

MERCHANTS THINK TRADE PROSPECTS ARE VERY BRIGHT

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The Most Prosperous Years
For the Business Men of the
Quaker City.

PROSPERITY GENERAL IN THEIR OPINION

Everybody in the City Appears
To Have Money in Pocket
Again and Are Willing to
Spend It.

Never have prospects been brighter for a successful year, declare local merchants, than at the present time. Indications point to one of the most prosperous years the merchants of Richmond have ever experienced it is said. This condition is due to the general prosperity that exists over the country at present, and the fact that everybody seems to be well supplied with money. The outlook is unusually bright in the haberdashers line and a glance at the fashion sheet for the coming season shows few changes.

Under the stimulus of cooler weather, September has brought a brisk demand for higher collars. The close front shape is again to be accorded first place in popular favor. With the and front curves the makers have now about reached the limit of possibility in connection with this model. Wing collars have almost disappeared from the horizon, with the one exception of the small tab style. Long narrow fore-in-hand ties made up in small knots to fit the collars will be in vogue this season. The patterns may vary according to the tastes of the purchaser.

Demand for Shirts.

Plaited bosom shirts, with negligee effect will be all the rage this year it is said. They will be in subdued colors with striped patterns. Attached cuffs have grown in favor until now the old fashioned detachable cuff is almost a thing of the past.

Soft hats will be worn more this year than in former seasons it is declared. Pearl gray will be the favorite and most stylish color. There will be very little change in the shape of derbys, although some of the latest styles have a more pronounced curl to the brim than those of last season's. Black, as usual will be the prominent color, while brown is a forbidden color in hats this year. Green, which in recent years has been so popular among soft hats, has seen its day, it is said, and will be in decided poor taste this winter.

Walking Stick Back.

The Walking stick is gaining in popular esteem as an after sundown companion. The heavier sort are coming to the fore.

Plain colors in hose will be more popular this season than ever before. The flashy, loud variety will not be so conspicuous, and a more subdued tone is decidedly more effective.

The eternal question, "what shall I wear?" applies just as well to men as to women. Men are just as fussy about getting clothes made strictly according to fashion as women ever dared be. There is very little if any change in the cut of men's clothes this fall. Perhaps the coat will be made a little taller in the back, but otherwise the same style will prevail. The old fashioned three buttoned sack is still the most popular in demand. Plain colors will be more in vogue, brown, gray and blue serges being the favorites, although Scotch plaids are good. The cut of the trousers is practically the same. The peg top effect will not be so much in evidence and the trousers will not be cut quite so large as in former years. The cuff effect is still going to be very popular with the rising generation and is perfectly proper and in good taste.

The Newmarket overcoat will be the most fashionable this year, the same as last. The shoulders are made of liberal breadth, with the new heavy sleeve head and the lapels wide and

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KEITH STOCK COMPANY AT GENNETT THIS WEEK.



The Right of Way.

According to the statistics of the publishers, Sir Gilbert Parker's novel, "The Right of Way," holds the American record as a seller during the past six years. The presentation of this play requires two excellent actors in the roles of "Beauty" Steele and Joe Portugals. The former character is that of a young agnostic lawyer in Montreal who is at his best when he is drunk. The latter character is a Canadian riverman, a sort of a religious fanatic, who believes in an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth, and who commits murder and is saved by the brilliant lawyer, to whom he becomes attached for life. The story of the "Right of Way" practically gave Sir Gilbert Parker his literary position in America and it should be accepted as his best work. The book is one of the greatest studies of soul and mentality that has ever appeared in modern English literature. Eugene W. Presbrey, a scholar of great breadth of mind and experience in literature and drama, who made the dramatic version of the "Right of Way" declares that Sir Gilbert does not care for the polished conventions, but deliberately tries to get at the primal struggle of man for himself. Steele is a type of the brilliant sinner. He knows that he is a sinner.

Keith Stock Company.

The Keith Stock company which opens a week's engagement at the Gennett tomorrow night will present "My Jim," a rural comedy drama in which Cato S. Keith will play the title

role. This is said to be a part which affords Mr. Keith rare opportunities to display his comedy. He will be remembered as the leading comedian with the Cutter Stock company last year and his many friends will no doubt be out in full force to welcome him to Richmond at the head of his own company. This is Mr. Keith's first season with his own enterprise and that he has surrounded himself with good support speaks well for the success of his engagement. Between the acts there are several specialties introduced, among them being Mr. Keith in a clever monologue, Helen Leslie singing soubrette, and Joe McKelley, the Coon Shouter. Ladies will be free Monday and night and the prices will be 10, 20 and 30 cents. Daily matinees at 10 cents.

A DASH FOR HONORS

American and British Expeditions for South Pole Discovery.

AN INTERNATIONAL RACE

(American News Service)
London, Sept. 18.—The 1910 dash for the south pole between an American expedition likely to be headed by Commander A. Robert E. Peary, and a British expedition now being organized by Robert F. Scott, may resolve itself into a great international race between exploring parties of the great countries of the civilized world, each hurrying south with desperate speed to beat its neighbor and gain the glory of planting its national banner upon the southernmost apex, according to the belief expressed by Captain Scott today.

