

Higginsville and W. S. McClintic of Mound City.

Tell it on a Kithas girl that when she recently returned home from a tour of Italy, a friend asked her "What do you think of the lazzaroni?" "Oh, don't talk to me about it," was the reply; "I'd rather have a good dish of plain American macaroni baked with cheese any day."

The "Venerable Warden" of the Hartburg Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 622, again addresses the Statesman because of a statement made recently to the effect that Blind Boone was an Odd Fellow. The writer of the letter claims that "no negro ever was an I. O. O. F., that the colored people have an order called such, but that they know nothing of the work of the regular Order." Well, not argue with the brother, because we know nothing of the Order. We only know there is such an order among the negro race, but as to the work being alike, we are not authorized to state. The Statesman simply meant that Boone was a member of that order here, and as to that there is no chance for an argument between our Hartburg friend and this paper.

#### NO CRITICISM ON READ HALL.

One of our readers wants to know why the Statesman criticises Read Hall. Why, blesse your soul, dear reader, we have no fault to find with the Hall. In fact, we are proud of it, and believe it is the finest thing of its kind in the State. The only complaint we have ever made, is that it does not help

the class of girls that need help. We do not

believe that the legislature voted money for such an institution. The argument used in

order to get the appropriation was, that the

young women who attended the University

needed a home corresponding to Lathrop

Hall, the boy's club, where good board

could be obtained at nominal prices—prices below what is charged in the homes of the

town. The price at the Hall \$5 a week is

more than the average University girl can

afford to pay, and more than she does pay

and only the more wealthy girls can stand

it; but, in view of the style in which the Hall

is conducted, the luxurious way in which it

is furnished, and the first-class fare served

it is worth every cent charged.

It is of the misapplication of funds that

complaint is made, and not of this elegant

and well-managed institution, nor of the ac-

complished women in charge of it. If this

is what the legislature wanted, and what the

people wanted, then we have no criticism,

even of the curators.

There are deserving young ladies at

school here who are forced to find homes in

the cheapest boarding houses of the town;

others who rent rooms and try to provide

their own meals and do their own laundry

and manage to get along on \$2 to \$2.50 per

week.

Something should now be done for this

class of girls.

for mismanagement, crookedness, or diversions of funds, it would not have stopped with this single instance of university-printing. But in spite of all this there are some funny things in print in another local paper. The Herald man makes the committee say that the charges are the result of newspaper jealousy. If so, and if the printing contract is satisfactory, why does this remarkable committee recommend a change from the present plan in order to save the state nearly half of the university's printing bill? Surely this special smelling committee would not disturb the present order of things if they are all right.

Again, these investigators are erroneously made to say that the "men who made the charge had to confess there was nothing to it," and that they "had not bid on the university printing for five years although they have had every opportunity to do so." All of which is untrue. The fact is that several years ago bids were asked-for, received, and the contract awarded by one member of the executive committee, his action being afterward approved by the board. This was done again the next year. But in recent years no bids have been solicited, the board deciding to continue along under the old contract without soliciting bids annually. We had advice from the secretary of the board of curators, stating that the board had decided to dispose of the matter in this way. This plan effectively cut off all competition, which was the basis of the charges.

And yet the committee says there is nothing wrong! Can as much be said of the committee?

#### PRESIDENT JESSE'S ENDORSEMENT.

Last week the Statesman printed the following editorial paragraph:

Speaking of the "honor system," there is honor among students the same as among other people—so more, so less. If they have it, it will assert itself. You can encourage this principle and nourish it if the germ is ripe, but you can hardly infect the bacillus of honor where the principle does not exist in some degree.

President Jesse, of the Missouri University, clipped the above paragraph and mailed it to us with the following endorsement:

GENTLEMEN: I paste below a clipping from the Statesman of this week. In my opinion the view expressed is entirely right. There are some people that have in them nothing on which you can base honor, but most people have a considerable basis. It is well to strive after the development of honor in all men, but there are a few in whom it can never be developed.

Yours truly yours,

R. H. JESSE.

Govxxxon Folk has four brothers, all of whom have attained to more or less prominence. The oldest, Rev. Edgar E. Folk, is President of the Southern Baptist Press Association and one of the best known pulpit orators in the South. The youngest, Rev. H. E. Folk, is pastor of a Baptist Church in Midway, KY. K. E. Folk is state treasurer of Tennessee and is one of the most popular politicians in that State. Once A. Folk was president of the Boscobel College at Nashville, but was compelled to resign on account of ill health.

Covers from the trunk  
Boats and furniture are made  
from palm trees—the palm  
leaves and the palm fiber  
which baskets, hats, mats and  
numerous articles are made  
out of fibers of the palm tree  
are used for sieves and woven  
toothpicks from the palm leaf.  
Leaves of the palm tree  
obtainable from which are  
very alcoholic drink, is  
the value of palm fiber  
known.

From the bark which is  
collected commercially, cordage,  
mats, brushes and other  
articles are manufactured. In  
tropical lands, drinking vessels  
and spoons are made from  
shells.

The albumen of the seed  
contains large quantities of oil  
in the east for cooking and  
luminating. In Europe and  
United States it is often made  
soap and candles, yielding a  
the oil is extracted, a refuse  
able as fuel for cattle or  
fertilizer.

In some parts of the tropics  
kernel of the seed forms the  
food of the inhabitants. The  
milky fluid which fills the cavity  
the nut when it is young is  
an agreeable beverage, and the  
bume of the young nut, soft  
jellylike in consistency and of  
agreeable flavor.

As might be expected in the  
of a plant of such value, it is  
fully and extensively cultivated  
many countries, and numerous  
varieties, differing in size, shape  
color of the fruit, are known.  
coconut is propagated by  
The nut is eaten in many ways.

Words Which Please Little.

The number of English words absorbed into the French language during recent years is  
out any employment of italics or quotation marks is considerable. In a rapid skimming of a Paris daily paper editor came across the words "interview," "meeting," "dock," "steeplechase," "handicap," "atorial," "wagon," "clown," "tramway."—Chicago Tribune.

Tide That Led to Fortune.

"There is a tide to the asian men," said the man who goes Shakespeare, "Which, taken in its flood, leads o'er to fortune."

"Yes," replied the man who  
waited an heiress, "I remember  
the tide that led to my fort  
well."

"What tide was that?"

"It was even tide, and was  
towing in the garden."—Chicago Tribune.

Sartorial Survival.

How seldom nowadays do  
and women walk arm in arm,  
set, says Dr. Dabbs, in the Los  
Angeles, the old custom survives  
the buttoning of a man's coat  
from left to right so that his  
arm should be free, and of an  
arm the reverse way, so that  
pocket arm should be still free.