

COLUMBIA TO BACK UP PLAN OF ENGINEERS

Special Train Will Carry Delegation to Jefferson City Next Wednesday.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED Suggest That Delegates From City Organizations Express Appreciation of Work.

Columbia will back up the plan which has been presented by the State Engineers to the State Highway Commission for having the shortest route possible between St. Louis and Kansas City made a primary road.

The securing of this primary road is not a certain thing yet, but is only a recommendation of the engineers, and it must go through. There will probably be no opposition to the plan, but we are morally obligated to show our appreciation by having an active interest in getting this route.

J. A. Hudson moved that some person from the University, the City Administration, the Old Trails Association, the Commercial, Lions, Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs represent these organizations at Jefferson City by making short speeches of appreciation for the work that has been done by those in charge of the plan for the road.

Arrangement committee: Boyle G. Clark, chairman; Mrs. E. W. Stephens, R. B. Price, Jr., Sidney Rollins, W. L. Nelson, H. A. Collier, J. M. Taylor, Dean Walter Williams, Edgar D. Lee, James M. Wood and Miss Pearl Mitchell.

WOMEN DEMOCRATS TO MEET Will Discuss Topics of Interest to Feminine Voter. The Democratic women of Columbia will meet at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon with Mrs. J. D. Van Horn, 1614 Amelia street.

J. V. Ankeney Will Give Lecture. J. V. Ankeney of the University extension division of visual education will give a lecture, "A Strip of Celluloid," and illustrate with moving pictures at the Little Boone Church six miles from Columbia on the Ashland gravel road.

Miss Brown Is Dean of Women. Miss Mary L. R. Brown, a graduate of Missouri University, has been appointed dean of women, at Carnegie Institute of Technology, for 1922-1923.

Prof. Trenholme Lectures Tonight. Prof. N. M. Trenholme, of the history department of the University, will speak at 8 o'clock this evening in front of Jose Hall, Francis Quadrangle.

THE WEATHER

For Columbia and vicinity: Generally fair and slightly warmer tonight and Thursday; rising temperature Thursday and west portion tonight.

The weather is mostly fair on the Pacific coast, unsettled in the Rocky Mountain states, clear and fine in most of the Plains, Missouri Valley, upper half of the Mississippi Valley, and generally over the Lake region.

Highways: The cross-state road is rough in spots, and muddy in the low places with some rather deep ruts, especially at and beyond Boonville.

MEN ARE CITED FOR CONTEMPT

Strikers on M. K. & T. Disobey Judge's Order—Must Appear in Court.

St. Louis, July 19.—The United States District Judge here cited union workmen of the M. K. & T. Railroad and the C. B. & Q. Railroad for contempt of court for the receivership order.

The strikers cited, who were employed in St. Louis, Baden, Hannibal and New Franklin, will appear in court to tell why they should not be fined.

The citation was based on the information furnished by Charles Schaff, receiver for the M. K. & T. Railroad, charging them with intimidation of men employed to fill the vacancies left by the striking shopmen and persuading them to leave their jobs through fear.

Because of the publicity given to the strike the amount of traffic has fallen off. This was given as the reason for the discontinuance of the trains. Mail trains will continue to be run.

TEMPERANCE DAY OBSERVED W. C. T. U. Honors Its National President—Children Assist.

Loyal Temperance Legion Day was observed by the W. C. T. U. at a meeting held with Mrs. G. W. Lawhorn, 1207 University avenue Monday afternoon.

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EVEN GYPSIES DESERT OLD DOBBIN IN FAVOR OF EXPENSIVE MOTORS

Again the old order changeth and again the horse has lost what once seemed an indisputable stronghold.

A band of picturesque and colorful gypsies minus their old covered wagons, drawn by the faithful horse, would at one time have scandalized the imagination. Roger Bacon could foretell the airship and the steamboat, but no one had the courage or the vision to imagine a gypsy band conveyed by other means than "Old Dobbin."

Be that as it may: a band of gypsies passed through Columbia this week enroute from Nowhere to the same destination. And did they travel in crude covered wagons drawn by slow plodding horses?

