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# THE MISSOURI MINER.

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## MINER SIX YEARS OLD.

### FORMER EDITOR CONTRIBUTES TO ANNIVERSARY NUMBER.

Dear Editor:

Ebmeyer Talking!

It's about that time of the year when the Miner has what is commonly known as an Anniversary. No, Hortese! I am not going to feed you on a lot of one kind of bull about the glorious work of past boards, etc. I'll let "Babe" Head do that—he's a regular contributor to the birthday number as long as I can remember. What I will give your weary eyes to peruse (and it's not Hydraulics, either) is about another kind of bull, viz.:

"A Bull Fight"—sabe?

Note Bene: Why are you fellows so bashful about sending me my Miner? I have received two since last September, and would be overjoyed to get them a little more in sequence. What's doing in Rolla, anyway? How's the old Miner coming, and is Ben Culbertson still spitting tobacco juice over "copy" written on both sides. I'll state that the Miner is the one connecting link (and the only one) between alumni, students and faculty. Please send me mine!

My hartiest wishes to you Board Members who make the Miner possible.—Eb.

Plaza de Toro, Tampico Tampico, Mex., Jan. 9, 1921.

If you have been in France and have not seen Paris you lose prestige in the eyes of the less traveled ones, and if you



SOME YOUNGSTER

have been in Mexico and have not seen a "Bull Fight" you do likewise, i. e., it is imperative for a "gringo" to attend such an event and then form his own opinion afterward.

Having nothing else to do on this balmy Sunday afternoon in early January, I followed the crowd up Altimiro Ave., and after a half hour's walk came upon the goal of my immediate ambitions—The Bull Ring. It is a circular arena about forty feet high, built entirely of wood, having four large entrances to accommodate the 12,000 or 15,000 spectators that can be crowded into the structure. On the inside

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### A LETTER FROM LAST YEAR'S EDITOR.

In reply to a request that he furnish a little copy for the Anniversary Edition of the Miner, the following letter was received from Gerald F. Rackett, '20, who is now with the Superior Flake Graphite Company at Ashland, Ala.:

Ashland, Ala., Jan. 23, 1921.  
My dear "Pat":

Your letter of the 17th, addressed to Chicago, was forwarded to me some few days ago. As Sunday is the only time that I can tune up a pencil, I had to defer any attempt to comply with your request until today. As a consequence this bit of monologue may reach you too late to be of any space-occupying value; far be it from me to claim any other value for it. As you have probably planned your "copy" for the issue you mention I will try and follow your suggestions as closely as is compatible with interest—so here's the "Line."

At present I am general superintendent of the above company having in charge the mines, concentrator and refinery. We have reconstructed the entire plant, developed efficient means of transportation and refining, water supply and storage with the work incident to such operations. I have had charge of this work, and have just finished it, so that at present we are making the initial test run to ascertain the efficiency, costs of operation, etc. When the run has progressed

sufficiently to present correct data which my final report requires, I will return to Chicago, where it is likely I will spend the spring. What else I will do depends upon—but you also asked regarding my experience on the Miner.

As editor of the best College Weekly located on the crest of the Ozark uplift where, it will be remembered, the winters are comparatively mild, I found many things of a most varied nature to engage one's interest. From the smoky Tuesday evenings in the little office above the power plant, where the tables were used as foot rests instead of for "copy," and the floor peeped thru, here and there from under its burden of cigarettes and cigars, both before and after; where that most distinguished of animals, the gentleman cow, held forth in all its pastoral glory to the tune of the anvil chorus, to Friday morning when all the copy would turn up missing, all was serene. But from Friday morning to Friday noon when unfilled galleys would gape and mock at unfilled minds, when the fire would go out under the line-o-type machine and the city power plant would wheeze at the strain of the half horse-power required to run the press—that was a period of excitement that would make a Mexican bull fight as tame as the Blue Sundays promise to be. The faithful staff would always, nearly always, well, once in a while anyway, come to the rescue, and by noon all would be serene for another week.

