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## State University Under Fire

Johnson, of Pulaski, sprung a big surprise in the House of Representatives Monday by the introduction of a resolution calling for an inquiry into the conduct and management of the girls' dormitory of the State University of Columbia. After a heated discussion the resolution was adopted.

The full text of the resolution, which promises to create a stir among the Missouri "co-eds," is as follows:

Whereas, it is currently reported that a large amount of money heretofore appropriated by the State to aid in the support and maintenance of the State University at Columbia, has not been used for the purpose for which it was appropriated, that is to say that in 1901 there was appropriated for the benefit of the State University, the sum of \$35,000 to build a girls' dormitory, and in 1903 there was appropriated the sum of \$8,000 to furnish the same, it being intended that this dormitory be used to furnish a cheap boarding place for girls attending the University, who were unable to pay board at regulated boarding places.

And, whereas, it is currently reported that said dormitory, known as Read Hall, has been luxuriously furnished, and instead of being used as a home for poor girls, who desire to attend the said University, it has been and is now used as a society headquarters for the entertainment and home of girls of wealthy parents, and those having the management of said hall have adopted rules for the control of same that prohibit the poor girl from making her home therein.

Therefore, be it resolved, by this House, that the speaker appoint a committee of three to investigate whether said report be true or not, and to make specific inquiry as to the manner in which said dormitory is managed, and in view of the fact that said University is now asking for an appropriation of nearly \$1,000,000.

Atkinson, of Ripley, moved to refer the resolution to the committee on education. He was supported by Newton, of Wright. Atkinson declared that the resolution reflected on the Board of Curators of the University. Dorris, of Oregon, said he thought an investigation was proper, since if the charges were not sustained, no officer of the University would be injured.

Johnson, of Pulaski, defended his resolution, which, he said, was offered in good faith, for the purpose chiefly of ascertaining whether it was true that poor girls were denied lodgings at the University.

An amendment was offered by Atkinson providing for a visit of all the members of the House to Columbia next Saturday. It was vigorously opposed by Tubbs, of Gasconade, Johnson, of Charleston, and Smith, of Franklin.

Smith said: "If the Legislature as a body went to Columbia, we would be dined and wined all day and come back without accomplishing anything."

"I hope the amendment will not prevail because the University authorities are altogether too fond of bribing the Legislature with expensive lunches," declared Dr. Tubbs.

Spence, of Stoddard, said that as between the rich and poor he favored the poor girls of Missouri, and that he thought the charges that had been made should be probed to the bottom.

The quarterly meeting of the pastors, deacons, and laymen forming the Little Bonne Femme Association was held at Ashland last Saturday and Sunday.