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# THE MISSOURI MINER.

Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy, Rolla, Missouri.

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## SUMNER MACOMBER DEAD.

Following the death of Mrs. Macomber on March 26, came the appalling news on Tuesday, April 1st, 1919, just six days later, that Sumner Macomber had died that morning. Preparation was being made for bringing the remains of Mrs. Macomber to Rolla for interment, but these preparations were delayed on account of Mr. Macomber's illness. Dr. McRae, upon advice of Mr. Macomber's illness, left for California Monday afternoon. At present plans are indefinite as to funeral arrangements.

Sumner Cooley Macomber was born in Des Moines, Iowa. He was of a splendid family. He was about thirty years old. He was a student at the School of Mines, and graduated in the class of 1911. He was a member of the Kappa Alpha fraternity, and was one of the most popular students that ever attended the School of Mines. He was one of the most prominent athletes that ever played on the gridiron, and was presented a gold football by the student body. He was one of the most splendid specimens of manhood physically, mentally and morally. He was forceful and courageous, and with it all, mild and gentle, and always courteous.

In the death of Mr. and Mrs. Macomber, so sudden, so unexpected, so appalling, makes the bereavement so great that friends and even relatives are at a loss for words of comfort to the bereaved family. Two splendid young people have passed to the great beyond. We mourn their untimely death.

## METALLURGY AND CIVILIZATION.

Savants have pictured man a beast of the jungle mouthing almost meaningless gibberings. Fortunately he discovered fire, and with this knowledge migrated into more temperate zones, where later with his new-found friends, a bow and arrow, he became hunter instead of hunted. Perhaps in this dim, uncertain eon the savage picked up yellow gold and white tin in the stream beds by which he penetrated the pathless forests, or found red copper in the ashes of a fire fortunately builded under boulders of ore. And in some way one found that white and red metal would melt together to form a different thing we now call bronze. When the savage learned that this new metal could be made into superior tools and weapons he was a savage no longer.

Long milleniums of barbarism then passed, during which ancient men progressed mightily by virtue of his inherited wisdom. The making and the use of pottery in cooking reacted powerfully on his development; he changed from hunter to herdsman or farmer by the domestication of animals and the invention of irrigation. Yet the bronze age passed after ages of groping metallurgy, when the ancient smith produced steel in his primitive forge and discovered how to harden it after being cunningly wrought. Metallurgy had again opened the gates of civilization!

All this happened long before the invention of writing, and is known to us only by the remaining fragmentary handi-

## TRACK MEETS.

At the beginning of the season this year there were hopes of at least three track meets, but as usually seems the case with our meets, about two of them have gone astray, and now the efforts of this year's track team will be concentrated on one meet.

The meet with Washington U., St. Louis, which was to have been held on the home track on April 12th, has been called off by Coach Rutherford. Another one, that with McKendree College, Lebanon, Ill., on their field, is canceled because of that school's having discontinued all athletics for the spring.

Now there remains alone the meet with Drury, to be held at home on the 19th of this month. But this event should prove interesting, because of the mild athletic rivalry always prevalent between Drury and the Miners.

The track team is in somewhat better shape than it has been, and the spirit and enthusiasm is more pronounced.

The following men are training for the several events:

100 yards, Bohn and Taggart  
220 yards, Bohn and Taggart  
120 high hurdles, Taggart,  
Bohn and Rembert.

220 low hurdles, Aid.

440 yards, Bohn.

880 yards, Kjelberg and Wallace.

1 mile, Lottman and Leonard.

880 relay, Taggart, Bohn, Brazil and Kjelberg.

Broad jump, Ohnsorg, Stevens, Aid and Bohn.

High jump, Ohnsorg and Bohn.

Pole vault, Ohnsorg and

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Needham.

Discus, Swayze.

Shot, Brazil and Stevens.

Even yet there are not enough men out, for men are needed who can do dashes, 440 yards, or work with weights.

#### SUMMER SCHOOL.

The following subjects will be given in the summer school: Freshman Mathematics, Freshman and Sophomore English, Plane and Railroad Surveying, Assaying, Metallurgy and Ore Dressing. General Chemistry, Chemical Laboratories, and some advanced classes in Chemistry. Additional subjects may be given if there be any demand.