The Miner should mean more to the student body than it does for it is the one and only efficient means of keeping the alumni and students in touch with each other. The responsibility of publishing the paper should not devolve entirely upon the staff, each man in school should take a vital interest in

the paper, its contents, standard and merit. The Missouri Miner is a crystallization of the spirit, activity and accomplishment of the student body, and in that it reflects directly the standard of the Missouri School of Mines. Hence every article published should and must have a definite object contained in it for the betterment and advancement of M. S. M. Too much care cannot be exercised in pruning the grammar, diction and composition of serious discussions, nor can too much care be used in including just the correct run of humor to balance the seriousness that is in essence the backbone of any publication. As a publication of college the students of M. S. M. should put the standard of their official mouthpiece to the highest pinnacle of collegiate attainment.

That the Miner is the binder in an alumni organization is beyond question. In that it should devote regularly organized columns containing comprehensive news of the various alumnus. Now the alumni of a school has in its power to further the reputation and standard of that school in pace with the actual advancement on the campus. If it is not duly informed of this advancement it cannot function in this most valuable manner. M. S. M. is riding the wave toward supremacy as an engineering school—every one must get out their car and pull like hell to see that she gets there.

With best wishes to the Miner board in all their undertakings, and regards to yourself, I am,

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**MO. MINING & MET. ASSOCIATION.**

The Mo. Mining and Met. Association held a meeting Tuesday night, Jan. 25th. John Bowles gave a very interesting talk on his experiences in erecting a mill at Woodriver, Idaho, when that district was in its prime. He brought before the men present the difficulties that one is apt to encounter in following the profession of mining. After a short business meeting, at which it was determined to start a new drive for members, the men adjourned to the Geology Lab., where sandwiches and cocoa were enjoyed.

Mr. Gross, of the Bureau of Mines Experiment Station, located here, has consented to talk at the next meeting of the Association. Mr. Gross has spent a number of years at the Fairbanks, Alaska, Station of the Bureau, and he promises a

talk that no one can afford to miss. This meeting will be open to all. Watch for the date. "Chief" Buehler and Mr. W. F. Pond, of the State Survey, have also expressed their willingness to talk. Watch the Miner for further announcements.

The showers in the gymnasium are in very poor condition. There are only about three out of the total number that will work with any satisfaction to the bather. The nozzles seem to become clogged after they have been in use for a short time. It would be a simple matter to keep these cleaned out, but it isn't done. There is also a great waste of water due to leaky pipes. A sign hung at the entrance to the shower room requests the user to turn off his shower. With several of the showers in the condition in which they are this is an impossibility.

**A. A. E. TO PUBLISH SCHOOL ACTIVITY.**

Characteristic of the many activities in which the A. A. E. are interested and always anxious to live up to the policy of the association which is to serve, plans are now under way to publish a school directory. This directory will list all students and faculty members, give both their school and home address, and a list of their campus activities.

Besides listing every man in school in alphabetical order it will contain a complete membership list of all clubs, fraternities and campus organizations with their respective officers.

It is the object of the A. A. E. to get the book out at the lowest cost possible to the students. If possible it will be distributed free of charge, however if this is not possible, the price of the book will not exceed ten cents. The cost of publication over the amount derived from advertising will be taken from the treasury of the association.

In order to obtain all the desired information, special cards have been issued to all the students. If you have not as yet received one of these cards see any member of the committee named below. Every man is requested to fill these cards out as completely as possible and give them to some member of the committee, or drop them in the C. E. Department problem box outside Room 108, Norwood Hall.

