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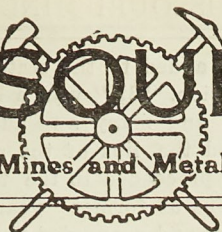
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THE MISSOURI MINER.

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DR. NEIHARDT TO SPEAK

ON POETRY.

Dr. John G. Neihardt, honorary professor of poetry at the University of Nebraska and America's greatest epic poet, will address the student body and populace of Rolla next Thursday evening. Dr. Neihardt will read selections from his own poetry. Those who heard him last year were very enthusiastic over his lecture and it is assured that his appearance this year will be one of the best if not the best number on the lecture program.

Among the best known of Dr. Neihardt poems are three units of an epic cycle concerning the winning of the west. These three narratives are entitled: "The Song of Hugh Glass," "The Song of the Indian Wars," and "The Song of Three Friends."

ST. PATS PARADE.

Lead by the Q. V. Kids and the R. O. T. C. Band the delayed St. Pats parade was held Saturday, March 16. As originally intended the parade was to accompany the Patron Saint on his entry to our fair city, however, the weather man, who incidentally must not be a wearer of the green, said "No" rather severely.

The parade consisted of floats from ten business firms and only three school organizations. Some rather clever ideas were worked out. The winner of the school group, which consisted of entries by the Prospectors, Kappa Sigma and Triangle was the Triangle float, which conveyed the idea that the fate of our school rested in the hands of the Legislature.

Floats by business concerns were entered by The Ozark Supply Co., J. W. Scott's Drug Store, Ashers, Farmers Exchange, Buckey's Garage, Schuman's Lumber Co., Peacock Food Shop, L. T. Hudson Motor Co., and the Rolla Telephone Co. The Farmers Exchange was judged the winner of this group.

It is to be regretted that more of the school organizations did not have floats.

ST. PATRICK SPEAKS.

Professors, Students and Honest People:

Some twenty one years ago I first fared forth alone in my little bark to touch these Elysian shores; as I again travelled that route today, I found the sons of M. S. M. scattered promiscuously about the globe. Some engaged in honest pursuits, other following the advice and teachings of their professors, after four years of training as engineers they are engaged in such varied pursuits as: professors, actors, insurance agents, janitors, farmers and bootleggers, truly worthy ventures from the land of the midnight oil. All in all, my holiness is not offended—Power to the Engineer, Man of Action.

One of my knights in the embryo sent me a sorry plea to this effect: Dear St. Pat:

If you will pardon the personal reference, may I substitute a parrot for myself in Economics? It would as adequately as I learn to say "Supply and Demand", Frisco, Frisco, Frisco. Thereby allowing me to slumber without keeping my feet on the floor. Do I make myself perfectly clear? The parrot would serve as well under Prof. Carlton as his course is a repetition of Orten's course.

This bird would perhaps work much more efficiently after having been tested for tensile strength by Dave, theoretically figured by Prof. Carrett; precipitated by Karl Kershner, brought to an end point by Doc Schrenk, and there alloyed, tool hardened and micro photographed by Boots Clayton.

After four years of constant study under varied professors, no doubt our personal chart as applied to this little feathered friend would show him as adequately equipped to fair forth into the cold world, knowledge, theory and ballast of lead as any of the students, if you can call them such, thereby proving Professor Dean was as ever right when he bottled so valiantly for the furtherance of Charts, and the Prevention of Engineering Education. In fact this bird would make an excellent

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ST. PATS A SUCCESS

The ides of March have come—and passed. Caesar has been slain and duly buried, and Brutus is through with his oration. With the departing of the last guest Sunday night, everyone heaved a great sigh of relief; of course we wouldn't have missed it for one million dollars but we are glad it only comes once a yera. Blue Monday was moving day with the return of the members to the various clubs, after a three days absence. A return to hairpin littered and powder sprinkled rooms, disproving the old adage that women are good housekeepers.

Jim Richardson St. Pat

Despite the worst that the weatherman could do the St. Pats festivities were quite a success. St. Pat arrived from the Emerald Isle on Friday morning and although the parade had to be postponed because of the copious rainfall the remainder of the program was carried out without a flaw. At ten o'clock Friday morning the noble seniors assembled in Parker Hall to receive the blessing and to be knighted by His Royal Highness. Jim Richardson made a good Saint Patrick and his address was thoroughly enjoyed by the large crowd that had assembled to witness the knighting. Sixty-seven seniors of the class of 1929 were called forth to have their past interrogated by St. Pat and to be dubbed Knights of the Royal Order. Mr. R. P. Cummings of St. Louis and a member of the class of 1905 was knighted, and Mr. L. T. Hudson was given honorable mention for his cooperation during the past in helping the Junior Class plan for the festivities.

