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WILL RID CITY OF DANGEROUS FIRE HAZARDS

Business Section Must Be Cleared Up or Insurance Rates Will Advance.

FIRE PLUGS NECESSARY

St. Louis Actuaries to Tell Owners of Menace—Public Meeting Monday Night.

Property owners, members of the City Council, and heads of the fire and police departments will meet Monday night at the Commercial Club rooms with fire insurance actuaries from St. Louis in the interest of lower fire insurance rates for buildings here. W. B. Nowell, Jr., chairman of the City Council's fire insurance rate committee announced at last night's meeting of the Council. This action is the result of the fire that destroyed the Haden building Monday morning.

Rates on the destroyed building were about to be increased 40 cents on \$100 when the fire occurred while at least one other building in the same block is due for a raise three times as great unless fire risks are made less. Mr. Nowell said as chairman of the rate committee. Mr. Nowell has repeatedly called attention of property owners to unsafe conditions and has before suggested that experts from St. Louis be brought here to superintend the cleaning up of fire hazards in the downtown district, another member of the council said last night.

TO CLEAN UP BUSINESS DISTRICT
The St. Louis actuaries will stay in Columbia long enough to personally go over the entire business section of the town, according to Frank B. Rollins, member of the council. Such hazards as hanging paper and improperly cared for back windows add substantially to the rates, Mr. Rollins said. The actuaries will explain the dangers to owners and tenants so that such conditions are said to exist now will not again arise. Insurance rates on one building block here are 40 cents on \$100 higher than they ordinarily would be because one small rear window is not properly gassed in. It was said last night.

Small businesses which occupy but a fraction of the downtown buildings are said to constitute the greatest fire menace as the tenants take little precaution in handling trash and other inflammable matter. Proper instruction by the St. Louis actuaries is expected to result in conditions warranting a sharp downward rate revision.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
In speaking of the fire menace last night Mr. Nowell charged that fire plugs recommended years ago have never been installed and that in many instances the recommendations could be easily carried out as mains are already laid to the points designated. Many points inside the corporate fire lines are without plugs, he said.

The meeting Monday night at the Commercial Club rooms is open to the public and members of the Council said they believed that the more interest shown by Columbians in the effort for lower rates the quicker results could be obtained.

COLLEGE BENEFIT PLEASER

Entertainment Clears \$120 for Near East Relief Fund.

The entertainment given for the benefit of the Near East Relief Fund last night at Christian College by the Academy department was a success. More than the \$120 required for the year's maintenance of the two orphans adopted by the Academy was realized. Tickets to the amount of \$108 had been sold in advance. One girl, Miss Hazel Gibson having sold 91 tickets alone.

The auditorium was well filled and the repeated encores showed the success of the entertainment from the viewpoint of the audience. Miss Hazel Dopheide's impersonations of child life were especially well received.

Miss Dopheide, who is considered one of the most talented artists of the Red-path organization came from St. Louis to assist in the benefit program largely because of her sister, Miss Pauline Dopheide, who is attending Christian College at the present time. She was assisted by Miss Lea West, cellist; and the University String Quartet.

ARMY RECRUITING STOPPED

Local Officer Receives Orders to Reject All Applicants.

Orders were received this morning by the local recruiting officer, W. A. Maxey, to discontinue all activities of recruiting men for the army. This order follows the action taken by the Senate overruling President Wilson's veto of the resolution limiting the army to 175,000 men.

No Further Clew to Baby's Death
There have been no new developments about the finding of a girl baby on the University farm Saturday evening. Coroner R. E. Baker said today. The infant was found in a ditch with its skull crushed, and partly covered with earth and stones. The body is being held at the Parker Undertaking parlors.

THE WEATHER

For Columbia and vicinity: Cloudy this afternoon and tonight, probably with some rain or snow. Wednesday partly cloudy weather. Not much change in temperature, lowest at night near the freezing point.