In listing the campus activities with which you are connected, give only those with you are at present connected—do not list anything from last semester or last year. Your hearty co-operation is requested in filling out the questionnaire, the sooner they are received by the committee the earlier the directory will be

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**VOCATIONAL BOARD ESTABLISHES BRANCH OFFICE.**

Springfield, Mo., Jan. 23.—The Southern Missouri branch office of the Federal Board for Vocational Education will be opened in this city before February 1, with J. J. Bryan of the St. Louis office in charge. The territory embraced will include all of Southern Missouri. It is said that there are at least 1000 partially disabled soldiers in Southern Missouri. Heretofore this part of the country has been handled thru the St. Louis office, the Missouri School of Mines being represented there. Hereafter the individual cases of the ex-soldiers will be handled at Springfield. The District office of the Board will remain in St. Louis where cases regarding courses, schools and general policy are handled. Springfield was selected on account of its good railroad facilities over Southern Missouri. This part of the State will receive much better supervision among its educational institutions after this change.

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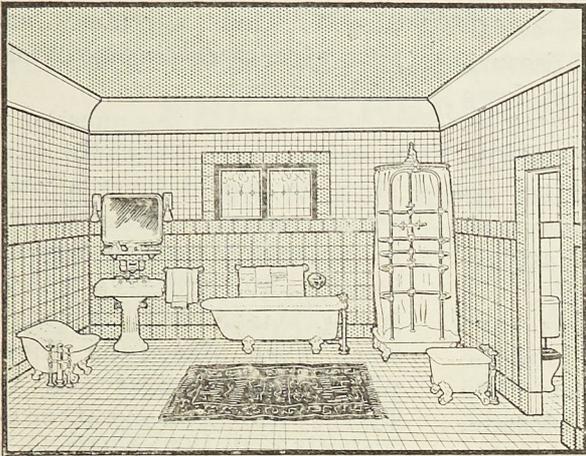
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### MINERS LOSE FIRST THREE GAMES ON ROAD TRIP.

#### Central Wins First Game 24 to 12.

The Miner basketball quintet, which has been touring the state during the past week, has met with some stiff opposition. The first game of the series was played Monday night with Central, and ended disastrously for the Miner, the final count being 24 to 12. From reports it is evident that the breaks in the game were against the Miners. During the entire game inability to shoot baskets was our outstanding weakness. Coach Dennie states that our men had four or five chances to Central's one, but could not find the hoop.

#### Westminster Wins Two Straight.

Tuesday evening the squad visited Fulton, and played the strong Westminster aggregation, the game ending with the score 45 to 19 against the Miners. The team work and basket shooting showed much im-

provement over that displayed in the Central game. The second game with Westminster found the Miners still off form, and the Blue Jays won 34 to 16. The Westminster lineup includes several men from last year's championship team, and is a fast and shifty bunch of players. Word from the conference correspondent says that these two games were the most interesting played on the Blue Jay court in the past two years.

#### Miners Win Fourth Game 42 to 21.

The team played Central Wesleyan last night, and romped away with the game, 42 to 21. The work of the team was much improved. The final game of the trip will be with Concordia Seminary tonight.

The following account of the games was received just before going to press, and we are printing it just as it was received by us:

#### Central Game.

Central was thoroughly out-

classed as to basketball, but were extremely lucky in their shooting. They made their baskets from back, overhead and underhand shots, or any way they happened to get the ball started, while the Miners shot for the basket at least 4 times to Central's once. The Central's gym is constructed with low ceiling beams, which our men hit considerable of the time, and prevented them from shooting high, as they are used to. Simply the fact that we could not cage the ball beat us.

The first game with Westminster was fast and closer than the score showed at the first half. Umpiring was rather poor and decidedly favored Westminster, they having but two fouls called on them against eight on the Miners, although Westminster fouled just about as much. They got ten field goals to our six in this period, so you can judge the closeness. The rest of the points were free throws.

In the second half we scored but four points, while they scored 21. The second Westminster game we played much better. The work of Kemper decidedly improved. He is beginning to come out of his coma and outjumped the famous Debonardi both nights. Harris played nicely both nights, as also did Rohloff and Signer. Haywood came to life last night also, and developed more team work. Much faster team playing resulted, as the score 34-16 showed.