Friday afternoon the M. S. M. Players under the able direction of Miss Betty Harlin presented a play, "Fifty-Fifty" for the entertainment of the guests. "Fifty-Fifty" was a three act farce of love, luck, and laughter, and was presented by a very capable cast. The leads were taken by the Misses "Bid" Long and Madge Lenox and Messrs. Charley King and H. K. Ihrig. A great deal of praise was given the acting of

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O. W. (Goose) Morris and Jim Richardson.

Friday night the major event of the celebration took place as the Masquerade Ball. The Juniors had had the gymnasium decorated so that it made a fit setting for the conglomeration of brilliant costumes and the spirit of the carnival prevailed. To the spectators in the balcony the whole resembled some gay carnival of perhaps Madrid or Budapest. Clowns and gypsies predominated but the characters included everything: pirates, policeman, Spaniards, monks, Scotch lassies and representatives from most of the other countries. Music was furnished by Bill Odell's College Club Orchestra of St. Louis and although this was decidedly the weak point in the entire celebration it will be a long time before those present forget the "Tiger Rag" or "Tight Like That".

Elizabeth Long Queen

At eleven o'clock St. Pat arrived and proceeded down an aisle of eager spectators to the throne, where he received and crowned the sixteenth queen of St. Patrick. This signal honor went to Miss Elizabeth Long of Rolla, whose queenly grace

and beauty added to the statelyness of the occasion. "Bid" was a beautiful queen and many an admiring sigh escaped the lips of the spectators as she proceeded to the throne. Four queens of former years who were present and proceeded the 1929 queen to the throne were Mrs. H. G. S. Anderson, who was queen in 1916; Mrs. Margaret Sally Eulich, the 1922 queen; Miss Dorothy Kiesler, the 1926 queen, and Miss Lucy Kiesler, the 1928 queen. Miss Long's maids of honor were Misses Betty Harlin, Daysie Long, and Emily McCaw.

Junior Prom Saturday Night.

Saturday night the formal Junior Prom drew the usual number and proved to be the better dance of the two. The brilliance of vari-colored evening gowns and the gleam of tux shirts are quite unusual sights in Jackling Gym.

The Junior Class deserves much credit for successfully planning and executing this years St. Pats. Joe Jarboe as Junior president had general charge, and Heath was chairman of the music committee and Kirkpatrick headed the decoration committee.

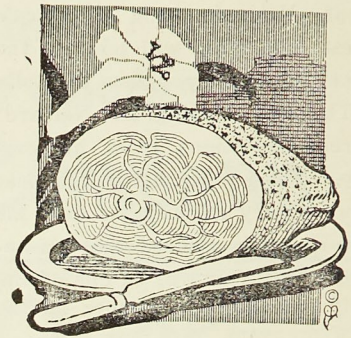
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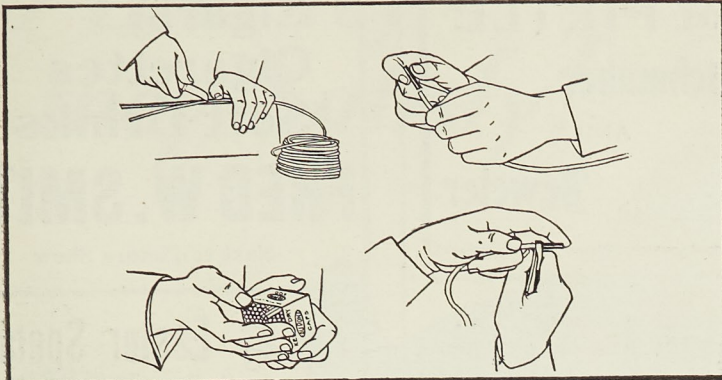
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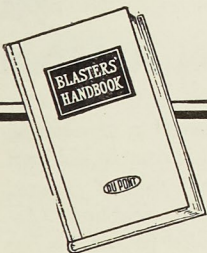
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tion to start with its initial stage—that is, with the formation of peat from plants. This process is undoubtedly both biological and chemical; bacteria and fungi, as well as chemical action, play a part in decay.