#### DR. BAYSINGER TALKS AT MASS MEETING.

Dr. Baysinger addressed the student body at yesterday's mass meeting, and touched in his talk upon many points of interest. During the period of the war, and since the conclusion of the war, there has been a decided absence of pep at this school. It would seem as if the students did not have any interest in seeing the various activities at M. S. M. a success—at least they do not support them in a manner that would indicate interest on the part of the student body. This apparent fact was the keynote of Dr. Baysinger's talk. He urged that the men get in back of every activity and boost it, and he tried to recall to the men the atmosphere of old that was so imbued with pep. He pledged the support and cooperation of the school in furthering any activity that lies within the realm of a college, and in that connection he made an announcement that surprised and pleased the entire student body.

There has been a great deal of interest aroused thruout school by the golfers, with the result that the Rolla Links have been crowded with students

practically every afternoon that the weather permitted. Several students have taken up the game under the instruction of those who are adepts at it, and there is no question but that golf has become the spring craze of the student body. Hence it is not difficult to understand why every one was pleased when Dr. Baysinger announced that the school had gained possession of the present golf links, and in addition had gained possession of the land immediately east of it, and some immediately west of it. An eighteen-hole course is to be arranged very soon, in fact, work on the project is to start next week, and Dr. Baysinger suggested that the students be given a holiday to go out to the golf links and help take up the present fences and replace them to include the newly acquired addition to the links, and to help in starting the eighteen-hole course. That the entire idea was accepted with enthusiasm is to state but mildly the attitude of the student body. Now it is up to them to get out and help with this scheme, whether each one plays golf or not. If you don't play, get out and learn. There must be a great deal of sport in the game, or it could not be so popular nationally as well as locally.

Some other matter were touched upon, among which was the request some time ago of the Board of Curators to have smoking stopped in the buildings on the campus. Most of the students observe the request for it has been done solely for the protection of school property. As is known, many fires and many school buildings at other institutions have been destroyed by fire that resulted from the careless disposal of cigarettes, matches and other smoking material, and to guard against such a disaster here, smoking is not allowed in the buildings on the campus. As is

always the case, however, there are a few that would sooner risk the safety of a building than to walk outside for a smoke. It is again requested that no one smoke in the buildings. It is easy enough to go outside and smoke, or wait until you get outside to take your smoke.

New let every one get behind school activities and boost. If you cant boost for M. S. M., for thse love of Mike, go somewhere where you can boost. Dont be as lacker.

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Play starts at 2:00 in the afternoon, and will continue as long as necessary. The eighteen holes will be played in a two-some or four-some, each party accompanied by one of the following scorers: Paterson, Sermon, Luckfield, Cairns, K. C. Wilson, Mort Wilson, Taggart, Webb, Signer or Stubbs. The scorer will keep all scores and each card must be signed by him.

For prizes, the following have been offered, the winner to have his choice: Fred Smith, golf bag; John Scott, golf club; M. F. Faulkner, one-half dozen balls; Bob Heller, golf bag. These are all well worth having, so get out and make a try for them.

Coach Sermon announces that two tennis courts will be ready for play Saturday, if there is no more rain to soften them.

At a horse show held in the City of Luxemburg, Germany, on Feb. 27, 1919, "D" Battery, 20th Field Artillery, of which 1st Lt. H. H. Nowland, who graduated from M. S. M. in 1914, is Battery Commander, secured the blue ribbons in the Battalion and Regimental Shows for the prize gun section. This is the second time the 20th Field Artillery has carried off the ribbons. Lt. Nowland is evidently living up to the same course he pursued while a student at M. S. M., that of proving himself worthy of all honors. His many friends here congratulate him.

## IN HONOR OF WALTER SCOTT AND REGINALD DEAN AND WIFE.

Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Dean and Mr. Walter Scott were honored by a group of their young friends, who gave a delightful party for them last Thursday evening at the home of Miss Catherine Culbertson. There were sixteen present. The features of the evening's amusement were music and rook. Elegant refreshments were served. This pleasant event will linger long in the minds of the guests thus honored, as they mingle with strangers in their new surroundings and strengthen the bond of friendship between them and old associations.

## FRESHMAN HOP.

Due to the death of Mr. and Mrs. Macomber, the Freshman Hop has been postponed to Wednesday evening, April 23d. This will contribute to entertainment for Home-Coming Week.

R. W. Adams, son of Judge and Mrs. D. E. Adams, of Hamilton, is now attending an English university. Bernard has been overseas with the U. S. Engineers for a year or more. He is a college man, and the opportunity of taking additional work abroad is one which will be improved by Mr. Adams.