For Missouri: Unsettled tonight; probably rain in east portion. Wednesday generally fair; not much change in temperature.

PHILIPPINE HEAD RESIGNS

Vice-Governor, Former M. U. Curator, Is Asked to Continue.

Francis Burton Harrison, governor-general of the Philippines, has asked that his resignation be accepted on March 4. The vice-governor, Charles E. Yeater of Sedalia, had asked that he be allowed to resign, but was prevailed upon not to do so. This would indicate that the resignation of the governor-general had been anticipated. Vice-Governor Yeater was formerly president of the Board of Curators of the University of Missouri. He has been visiting at his former home during a leave of absence and sailed for Manila Saturday.

EXAMINE BRAIN OF MAX ZACH

Examination Proves Statement of Physicians That Infection Came From Tooth.

By United Press.
ST. LOUIS, Feb. 8.—How the brain of Max Zach, nationally famous musician, and, until his recent death, director of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, was removed and examined was told by an intimate friend today.

Zach died from an infected brain caused by an ulcerated tooth. Attending physicians asked and were given permission to remove the brain and within four hours after his death it was completed. The examination proved that the diagnosis of the physicians was correct, that the infection had proceeded back from the tooth to the brain.

A portion of the brain over the left ear was found to be infected and it was here that the blood clot formed that caused his death.

BOMB WOUNDS BANK ROBBER

Explosives Blow Up in His Hand as He Threatens Posse.

By United Press.
PACIFIC, Mo., Feb. 8.—Fighting off a posse with a bottle filled with explosives, a man suspected of having robbed the Farmers and Merchants Bank of St. Clair, Franklin County, Mo., today was seriously injured when the bottle exploded in his hand.

He was captured with five companions after a revolver battle with a posse of 100 farmers.

The loot was found in a sack on the second story of an abandoned house.

The injured man was positively identified as Charles Barrington, of St. Louis. The posse cornered the six alleged robbers in a deserted building. Barrington came to the door with a bottle in his hand and threatened to throw it in the crowd if they attempted to advance. As he drew back his arm to hurl the bottle, it hit the door and exploded. His arm and part of his face was torn off. His companions surrendered.

About \$10,000 was obtained by the robbers who blew open the safety deposit vault of the bank.

25 DEPOSIT BOXES STOLEN

Robbers Break Into Merchants and Farmers Bank.

By United Press.
ST. CLAIR, Mo., Feb. 8.—Bank robbers broke into the safety deposit vault of the Merchants and Farmers Bank here, and escaped with twenty-five deposit boxes. The bank officials said that they were unable to estimate the amount the boxes contained, but they believed it to be under \$10,000. One box contained \$1,000 in Liberty Bonds and \$1,500 in stamps, the property of Postmaster I. C. Murphy.

IS IN A SERIOUS CONDITION

C. C. Gillispie Suffers From Stroke of Paralysis.

C. C. Gillispie, a veteran Boone County stockman, suffered a stroke of paralysis while working at the Wabash stock yards yesterday afternoon. He was still unconscious at noon today.

Mr. Gillispie and his partner, Abe Ridgeway, were loading cattle for shipment at the stockyards about 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon when the stroke came. Mr. Gillispie was taken to his home, 210 Price avenue, by Mr. Ridgeway. Dr. J. E. Thornton and Dr. W. R. Shafer were called. Doctors entertain little hope for his recovery.

Mr. Gillispie is 77 years old, and has been living with his daughter, Mrs. J. E. Barnett, for several years.

Columbia Man Gets a Pension.
John W. Griffin of Columbia has been granted a pension of \$18 a month, according to a dispatch from Washington.

WOMAN TO BE ON BOARD OF HEALTH SOON

Prof. F. F. Stephens Gets City Council to Increase Board Membership to Seven.

ORDINANCE IS CHANGED

Appointment of New Member Will Be Made by Mayor—Miss Bryant Is Suggested.

