

## DESPONDENCY MAY HAVE CAUSED CRIME

### Testimony in Trial of Fenton For Wife-Killing Begins Today in Court.

### JURY IMPANELLED AT NOON

### One Witness Says Defendant Told Her He Was in Trouble.

The jury for the trial of George Fenton, charged with murdering his wife at the home of her sister on Fay street, September 18, was impanelled today. The jury men are: Carr Gulick, William Wier, P. T. King, J. E. Ballenger, Dennis G. Spelman, R. L. Roberts, T. B. Garnett, J. T. Rippets, R. M. Hagan, G. M. Burnett, Samuel Spelman and R. P. Everman. Judge David H. Harris presided.

The first witness put on the stand was Mrs. John Henry, sister of the deceased woman. She began her testimony at 2:05 o'clock. Mrs. Henry testified that she was present when Fenton came to see his wife, who had returned from a trip to California and who was living with her on Fay street.

She said that when Fenton was offered a chair he said "What I have to do I can do standing."

### Saw Fenton With Gun.

Mrs. Henry said that she left the room and went outside to talk with a neighbor, soon after which she heard the pistol shots. She said that when she came into the room she found Mrs. Fenton lying on the floor. Fenton, she said, stood staring at her with the revolver in his hand. She examined the body and decided her sister was dead. Mrs. Henry said Fenton looked pleasant when he came to her house.

The next witness called was Mrs. Howard Kennett, who lives in the house just north of Mrs. Henry. She testified that she was on her front porch when Fenton called at Mrs. Henry's house. She and Mrs. Henry were on her porch talking when she heard a scream, followed by two shots. She said the first shot evidently occurred at the same time as the scream for she didn't hear it. Following the shooting, Mrs. Kennett said she ran into the house and found Mrs. Fenton's body lying on its left side.

The next witness was C. C. Prather who testified he saw Fenton between 11 and 12 o'clock on the day of the killing. Fenton told him he had killed his wife, he said.

### Had Nothing to Live For.

Mrs. Hill, who lives next door to Fenton, testified that Fenton called her out of her house about 11:30 o'clock, the day of the killing and told her he had killed his wife and had nothing to live for. He had a revolver and threatened to commit suicide, she said. Mrs. Hill said she argued with Fenton, telling him he had his children to live for.

"I advised him to give himself up," she said. "He gave me the revolver, which I gave to one of the police."

The revolver was produced in court and was identified as looking like the one Fenton gave her. Mrs. Hill said Fenton's key was at her house when Fenton called her. The boy asked her, "What's the matter with papa?"

She said Fenton had often seemed despondent and she had frequently seen him sitting on the steps of the back porch, holding his head in his hands. He told her he was in trouble, she said.

Dr. Guy L. Noyes testified about three years ago he attended Fenton for wounds he had received when a brick wall fell on him. He said the wounds were not serious and that there were no fractures.

From the manner of the questioning today, it seems that Fenton's lawyers will attempt to prove that he was insane at the time of the killing. The testimony of the three alienists from St. Louis, who examined Fenton's mental condition, has not yet been given.

### Cornell to Improve Records.

A plan has been approved by the faculty to establish a central record office at Cornell University. The purpose is to provide adequate facilities for furnishing information about the standing of students to parents, fraternities, the athletic councils and other student and university organizations.

## FAIR AND COLDER FORECAST

### Sunday Was Coldest Day of Season. Reaching 2 Below Zero.

The forecast until 7 o'clock tomorrow night is: Generally fair tonight and Wednesday; colder tonight with lowest temperature about 10.

At Columbia—Yesterday the highest temperature was 26, and the lowest last night was 12. On the same date last year the highest temperature was 7, and the lowest was 2 below zero.

The lowest temperature of the season was the 2 degrees below zero reached Sunday.

Shippers forecast—Protect 26-hour shipments north against temperature of 10 or more below zero; east and south, 15 degrees above zero; west, 6 above zero.

The temperatures today:

7 a. m.	19	11 a. m.	20
8 a. m.	18	12 noon	21
9 a. m.	18	1 p. m.	22
10 a. m.	18	2 p. m.	23

## J. A. WHITLOW TOWED

### Engagement to Miss Mary Spencer of Kansas City is Announced.

Speculation among residents of Westmount as to the occupancy of the house which Joseph A. Whitlow has just finished building on Ellsworth avenue came to an end today when it was learned that Mr. Whitlow himself intends to move into the house—with a bride.

Mr. Whitlow will be married in Kansas City February 3 to Miss Mary Hamilton Spencer, until recently a teacher in the Kansas City public schools. The ceremony will be at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Spencer, 4198 Harrison street. The engagement was announced in Kansas City Sunday.

