

the members take turns in acting as librarian. The library will be kept open at the old hours, from 9:30 to 12 on Saturdays and Mondays. A series of silver teas will be given at the homes of the Club members at intervals from now until next fall, to raise funds for the improvement of the library and the addition of a reading room. A loan exhibition, to include curios and works of art, has been arranged to be held during several days next fall for the same purpose. The expenses of running the library at present are small, as enough fuel has been donated to last through the winter.

**Successful Methodist Meeting.**—A highly successful series of revival meetings has been in progress at the Methodist church during the past week. About two hundred people have been converted and considerably over this number have come forward for prayers. Three services are held daily. The regular day service at 10 a. m., a students' service at 4 p. m., and an evening service at 7:15 p. m.. Thursday evening the sermon will be addressed especially to young people and the center tier of seats will be reserved for them. Saturday afternoon at three o'clock there will be a service for women only and Sunday afternoon one for men only. The meetings will probably close Sunday evening. They are conducted by Evangelist John E. Brown, and Evangelist C. P. Curry leads the singing.

**Charged With Larceny.**—Albert Sands, a negro well known to the police department is in the county jail awaiting trial on a charge of larceny from a dwelling. Sands is accused of entering the residence of Prof. Williams on South Hitt street, Saturday evening of last week when all of the family were at supper, stealing \$2.50 from a young woman who was boarding there. He was entering a second room when he was discovered. Prof. Williams encountered the intruder on the stairway but did not prevent his escape. Those who saw the burglar Saturday night identified him as Sands, but before the arrest was made Sands shaved his head and mustache, making him appear an entirely different man. In an attempt at the police station to establish an alibi, Sands became badly rattled and, with his wife, made several contradictory statements.

**Proposed Library Building Here.**—Circular letters signed by John B. Stone, brigadier general of the United Confederate Veterans, and J. T. Dew, department commander of the G. A. R., favoring a memorial library in Columbia, have been sent to all the posts of both organizations in the State. The State will receive \$475,000 from the United States government. It is a refunding of money spent by the State government in connection with arming and equipping troops for the Civil war, and the University curators are making an effort to have the money expended in a lump sum for a great memorial library in honor of the men from Missouri who served in both armies. They want the veterans of both sides interested, and if they can secure the passage of their bill, introduced by John L. Bittinger in the house, the library will be made a home for the Missouri State Historical society. No other Western State is richer in interesting history than Missouri and few States have been as negligent about preserving it.

**February Weather in Columbia.**—The following data, covering a period of fifteen years, have been compiled from the Weather Bureau records at Columbia, Missouri. They are issued to show the conditions that have prevailed during the month in question, for the above period of years, but must not be construed as a forecast of the weather conditions for the coming month. Temperature. Mean or normal temperature, 30 degrees. The warmest month was that of 1890, with an average of 38 degrees. The coldest month was that of 1899, with an average of 20 degrees. The highest temperature was 76 degrees, on the 26th, 1896. The lowest temperature was 26 degrees on the 1st, 1899. Precipitation (rain or melted snow). Average for the month 2.16 inches. Average number of days with .01 of an inch or more, 8. The greatest monthly precipitation was 6.80 inches in 1892. The least monthly precipitation was .1 inches in 1892. Clouds and Weather. Average number of clear days, 7; partly cloudy days, 7;

Caldwell.—Born, January 20, 1905, to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Caldwell, Hallsville, a son.

Pipes.—Born, January 24, 1905, to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pipes, Howard county, a daughter.

Burnham.—Born, January 22, 1905, to Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Burnham, Ashland, a daughter.

Hedrick.—Born, Wednesday, January 25, 1905, to Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Hedrick, a daughter.

Maupin.—Born, Friday, January 27, 1905, to Mr. and Mrs. Ev. Maupin, south Tenth street, Ashland, a daughter.

## State University Under Fire

Johnson, of Pulaski, sprung a big surprise on 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," follows:

Whereas, it is currently reported that a large amount of money heretofore appropriated to 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; and whereas, it is to say that in 1901 there was appropriated to the benefit of the State University, the sum of \$35,000 to build a girls' dormitory, and in 1902 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 the dormitory, known as Read Hall, has been grossly mismanaged, and instead of being used as a home for poor girls, who desire to attend the University, it has been and is now used as a society headquarters for the entertainment of the home of girls of wealthy parents, and those in charge of the management of said hall have failed to make rules for the control of same that prohibit a poor girl from making her home therein.

Therefore, be it resolved, by this House of Representatives, 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 Regents of the University. Dorris, of Oregon, thought an investigation was proper, since 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 Ripley, and Smith, of Franklin.

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

"I hope the amendment will not prevail because the University authorities are altogether too busy with the idea of bribing the Legislature with expensive luncheons," 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 have been made should be probed to the bottom.

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