Columbia is to have a woman on the board of health it was decided at the meeting of the City Council last night. The women of Columbia have called upon the Council members requesting such action. Prof. F. F. Stephens presented the matter to the Council. Members were first inclined to make light of the suggestion but upon being assured by Professor Stephens that the women are in earnest a resolution was passed instructing the city attorney to draw an ordinance increasing the membership of the board of health to seven persons. Formerly the board was composed of six, three members of the Council and three resident physicians. Suggestions that a woman run for mayor; that one or more make the race for the council; and that a woman be appointed from each ward to serve on the board if that many were found who desired such a job greeted Professor Stephens when he broached the matter.

MAYOR HAS NO OBJECTIONS
Mayor Gordon said that he had no personal objection to appointing a woman on the board but that as the present ordinance limited membership to members of that council and to resident physicians he saw no way of granting the request without a new ordinance making membership open to persons without either of the earlier qualifications.

The new ordinance will not specify that a woman be named to serve on the board and succeeding mayors may appoint men only if they so desire. To specify that a woman be included in the board membership would constitute class legislation and as such would be illegal. Boyle G. Clark, city attorney told the councilmen. The ordinance will be presented at the next meeting of the council. Miss Willie Bryant, at present visiting nurse, is being backed for the job by Columbia women, it is said.

Recommendations of the Commercial Club committee which has been conferring with members of the city council relative to the itinerant merchants who are said to be taking much of the University trade from legitimate merchants here will be presented to the council in the form of an ordinance designed to limit the operations of the peddlers probably at the next council meeting, it was said last night. A high license fee for showing goods here will probably be included in the ordinance.

RESIND GASOLINE ACTION

The resolution, adopted at the last meeting of the council, to purchase \$1,000 worth of gasoline from the Producers Oil company for which, because of an advertising scheme, the council would have to pay only \$500 was stricken from the records last night over the protest of L. L. Davis. When the question of passing an ordinance to provide for the actual purchase came up the city attorney gave his opinion that the council's action in agreeing to buy the gasoline was not lawful. Mr. Davis argued the point with Mr. Clark, city attorney, and then with Mayor Gordon. He characterized as illegal half the actions of the council if Mr. Clark's opinion was accepted. The expenditure, according to Mr. Clark, was not for current expenses as is required by law. The purchase of the gasoline at this time would have saved the city \$300 over a period of forty months.

Bills, and salaries of city employees, amounting to \$11,040.47 were approved and money voted for their settlement by the city council last night.

\$1,700 FOR FOREIGN RELIEF

And Columbia's Quota for Orphans Is Only Half Subscribed.

Mrs. H. H. Banks, local treasurer of the Near East Relief organization, said today that the Christian Church and Christian College together had given \$1,700. This sum is divided between the Chinese Famine Relief and the Near East Relief. Twelve hundred dollars has been donated to the Near East Relief and five hundred to the Chinese Famine Relief. The \$1,200 will care for twenty orphans in Armenia and \$500 will care for about twenty orphans in China for a year. Dr. B. F. Hoffman's Sunday school class has subscribed \$2 additional. Boone County's quota is the care of 125 orphans for a year. Enough has been subscribed to care for only half of them.

Two Admitted to Hospital.

Herbert F. Thies and Helen Ross were admitted to the Parker Memorial Hospital yesterday. Later Miss Ross left for her home in Kansas City to be operated on for appendicitis. These die-charged from the hospital were: Callie Overstreet, Robert C. Baker, George Masengale, and Ora F. Meyersieck.

Centrals Couple to Marry.

Thomas Ralph Bertrand and Mrs. Mary L. Bowen of Centralia, have obtained a marriage license.

W. C. T. U. HOLDS MEETING

Americanization the Subject of Program—Talk on Near East.

Americanization was the subject of the program at the W. C. T. U. meeting yesterday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. M. S. Rees, 1402 Bass avenue. At this meeting \$64 more was subscribed to the W. C. T. U. Near East Relief fund, making a total of over \$160.

