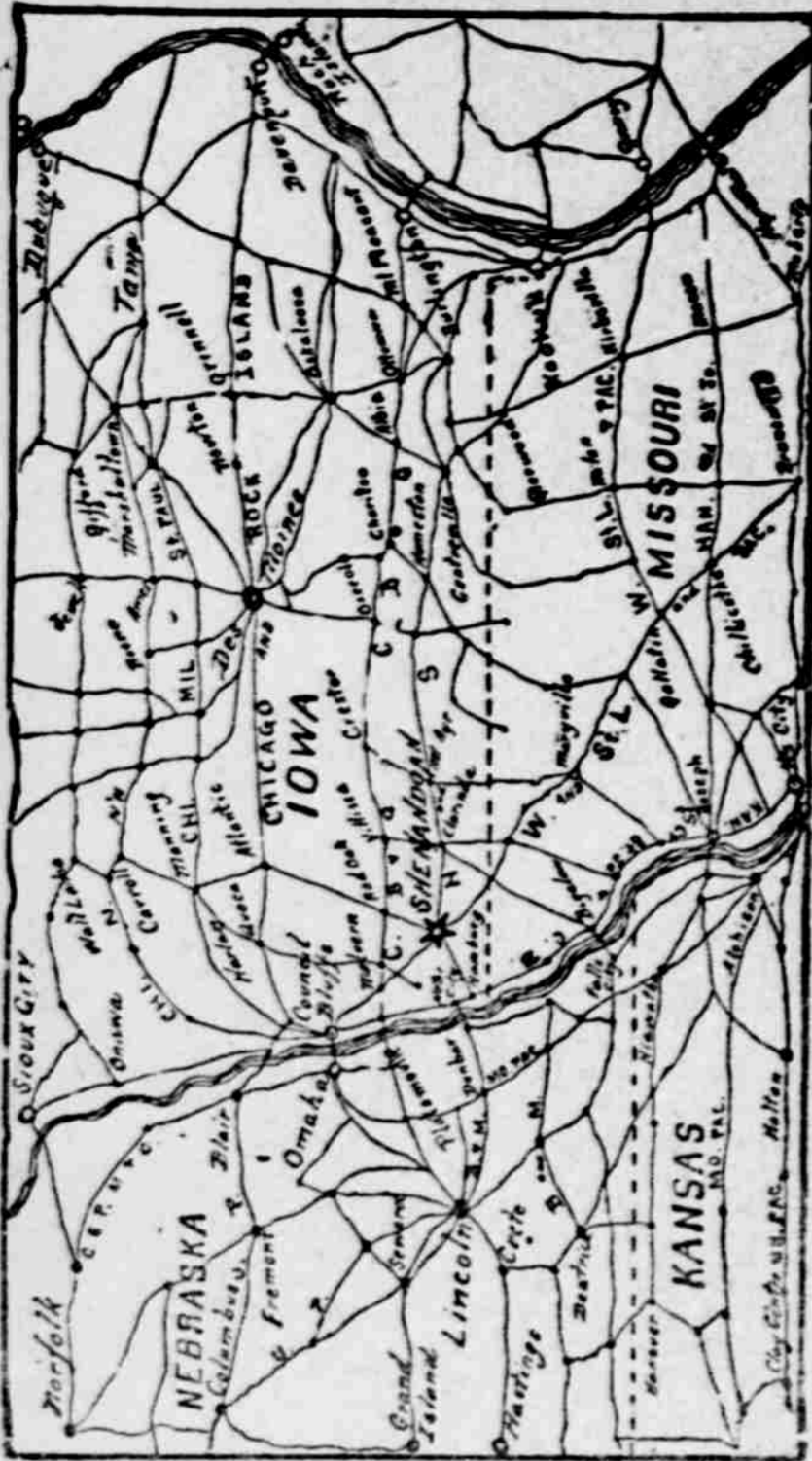


HOW TO GET TO THE WESTERN NORMAL COLLEGE

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CALENDAR FOR 1891-2

Fall Term Opens.....	August 25, 1891
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Second Winter Term Opens.....	January 12, 1892
Spring Term Opens.....	March 22, 1892
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A GOOD EDUCATION PAYS

[From the Iowa Teacher.]