Mr. Whitlow is superintendent of university buildings and is this year acting assistant professor of electrical engineering. He received an engineering degree here in 1908. Miss Spencer is a former student of the University of Chicago and the University of Missouri. Their acquaintance began while Miss Spencer was in the summer session here two years ago.

## COLLEGE MEN JOIN HANDS

### Coed Fraternities and Cosmopolitan Clubs Form Merger.

Coed Fraternities, the Old World and South American organization of College Cosmopolitan Clubs, has joined with the National Association of Cosmopolitan Clubs of North America in a world-wide organization. The merger was completed at the session of the National Association, which is holding its annual convention at Purdue University. Several delegates from the Coed Fraternities were present and brought greetings from the Old World. N. M. Maginnis of Buenos Ayres was the official representative of the old society and presented the order of affiliation, which brings the college men of Europe, Asia, Africa and North and South America together on a plane of common brotherhood.

Professor Arthur W. Cole of Purdue is president of the national organization.

## HOLD ELIMINATION MATCHES

### Checker and Chess Tournaments at New Year's Entertainment.

Bowling, checker and chess tournaments were conducted at the entertainment at the Y. M. C. A. Saturday night, given by the students of the University of Missouri who live in Columbia to those who remained here during the holidays. About 100 men were present.

The checker tournament was won by Ralph V. Babbitt, the chess tournament by Walter Williams, Jr., and the bowling contest by A. W. Watkins. The checker and chess matches were on the elimination plan, while the bowling was for the highest score.

## CROWDS ATTEND INSTITUTES

### S. M. Jordan Conducts Meetings in Bates County.

S. M. Jordan, the "Missouri Cornman," left this afternoon for a trip through Bates County, where with the assistance of J. Kelly Wright and B. P. Smoot, he will conduct a series of farmers' institutes. These will be conducted at Amsterdam, Hume, Butler and Adrian.

Mr. Jordan says the corn specimens received for the corn show, which is to be held during Farmers' Week, are of unusually splendid quality.

## BETA THETA HOUSE DESTROYED BY FIRE

### Guy Kirksey Jumps From Third Story Window Without Breaking Bones.

### THE INSURANCE IS \$6,500

### Only a Few Chairs, Tables and Alumni Pictures Are Saved.

The Beta Theta Pi chapter house, 714 Missouri avenue, was completely destroyed by a fire which spread from the fireplace yesterday morning. Of the furnishings, only the pictures of alumni members and a few chairs and tables were saved.

Guy Kirksey of St. Louis, star track man, jumped from a third story window without sustaining broken bones or internal injuries. He is at Parker Memorial Hospital, bruised rather severely, but will soon be released, according to Dr. G. L. Noyes.

Six members were in the house at the time—Roscoe P. Conklin, Brown Glenn, Guy Kirksey, E. L. Marshall, John C. Mills, and John P. Nicholson. Kirksey was the only one injured. All lost their clothing in the fire.

The insurance on the house was \$6,000, which will practically cover the loss. The insurance on the furniture was \$500.

## BASKETBALL FLOOR CHANGED

### Alterations May Prevent Varsity Practice Tonight.

Because of the failure of the painters to finish work on the new basketball court at the Rothwell Gymnasium until yesterday, the University of Missouri basketball team probably will be unable to practice tonight, as had been planned. The baskets have been moved and the lockers painted. The side lines have been moved further to the west on the floor to allow bleachers to be erected on the east side of the gymnasium. The court is three feet narrower than it was last year.

With the new bleachers available and the addition of more seats to the old bleachers on the west side of the gymnasium floor, as well as the 200 reserved seats around the running track, it is hoped that 1,500 people can be accommodated at the games.

Captain Parker arrived a Columbia yesterday from his home at Trenton, Mo. He has been practicing during the holidays and is in good condition. Jesse and Todd live in Columbia and have been here during the last two weeks. Conding and Nicholson have also been here. All the other men have been at home. Several men took basketballs home with them.

The first game will be played with Washburn College, of Topeka, Kan., at the Rothwell Gymnasium, January 10.

Although Washburn is not a member of the Missouri Valley Conference, it usually turns out good athletic teams and the game with them is expected to be a hard one.

It has been found that H. A. ("Zeb") Hendley, twice captain of Tiger basketball teams, is ineligible to play again this year. He began his athletic competition here on January 10, 1908, and played on the basketball team for three years. This makes him ineligible for the team, even though he played part of his time before the conference was formed. Hendley has gone home and probably will not enter school the second semester.

If the Varsity does not practice tonight they will hold their first work-out tomorrow. All the men are expected to be in first class condition as they promised to take care of themselves during the holidays.

## NEW STATE BANK OPEN TODAY

### W. T. Conley, President, is an Alumnus of the U. of M.

The Conley-Myers State Bank has been receiving deposits today. Stationery for the bank has been delayed and fixtures are not yet all in place. As soon as these are ready, Mr. Conley says the people of Columbia will be invited to the formal opening of the bank.