They did not. They had horse power—not horses. Bits of bright colored ribbon and gay petticoats no longer fluttered from dingy wagons; they streamed from sixty high-powered, seven passenger, luxurious motor cars.

The equipment may have changed, but the men and women within the car had not. The women with their dark skin and black eyes wore the same tier after tier of gaudy skirts with which they are irrevocably associated. Their arms were still encased to the elbow with broad silver bracelets. And what is even more characteristic, they still begged and told fortunes.

The sterner half of the band, if that term can still be applied to gypsies who have forsaken the horse, busied themselves with an inspection of the auto during their brief stay in Columbia. One tall slender gypsy with picturesque touches to his costume, was nonchalantly pouring water into the radiator and testing spark plugs. Not exactly the picture of romance and cunning that fiction has painted!

Truly, the old order changeth.

LIVING COST CONTINUES TO KEEP UPWARD TREND

50 Per Cent Increase Over 1913 Prices—Building Materials High But Farm Products Drop.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 19.—The wholesale prices of commodities, some of which will not reach the consumer for six months, continued the upward trend by an increase of 11.43 per cent over the month of June over the preceding month. The June advance is 5 1/2 per cent or 50 per cent greater than in 1913.

Building materials show a large increase. Clothing increased 21.4 per cent over May, while farm products dropped 3.4 per cent. Fuel and lighting material increased 18 per cent.

TRAIN SERVICE UNCHANGED

Four M. K. & T. and Three Wabash Trains Still Running. Train service on both the Wabash and M. K. & T. railroads remains unchanged today.

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COAL MINERS THREATEN TO EXTEND STRIKE

If Union Pits Are Operated by Non-Union Strikebreakers, Engineers and Pump-Men Will Quit.

Harding Directs Governors of States to Protect Any Mines That Resume Operations.

WASHINGTON, July 19.—President Harding's plan to increase the country's coal production by operating union mines with non-union labor, under the protection of troops, received a sharp setback today.

The officials of the United Mine Workers' Union served a notice on the government officials that an attempt to send strikebreakers would result in a strike of the union engineers, pump men and other men who are now working to prevent the mines from flooding with water and to prevent deterioration of machinery.

WASHINGTON, July 19.—President Harding, in a note last night to the governors of all the states of the nation, directed them to take action to protect any mines that will resume operations in the face of a nation-wide tie-up. He pledged the full powers of the Federal Government to be used to back up any move that governors may make along this line if necessary.

The President's note was the culmination of a cabinet meeting yesterday, when it was decided to give every possible aid to the re-opening of coal mines with strikebreakers.

Lewis Makes Statement

WASHINGTON, July 19.—John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers said in an exclusive statement to the United Press that the miners would only settle this strike by joint conference, regardless of what anybody thinks or does.

WASHINGTON, July 19.—The authorized state forces, which have been requested by President Harding for the protection of mines and strikebreakers, total 125,000 men.

Pennsylvania leads with a total of 60,000; Illinois is second with 11,000; and Texas is third with 7,000 available men.

Guards Fire on Mob

WILKESBARRE, Pa., July 19.—The railroad guards here fired upon a mob of young men who were bombarding the Lehigh Valley roundhouse with stones last night. Two of the men were wounded.

NEW FRANKLIN QUIET AS STRIKEBREAKERS WORK

Union Men Condemn Attempts to Shoot Sentry Last Week—Engines Repaired.

All was quiet at New Franklin yesterday. Sunday many parents motored over to the camp to spend the day with their sons. Many of the visitors brought with them well-filled baskets of lunch.

While in general there is no trouble, every night some sentinel on post does some shooting. Sunday night one excited guard shot a dog, after telling it to halt three times with no result.

DENBY IN AIRPLANE MISHAP

Secretary of Navy and Pilot Make Safe Landing. PEKIN, July 19.—Secretary of Navy Denby today escaped injury in a thrilling airplane accident. Denby had been up with a pilot flying over the Great Wall of China at Pekin when the engine of the plane stopped. The plane immediately began dropping, but skillful piloting righted it and they volplaned to a safe landing.

Denby was apparently unshaken from the accident and returned to Pekin.