Westminster did not display very good sportsmanship when during the second half they passed the ball about among themselves under their goal, trying to make the Miners look foolish, but succeeded only in gaining the derision of the crowd. Other than this it was a cleanly contested game, the Miners having control of the ball as often if not more than they.

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**SOME NATIONAL****ST. PAT QUESTIONS.**

On February 10, 11 and 12, at Ames, Iowa, will be held the second annual convention of the Guard of St. Patrick. The Missouri School of Mines is a charter member in this organization, and was one of the foremost schools in getting the national organization started.

Therefore the logical time has arrived for M. S. M. students to instruct their delegates as to what stand the latter should take on certain phases that may be brought up, and what new issues should be introduced at the convention.

First it will be remembered that last year at Columbia the M. S. M. delegates invited the convention for this year to be held in Rolla. Ames also put in a bid for the convention and won by a very small margin. Ames' supporters said that their only reason for not voting for Rolla was that they did not

think it wise to hold the convention in the same state for two consecutive years.

Shall we instruct our delegates to invite the convention to Rolla for next year? It would undoubtedly be a good boost for M. S. M., and here are some points that must be considered.

The charter members of the Guard of St. Patrick are as follows: University of Missouri, Missouri School of Mines, Iowa State College (Ames), University of Iowa, University of Oklahoma, University of Minnesota, University of Arkansas, University of Tennessee, Washington University (St. Louis.)

The following schools have been invited to come into the Guard of St. Patrick: The State Universities of Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Ohio, Texas, Michigan and Wisconsin; Cincinnati University, Purdue University, Pittsburgh U., Colorado School of Mines, Armour Institute of Technology, Kansas State Agricultural College, Michigan Agricultural College, Case School of Applied Science, Lafayette College, Penn State College, Texas A. & M. Carnegie Institute of Technology.

Some of these schools may come in this year. If M. S. M. waits several years before she extends another invitation, the national organization will be so large that we would not be able to entertain the delegates properly. Next year, however, we could very probably entertain the convention nicely. Shall we extend the invitation?

One of the questions that is quite likely to come up before the convention this year is a standard ritual for knighting ceremonies. This is a question of prime importance to M. S. M. The major part of our ceremony at M. S. M. consists in the

"horse play" which St. Pat indulges in for the amusement of our guests, at the expense of the Seniors. At Missouri, Tennessee, and the other large schools, the crowd attending the ceremony is so large that it is impossible for St. Pat to make himself heard; and therefore these schools quite wisely do not attempt any "horse play." Their ceremony consists of a mere standard form of knighting.

Now back to the question of a standardized ritual. No doubt M. S. M. would favor a ritual which merely governed the mummeries to be gone thru during the actual process of knighting, provided that no restrictions were placed on "horse play," the discovery of the Blarney Stone, or any other additional features which any of the schools might wish to incorporate into their exercises. How shall we instruct our delegates on this matter?

These questions are to be discussed and decided at mass meeting next Friday, February 4th. Let's have a 100 per cent turnout, and show the same interest in the national St. Pat's that we do in our local celebration. We should not be satisfied until we become one of the leaders in the Guard of St. Patrick. The other schools consider us as such, and are continually turning to us for suggestions. If we all get together and boost for the National organization, then it will in turn boost for us. Come to mass meeting and bring any ideas which you may have. Let's all be boosters for the Guard of St. Patrick.

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## NEW SERGEANT ARRIVES FOR R. O. T. C. WORK.

Sgt. Edward M. Palmer has arrived from Camp Lewis, State of Washington, to assist Lieut. H. L. Peckham with the R. O. T. C. unit here.

Sgt. Palmer is an army man of the old school. He entered the service at the beginning of the Spanish-American war and has served continuously since then. During that time he saw service in several campaigns in the Philippines, and served a year and four months with the 39th Infantry, Fourth Division, in France in the late war.

Sergt. Palmer comes here from the 4th Engineers, in which branch of the army he has seen a great deal of service.