W. T. Conley, president of the Conley-Myers State Bank, is a native Columbian, and was graduated from the University of Missouri in 1894. S. M. Myers, cashier, was reared in Boone County.

## PURE ATHLETICS THROUGH EDUCATION

### Prof. C. L. Brewer Returns From Collegiate Meeting in New York.

### NEW RULES REAFFIRMED

### Fluke and Luck Will Soon Be Eliminated From Football.

In order that college athletics might be freed from suspicion of professionalism and that the summer base ball question might be solved, resolutions were passed to put athletics through a process of education in the high schools and colleges at the sixth annual meeting of the National Collegiate Association which met in New York last week according to C. L. Brewer, who returned from the meeting last night.

One hundred representatives of the more prominent colleges and universities of the United States were present. This association appoints one-third of the rules committee, which has the making of the regulations of college athletics. It also suggests to the committee the changes which ought to be made in the rules.

This year the committee was asked to work out some plan by which the stronger team in football would have a chance to make a touchdown and to legislate concerning the forward pass and kicking game so that fluke and luck would not play so prominent a part as it did this year.

Belief in the new rules was reaffirmed by the association. Doctor Williams, director of athletics at Minnesota University, made a speech favoring the retention of the forward pass. Practically all those present were in favor of the forward pass and open game as now played.

Professor Brewer declared that this meeting was especially interesting as athletics in the East are in a state of transition just now. In the East they are just now becoming a regular department of in the colleges and universities. Heretofore, they have been controlled by students and alumni. In the West for several years they have had a regular department in the college and university.

While in New York Professor Brewer also attended the fifteenth annual meeting of the Society of Directors of Physical Education in Colleges, and a meeting of the Society for Athletic Research.

## THE REV. J. W. MONSER DEAD

### Several Books Written by the Former M. U. Librarian.

The Rev. J. W. Monsier, chairman of the board of elders of the Independence Boulevard Christian Church and a widely known minister, died just at the close of 1911 at his home, 514 Belmont avenue, Kansas City, Mo. He was 73 years old. His death followed a month's illness.

Mr. Monsier had been pastor of churches in Boone County, Topeka, Atlanta and Des Moines. Subsequently, he was librarian of the University of Missouri ten years.

He was the author of several books, which included: "Follies of Free Thought," "Types and Metaphors of the Bible," "Encyclopedia of Evidence" and "The Literature of the Disciples." His most notable literary work was "The Cross-Reference Bible," on which he worked five years, in collaboration with several English and American scholars. The book was published about a year ago, in England and the United States.

A widow and five sons survive. The sons are: George, Kansas City; Charles G., Buffalo, N. Y.; Edward, Buffalo, N. Y.; Frank, Higginsville, Mo., and the Rev. Harold Monsier of Champaign, Ill., an evangelist.

## Small Fire on Price Avenue.

Defective wiring caused a small blaze at 197 Price avenue between 5 and 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The fire department was called but the fire was put out with a bucket of water.

## Magazine Story by Dean Williams.

"The First Range" is the title of an article by Dean Walter Williams, of the School of Journalism of the University of Missouri, in the Magazine Maker for December.

## TWELVE INJURED IN WRECK

### Wabash service Delayed In Wreck Hours Today by Derailed Train.

A wreck on the Wabash at St. Peters, about forty miles west of St. Louis, at 11 o'clock last night impaired service today on the road. Twelve persons were injured. The fireman, whose name is unknown in Columbia, suffered a broken leg.

Conductor Hill on the Columbia branch says that the injury the fireman received was the worst of any. The cause of the wreck, he says, is unknown, a part of the train leaving the track in the yards near the station. Three cars were overturned. The rear part of the train remained on the track.

The train left St. Louis at 9:30 o'clock. It was thought early today that this train carried students and Columbians returning from Christmas visits, but as far as it is known there were none from Columbia on it. The better night train from St. Louis leaves at 11:30 o'clock.

The wreck delayed trains several hours.

## H. J. WATERS GUEST

### Former M. U. Dean Will Speak at the Commercial Club Dinner Tonight.

H. J. Waters, former dean of the College of Agriculture of the University of Missouri, now president of the Kansas State Agricultural College, will be guest of honor at the Commercial Club dinner to be given at the Virginia Grill at 6:30 o'clock tonight.

Following the dinner, the diners will adjourn to the new club rooms in the basement of the Virginia building to discuss the movement for "Columbia Goods for Good Columbians."

Speeches on the trade-at-home topic will be made by representative citizens of Columbia. The plans for handling the Farmers' Week towels will be made tonight, with suggestions from members of the faculty of the College of Agriculture. H. J. Waters will deliver an address.

