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SCHOOL AND COLLEGE WORK

Educational Progress Diminishing Illiteracy in United States. BETTERMENT OF RURAL SCHOOLS State Superintendents Deplore Conditions and Urge Needed Remedies—Nevsky Reports from Nearby Institutions.

"A clearing house of educational thought," is the title bestowed on the deliberations of the department of superintendence of the National Educational Association held at Philadelphia, recently. Sessions extended through three days and evenings. A large number of papers dealing with various phases of educational work were read and discussed, the urgent needs of the public schools pointed out, and many reforms advocated. The dominant note was educational betterment and progress toward the goal of perfection. That education is progressing was made clear in the steady decrease of illiteracy shown by the records of the National Bureau of Education. In the last forty years, according to Commissioner Claxton, the percentage of illiteracy among whites has dropped from 12 to 5 per cent and among the colored people from 56 to 30 per cent. Among the foreign born in this country the percentage fell from 14 to 12 1/2 per cent, and today the percentage of illiterates among the children of foreign born people is only 11-12 per cent. "We still have a great problem of illiteracy before us, for there are more than 5,000,000 illiterate men, women and children over 10 years old in this country. Of this number 750,000 are between 10 and 20 years old, and almost 5,000,000 are 21 years old or over. Nearly 2,300,000 men of voting age are unable to read and write."

Most important of the papers presented were two dealing with rural schools—one by State Superintendent Edward Hyatt of Sacramento, Cal., and one by State Superintendent Thomas H. Harris of Baton Rouge, La. Both papers dealt with conditions in their respective states, regarded as typical of rural schools in general. Mr. Hyatt deplored the growing lure of city life, which he held responsible for the educational poverty of the country. The cities draw the best of the country teachers in exchange for the city's poorer. Better wages for teachers, in his opinion, would not remedy evil conditions. "There must be an awakening of public sentiment in the country, and a determination to make rural homes and rural schools more attractive by providing the comforts, interest and social recreations—in a word, the essential things which cities have."

Superintendent Harris declared a complete reorganization of rural schools is necessary to check the exodus to the cities. With comfortable new schools and new equipment there should be "a corps of teachers fitted by education and temperament, to teach country schools successfully. Some of the requirements should be: A real preference for country schools; reared on the farm and therefore acquainted with country conditions; some knowledge of scientific agriculture and home making; ability to organize and lead; at least a good high school education and the ability to conduct recitations sensibly. No matter what the organization may be, country schools will not prosper under the management of city girls who use the country schools as a place to serve their apprenticeship in teaching."

KEARNEY STATE NORMAL.

Omaha Art Exhibit Entertains School for Week. Superintendent Benson of Lexington and Superintendent True of Cozad were visitors at the Normal. President Thomas has returned from the meeting of the department of superintendence of the National Educational Association in Philadelphia. Dr. Preston W. Search of Cincinnati was a chapel visitor and gave a very inspiring and helpful address to the students. The Kearney Normal basket ball team closed the season with the game with Central City college played Saturday night. The Normal showed excellent team work and won the game by a big score. The art exhibit under the auspices of the Normal Art department attracted much attention. An unusually fine assortment of pictures is on exhibition and both students and town people are taking advantage of the opportunity to see the pictures. Programs occur at intervals during the exhibit. Prof. C. W. Neale gave a short talk to teachers on the use of pictures in the grades. Dr. Fleishman of the department of education spoke on Italian art. Miss Anna Jennings, librarian, made a short talk, making special reference to famous paintings and pictures of places which she had personally seen while in Europe. Miss Smith of the Art department, gave a very instructive and interesting talk on art in general, taking up several of the most prominent pictures. The Normal orchestra, under direction of Prof. Patterson, furnished music for the evening programs which has been thoroughly appreciated. The exhibit closed Saturday evening with an address by President Thomas upon the influence of art on education. George Ritchey of the class of 1913, who has been the principal of the Amesher school the present year, has just received notice of his appointment to the Insular service and will sail from San Francisco for Manila on March 15.

PERU STATE NORMAL.

Notable Development of Musical Department of School. At a recent meeting of the faculty, a paper was read by Prof. Daisell regarding his recent visits to several schools in western Nebraska. His special object was to learn at first hand how the Peru teachers are getting along in that section of the state. On Tuesday morning the Glee club entertained the students with a short concert, assisted by Miss Blankenship, who sang two Irish folk songs. The boys gave "O'Connell," a group of college songs, and closed with Trotter's "Marching." The large choral society is being increased by many singers from the village, who come up to the evening rehearsals twice a week. The Glee club members are many of them assisting and the "Messiah" is gradually becoming familiar. A very enjoyable number on the lecture course was a recital last Tuesday night by the talented young Chicago tenor, Albert Lindquist. The singer was brought here under the auspices of Miss Thomas,

FREMONT COLLEGE.