We have often urged the teachers of the State, especially the younger class and those expecting to teach, to foster their means and attend some good school. We have in mind a young man, who, three years ago, was teaching in this State at \$25 per month. After his school closed he attended the spring and summer term at the Western Normal College at Shenandoah, and the next winter he taught at \$40 per month; attended the same school last spring and summer, taught this last winter at \$65 per month, and will re-enter the same college this spring and summer, and if he passes in his work, a position of \$750 awaits him. Did it pay this young man to improve himself? It will pay you to invest in what will make you a better teacher. It will help you to influence and position. Careful estimates make it certain that the chances of promotion to places of trust and power among men are almost two hundred times as great to an educated man as to an uneducated one. Wm. M. Croan, the president and proprietor of the Western Normal College at Shenandoah, with commendable enterprise has established an employment agency, whereby he constantly secures better positions for all students that attend his school.

Lady teachers that receive but thirty or thirty-five dollars per month teaching, are often given places that command sixty dollars after attending at his college, or they study music and make as much as one hundred dollars per month teaching. Others study Telegraphy, Shorthand, Typewriting, Art, Band and Orchestra Music, etc., and always secure good positions at advanced prices. The Western Normal College is the largest in the country, and is the best place in the country for teachers to take review work. You can review any study desired. This is guaranteed.

A VISIT TO THE WESTERN NORMAL COLLEGE

[From the Iowa Normal Monthly.]

We, one of the Normal Monthly men, made a flying visit to Shenandoah during the month of March. We went to visit the Western Normal College, located at that place. This institution has acquired a great popularity during the past few years, and we expected to find a large school pretty well equipped with buildings and appliances, and a faculty of good teachers. But we met with a happy surprise; we found a school far surpassing our highest expectations. We met with a most hearty welcome from President Croan and the faculty of teachers. We were taken on a tour about the buildings, and found them to be tasteful and commodious, and conveniently arranged. The principal building is a handsome four-story brick, presenting an imposing appearance. Everything about the building has an air of neatness, order and convenience. This building contains the offices and private rooms of President Croan and several of the teachers, the recitation rooms, library, telegraphy rooms and a large chapel room. Beside this, there are two large three-story buildings containing the dormitories for students, and three large dining rooms, which accommodate about 400 ladies and gentlemen. In one dining room about 400 students get meals for \$1.75 per week; and over 300 get meals in the other dining rooms at \$1.50 per week. On inquiring as to the difference in price we found that a certain class preferred to pay \$1.75 per week in order to have more of the extras and luxuries. The board, however, throughout is excellent and well adapted to student life. The entire boarding department is under the management of Mrs. Croan, whom we found to be a woman of fine business and executive ability, pleasant social qualities, and who makes everything homelike for the students.

The Western Normal College and Shenandoah Commercial Institute is owned and superintended by Professor W. M. Croan, a man well-known in the West for his business tact, executive and legislative qualities, and the peculiar faculty possessed by few—that of building up a large institution.

The members of the faculty are specialists in their respective departments and the work in the class room is thorough and practical. This is more than a normal school. Beside the department for Training of Teachers there is a good Commercial College, a well-equipped Musical Department, Departments of Painting, Shorthand, Type-Writing, Telegraphy and the Collegiate Department, embracing the Sciences, Languages, Mathematics, History, and all that go to make well-arranged courses of study. There were from 700 to 1,000 students in these different departments, from all parts of the West, and they are of that class of young men and young women who go to school for business, for study, for a purpose. An air of studiousness pervades the whole school. Hundreds of students are going out from the institution prepared for teaching and their various business pursuits. We came away with the firm conviction that the Western Normal College is a successful and well-ordered school.

UNPRECEDENTED SUCCESS

The unprecedented success of the Western Normal College at Shenandoah, under the leadership of Prof. Wm. M. Croan, is simply marvelous. He has fully proved himself to be a master among educators and a leader among financiers, and enjoys the respect and confidence of all who know him. When the Professor assumed control of that institution in 1884 there were about sixty pupils in attendance, while now the enrollment reaches the proud number of about 1,000 busy and industrious students and seekers after knowledge. His success is due in great measure, of course, to printers' ink, but he knows well how to utilize it in a profitable manner. Success to him.

The above is from the Page County Democrat and we certainly appreciate the compliment.