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**"BUDDY" CAIRNS TAKEN TO ST. LOUIS HOSPITAL.**

"Buddy" Cairns, '20, member of the football team and all-around good fellow, well liked by every one, was seriously injured Thursday night when he was the victim of an attack by a discharged soldier, in front of Faulkner's drug store. No provocation, either at the time or for any reason during the past, could be found to account for the assault. Several people were in front of the drug store and Cairns was leaning against the door sill, and for no reason the assailant walked up from the rear and struck Cairns a blow on the head. Tho dazed, Cairns defended himself, and delivered no little punishment to his assailant. He then went to the office of Dr. Smith to

have his head dressed where he had been struck. While at the office he fainted, and upon examination it was found that he had been stabbed five times in the back. He was taken to St. Louis on an early morning train and is now in a hospital. It is thot that he will recover, tho the exact extent of his wounds have not been determined. The assailant was arrested and placed in jail. Conviction is almost certain, as several saw the assault, and said it was entirely unprovoked.

The student body deeply regrets the affair, and wishes "Buddy" a speedy and complete recovery.

**PROF. DEAN'S TALK.**

The point made by Prof. Dean in Mass Meeting Friday was an excellent one indeed. The Prof. had something to say about some of the students sitting on the steps of Norwood Hall with one side of their face showing unsymmetrical to the rest of the face, due to the internal influence of about ten or fifteen cents worth of "the essence of life" and trying to obliterate the landscape with their amber-colored expectorations. Now this thing really does appear out of color; especially so to visitors. To us right here in school we sort of become saturated with such as this, and because it is so close upon us we cannot see the harm in it. The time has come when to be an engineer does not require all the questionable qualities of a stevedore, or the fluency in "French" of a logging camp roustabout. The name of Miner leaves in the minds of some people much room for speculation as to the kind of person a man of that profession would be. But to rid all visitors to the school of erroneous ideas along that line it is not necessary to turn the school into a sorority or a theological

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**DR. BAYSINGER ELECTED  
MAYOR OF ROLLA.**

Dr. Paysinger, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board of Curators, was elected Mayor of Rolla without opposition at the annual city election on April 1st. The news was gladly received at the School of Mines, for Doctor Baysinger is well liked by the entire student body.

**ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION  
ELECTS FOR NEXT YEAR'S  
CABINET.**

The officers for the Athletic Association were elected at the Mass Meeting on Friday: F. W. Uthoff, President; J. Howendobler, Vice-President.

Delaloye, Taylor and Hollow were also elected to the Board.

**MET. AND CHEM. SOCIETY  
HAS FINAL MEETING.**

The Met. and Chem. Society held the final meeting of their annual program last Thursday night. Prof. Thornberry made a very interesting talk on overcoming some of the difficulties in running lead by the Molybdate method. The information which he presented had been obtained from some work that he has been conducting in the Mine Experiment Station. He dealt for the most part with the practical application of the data he had observed, and not so much with the theoretical relations. His talk was very interesting, and close attention was paid, particularly by those who have encountered a little difficulty in running lead by the molybdate method in qualitative analysis. "Boots" Clayton described his work while connected with the Bureau of Mines in Metallographic work. He discussed the relation of grain size in internal structure of metals to the various physical properties, and showed to the meeting some slides that were made while he was conducting work at the bureau. His talk, as usual, was interesting, and interspersed with the humor and maybe sarcasm that holds one's interest. The meeting was then opened to general discussion.

The Society has presented many interesting programs during the year, and has accomplished its purpose of promoting fellowship among the men, and in broadening the knowledge of the chemists and metallurgists by taking advantage of the experience of each of its members.

Lt. Thos. P. Walsh has been appointed Assistant Divisional School Officer, Division of St. Nazaire, Base Section No. 1, A. P. O. 701.

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**NEW BOOKS IN THE LI-  
BRARY, MARCH 22 TO  
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Drainage in Michigan, D. G. Miller and P. T. Simons. Michigan Geol. and Biol. Surv. Publication No. 28.

The Face of the Earth, by E. Suess, Vol. 4

Galvanizing and Tinning, by W. T. Flanders.

Handbook of Fire Protection, by E. P. Crosby.

The Hydrogenation of Oils, by G. Ellis, (2d Edition, enlarged.)

Mechanism of Steam Engines, Michigan Geol. and Biol. Surv. Publication No. 27.

Mining Practices, by the Editorial Staff of the Engineering and Mining Journal.

Notes of a Military Reconnaissance, by W. H. Emory.

Quicksilver Resources of California. California State Mining Bureau. Bulletin No. 78.

Steam Engines, by L. V. Ludy  
Steam Power, by W. E. Dalby.

Tidal Lands, by A. E. Carey and F. W. Oliver.