The members decided to make cookies for the soldiers at Jefferson Barracks. The captains of the four divisions into which the union is divided will have charge. These captains are: Mrs. J. N. Taylor, Mrs. M. S. Rees, Mrs. D. R. Schuler, and Miss Sallie Bedford. Mrs. Rees has charge of the work for this month.

Mrs. W. P. Dysart gave a report on the Near East Relief work, explaining the work and enumerating several sources of contributions. Among these were \$43.92 from the boys at the Reformatory at Booneville, every cent of which they had earned themselves, and \$37.05 from the Deaf and Dumb institution at Fulton. Mrs. Dysart contributed \$50 to the W. C. T. U. fund, and \$14 more was added.

Mrs. James H. Hardy resigned her position as treasurer of the society, and Mrs. C. W. Lawhorn was elected to take her place.

Mrs. J. N. Taylor led the program, which consisted of song and devotional services all on the general subject of Americanization.

The next meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be with Mrs. D. A. Robnett February 21.

STATE SURPLUS IS DIMINISHING

F. H. Hopkins Says Debts Will Require Two-Fifths of Money Left.

JEFFERSON CITY, Feb. 8.—Seven hundred fifty thousand dollars of the \$5,000,000 surplus left in the state treasury by Governor Gardner's administration has already been expended to cover debts left by various state departments, it was said today by State Auditor George F. Hackman. He also said that the debts left might total \$1,000,000. Representative F. H. Hopkins, chairman of the House appropriations committee, said that the amount left unpaid would probably total \$2,000,000 and that the surplus would be only about \$3,000,000 instead of the reported \$5,000,000.

BURTON NAMED BY GOV. HYDE

Appointment of Joplin Editor Sent to State Senate This Afternoon.

By a Staff Correspondent.
JEFFERSON CITY, Feb. 8.—The name of J. E. Burton was sent to the State Senate late this afternoon by Governor Hyde for confirmation as a member of the Board of Curators of the University. Mr. Burton is now a member of the Board. He was appointed by Governor Gardner to take the place of C. B. Rollins of Columbia. It was a recess appointment and when his name with other Gardner appointees came up in the Senate at the start of the present session it was returned to the Senate today with his approval. It was the only name sent in today.

Mr. Burton is the publisher of the Joplin News-Herald. He is a Republican. Governor Hyde announced this afternoon that Governor Gardner had declined the appointment as a Democratic member of the Board of Curators on the ground that his business would not permit him to serve.

QUEENS ELECTED AT C. H. S.

Seniors Choose Willie Crews—Lucy Finlay, Choice of Juniors.

The senior and junior classes of Columbia High School held their annual election for class queens this morning. Willie Crews was elected senior class queen receiving 227 votes and Lucy Finlay was elected junior class queen with 121 votes.

The other girls running for queen were Sabra Niedermeyer from the senior class, and Juanita Wade and Lula Moss from the junior class.

W. A. A. SHOW IS A SUCCESS

Vaudeville Given Saturday Night Well Presented.

A greater financial success than ever was the Women's Athletic Association vaudeville given Saturday night in the University Auditorium. Part of the proceeds will be used to send delegates to the athletic conference to be held in March.

Petition to Close Road Granted.

The Boone County Court passed on a petition which was presented by Lightner and Spillman of Sturgeon. Lightner and Spillman asked permission to close a road which passes through Sturgeon. The court granted the petition. After this action was taken the rest of the time was spent in paying bills.

Marion Kopel, Baby, Buried Today.
The body of Marion Kopel, 8 months old, arrived here at 3:45 o'clock this afternoon from Booneville where the baby died this morning. Mr. and Mrs. Kopel, the parents, live here. Burial services were held this afternoon.

FAVORS MOVE FOR A JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Parent-Teachers' Association Adopts Resolution Favoring Introduction of Scheme Here.

