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WEST NEBRASKA EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

As each succeeding year comes and goes, the most casual observer, be he ever so little interested in educational work, cannot fail to observe the rapid advancement being made, the deeper interest taken, the superior methods adopted, and the general improvement which is discernible in teachers' county institutes, educational associations, and general state conventions in the west. It is of little avail that there are left a few cranks and old fogies who declaim against the new methods of education. The plans now adopted, and the successive steps now taken by the up-to-date teacher, are of a character immeasurably better than those followed by the educators of even twenty years ago, and if measured by results, far exceed anything hitherto put into practice by those who have had the grave responsibility resting upon them of educating the children of our land, and fitting them to creditably fill the positions in life to which they may aspire. We in the west, though we are sometimes considered behind our eastern sister states in many respects, can congratulate ourselves that along educational lines, and a common school system, we stand in the van—but in Nebraska we do not stand, for we are making the most rapid and gigantic strides. Our motto is, Excelsior! Excelsior! And those who desire and expect to keep pace with us must not be laggards in the great race after knowledge, and consequently, power.

The fifth annual meeting of the West Nebraska Educational Association was not a particle behind preceding gatherings of a similar kind, and in fact, in some respects, it was superior to any former association.

Consider for a moment the paper, "Nature Study in the Country School," by G. W. Rhodes, of Somerset. Dismissing any tendency to comment on the paper, what a field of thought is opened up through the examination of such a question, how potent are the questions evolved, and with what pleasurable emotions we, who have children to educate, can listen to an intelligent discussion of a question fraught with so much of interest, and calculated to bring pleasure and profit to our boys and girls! How different is this from the method pursued when some of us were pupils at school, and were flogged for drawing a picture, or carrying a flower within the sacred precincts of the temple of learning, where knowledge was disseminated with a raw-hide, and our introduction to nature study was through the medium of a water-beech switch!

The paper on "Science in the High School," by W. P. Killen, of Lodge Pole, and the discussion which followed, were further assurances that our teachers are alive to the importance of introducing such subjects in our schools and that our children are receiving the benefit of methods calculated to appeal to their reason, and their love of the strange and beautiful. The lecture on "Methods in History," by Miss Mary Tremaine, of Lincoln, was a synopsis of the method followed by the instructors in the State University, interspersed with elucidations and comments calculated to show that Miss

Tremaine was master of the subject, and made some wish that the past would return again so that they could have the advantage afforded by such superior instructions in that branch which to many is a dry subject. There was a spirit discussion on this lecture, led by R. H. Langford of North Platte who while he disclaimed any intention to fault finding, wished to know how such a method could be made to suit the requirements of a country school. His query was very aptly and pleasantly answered by the lecturer, and a large number of interrogations followed, showing the interest taken, and the knowledge possessed by our teachers on this subject.

"How to test the quality of a teacher's work," was very ably handled by Mrs. F. A. Franklin, county superintendent of Lincoln county, and the remarks thereon by other superintendents present, brought out the idea that to test the teacher's work it was necessary to be conversant with the environments of the child, to know the character of its home, the conduct of the parents, in short to be cognizant of everything which might influence the child adversely or to its advantage. The ideas thus expressed are proof that, generally speaking, our county superintendents are conscientious men and women who wish to discharge their duties so as to reflect credit to themselves and be a benefit to the schools within their jurisdiction.

After the opening exercises Saturday morning the question, "Reading in the primary grade," was the topic before the association, and the younger teachers present have reason to rejoice that they had the pleasure of listening to such able and experienced teachers as Mrs. Heller, of Omaha, Mr. Waterhouse, of Grand Island, and others who so intelligently, clearly and forcibly explained the newest and best methods of teaching reading in the primary grade.

"Literature as a factor in public thought," was the subject of a paper carefully prepared and pleasantly rendered by J. A. Chisman, of Elsie. Many good points were made which were doubtless treasured up by the teachers, and will materially assist them in their choice of reading in the future.

We regret to say that the discussion on "Children's Interests," led by Miss Sarah Ferguson of North Platte we did not hear, but judging from the statements of others it was well-timed and will be productive of good.

"Some practical uses I have made of child-study in my work," was the subject of a very instructive talk by F. N. Slawson of Paxton. This talk was studied all over with shining gems, and we know that each teacher would be able to carry away with her at least one jewel to set in her diadem of thought, to sparkle and glitter in her future efforts in the school room.

"Child study from a mother's standpoint," was the subject of a paper read by Mrs. W. W. Birge of North Platte. To those who knew Mrs. Birge as a teacher it is not necessary to say that the paper was carefully prepared, and we believe heartily enjoyed by those who listened. Many excellent points were made which will prove beneficial to those who have the control of the little ones.

The lecture, "Child Study," delivered by Mrs. H. H. Heller of Omaha, was a masterpiece, and to the teachers who had the pleasure of listening to such an able talk, given in so pleasant and interesting a manner, it was worth all the trouble and expense of attending the association. The length of this article will not permit any lengthy comments on this lecture which was

so peculiarly adapted to the requirements of those present, but we earnestly wish that every mother, every father, every teacher in Nebraska could have heard and had the opportunity to profit by what was so beautifully told of the little ones in this discourse.

Friday evening Chancellor MacLean delivered an excellent address on, "Our common school system"—a good, practical, common sense talk which reached the audience, and gave them clearer ideas regarding the benefits derived from such an admirable system as ours, and caused us to believe that educationally we are blessed with advantages of which few states can boast.