Women Voters to Entertain

The League of Women Voters will entertain at dinner at 6 o'clock Friday at the College Inn in honor of Miss Louise C. Boehringer, candidate for state superintendent of public instruction of the state of Arizona.

Many Enroll at Christian College. Speaking of the enrollment for next year, President Edgar D. Lee of Christian College said, "The enrollment for next year is the best that we have ever had in the history of Christian College."

Inter-City Golf Finals Tomorrow. The last games of the inter-city golf tournament will be played off here tomorrow afternoon at the Country Club. Matches have been played with Fulton, Jefferson City and Sedalia at each of those towns. Fifty caddies have been secured to serve the players.

Study Class Meets Tomorrow

The Mission Study Class of the Broadway Methodist Church will meet at 8 o'clock tomorrow afternoon with Mrs. S. B. Searcy, 302 College avenue.

MUSICAL APPRECIATION TO BE TAUGHT CHILDREN

Junior Chautauqua Will Hold Music Memory Contest on Last of Afternoon Programs.

Since the chautauqua is a community event, it is only natural that the children should be included in the program of entertainment, so now there is a Junior Chautauqua with a junior tent for the youngsters up to 13 years old. Miss Julia Miller who is the junior supervisor has charge of the program and is giving the children training in musical appreciation, telling them stories, teaching them games and folk dances.

The first program was given Monday. The other sessions will be held at 4 o'clock each afternoon for six days.

The junior chautauqua is the result of the purely playground character of the work of former years to keep the children amused. This year, however, the educational feature of musical appreciation has been added. The junior chautauqua is endeavoring to bring to the boys and girls of Columbia the love of hearing good music. During the week this course will be followed: the first day, rhythm, melody and harmony will be discovered; second day, further adventures which lead into the musical fiction world; third day, getting acquainted with tunes and voices of instruments; fourth day, the human voice, the greatest and oldest of musical instruments; fifth day, what is an opera, the story of "Il Trovatore"; and what is an oratorio, "The Coming of the Messiah."

The last day of the junior chautauqua will be a guest and request day. Each holder of a junior chautauqua ticket will be allowed to bring one visitor.

The climax of the musical appreciation program will be the music memory contest which will be given on the afternoon of the sixth day. The children will hear and become familiar with twelve musical compositions and the name of the composers during the week. The pieces will be played for them from the platform and they will write the name of the piece and the composer. Children having perfect papers will be presented with blue ribbons on the last night of the regular chautauqua from the platform.

While the children are studying these musical compositions, being entertained with storytelling and learning games, rehearsals will also take place for the program to be given in the big tent by these children. On the program this number is given as the Junior Chautauqua Entertainment.

The big tent will be put up on the southeast corner of the Stephens College campus Thursday. The railroad situation will not interfere with the arrival of the members of the chautauqua since the crew will come in trucks from Burlington, Iowa, and the performers will come in Fords from Clarence.

CITY EXPENSES NOT SO HIGH

\$57,184.80 Spent During Last Fiscal Year Is Less Than Annual Estimate.

The city of Columbia spent officially a little more than one-twentieth of a million dollars during the current year closed June 30, according to the report just made to the City Council by the city clerk. To be exact, the total expenditures were \$57,184.80. This amount was \$4,095.17 less than the city council had expected when it made its annual appropriation in July, 1921.

The city of Columbia received \$11,675.80 more than it spent. The total amount taken in by the city in taxes, licenses, fines and interest was \$68,860.63.

This time last year, the city had a balance of \$1,430.98 more than it has this year. Of the \$68,860.63 received by Columbia this year, \$34,130.03 came from taxes. Current taxes amounted to more than thirty thousand dollars; while more than two thousand dollars were paid in back taxes. More than nine thousand dollars were paid to the city in licenses this year. Dog licenses amounted to almost four hundred dollars.

The chief of police collected \$2,123.50 in fines during the year just closed. From the water and light fund \$4,408.83 came into the general revenue fund of the city. The total valuation of the city of Columbia is almost eleven million dollars. This amount is about two hundred times as much as the city spends officially every year.