The World's Fair.

Progress steady, though slow, has been made in the work of completing arrangements for the Columbian Exposition of 1893.

The \$10,000,000 basis, already provided for, has been found by the Chicago Ways and Means Committee to be wholly inadequate to complete the work on a scale of greatness commensurate with its importance, and consistent with the dignity and prestige of the United States. Accordingly it is expected that the Fifty-second Congress will be appealed to further aid, to the extent of at least \$5,000,000.

The preliminary work of construction was begun on the Lake Front on January 27th; but there is still some feeling in favor of abandoning this site and concentrating the whole in Jackson Park. The latter site has lately been undergoing the changes necessary to building operations. An important contract was signed February 18th, between the local directory and the contractors, relative to the employment of labor in the construction of the buildings. Alien labor is excluded, but no restriction is specially placed on union or non-union men. The eight-hour day is recognized. The estimated cost of the buildings alone is \$10,000,000.

The appropriation for a government exhibit has been reduced from \$350,000 to \$300,000. Various state appropriations, ranging from \$40,000 to \$200,000, are under discussion or about to become available. It is, however, worthy of note, that while the Federal Elections Bill (the Lodge "Force" Bill) was pending, so strong was the feeling aroused in many of the States, that they threatened to withhold appropriations, and to stand aloof from the enterprise altogether, if the bill were passed. This was the case in Alabama, Arkansas, West Virginia, Indiana, and was even attempted in Illinois. South Dakota having failed to make any appropriation, the progressive men of that State have decided to make the matter a private enterprise.

Foreign countries have been formally invited to take part, and already many of them have graciously accepted. France has been the first of European countries to do so. On March 25th the English Government formally accepted the invitation, and made the announcement that a special Royal Commission would be appointed. On the same day the acceptance of Spain was recorded; and the manufacturers of Germany have already combined to impress upon their Government the necessity of a representation at the Fair, worthy of the German Empire. Favorable word, too, has been received from China and Japan. The indications are that Russia also will send a complete exhibit; for, although the Government has not yet taken any action, a syndicate of bankers and merchants in St. Petersburg has up to date subscribed \$2,500,000 francs. From Mexico, the West Indies, and Central American States, come similar gratifying assurances. The attitude of Italy is still uncertain. Possibly the ill feeling due to the late unpleasantness in New Orleans may prevent an official display on her part.

The dedication ceremonies of the Fair, in commemoration of the cental quadro-centenary of the discovery of America, will

be held from Tuesday, the 11th, to Friday the 14th day of October, 1892. They will include a grand military display, a mammoth civic and industrial procession illustrating all departments of industry, a grand dedication ball, and series of tableaux representing historical facts in the life of Columbus.

Several very interesting features of the Fair have already been announced. None will be of greater interest than the representation of one of the new battle ships. It will be erected on piling on the lake shore at Jackson Park, and will present the exact appearance of a full sized modern battle ship, with all the fittings. A museum of history is proposed, illustrating the whole subject of the discovery and colonization of North America, from the Norse discovery to the consolidation of the Nation in 1776. Mr. Steinway of New York is endeavoring to make music one of the great features, by arranging to have a continuous musical carnival during the Fair, in which the most prominent musicians of the world will successively assume the lead. The Board of Army Officers proposes to make an exhibit illustrating all the war resources of the country, the methods of manufacture and preparation, as well as everything in the line of field surgery and medicine, and the means of communication adapted to war purposes, from flag signals and carrier pigeons to the latest inventions in telegraphy and telephony. Other interesting features talked of are a Japanese tea garden; and an exact reproduction of the chief street in Damascus, with mosque, praying Mahometans, bazars, etc.

The Woman's Building is to cost \$200,000. Thirteen designs by women were submitted, that of Miss Sophia G. Hayden taking the \$1,000 prize. The second prize of \$500 went to Miss Lois L. Howe; and the third, of \$250, was taken by Miss Laura Hayes of Chicago. The building will be in the style of the Italian renaissance, with the entrance its chief feature of ornament.

His Holiness Pope Leo XIII. lately gave his apostolic benediction upon the World's Fair.

The Large National Cemeteries.