Saturday evening Prof. F. W. Taylor of Lincoln delivered a highly entertaining and an instructive lecture on Mexico, accompanied with stereopticon views, which was most highly appreciated by those present.

The music, both vocal and instrumental was all that could be desired, the recitation by Miss Ada Kocken was favorably received, the juvenile drill by the little ones of Miss Searle's school was very amusing and the audience showed their appreciation by a hearty encore.

In the forenoon, Saturday, State Superintendent Jackson held a conference with the Supts. present in which was discussed subjects pertaining to the work of the different county superintendents. The regret of those present was that they could not devote a much longer time to many topics which are of vital importance to those who supervise the school interests, especially in the western part of the state.

If any one performed any part in this association, either as officers, who cannot be too highly commended for the admirable way in which the business was conducted, or in any capacity, and have been inadvertently overlooked, do not feel aggrieved for upon application, we will gladly furnish affidavits to prove that your part was ably sustained.

To the writer there always comes a feeling of sadness at the breaking up and dispersing of a gathering of people who may have assembled for social or other purposes, and so the teachers have collected in the fifth annual association and separated and gone. The hearty good byes have been spoken and the, "Remember till we meet again," have been said, and the question which presents itself is, what are the benefits which have been derived? Did the teachers go away better able to perform their arduous labor? Were they strengthened, encouraged, edified? Will they look back to the time they assembled in North Platte with pleasant emotions? Will they be able to do more good in their vocation? Will the world be made better through what was said and done in this association? If so, the great end has been accomplished. We believe every one of these questions can be answered in the affirmative. May Providence smile upon the teachers, and following out the ancient idea, when Jupiter is ready to bestow the crown on her who shall be his queen as a reward for having done the most good, it will surely rest on the teacher's brow.

WANT TO DISOLVE THE DISTRICT.

A petition is being circulated this week in the Lincoln and Dawson county irrigation district to have a special election called by the board of directors to vote on the question of discontinuing the organization of the district. Up till yesterday noon twenty six persons had signed the petition, which requires the signatures of a majority of the voters of the district. The petition has been gotten out under a new law passed by the legislature which does not go into effect until next July, and it appears to us that the framers of the petition have overlooked one of the most important sections of the new law, which distinctly states that the new law relates only to districts having no outstanding indebtedness. From what we know of the Lincoln and Dawson county irrigation district there is an indebtedness of about twenty thousand dollars outstanding at the present time, aside from what sum of money may be ordered to be paid by the district to I. E. Doty for non-fulfillment of contract.—Gothenburg Times.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

Tom Padgett hooked a German carp one day last week, in Phil Malloy's pond on the Willow, that weighed 7 pounds 6 ounces. He saw a number of much larger ones, but could not induce them.—Wallace Tug.

Up to date the Farmers' and Merchants' Irrigation company has expended over \$4,000 for repairs on the main ditch, laterals etc. The most of the cost has been in the replacing of check gates, flumes, etc.—Lexington Pioneer.

Curtis & Black are shipping in farm machinery by the the car load.

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EVENTS IN NEBRASKA.

There is some talk among the members of the Oriental wheel club of Grand Island in favor of purchasing a four-foot roller, of three or four tons weight, with which to make bicycle paths in the country.

Norfolk is the only city in the state that can boast of having an underground railway. The Norfolk street car line is from six inches to a foot underground, where it has been covered by the city.

The secretary of the Schuyler Chicory company informs the Sun that contracts have already been signed for 177 1/2 acres of chicory roots this season. It is thought that 200 acres is all that it will be desirable for them to handle the first year.

Ex-State Treasurer Bartley has been arrested on a warrant sworn out in Omaha for converting to his own use a warrant of \$180,000, drawn to reimburse the state sinking fund for a deficiency. This sum is a part of the original shortage.

The state officers of Nebraska have returned from junketing tours in private cars made in different directions. They all report pleas-

ant visits and good times, had at the expense of the railroad companies and corporations. The governor and family, his private secretary and family and a party of friends visited Port Arthur, Texas, where it is probable they will make heavy investments and may locate at the expiration of their terms of office.

The committee appointed to investigate the affairs of the state offices at Lincoln have hired three expert accountants and begun the work of probing the records in search of corruption. They will keep this up until the \$10,000 appropriated by the legislature is exhausted.

Dr. Dunn of Lincoln has about 1,600 acres of land devoted to the culture of hemp for fibre; H. Jerome at Columbus has about the same amount and the Fremont hemp company has about 3,000 acres, which makes in the neighborhood of 6,000 acres being cultivated in the state. The crop is becoming an important one.

The school census as given out in the report of the state superintendent of public instruction, which includes all between the ages of five and twenty-one years, is as follows for the principal cities in the state: Omaha, 28,609; Lincoln, 11,270; Fremont 2,611; Beatrice, 2,465; Nebraska City, 2,435; Plattsmouth, 2,359; Grand Island, 2,324; Kearney, 2,059; Hastings, 2,024. These figures are as reported to the state superintendent. It will be noticed that the difference between Grand Island, Nebraska City and Beatrice, is very small while Hastings even fell below Kearney, Fremont's large census is no doubt due to its Normal school which is largely attended and which will during the year increase the number about 700.—Ex.



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