Captain Scott expressed doubt today over the report that Peary would head an American expedition next summer on an Antarctic dash.

"I am confident, however," said Captain Scott, "that unless our expedition starts on time there is a strong probability that other countries will take the enterprise up along the lines of pioneer work."

Lieutenant Evans was announced as the commander of the ship Discovery which will carry the British party south. Captain Scott has already collected \$35,000 for the expedition.

"I see you are cultivating a garden," "Yes," answered Mr. Cronolots. "I suppose you derive both pleasure and profit from it."

"Not exactly. But it leaves me more contented. It makes the cost of vegetables in the market seem small by comparison."—Washington Star.

Father and Son Are Students In a Missouri University Now

Columbia, Mo., Sept. 18.—For the first time in the history of the University of Missouri, or perhaps of any university, a father and son are candidates for the same degree, and will stand in the same class this year and be awarded a diploma and the degree of bachelor of science in agriculture. They are E. E. Vanatta of Vandalla, Mo., 45 years old, and son, Earl S. Vanatta, 22 years old. Both are seniors in the school of agriculture and both have taken the full course, except that the father will have finished it in three years and the son in four.

When Earl S. Vanatta entered the school of agriculture four years ago as a freshman, he did not dream that the letters home would prove so interesting that his father: would be induced to sell his farm, move to Columbia and enter up for the same course, but that is what happened. His father sold his farm near Vandalla, came to Columbia, and in three years has overtaken his son, less than half his age, and will receive his degree in the same class. He has done more, for his excellent work has made him eligible to the Alpha Zeta, the leading honorary fraternity of his department, which his son was not able to make, although he is a member of an honorary fraternity himself, the standard of which is not so high.

Twenty-Five Years After.

Vanatta Senior, as the students call him to distinguish him from his son, was a student in the University of Missouri in 1883-4, but did not get to finish his course, because he fell in love with and married a girl in Stephens college. Both quit school and bought a farm at Vandalla, Missouri. When their son Earl had finished high school they sent him to Columbia to take the agricultural course. Earl's letters proved too great a temptation, so they sold their farm, moved to Columbia, and university students experienced the sensation of having a father and son both students in the university. Furthermore, the son was a sophomore and had to enforce the rules against his freshman father. Earl was a member of the committee that compelled all freshmen, including his father, to wear the regulation "dinkie" caps, and in the class rush they fought on opposite sides.

However, when it came to studies, the "old man" got the better of the contest, for before Earl knew it, his father had caught up with him. Such things as student "hops" and "coeds" did not bother Vanatta, Sr. He got special permission to carry extra work and made the highest grades in the freshman class. This entitled him to extra credit and now after three years they are in the same class and will be graduated together. He is

pointed out on the squad as the only freshman who was good enough in chemistry, the hardest study to be exempted from the examination.

Built a Clubhouse.

Mr. Vanatta has always taken part in student activities and holds several offices in the class organizations. He is popular with the students and takes work in the gymnasium as well as the 18-year-olds. He jumps, wrestles, and takes cross-country runs with the best of them. His popularity is largely due to the fact that he built a large clubhouse for the students in his department. It is known as the "farm house," and is conducted on the cooperative plan by the students in his department, much cheaper than they could board at private houses. The house cost \$8,000 and he rents it to the students cheaply. He and wife and son also live at the house.

Earl is frequently twitted by the other students for permitting his father to overtake him, but he answers that his father should do so, as he has had practical experience in farming before taking the theoretical side, which is the reverse with him, as he will have to get practical experience after graduation. Mr. Vanatta will probably specialize in some of the courses and become a teacher in some of the branches of agriculture here in Columbia. His son, Earl, has a position with the State Soil Survey as soon as he is graduated.

THEY ARE BAFFLED

(American News Service)

Utica, N. Y., September 18.—The police today confessed themselves baffled by the blackhand mystery surrounding the abduction and murder of little Theresa Percopla and Ferdinand Infusino, and the shooting of Fannie Infusino, who lies in the hospital declaring that she can identify the right man as her assailant if the police catch him.

The police said today that if nothing against Michael and Theodore Risson develops within the next twenty-four hours, both men will be released. While Theodore Risson answers the description of the man as given by Fannie Infusino, the police could not learn that he had been out of town. He was formerly a roomer in the Infusino home and knew the children well.

"Father," said little Bolla, "what is an optimist?"

"According to my observations, son, an optimist is a man who finds his own affairs prosperous and tries to persuade other people not to make a kick and disturb conditions."—Washington Star.

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WANTED GIVE RECEPTION

(American News Service)
Denver, Colo., Sept. 18.—The failure of the committee in charge of the entertainment to President Taft while in Denver next week to recognize the women of Denver by appointing feminine members on many of the sub-committees and general committees and its refusal to permit them to hold even a brief reception to the President at the Women's Club building have aroused the wrath of Colorado holders of equal suffrage.

A committee of five, consisting of Mrs. Sarah Platt Decker, Mrs. Luther Goddard and others was appointed by Mrs. Dewey Bailey, president of the Women's club to call upon Secretary Mills of the Chamber of Commerce and informed Governor Peabody to have twenty-five minutes of the president's time given the Women's club.

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