The biggest of the eighty-two national cemeteries are at Andersonville, Ga., with 13,703 dead; Arlington, Va., with 16,850; Chalmette, La., with 13,620; Chattanooga, Tenn., with 18,023; Fredericksburg, Va., with 15,273; Jefferson Barracks, Mo., with 11,647; Antietam, Md., with 12,139; Marietta, La., with 13,982; Nashville, Tenn., with 16,537; Salisbury, N. O., with 12,132, and Vicksburg, Miss., with 16,620. Of the 327,179 interred, 178,225 are known and 148,954 unidentified. About 9,800 of the entire number are Confederates. — Washington Star.

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1891

The Grandest Success Ever Given in the History of the Western Normal.

Five Hundred and Fifty-Four Graduates This Year, the Normal Class Numbering Seventy-Two.

The Wonder of All Western Schools.

The Eighth Annual Commencement at the Western Normal College commenced proper with the entertainment by the King's Daughters in the new college Chapel, Friday evening, July 17. A great deal of time and expense had been spent in preparing for this. The entertainment was given exclusively by ladies. "The Garden Party," "The Pantomime," "Mexic Drill," "The Chariot Race," "Mother Goose Drill," were all admirably presented.

THE OLYMPIC SOCIETY

Gave one of their excellent programs Saturday evening, July 18. They were greeted with a large audience. Professor Spelling and his full orchestra were present to enliven the occasion with their music. The College Band, consisting of forty pieces, played several delightful airs.

THE BACCALAUREATE

An immense crowd gathered in the new Chapel Sunday evening, July 19, to hear the Baccalaureate sermon preached by Rev. L. B. Wickersham. Professors Oldham and Spelling had immense choruses on the stage. Their music was of the very best. The great classes, as they filed in to take the places assigned them filled the central part of the audience room. Rev. Wickersham never appeared better than on this occasion. He is a general favorite. The faculty, ministers and the chorus classes occupied positions on the stage. The large audience room was packed to its utmost capacity.

MUSIC GRADUATES.

On Monday evening, July 20, occurred the graduation of the Music Class. The stage and auditorium were handsomely decorated for the occasion, and long before sun down the great hall was packed, and some time before the appointed time. The class had difficulty in gaining admission. The program was excellent. The degree was conferred by President Croan.

MUSIC CLASS, 1891.

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| Mary Bowman, Red Oak, Iowa. | Nevada McMahill, Shenandoah, Iowa. |
| Marguerite M. Boyle, Sheridan, Mo. | Nettie Morris, Shenandoah, Iowa. |
| Bianche Crocker, Shenandoah, Iowa. | Mary Stevens, Eikhorn, Wis. |
| Leafy Hix, Newmarket, Iowa. | Ellen Sullivan, Hopburn, Iowa. |
| Wilma Lyman, Clarinda, Iowa. | Mary Tilton, Deep River, Iowa. |
| Grace McCulloch, Shenandoah, Iowa. | Mildred Zeece, Pleasant Hill, Neb. |

NORMAL CLASS.

Tuesday evening, July 21, occurred the graduation of the Normal Class. This is the largest class graduating in the West this year, and was composed of seventy-two members. The following were the representatives chosen by the class to represent them:

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| Donna Fisher, Tekamah, Neb. | F. A. Sackett, Middle River, Iowa. |
| D. L. Killen, Adams, Neb. | A. G. Moore, Shenandoah, Iowa. |
| Georgia Tyson, Western, Neb. | Eurana Cheney, Emerson, Iowa. |

SCIENTIFIC CLASS.

Wednesday evening witnessed the graduation of twenty-two members of the Scientific Class, and it was a grand affair. Everything was of an elegant order. The addresses were grand, and were all that the management, the class, the parents and the graduates could wish. Several hundred could not gain admission on this occasion, as on the others.

CIVIL ENGINEERING.

This class graduated Thursday afternoon. They were greeted with an immense audience, and acquitted themselves with credit.

ALUMNI AND BANQUET.

Thursday evening was devoted exclusively to the College Alumni. They gave a program in the auditorium Thursday evening at which Mr. G. E. Scott was the principal orator. This was followed by the banquet at the Delmonico Hotel. The week was the grandest ever witnessed in Shenandoah. Most of the students left on Friday and Saturday only to return August 24, bringing with them stores of friends. Everybody hurried for the Western Normal College. The attendance next year will be largely increased over last.

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