ADVOCATES COUNTY UNIT

T. J. Walker Declares Plan Provides Equal Opportunities for Education in City and Country.

A lively discussion took place at the regular meeting of the Parent-Teachers' Association, yesterday afternoon at the Columbia High School, about the need for more room and a new adjustment in the seventh and eighth grades of the grammar school and the first year in high school.

Superintendent W. L. Oliver and several of the teachers explained the difficulty in the school system as now arranged, showing how the seventh grade is so crowded that the students do not have a chance to become fully prepared for high school. The suggestion was made that the introduction of an eighth grade, and the reorganization of the last two years of the grammar school work and the formation of a junior high school would help to solve the problem.

The need of some change in conditions as they stand at present was discussed at the last meeting and the members had been asked to think the matter over. Superintendent Oliver pointed out that the Junior High School was being introduced into the large school systems, notably the Kansas City and Springfield schools.

"I am anxious that the Columbia School be kept pace with these schools," said Mr. Oliver, "and I see no reason why we should not. It is only a dream of mine," he said, "and others may not see it the same way. But I like to think that we may some day use the present building for a junior high school and have a new building for a senior high school in Columbia."

A resolution was passed by the organization favoring any move looking toward the introduction of a junior high school in Columbia.

The matter of placing a flag on the high school grounds was deferred until the next meeting as no exact facts concerning the cost and size were available. The Girls' Glee Club sang "The Butterfly Boat," and "Songs of Maytime," as a part of the program.

T. J. Walker talked to the club on the County Unit Bill now before the Legislature. "The fundamental thesis of the bill," said Mr. Walker, "is equal opportunity in education and tax bearing alike. Sometimes in an educational center like this we forget our dependence. We forget that we reach out into the remotest corners of the state for those things which make Columbia possible."

"The best way to build up a large institution is to look well upon the supply and sources from which it draws. If you will examine the smaller colleges you will find their smallness is not due so much to lack of financial means as to lack of preparation. If we double the number that prepares for college, we will double our enrollment."

"Some of the glaring inequalities that exist between towns and rural districts are scarcely known, he pointed out, and said that while they are about evenly divided numerically, everything in an educational way is in favor of the town. The average amount of money spent in town for each pupil is \$32 while in the country it is only \$13. The city child gets twelve years in school while the country child gets but eight. He also called attention to the fact that the eight years in school for the country child is spent in poorly equipped schoolrooms and with inefficient teachers, while the city child has twelve years with the best teachers and the best of equipment."

"The educational opportunities of the country child are not more than half those of the town child. The problem is not a country or a city problem," said Mr. Walker, "it is a problem of the state. The state must get behind it and solve it."

VOLUNTEER LONGER WORK

Employees of Hamilton-Brown Increase Hours.

By United Press.
ST. LOUIS, Feb. 8.—Two thousand and seven hundred employees of the Hamilton-Brown shoe company here have voluntarily increased their number of hours of work each week from forty-four to forty-eight. The forty-four hour schedule has been in effect for a year and a half. Officials of the company said that production would be increased 9 per cent by each worker putting in four additional hours each week.

The employees of the local factory of the Hamilton-Brown shoe company work fifty hours with a five-day week.

To Continue Ham and Bacon Show.

By a Staff Correspondent.
JEFFERSON CITY, Feb. 8.—The State Board of Agriculture, at its meeting here yesterday, following the report of the Ham and Bacon Show at Columbia during Farmers' Week, decided to hold the show again next year. The prizes will be increased and the \$50 silver cup won by the Burris Brothers of Carrollton this year will be awarded permanently to the person winning it three years in succession.

Nitroglycerine Can Is a Tragic Plaything; Kills Eight Persons

By United Press. LAWRENCEVILLE, ILL., Feb. 8.—In this little town of 5,000 inhabitants located in the heart of the Southern Illinois oil district, everyone today mourned the death of seven school children and their teacher at the Cross Roads schoolhouse yesterday.