The Zinc Industry, by E. A. Smith.

**A REQUEST FROM PERSH-  
ING.**

Gen. Pershing has cabled a request for more reading matter for our soldiers abroad. Since the armistice was signed we seem to have forgot that our men are just as anxious as ever for books and magazines and other gifts from home. The men who are still kept in the camps in this country, and the invalid soldiers in hospitals, both here and overseas, beg for magazines with an insistence that is nerve-racking to the Camp and Hospital librarians who have no magazines to give them—because the people at home seem to have forgotten the two million men still in the army, and are no longer interested enough in their comfort to bother to put that penny stamp on the old

magazine and drop it in the mail box. The desire to read is keener than ever now that the effort and excitement incident to the war are withdrawn; and it is not a very cheerful business patrolling an occupied country when you want to go home. The type of magazine that appeals to you is the kind that is wanted by these fellows who are less lucky than you, and haven't yet been discharged. But it is only the recent magazines they want. All it costs you is a few pennies, now and then, and the interest sufficient to think of it. Why not **remember**, and put a 1-cent stamp on your magazine when you are through with it? You can buy a book of 1c stamps for a quarter. Be a regular feller and do it, and then use them on your magazines. The Post Office Department will see that they are delivered to the men in the army and navy.

**JUNIORS AND SENIORS  
TAKE GEOLOGY TRIP.**

The Junior and Senior geology classes took a trip to Maramec Spring last Saturday, to study the geology of this region. The party, which was of between twenty and thirty men, was taken to the springs in cars. The latter made it possible to stop at various places that could not have been visited if the party had gone to St. James by train, as is usually done, and then walked to the spring from there. Excellent weather as well as a congenial crowd, made the trip enjoyable as well as instructive.

2nd Lieut. George Clayton, '20, of the U. S. Air Service, arrived this morning from Kelly Field at San Antonio, Texas. He left M. S. M. in January, 1918, and is visiting his brother, C. Y. Clayton at the present time. Lt. Clayton anticipates returning to Rolla next fall to complete his course.

**JUNIOR.**

The Juniors who had planned on resting while the Profs. were gone with the Seniors seem to be out of luck. From the amount of reading and the number of reports assigned, it makes us wish the Profs. were not going away.

We were all greatly surprised last Thursday to get back the Met quiz which we took three weeks ago. As far as we are able to learn, this is "Boots" latest speed record in grading papers, and the results indicate that he did a good job of it.

"Buddy" Cairns had the extreme misfortune to be laid out by a country boy who "came in after a student." "Buddy" has been taken to St. Louis. The doctor reports him to be getting along as well as could be expected. If we have made the world safe for democracy, why not make it safe for the students.

The Geology class was treated to another excursion Monday afternoon. This time it was to fossil hill, where we spent an afternoon roaming about among the corals, bryozoa and our other pre-historic ancestors.

The Junior chemists leave Sunday on their trip. The various industries around St. Louis will be inspected. The boys look forward to making the last visit to Anheuser-Busch.

These warm days make it extremely hard for the student to show up at steam lab. Sleeping, pool playing and hiking seems to be a more favorable pastime.

The course in "meeting No. 9" is becoming very popular again. Some of the students have not yet a single cut, even tho Prof. Garrett is not here to take the roll.

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**FRESHMAN.**

4 Only three more weeks until we hie ourselves back to "God's Country," till we once more lay our weary selves on our own little feather bed, and let the sandman close our eyes in forgetfulness of molecules and valence and cosines, and orthographic projections and gender or case as the French or Spanish see them. But between now and that time are many hurdles to be run. There are hurdles composed of many beakers of unknown elements, hurdles composed of stacks of English themes, hurdles of analytics, and hurdles of "Squads East," etc. Yea, verily! There are many of them, and not one of the low variety. They're every one unseemingly high. But when we have cleared the last hurdle on the home stretch, then, tho we will be work weary and in need of need of rest, will our hearts lighten as we look forward to a summer of diversion.

To see the company at drill in a column of squads, it looks very much like a new spring garden, with some lettuce, and here or there a radish leaf or two just showing above the surface, so numerous are the green caps.

Quite a few fortunates have been blessed with the "filthy lucre" to the tune of sixty dollars. It is rather lucky for school work as well as our morals that all the sixties did not come at one time.

NOTICE. All men who have not yet contributed toward the dance, please see Kaley at once. We need the money.

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"Gimme a cigarette," or  
"gimme a chew."

"Lemme see some of your acid, mine is locked up."