The total valuation of Columbia property is \$10,976,406. More than seven million dollars of this amount is real estate and more than two million dollars is personal property. Personal property includes more than \$800,000 for banks. Merchants' valuation is listed at \$491,869. Automobiles in Columbia number 641 with a total assessed valuation of \$255,230. This makes the average price of automobiles in the city only \$398 each. Columbia has 268 horses at an assessed valuation of \$12,290.48, mules at \$3,395,222, 222 cattle at 10, 560 and 69 hogs valued at \$575.

Russian Imperial Crown for Sale

LOXON, July 19.—The Soviet government is selling the imperial crown of the Romanoffs valued at \$350,000,000. It was learned here today.

Tia Juana Attracts the Lawless From All Parts of the Globe

Nestled snugly in the low, rolling, sandy hills of Lower California is the old Spanish town of Tia Juana. A few miles from an ocean port and on the Tia Juana River which runs back into the rough hilly lands, this place is the rendezvous of all classes of men from many countries who wish to make a living away from the watchful eyes of the law. As it is just across the border from California they profit from the never-ending stream of tourists from the United States.

Sun-baked, dry and dusty, and having an atmosphere of stagnation, it is picturesque from its sheer ugliness. To those Americans who seek pleasure in company with excitement this little Spanish town bears many thrills. Lawless to the limit, one may gamble at almost any game that he chooses; card games, craps, monte, Faro and roulette—all are played in Tia Juana and in a regular business-like manner as we dispense ice cream sodas in this country, but of course one is not so sure of getting something for his money. Women play the games and in perhaps as goodly a number as the men

and quite often make heavier winnings. This may be due to a better understanding of the proper time to stop playing. Although Tia Juana is a favorite visiting place among tourists in Southern California, few dare to stay outside of "Uncle Sam's" protection after darkness has gathered over those desolate hills, for it is then that the lawless element is at its height. The life of a tourist, who has a few dollars in his pockets, would be like so much chaff to those men who have gathered from the four corners of the earth to live as they please and to escape the barriers of society which they would encounter in other places.

This lawlessness still continues to fascinate more and more each year the pleasure-seeking American, who gladly spends his money on the gambling tables, and who refreshes himself in this oasis of the prohibition desert. But to some who make pilgrimages to Tia Juana it may not be this lawlessness which attracts, but rather the quaintness of this colorful, old, never-changing Spanish village which was founded many years ago upon the highest of ideals.

TALK BY J. K. WRIGHT APPEALS TO AD CLUB

Columbian Well Received When He Tells St. Louisians About Missouri's Resources.

By Special Correspondent. St. Louis, July 18.—J. Kelly Wright of Columbia spoke to the St. Louis Advertiser Club today at noon, on "Missouri—The Resources It Has to Advertise." Mr. Wright was the principal speaker at the weekly luncheon of the club at the Hotel Statler.

"Missouri has 114 counties," said Mr. Wright, "and each of them raises corn. Twelve of these counties alone raise more corn than Indiana or Kansas. One Missouri county raises more blingrass than any county in the world; Missouri bluegrass brings the highest price in London; and Kentucky mixes Missouri bluegrass with their own brand to give it weight."

Similar statements pertaining to other agricultural products of the state were made. Hogs, harness and saddle horses, watermelons, apples, live stock, water power, mines and scenery were mentioned.

Former president Richard H. Jesse of the University was pointed out as one of the great men of the state. Slides were shown of the College of Agriculture and some of its prize-winning stock.

TEAMS TO PLAY SATURDAY

Disabled War Veterans and K. C. Nines Will Meet. The baseball team of the Disabled American Veterans of the World War will play the Knights of Columbus team at 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon on Rollins Field. N. T. Cartnell was elected manager of the vocational team at a meeting of the veterans last night in the auditorium of the Agricultural Building.

The vocational men will play Ashland here Sunday unless arrangements are made to play the game at Ashland.

The Disabled American Veterans of the World War will meet for the last time early in August.

Students Work in Harvest Field. Lawrence Babl and Allen Belden, students in the University, are working in the harvest fields of Kansas, according to a letter received from Mrs. Babl. They are now located at Oakley, Kan. They are going to Omaha soon, and make the trip to St. Louis by boat.