Business was generally suspended and everyone paid their tribute while officials investigated their death caused by the explosion of a nitroglycerine can. Seven-year-old Lester Grove today lay on a bed with his eyes blown out and his ears torn off, with death expected any moment. His 9-year-old brother, Raymond, was the one who while playing a creek which runs about fifty feet from the schoolhouse, discovered the can floating in the creek and fished it out. It was apparently empty and thinking he had found a new plaything he tossed it to a boy on the other side of the creek who struck it with a hammer. There was enough nitroglycerine still clinging to the sides of the can to cause a terrific explosion. Some of the boys' clothes and bits of flesh were found in trees fifty feet away.

The teacher, Emmet Bunyan, who was inside the schoolhouse at the time of the explosion, was found sitting upright with his back against the trunk of a tree some distance away. Six were killed instantly and two died while being removed to the hospital.

WILL REBUILD HADEN BUILDING

Negotiations for Reconstruction Will Be Made Before End of March.

Negotiations for reconstructing the Haden Building will be made within this next month, according to W. J. Carter, administrator of the property for the Haden heirs, and perhaps to the ground if this is found to be necessary, according to Mr. Carter. At present the north half of Broadway in front of the building has been roped off and also that portion of Ninth street that is endangered by the portion of the wall yet standing.

Since the collapse of the west wall at 9 o'clock last night, the whole building has been adjudged dangerous by the police department. Work will begin again on tearing down the walls to the first floor, and perhaps to the ground if this is found to be necessary, according to Mr. Carter. At present the north half of Broadway in front of the building has been roped off and also that portion of Ninth street that is endangered by the portion of the wall yet standing.

The room in the Haden Building formerly occupied by the Boone County Trust Company will be arranged for temporary use until the building is rebuilt, it is said. It is found practicable, according to S. C. Hunt, vice-president of the Trust Company.

The Columbia Realty & Insurance Company has moved to offices over Harrell's tailor shop on South Ninth street. When the Haden Building is rebuilt, the company will resume its quarters there. The insurance company the firm represents have telegraphed that they will send copies of every policy made out in the office here. An attempt will be made today to lift the four iron safes from the basement of the Haden Building, where they are buried in the debris and bricks.

"It means an enormous job to copy all the policies for farm insurance," said T. B. Crump, in charge of the farm department of the local company. "It will take a year to reinspect and get copies of the farm business."

The Columbia Drug Company will make no plans in regard to re-establishing its place of business until the president, J. A. Heibel, returns from Kentucky. He is expected either Friday or Saturday.

All the plates for a Savitar which were moved from Parsons Studio yesterday when the fire began have been located in a store across the street, according to Paul Parsons. The date of the Savitar's publication will be delayed only a few days because of damage done to them.

NO SHUFFLING AT ASSEMBLY

Saturday Night's Dance Marked by Absence of New Step.

Owing partly, no doubt, to the fact that last Saturday night was a trial night at the assembly dance, there was no "shuffling." At least, there was none noted by any of the persons in charge.

The rules were printed on the backs of the tickets, and F. W. Leonard, manager of the Tavern, had a sign placed on the balcony stating that the orchestra would not respond to shouting or whistling.

Miss Eva Johnston, when told of the outcome of the dance, said, "An delightful that the students responded so well to the requests, and I firmly believe that there will be no more trouble in regard to this matter."

MASONS GO TO CENTRALIA

General Meeting of Order of Royal and Select Masters.

A delegation of the members of the order, Royal and Select Masters, Columbia council, will leave for Centralia this afternoon to attend a general meeting of the order.

At the meeting thirty candidates will be considered and officers will be elected for the ensuing year.

Among those expected to go are: H. L. Wilson, R. C. Hunt, K. C. Sullivan, J. A. Oliver, J. P. Davis and Dr. John Pickard.