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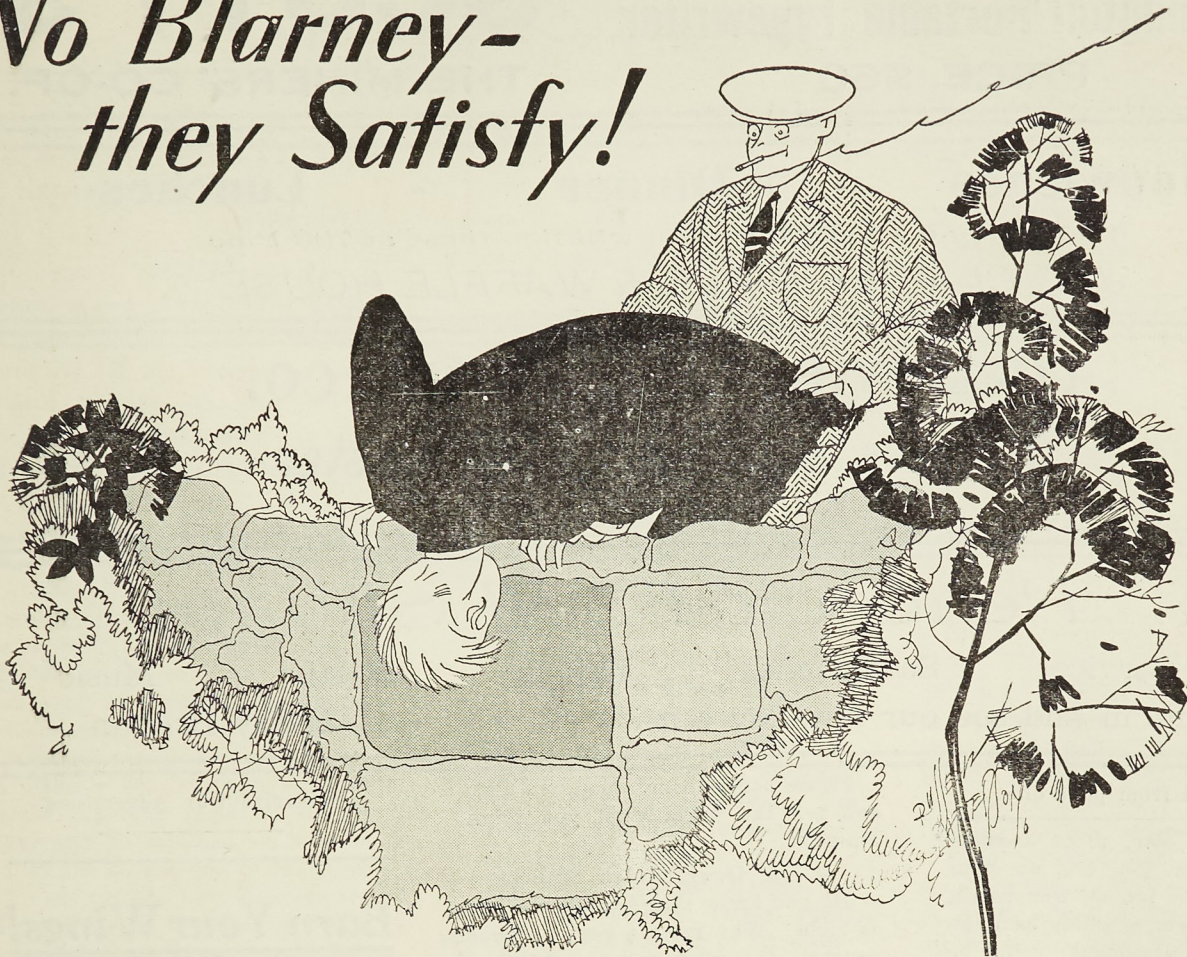
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substitute for Dean, after learning a few jokes that you told on your first visit to this school, the parrot could repeat them as glibly as Dean does. A good argument could be taught the bird so that he might take our beloved professors place in an argument with Jackson over efficiency of an electric heater. During Dean's mathematical dissertations the bird would at timely intervals cry out "eliminate theatre, eliminate theatre."

Further than this, the bird would rate and E in Zoology, as it would furnish its own pet bugs for study, an attribute of some students, and would soon become a first class socialist under Sam Lloyd's careful tutelage. Mama Armsby would have a plaint "yes, man." Charlie Fulton need not worry about its drinking, and in case all else failed the bird could easily switch to C. E. in its last semester, and thereby graduate. However, it would encounter difficulty in finding a job other than that as a Math Professor or an honest laborer.

He should also be warned away from the Geology department where grade points are never found. Like a certain geologist he might lack a few grade points, but they would never be gotten there.

Please sanction my plan, St. Pat, and tell the world what you think about it.

A Downtrodden Student.

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—ST. PAT

HUXLEY SPEAKS OF SCIENCE.

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