE DAMAGE

Rat's Nest Probably Starts Flames at Sunnyside Grocery.

The odor of smoke and a small hole in the ceiling with charred and broken edges is the only evidence that there has been a fire in the Sunnyside Grocery at Ninth and Cherry streets. The fire broke out at 6:20 o'clock this morning. No damage was done to the stock of the store because of the precaution taken by the firemen to cover the canned goods piled on the shelves below.

The cause of the fire is not definitely known. It started in the space between the roof and the ceiling. There was no evidence that it was caused by lightning running down defective wires. The presence of a bunch of straw leads to the conclusion that a nest of some sort, probably a rat's nest, had been built there. This is the opinion of the fire chief, who suggested that a match could easily have been carried to the nest and ignited.

Rapids Women to Meet Friday. The Ladies Aid Society of the Baptist Church will hold an all day meeting at the annex of the church. Two o'clock has been set as the hour for the business meeting.

OVER \$300 IS STOLEN FROM FRATERNITIES

Sigma Nu and Phi Delta Theta Houses Robbed This Morning.

RITTENOUR SEES THIEF

Believes He Can Identify Man; Gives Description to Police.

Over three hundred dollars in money and jewelry was stolen from the Sigma Nu and Phi Delta Theta fraternity houses early this morning. The thief was seen by Austin Rittenour of the Phi Delta Theta house and a description has been given to the police.

Four gold watches, \$64 in cash, and a jewel case were stolen from the Phi Delta house at 606 College avenue. The thief had entered five rooms on the second floor of the house when he was discovered by Austin Rittenour, a member of the fraternity. Rittenour followed the man down stairs, demanding his watch which he had seen the man take. The thief dropped the watch on the stairs, and ran away.

Several other men in the fraternity reported losses. George Bond lost \$64 which he had collected from the sale of University activity tickets. A jewel case containing two pairs of gold cufflinks and two fraternity pins was stolen from his roommate, Jack Crawford.

One of the watches, belonging to Owen Atkinson, was found on the stair landing this morning. The other two watches were stolen from Noel Welsh and William Tweedie.

As he left the house, the thief called out, "I am not a thief, I'm just taking the man." Rittenour believes that can identify the man. He gave a description of him to the police today and they are working on that clue.

Property valued at over two hundred dollars was stolen from the Sigma Nu house. The robbery occurred some time between 2 o'clock and 6 o'clock this morning.

The proviers were evidently frightened away from the house before they had completed their search because all property which was taken was taken from the second floor of the house.

Three Deal of Kansas City reports the loss of a watch valued at \$40. Thompson Willis also of Kansas City lost a watch valued at \$70, a chain worth \$10, a gold knife valued at \$5 and a pocket watch containing \$20 in cash. George Holland of Eldon, Ia., lost \$40 in cash and a gold fountain pen.

Many other small articles were taken including what the proviers were simply out to see what they could find. A number of packages of cigarettes were taken from the different rooms.

In one case 40 cents in change was taken from a dresser and something over eight dollars was left untouched about six inches from where the 40 cents lay.

ALL OWN CARS THERE

Mr. J. A. Hurty Tells of Her Impression of California E.

Mrs. J. A. Hurty, librarian at a school of engineering, recently returned from her summer vacation on the Pacific coast. She visited several of the larger cities of California including Berkeley where the University of California is located.

"It seems like half of the students there have their own cars, and they are all just like a bunch of bees; everybody for themselves. Of course, California is an ideal country but when I looked around over the campus and saw the mixture of buildings, I came to the conclusion that there was no place like the University of Missouri," said Mrs. Hurty.

NEW GUIDES ON BROADWAY

Old Posts Were Unsatisfactory, Says City Engineer.

New guide posts are being erected in the place of the old ones on Broadway. The old ones were too high and were continually being knocked out of place, according to John R. Silver, city engineer.

HOUSE ON WHEELS WILL CARRY FAMILY TO COAST

"We are going on a motor trip to California and we won't have one article piled in our car," says E. N. Kurtz as he proudly displays his ingenious camping outfit. It consists of a cabinet 16 inches deep, 36 inches wide and 41 inches high, fastened on the back of his five-passenger car.

The cabinet is made of wood covered with sheets of galvanized iron and enameled black. The door, which is hinged at the bottom, becomes a table when let down. Within are four shelves. The bottom one holds camp chairs and a small collapsible gasoline cook stove. When folded up this stove is only 8 inches wide and 15 inches long. It is 4 inches high.

The second shelf is divided evenly into two parts, one of which contains cooking utensils and the other food. The next shelf carries bed clothing while the top one holds the clothes for a family of four.

The back of the front seat has been cut so that it lets down and meets the back seat, making a most comfortable bed. During the day it is fastened in place by means of hooks. The two small children will at night time swing in a hammock fastened to the bows in the top of the car.

"I made every bit of it myself," said Mr. Kurtz. "Even to hammering out the braces in a blacksmith shop."

Mr. Kurtz was at one time fire chief in Columbia, but has for sometime been in the automobile repair business at Coffeyville, Kan. He and his family are moving to Los Angeles where he will be engaged in the same kind of work.

WORLD'S CROP REPORT GOOD

Prospects Satisfactory, Says Elaborate Survey From Rome.

E. A. Logan, agricultural statistician for Missouri, has just received from the Industrial Institute at Rome a summary of crop prospects in fifty-two nations, not including the United States. Their conclusions are that "present agricultural prospects viewed from a world standpoint are as a rule satisfactory, especially when based on the wax-sign consumption of food. Among the principal features in the northern hemisphere are the bumper wheat crop in British India and indications of the same thing in Canada. The wheat harvest in British India began in March with a record crop of 376,889,000 bushels, an increase of 280,485,000 in 1919, and at the present time is nearing completion in Canada where preliminary estimates indicate another record yield of 267,338,000 bushels, as against 193,260,000 in 1919.