Ice Cream Social Saturday

The University Women's Sunday School Class of the Broadway Methodist Church will have an ice cream social on the lawn of E. H. Newcomb, 508 Ninth street, Saturday evening.

TODAY'S BALL GAMES

Table with columns for National, R. H. E., Brooklyn, Chicago, Batteries: Cadore and Deberry; Cheves and O'Farrel; Boston, St. Louis, postponed.

Table with columns for National, R. H. E., Chicago, Boston, Batteries: Levertette and Schalk; Ferguson and Ruel.

Table with columns for National, R. H. E., Cleveland, Washington, Batteries: Govecki and O'Neil; Brillheart and Garry.

Table with columns for National, R. H. E., St. Louis, Philadelphia, Batteries: Shocker and Sevier; Reiting and Perkins; Detroit, New York, Batteries: Pilleto and Woodall; Jones and Schang.

MUNICIPAL GAS FEASIBLE, SAYS MAYOR GORDON

Success With Water and Light Plant Is Strong Argument for City-Owned Gas Plant.

CITY OFFERS \$90,000.00 Plant Valued at \$75,000 Eight Years Ago—Value Expected to Grow to \$150,000 in Short Time.

The city can operate the gas plant as well as it has maintained the water and light plant in the opinion of several Columbia men. Mayor James Gordon said this morning that he could not express himself on how well the city could operate the gas plant because, as a layman, he did not know enough about the operation of a gas plant to warrant him to do so.

"However, I am satisfied that the city can operate the plant cheaper than the Columbia Gas Co. for the city could combine the management and labor of the water and light plant with the gas plant," he said concerning the cost of operating the gas plant.

"I am also satisfied," he continued, "that the city could buy coal and oil as cheap or cheaper than the Columbia Gas Co., because it buys coal in greater quantities the entire year, cheaper than coal dealers here can buy it. By buying coal for the water and light plant and for the gas plant all year, mine owners would sell the city coal at low rate."

"Another thing," Mayor Gordon added, "in view of the fact that Columbia gets gas cheaper now than almost any other town in the state, outside of the big cities, persons who desire to install gas in their homes will be enabled to do so if gas mains are placed in their neighborhoods. Cheaper operations of the plant would enable the city to install those mains."

He continued, "I base my opinions on the report of Black and Veatch, two of the best consulting engineers in the state, and I believe that they gave a fair report. The city council selected the engineers, for whose services the Columbia Gas Co. agreed to pay half. These reports are open to the public," he went on, "and anyone may see them in the city clerk's office."

Prof. T. J. Rodhouse, chairman of the special committee of the city council for the investigation of the gas plant, said that the engineers who made the appraisal are experienced in their work and were selected to appraise the gas plant here after consideration of several other firms.

"Persons here," Professor Rodhouse said today, "think that the \$90,000 we decided to offer for the gas plant is too much, basing their opinions on the appraisal of the gas plant which was made in 1914 at \$75,000."

"The city council's committee took the estimated value of the plant, \$129,427, which Black and Veatch made, and discounted all values except actual property values. We brought the value of the plant down to about \$98,000, including the old coal plant, valued at \$8,000. We did not want the old plant and made an offer of \$90,000, which the Columbia Gas Co. agreed to."

"If we don't take the plant," he said, "the company will sell it to someone else at a higher price. The company will have several other engineers appraise the plant and add other values, which Black & Veatch omitted, such as the growing value. The plant probably will be valued at \$150,000."

"Then, the people of Columbia will pay such rates as the Public Service Commission base on the appraised value of \$150,000. Columbia people will pay interest on \$150,000 instead of \$90,000. I want the people to know the situation, but they have the right to do as they please," he finished.

Mayor Gordon said that the light and water plant is paying the city and is giving cheaper water and light than the average Missouri town, and it is giving a decidedly better quality of water. He said that engineers of the state have said that it is a better water and light plant than any of its size in the state.

Judge John Becknell said that he did not know enough about the situation to express an opinion, but he said that he thought the city would make a gas plant pay as well as a water and light plant.

BANK WILL OPEN FORMALLY

Boone County Trust Co. Ready to Receive Public Saturday. The formal