

RAILROADS MAKE LOW RATES

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TRANSPORTATION LINES AND EXPOSITION

Goods for Purpose of Exhibition Will Be Hauled One Way Free of Charge by All Roads.

Gradually the railroads of all sections of the United States are acknowledging the Transmississippi and International Exposition and granting rates favorable to it. Passenger rates have not yet been agreed upon, but it is the opinion of the general passenger agents of this city that all railroads will grant a one-fare rate for the round trip to Omaha from June 1 to November next year.

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Danger of Accident Emphasized by Painful Experience.

Visitors to the buildings on the Exposition grounds are running considerable risk in wandering carelessly through the structures upon which work is being done on the upper stories or the roof. Yesterday a stranger was walking under one of the galleries in the Liberal Arts building when a piece of timber was accidentally dropped down. The beam missed his head by only a few inches. If he had been struck he would have been instantly killed.

The Liberal Arts building, although it was begun late, promises to be sooner completed earlier. The roof trussing has been completed and the workmen who have been employed on them were discharged yesterday afternoon. The first of the pieces will be hoisted today. As soon as the roof is placed the work of putting on the roofing will be begun.

The Manufacturers building is likely to be completed in a shorter time than the others. The staff is on, even to the ornamentation. The translucent skylight is almost finished. Yesterday the lathers completed their work on the interior of the building. Next to this structure the Administration arch is nearest completion. There is still some outside work to be put on the building.

MEXICAN GOVERNMENT'S PLANS.

President Diaz Promises Credible Representation at Omaha.

All indications point toward the most extensive and the most superior exhibit of Mexican products at the Transmississippi and International Exposition that the neighbor republic has ever made in the United States.

In his letter he says that he is meeting with great success in obtaining exhibits, that he has just seen President Diaz, who assures him that each state in the Republic of Mexico would be creditably represented at the exposition. Mr. Powell's brother, Dr. W. D. Powell, has recently been appointed chairman of the Mexican commission for the exposition and reports that the commission is actively at work securing exhibits for what promises to be the finest Mexican display ever made in the United States.

Mr. J. D. Powell asks that 20,000 square

feet of space in the Manufacturers building be reserved for Mexico. The Mexican manufacturers will need an apartment 100x300 feet, at least. The Mexican government is reported to be especially desirous of making a grand showing in this department.

A movement is on foot to transfer to the Transmississippi Exposition the large and valuable Mexican display now on exhibition in the museum of the Philadelphia Bourse. Mr. Powell suggests that this exhibit might be secured for Omaha permanently, after the close of the exposition here, as the majority of Mexican manufacturers, merchants and government officials feel that their interests are more closely allied with the transmississippi section of the United States than with the portion of the country along the Atlantic seaboard.

ADDRESS TO WESTERN TEACHERS.

Superintendent Pearce Has the Circular Ready.

Within a few days Superintendent Pearce of the public schools will send out several hundred circular letters to the principal educators of the transmississippi states presenting the idea of holding an educational congress in connection with the exposition and asking their co-operation in the enterprise. The circular is issued by the superintendent of the Missouri state board of education and is one of the most complete and concise yet issued on this subject.

It contends that this seems to be a great opportunity for the tens of thousands of teachers who live in the western part of the Mississippi and wish to attend the exposition. Many of them are unable to attend the meetings of the National Educational association and the proposed plan would give them the same benefits that they would enjoy by that attendance, together with the opportunity to see the exposition.

The general plan of the program is briefly outlined. It will be somewhat similar to those followed by the National Educational association and the general meetings will be addressed by the best educational speakers. Section meetings are included for the purpose of presenting particular lines of educational work and these will be addressed by experts in that particular line of work.

It is suggested that the congress be not in any way antagonistic to the National Educational association, and some information is afforded in regard to the general plan of the visitors and the very low railroad rates that will be secured for the purpose of making the general scope of the exposition and it is suggested that the latter part of June would probably be a satisfactory date for the congress.

Mr. X. Hancock, manager of the Department of Transportation of the exposition, this morning received the following telegram from James Mosher, general eastern freight agent of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad: "Your letter of December 31 will pass your goods through the custom house free."

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Table with 2 columns: Name and Votes. Lists names like Anna McNamara, Annie Kora, etc., and their respective vote counts.

The voting for a queen becomes more and more interesting every day and there is a great amount of interest in the contest.

Miss Anna McNamara, the young lady who is the ablest and handsomest of friends in this city who has been elected to be the queen, she has marshaled and handled her friendly battle like a little general, but there are still three weeks to her before the contest ends and there are several young ladies well up in the thousands who would like to wear a queen's crown for a few days and have all those lovely maids of honor as attendants—well, the contest is becoming interesting, and there can only be one queen.

A careful inspection of the contest for Queen Polaris was made yesterday and it was found to be in fairly good condition and will only give a slight cooling when the thermometer drops to the zero point below the freezing point. If the weather permits there will be music and skating on the Lagoon Sunday afternoon and evening.

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