"In the southern hemisphere the two principal wheat-growing countries, Argentina and Australia, have crops smaller than last year.

From the present somewhat vague indications the agricultural prospects in Europe are not so satisfactory as in ordinary times. In Jugoslavia and Canada the wheat harvest is proceeding under way and in Germany the prospects are generally good for all cereals. The crops of Great Britain and Ireland have suffered somewhat owing to drought and cold winds. The appearance of wheat in good. In Italy present prospects for the corn crop are good but reports of the wheat harvest indicate a poor crop both in quality and quantity. In Rumania the yields are good. In Spain the acreage of wheat is estimated at 95,111,000 acres in 1920, as against 10,388,000 in 1919.

The prospects of cereal crops in the Netherlands range from 5 to 15 per cent above the average. Reports from Luxembourg indicate that all cereals with the exception of oats are slightly below the average. In Finland the condition of wheat, barley, oats and potatoes is above a normal crop but indications are that rye will probably be 10 per cent below the normal. Returns from Sweden show the wheat, rye, barley and oats crops slightly above the average with sugar beets and potatoes slightly below.

In Belgium the crops continue to show good prospects, the acreage of wheat being estimated at 304,000 acres against 329,000 for 1919. In Bulgaria there is a good growth of winter and spring cereals.

GIRL HOLDS LONG HAIR RECORD

Freshman in University Has Golden Tresses 46 Inches in Length.

With her measuring nearly her full height, Miss Emily Margaretta Schill, daughter of Mrs. Emma Schill of 936A Rutger street, St. Louis, holds a record for long tresses at the University of Missouri where she is registered as a freshman in the College of Arts and Science. Miss Schill, who is five feet one inch tall, possesses long golden hair reaching to the hem of her skirt, which is ankle length. Until this summer she was unable to dress her own hair, her mother always having assisted her in combing it. She has never had her hair cut or even trimmed. Its exact length is fifty-five inches.

Miss Schill was 19 years old last February and was graduated from the McKinley High School, St. Louis, with the class of 1919.

HOWA CLUB MEMBERS MEET

Founders Day Banquet Planned by Organization Next Month.

Members of the Iowa club laid plans for the year at their first monthly meeting, held last night at the Y. M. C. A. building and made arrangements to get in touch with all University students whose homes are in Iowa.

ONE KILLED AT ILLINOIS POLLS BY POLICEMAN

Fight Between 2 Elements of Republican Party Bitter—4 Arrested.

POLLS ARE GUARDED

Lowden and Mayor Thompson Leading Candidates for Governor.

CHICAGO, Sept. 15.—Bloodshed occurred here today in the state primary election. Michael Fennessey was shot and killed by Thomas Powers, a police man, after an argument over the position of the former being so close to a polling place. Fennessey was a worker for the Democratic candidates.

The Illinois voters went to guard polls, as the situation is tense, and police reserves are ready for any violence which may break out. The factional fight between the two elements of the Republican party is so bitter that both factions have watchers at the polls to detect any fraud on the part of the other.

Four men have been arrested on the charge of soliciting votes within the limits of the polling area.

Leading candidates for governor are Frank Lowden, the present incumbent, and Mayor Thompson of Chicago. A second vote is expected in Cook County. It is expected to go over the 500,000 mark. In the state there are expected over one million votes.

ILLINOIS G. O. P. VOTES TODAY

Mayor W. H. Thompson of Chicago Opposes State Organization.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Sept. 15.—One of the most bitter campaigns in the history of G. O. P. in Illinois came to a close today when Republicans went to the polls to decide whether the "regular" state organization or Mayor William Hale Thompson of Chicago shall control the party machinery.

The administration state is headed by Lieutenant Governor John G. Oglesby as listed below.

The "regular" organization depended on downstate counties to put Oglesby and the rest of the slate across. The Thompson slate, by reason of its party organization in Chicago, is expected to start downstate tonight with a majority of not less than 25,000.

Three places, governor, United States senator and attorney general, were contested bitterly. Congressman Frank Smith of Dwight, chairman of the state central committee, is the Thompson candidate for United States senator to succeed Senator Lawrence Y. Sherman, who is not a candidate. The "regular" candidate is Congressman William McKinley, of Champaign. R. M. Chipman of Canton also is a candidate. Attorney General Edward J. Brundage, who is making the race for reelection on the "regular" slate, is opposed by State Senator Richard J. Barr of Joliet.

IS GIVEN FAREWELL PRESENT

Bible And Bookings Presented to H. M. McPheters.

H. M. McPheters, who left for his new home in St. Louis Tuesday, was presented Sunday with a pair of bronze bookends by the teachers of the Presbyterian Sunday School in recognition of his services as their superintendent. The young men's Bible class, which Mr. McPheters has taught for the last five years, presented him with a handsome teacher's Bible.

Mr. McPheters has been superintendent of the Presbyterian Sunday school for the past year, and has been a teacher there for five years.

He will assume his duties in St. Louis October 1, as a corporation insurance agent for the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company. His home will be at 6135 Waterman avenue in St. Louis.

WEN RAISERS WILL GIVE PLAN

Boone County Poultry Association to Raise Funds for Show.

Instead of soliciting funds from the Columbia merchants as in previous years, the Boone County Poultry Association this year will attempt to raise the money for its annual poultry show by means of a play which the association will present at the Hall Theater.