## ALUMNI.

W. C. Minger, '76, is Asst. Assayer of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, a. Mr. Minger was one of the first men to graduate from M. S. M. He writes that he was "among those present" at the opening of school fifty years ago, and if his work will permit he hopes to be present next fall for the Fiftieth Anniversary celebration.

It is also very interesting to

note that G. A. Duncan, '74 was the first student to register at M. S. M., and is as he states it, "still happily on the job after fifty years of active practice." Mr. Duncan has been practicing as a Consulting Mining Engineer for many years. His home address is 1640 Wilcox Avenue, Hollywood, Calif.

George Mellow is plant engineer and purchasing agent for the Gravois Foundry and Manufacturing Co. His home address is 6633 Vermont Avenue, St. Louis.

Meryl L. McCarthy, '20, was a guest at the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity over the weekend. "Mac" is engaged in the construction business, and at present is working in Elvins, Mo., erecting a school house.

Dr. William D. Turner has been initiated as an Honorary Member in the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity through Alpha Delta, the local chapter of that fraternity.

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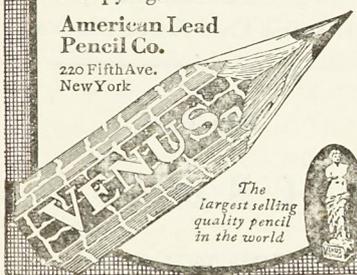
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the seats encircle the ring proper, which has a diameter of about 140 feet. The boxes are on the highest tier, and have a roof over them, while the balance of the arena is roofless. A fence cuts the audience into two classes, viz., those who sit in the "sombra" (shade)—\$4.00 U. S.—and those who sit in the "sol" (sun)—\$2.00 U. S. currency.

When I arrived the arena was about half full with a conglomerate mob of Mexicans and Americans, enjoying themselves for the most part in throwing hats, oranges, canes, and even themselves over the heads of their lower-sitting "compadres." At least ten got good seats next to the ring by being rolled or practically thrown down by some of their hilarious companions who had imbibed too freely of the stuff that cheers.

Everywhere soldiers and officers were visible in the multitudinous costumes and uniforms of the modern Mexican army. Two brass bands were issuing forth brassy sounds which could be heard now and then over the tumult of the mob. Several flunkeys rush into the ring and commence picking up the oranges, hats, bottles, and diverse other articles which had been cast there by the proletariat in their frantic appeals for things to start.

A quartet of green and gold clad trumpeters arise and bugled something that sounded to me like a cross between "mail and sick call" of old 1917 days. At any rate, a gate opened, and in rode a fellow decked out in a black costume of Spanish design on a wonderful horse of the prancing variety. He asked permission of the Presidente to conduct a bull fight. This was granted amid riotous applause and hat-throwing by the

bleacherites, whereupon the horseman retired.

Another bugle call and the gates opened for the second time. This ceremony is known as the "Parade of the Torreadors," and includes the whole troupe of bull fighters from the matadors down to the team of mules that pull out the vanquished bull. They come out in double file, and also make their bow in front of the Presidente's box. Besides the matadors there are capadores, picadores, banderilleros, and flunkeys, who do the more menial tasks of cleaning out the ring after a fight, etc. After this ceremony is completed the torreadores station themselves at various points in the ring, and the stage is set for the fight (?) proper.

A short bugle call, and another gate swings open, thru which the bull either rushes of his own volition, or has to be coaxed thru. In either case the poor beast's doom is sealed after he passes thru the gate, and his exit is not made under his own motive power. At any rate Bull No. 1 tore into the ring under full steam, and was promptly met by capadores who wave vivid colored capes in his face. He makes futile rushes at the capes, but the manipulators are nimble, and if they get into a tight place they simply hurdle the five-foot enclosure to safety. After several minutes of this kind of horse play two picadores mounted on poor, bony, blindfolded steeds, each carrying long instrument with a sharp, short point to it, enter the actual list of combatants.