COMMITTEE TO LEGISLATURE

Will Present Petition Objecting to Removal of College.

The committee from the College of Agriculture, which was appointed to take a petition before the State Legislature in regard to the moving of the College from Columbia, has not received its call from Jefferson City as yet. The committee, however, expects to go this week, as arrangements have been made but no definite date has been set. This committee is made up of fifteen students in the college.

MAY ERECT A NEW CHRISTIAN CHURCH HERE

Elders and Deacons Favor an Immediate Campaign for a More Adequate Building.

MAY REMODEL OLD ONE

The Rev. Mr. Haushalter Urges Better Facilities for the Student Congregation Here.

A definite step in plans for a new Christian Church in Columbia was taken at a joint meeting of the elders and deacons of that church Sunday afternoon. They passed a resolution favoring the launching of a campaign in the near future for a more adequate church building.

No specifications as to the sum of money were made, nor was it decided whether there would be a new building or a remodeled old one. The sentiment was unanimous, however, that the needs of the Columbia Christian Church required the launching of the campaign immediately. Each Sunday persons are turned away who would like to attend church there, and almost all the services are taxed beyond capacity.

There will be a congregation meeting at the church at 3 o'clock next Sunday afternoon for frank discussion of the project.

In speaking of the university church as such, the Rev. Walter Haushalter said: "A peculiar responsibility today rests on those churches whose ministry is in university and college centers. The church buildings in many university centers are entirely adequate to take care of the home congregation. The annual influx of students creates a problem as to seating capacity that should interest all the churches that contribute their students."

"The Catholic Church has preceded the Protestant churches in a realization of this responsibility at university and college centers. But, nevertheless, many evangelical Protestant communities are now realizing conscience on the same point. The Methodist Church at the University of Minnesota is asking state-wide communion to assist in raising a quarter of a million dollars. Similar instances could be cited from churches at the universities of Oklahoma, Illinois and Colorado. The churches of Columbia have a moral right to expect the fellowship of the great state of Missouri in the task of a spiritual education for leadership of the students sent here."

"There should be several church sanctuaries in this city with a capacity for 2,500 or 3,000 persons. Columbia has in many ways outgrown its clothing and its arms reach way beyond its sleeves. The Columbia Christian Church will either abandon its present building and erect an entirely new structure, or remodel the present building and multiply by twofold its seating capacity."

TO START REORGANIZATION

Will Introduce Bill Dealing With State Finance Today.

By a Staff Correspondent.
JEFFERSON CITY, Feb. 8.—The first of the bills sponsored by Governor Hyde which provides for the reorganization of the state administration was to be introduced sometime today by Senator Phil A. Bennett of Buffalo.

It is a bill dealing with the reorganization of the finance department of the state. It will place the Banking Commission, the Commission on Building and Loan Associations and the Soldiers' Settlement Board all under one head. It will allow the state bank examiner to examine loan associations also, which according to Senator Bennett, will lessen the expense of these two commissions considerably.

There is a bill pending in the Legislature which will abolish the land reclamation service under which the administration of the soldier settlement funds now falls. Senator Bennett said that it was the general belief that the land reclamation service department was not competent to handle the \$1,000,000 of state funds voted last fall for the benefit of former soldiers in Missouri, and that this new plan would mean competent administration for those funds as well as being less expensive.

TOWN COUNCIL ORGANIZED

Made Up of Officers of Mothers' Clubs of City.

Last Saturday afternoon a town council was organized. It is to be composed of all the presidents of the Mothers' clubs and the Parent-Teachers' Association, and the chairman of each of the standing committees of these organizations.

The officers elected were: President, Mrs. Minnie Morris; vice-president, Mrs. H. W. Hilbard; secretary, Mrs. O. H. King.

The object of the organization is to promote co-operation among all these organizations. In this way they expect to work together with one problem until it has been solved. They will work for any movement which tends for the uplift of schools or the town.