Brief Mention of the Week's Happenings. Miss Della Tucker appeared on the rally program given by the Workmen and Degree of Honor members, Tuesday evening. Miss Tucker delighted the audience with her reading of "Helen's Babies." On Friday evening, March 8, some of the best musical talent from the state university will give a recital in the college chapel. Carl Stekelberg, head of the violin department, assisted by Miss Vera Upton, vocalist, and Miss Nellie Cave, pianist, are among those who will present this rare treat to music lovers. The following series of topics were presented to the students by members of the faculty during the last week: "The Shuck," Prof. Ray; "The Grain of Corn," Mrs. Gilbert; "The Cob," Mr. Mohler. The presentation in each case was as unique as the subject chosen and a delight to the hearers.

DOANE COLLEGE.

Debates, Lectures, Memorial Exercises and Other Activities. The annual triangular debate between Doane, Bellevue and Colmer is to come off March 14. The question is "Resolved, that the trusts should be regulated rather than prevented." Doane will uphold the affirmative at home, with Whitehorn, Higby and Noyce debating, while Wertz, Goble and Dawes will go to Colmer to debate the negative side. The fourth number of the lecture course was held on Friday. It was a home talent affair, with Miss Parker, the principal of the school of expression, giving the program, assisted by the string or-

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

Large Attendance Predicted for Basket Ball Tournaments. With very few of the entries turned in to Manager Guy Reed, the high school basket ball tournament at Lincoln promises to be one of the most exciting of the season. Forty-five or more teams will participate and the three champion teams will be awarded trophies of various kinds. To the "five" that come out first Tucker and Shean will offer a large loving cup. Omaha High won this cup last year and the previous season it was won by the team from the Beatrice school. Both of these teams are again considered in the championship class for the coming meet. The tournament will take place March 12, 14 and 15. All of last week was devoted to meetings of numerous kinds and to the Young Woman's Christian Association, who were celebrating "association" week. Miss Olooloh Bruner and Miss Morris, secretaries of other organizations, were in the city and gave many interesting and instructive talks to the girls. The meeting ended Saturday with a luncheon in honor of the visiting secretaries, followed by a meeting of the alumnae, who organized a "day of devotion" for the Young Woman's Christian Association, who were celebrating "association" week. Miss Olooloh Bruner and Miss Morris, secretaries of other organizations, were in the city and gave many interesting and instructive talks to the girls. The meeting ended Saturday with a luncheon in honor of the visiting secretaries, followed by a meeting of the alumnae, who organized a "day of devotion" for the Young Woman's Christian Association, who were celebrating "association" week.

BELLEVUE COLLEGE.

Literary Societies and Athletic Clubs Divide Attention. Dr. Corkey of Wayne addressed the students of Bellevue college in chapel Wednesday morning, and delivered his monthly lecture on sociology to the students of that department in the afternoon. The interclass basket ball tournament closed last week, resulting in the winning of first place by the Juniors, with the Seniors, Sophomores, Freshmen, and Preps following in regular order. This completes the basket ball season, and work on the track will commence as soon as the weather permits. The Adelpian and Philomathean Literary societies held their customary meetings Friday evening of last week, and Saturday evening the young women of Pontenelle hall were the hosts of the faculty, young men and friends. A literary program was rendered and refreshments were served in the dining room. August A. Holtze, who has been employed as director of athletics, left the hill Thursday and has severed his connection with the college. David Primrose who coached the track team of 1912 is a prospective coach for next year. Ferris Webb, David Primrose and Prof. H. Jones, all ex-students, were visitors on the hill last week.

Audiences of Pope Stopped by Illness

ROME, March 9.—The Vatican announces that the indisposition from which Pope Pius is suffering is insignificant. The Osservatore Romano, the Vatican organ, publishes the following announcement: "The pope, somewhat depressed since the death of his sister a month ago, tried to distract his mind from his sorrow by his extraordinary activity. A few days since he began to show the effects of over-exertion, but continued to give audiences. Dr. Marchisava, the pope's physician, ordered an immediate suspension of all audiences. He detected symptoms of mild bronchitis. The pope is not confined to his bed, but Dr. Marchisava has advised complete rest and early retirement at night."