## BACK TO THE GOOD OLD TIMES

### University Members Celebrated the Day in Costume.

Laughter and song, old stories of college days and rehabilitated resolutions gave New Year's cheerfulness at the revival of the famous Wassail of ancient times at the University Club in Kansas City yesterday. There weren't any water wagons to climb on in the ancient days when the king led the procession which followed the Wassail bowl, but just to afford the club members who desired it an opportunity to get aboard the water wagon, one was constructed and painted white, with room enough for just a few.

It was a "zig-zag and rickety way" the water wagon traveled, and not all those who boarded it before the start remained on the wagon. The ancient custom, in both manner and dress, was carried out as nearly as possible, with much of the gravity removed. Members of the club formed in line and marched about the hall after the herald had sounded the huzle call. There were the jester, the King of Wassail, his attendants in ancient costumes and a few musketeers. The march ended at the punch bowl.

## HE HAS JUDGED 700 SONGS

### Professor Pommer Has Spent Holidays Grading Compositions.

A most musical Christmas has been that of Prof. W. H. Pommer. He has devoted his vacation to reading, playing and grading the compositions submitted in the contest for the state song. Only seven hundred have been passed upon thus far, so he can not determine the comparative worth of any until all have been tried, but the result of the contest probably will be made known in the near future, as only a few more remain to be judged.

## ESSAY PRIZEWINNERS CHOSEN

### Victors' Names Will Be Announced February 22.

Dr. E. A. Allen, Curtis B. Rollins, and Dean Walter Williams, committee on high school essays for which prizes are annually offered by the Missouri Society of the Sons of the Revolution, have made their decision. The prize winners will be announced at the society's annual dinner in St. Louis on Washington's birthday.

## CAPTAIN DAVID GUITAR IS DEAD

### Civil War Veteran Was Head Of a Company In the Union Army.

### IN COLUMBIA SINCE 1829

### He Was With the Pioneers Who Rushed to California in 1849.

Captain David Guitar died at his home, 429 Price avenue, at 2:30 o'clock this morning after an illness of three weeks. He was eighty-five years old and his death was due to senility.

Captain Guitar is survived by his wife and seven children. The funeral arrangements have not yet been completed and will not be until the arrival of two of the daughters, Mrs. Earl Odell of Los Angeles, Cal., and Mrs. Frank Platter of Chillicothe, Mo. The other children all live in and near Columbia.

Captain David Guitar was one of the pioneer settlers of Columbia and was very intimately connected with the early history of Boone County. His father, John Guitar, was a native of Agon, France, and came to America in 1829, settling in New York. He later moved to Columbia in 1829 when Captain Guitar was 2 years old.

Captain Guitar was one of the first students of the University of Missouri. In 1847 he enlisted in Mexican War and served one year. In 1849 he went overland to California to hunt for gold. Three years later he returned to Columbia and engaged in the mercantile business under the firm name of Baker and Guitar. He continued in this business for seven years, then sold out to his partner and moved to the farm.

He enlisted in the Civil War and was a captain in the Union Army. From the years 1860 to 1876 he was engaged in the milling business in Columbia. He had resided in Columbia for the last eight years.

Captain Guitar was married to Miss Harriet Herndon, whose father was a general in the War of 1812. October 25, 1854. Ten children were born to Captain and Mrs. Guitar, seven of whom are living. All of the children will be present at the funeral.

Captain Guitar was not a member of any church. He was a director in the Boone County National Bank for many years and engaged in many other business enterprises. He was successful and acquired a great deal of property.

## DR. HILL ON PEACE COMMITTEE

### To Plan for Centennial of Peace with England.

President A. Ross Hill has been selected as a member of a committee to co-operate with the executive committee of the National Committee for the celebration of the one-hundredth anniversary of peace among English-speaking people. The men were chosen by Governor Herbert S. Hadley at the request of John A. Stewart, chairman of the executive committee which is planning for the celebration. The other men selected are: Congressman Richard Bartholdt and Captain Henry King, of St. Louis, Henry M. Bardsley, former mayor of Kansas City, and Dr. J. P. Green of Liberty.

## DR. JACKSON GUEST OF HONOR

### Dean of School of Medicine Speaks at Dinner in Kansas City.

Dr. C. M. Jackson, dean of the School of Medicine of the University of Missouri, was guest of honor at the first New Year's dinner given by the University Medical College in Kansas City last night. He was the guest of Dr. Flavel B. Tiffany, Doctor Jackson delivered a lecture on "Life" at the dinner.

## Students Are Returning Early.

Students are coming back early this year. About a hundred came in on the Wabash this morning. The reason given by the students for their returns is "Come early and avoid the rush." The prospect of wretched accommodations on the trains and of riding on the platforms while the mercury is ten below was not alluring, so many of the students are coming early to avoid repeating this experience.