Their job is to allow the bull to charge into their poor horses and attempt to hold him off with the separ. The lower part—about two feet—of the picadores' legs are encased in a

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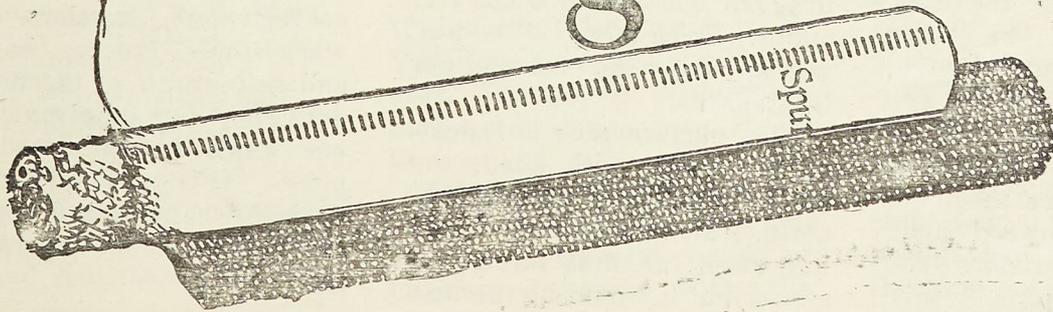
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steel armor, which makes him invulnerable. Invariably the bull rushes and gores the horse, lifting both rider and horse high in the air. The horse is bruised, and in most cases partially disemboweled by the sharp horns of the bull, and this is probably the most inhuman thing about the whole affair. (If that is sport it is of a completely different brand than I have ever seen before.)

After the blood-thirsty crowd has been satiated, the picadores retire. According to the rules a bull can be taken out if he doesn't show the proper spirit, and doesn't draw the necessary amount of blood from the horses. In cases of displeasure of the crowd it is evinced by the throwing of anything portable and the stamping of feet, somewhat similar to a baseball crowd showing its disapproval of an umpire's decision. Now we are ready for the banderilleros.

The work of these banderilleros consists of sticking about six gaily festooned darts each about two feet long into the shoulders of the bull. They are stuck in two at a time by three banderilleros, and this is in my judgment the most artistic and dangerous proceeding of the entire farce. The man is on foot, and has a dart in each hand—he maneuvers into a position where he is facing the bull, and then makes a quick step or two and breaks into a run, side-stepping and at the same time sticking the two darts into the bull. The closer the darts are stuck together into the bull the greater the applause. It really is quite a stunt, as the bull is usually charging at the time the banderilleros comes toward him. After six of these darts are decorating the bull, who is by this time pretty well played out,

the great matador comes into action amid thunderous applause from his countrymen.

He is dressed in a gorgeous costume of gold-laced cloth, silk stockings etc., in fact, I hesitate to state whether he wore bracelets or not. He is a consummate actor, and plays the grand stand at all times, throwing his small head-piece at some friend or admirer in the audience to keep for the duration of the slaughter. This hero steps out with a long fine sword and a red cape to put the finishing touches into the poor bull, who in most cases is practically subdued at this stage of the game.

The matador holds the cape for the bull's inspection, and the weak charges are indicative of the poor animal's condition. Every movement of the matador is watched closely by the spectators, and he is lustily cheered for his valorous deeds in the presence of such a ferocious (?) animal. After about ten minutes the matador is supposed to "put the bull on ice." The bull must remain in one position—he must not move from the spot—while our hero takes deliberate aim with his sword and plunges it to the hilt into the bull. To be fatal the sword must have penetrated the bull between the shoulders. Great applause! Our actor makes a big sweeping bow, and in some cases gets a shower of silver (he ought to get Irish confetti.) The bull staggers around a few minutes and finally "cashes in." He is ignobly dragged out behind a span of mules. Fresh meat will be had in Tampico in the "mausna por la manasua."

This performance is repeated six times, with about the same effect, only I noticed that most American women had left after the first farce. I swore that it would be the first and also the last one I'd ever

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