PROFESSOR CHARGED WITH MURDER OF LAUNDRY DRIVER

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 9.—With only relatives and friends present the funeral of the late Clyde N. Darling, the laundry driver, who, the police say, was shot by

JUDGES TALK TO LAWYERS

Members of District Court Bench Guests at Meeting. SATISFIED WITH THE BAR Magistrates Give Opinions of Work Done Before Them Quite Complimentary to Those Who Practice in Courts.

If Omaha judges entertain any derogatory opinions about the lawyers who appear before them, they failed to take advantage of the opportunity of expressing them Saturday when called upon at the monthly meeting of the Omaha Bar Association in the University club rooms. The meeting was rather a love feast and each judge talking from the subject, "The Omaha Bar as Viewed from the Bench," declared the members of the bar were men of the highest caliber. Magistrate Charles Foster, of the police court, said he found defendants appearing before him more in need of friends than lawyers. He said, however, that more lawyers, especially the younger ones, should take advantage of opportunities offered them by the police court and come there to practice. There would be little money for them there, said he, but the experience, not to speak of the general good they could do the city, state and their clients, would be good for them. He continued that practice in police court was more a sociological study than a study of law, and that lawyers appearing before him do well to act more as a friend and adviser, both of the court and their client, than as purely an advocate of their client's cause. Judge Bryce Crawford of the county court read a short paper on the practice before his bench. A. L. Sutton, presiding judge of the district court, announced his thorough satisfaction with the Douglas county bar. In telling of the work done by the judges of the district court, Judge Sutton declared there were more cases being disposed of now than ever before. There were thirty-seven verdicts brought in by one jury last week, he said, which doubles the number of cases handled during a same period five years ago. Judges Lee S. Estelle and George A. Day gave short reminiscences, telling of some of the more humorous experiences they have had while serving on the bench. Judge Day suggested that lawyers could expedite the progress of justice if they spent less time choosing jurors.

Culls from the Wires

A heavy movement of newspaper paper, with a moderate decrease in stocks on hand, is the feature of the January statistics. The Himalaya Mining company, an Arizona corporation, filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy in federal court in New York. Daniel C. French, chairman, and Frederick Law Olmsted, vice chairman of the National Arts commission, have returned to Washington from a visit to the canal zone. Manager Grolle of The Netherlands Branch of the Mutual Life insurance company of Amsterdam, is charged with defalcations amounting to \$100,000 (\$7,500). Fire destroyed the factory of the Shreve Chair company at Union City, Pa. The loss is estimated at \$200,000. So far as is known there was no loss of life, although a number were in the plant at the time the fire was discovered. Whether the anti-trust law forbids combinations of merchants of a town to prevent a mail order house in a city of another state doing business in their town is a question the supreme court will be asked next Monday to review. Governor George R. Colton of Porto Rico was a passenger on the steamer Zulla which sailed from Mayaguez, New York Governor Colton is proceeding to Washington in relation to cablegram announcing the critical illness of his father there. Hugh A. Franklin of London was sentenced in the Middlesex sessions to nine months imprisonment for setting fire to a railway carriage. He informed the court that he did this as a protest against the government's treatment of the suffragettes. He declared that he would go on a hunger strike.

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Nebraskan Loses \$9,000 Betting on Sure Thing Races

PALM BEACH, Fla., March 9.—J. N. Bateman, a lawyer of Atlanta, Ga., was arrested here this afternoon, charged with having been implicated in a horse race swindle by which Frank Rothleuter of Kikore, Neb., asserts he lost \$9,000. The arrest was made on a warrant sworn out by Rothleuter in Miami, Fla., where the alleged swindle is reported to have taken place. Rothleuter asserts that Bateman and associates influenced him to bet on races in what he thought was a "sure thing" system and finally they influenced him to wager \$2,000. The money is said to have been paid over to the alleged swindlers in Atlanta, Ga. Warrants for two associates of Bateman have been issued at the instigation of Rothleuter, who had been spending the winter at Miami. They have not been located.

Test of Webb Law to Be Had in Carolina

ABBEVILLE, S. C., March 9.—Chief Justice Gary of the South Carolina supreme court today signed an order requiring the Southern Express company to deliver a package said to contain liquor to S. E. Collicott of Columbia, S. C. The case is expected to be a test of the validity of the Webb law. Under this law the express company claimed it could not deliver liquor into South Carolina and it held up a shipment to Collicott. Chief Justice Gary's order may be applied in other express offices in the state which have refused to deliver liquor. Straight at it. There is no use of our "heating around the bush." We might as well out with it first as last. We want you to try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the next time you have a cough or cold. There is no reason, so far as we can see, why you should not do so. This preparation, by its remarkable cures, has gained a world-wide reputation, and people everywhere speak of it in the highest terms of praise. For sale by all druggists.—Advertisement.

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