"Sorry, fellows, but I gotta go—I always did eat fast."

"Lend me some paper, I left my notebook home."

Hughes: "Have you seen Webb?"

Junior: "No; I haven't even heard him."

No, Squeak, we don't have to study "snuff" in mineralogy. We are very sorry, though, because if we did, mineralogy would probably be a more popular course, owing to the fact that so many of the fellows wouldn't have to pay for their

"chewin.' "

Kerr: Say, did you ever see that fellows' hair? It is two different colors.

Patterson: Yes; it's hereditary; his grandfather made combination locks.

The first part of the year there appeared an article about what the former Junior Classes had done with the surplus funds they had in the treasury after putting on the St. Pat's celebration. Also a few suggestions as to how this money could be put to some better use than that of staging a "beer bust." The present Junior Class worked very hard to put on such a gorgeous entertainment as they did. They have brought in many new ideas and established several new customs which we intend to uphold in future years. We now hope to hear some time in the near future that this "cistom establishing" class have decided to add one more to their list, and that one be a St. Pat Fund. handled by the school, but at the disposal of the Junior Class.

Since the election Burford has given up all hope of ever getting a job as traffic cop on the Rolla police force.

R. N. Place, E. V. Eulich, W. W. Keeler have been discharged from the 472nd Engineers, but are going to work for the government as topographical surveyors, in Florida during the summer, and return to the School of Mines next semester.

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craft of the ancient artisan. Recorded ideas now enabled man's culture to advance with increasing speed to but yesterday, when punpowder and the printing press leveled society, physically and mentally. Perhaps the last great step toward the latest civilization has just been taken by Watt and his steam engine. But meager indeed would be our comforts had not the modern metallurgist responded to the need of huge quantities of cheap steel for bridges and ships, rails and boilers, of strong metals for axles and engines, of special alloys for electrical and domestic uses.

The word metallurgy images to many minds a small, dark, smoky, smelly foundry, or to others a high board fence surrounding furnaces glaring with white heat, and powerful machinery superhuman in power and dexterity. But in its entirety modern metallurgy influences our civilization down even to the commonest tools of life, and the initiated wonders to what state of savagery we would drop should it become a lost art.—Met. and Chem. Engineer.

#### GOOD ROADS IN MISSOURI.

Under the title "The Good Roads in Missouri," the January-February issue of the Journal of the Engineers' Club of St. Louis carries an article by C. W. Roebrig, C. E., who represented the Engineers' Club at a good roads public hearing before a joint committee of the Legislature at Jefferson City Feb. 7, 1919.

The article describes the organization and purpose of the Missouri State-wide Hard Roads Association, and discusses the present status of the good roads movement in this state, and the proposed \$50,000,000 bond issue.

#### TALES AND TAILINGS.

We saw a picture of content the other morning—a happy boy about 14 years old, who was driving a dirt-cart along the street. The lines were secure between his knees; the horses were jogging leisurely along; the sun shone pleasantly; his coat was off, and his calico shirt looked clean and cool; his hat was tipped back upon his head, and he had two pebbles that he had picked up from the dirt, and these he was tossing, throwing one up as the other fell, catching each in his turn, and on his face was a happy boyish look of content, that any world-weary man would give a fortune to wear as his own. Looking at him, we thought life is pretty much what we make it after all. Happiness does not spring from wealth or leisure, but from a contented mind. We doubt if there is a happier heart in our city than was that of the boy riding upon his dirt-laden cart, tossing his pebbles in the sunshine.

"Do you take exercise after you bathe in the morning?" asked Perkins.

Jenkins: "Yes, I generally step on the soap as I get out."  
Awgwan.

Soph: "How many subjects are you carrying?"

Frosh: "I'm carrying one and dragging three."  
—Froth.

"That guy sure is some shark."

"Why, he just looks like an ordinary fish to me."  
—Froth.

I once knew a pretty young Mrs.  
Who enjoyed all married life's blrs.

She never grew old,  
As she caught a bad cold  
Giving one of her long, linger-

ing krs.

—Punch Bowl.

#### It Is Not Always Easy

To apologize.  
To begin over.  
To take advice.  
To be unselfish.  
To admit error.  
To face a sneer.  
To be charitable.  
To be considerate.  
To avoid mistakes.  
To endure success.  
To keep on trying.  
To be broad-minded.  
To forgive and forget.  
To profit by mistakes.  
To think and then act.  
To keep out of the rut.  
To make the best of little.  
To shoulder deserved blame.  
To maintain a high standard.  
To recognize the silver lining  
—But it always payas.

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