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## THE TEACHERS' INSTITUTE PROCEEDING WITH GREAT INTEREST AND THE ATTENDANCE INCREASING

### Professors Winship and Waterhouse and Miss Ruth Pyrtle Doing Grand Work in Their Different Departments, and the Teachers Seem Greatly Interested in the Proceedings—The Attendance Much Larger Today.

From Tuesday's Daily.  
By the end of the first afternoon there were 112 enrolled. This is a splendid showing and the evening trains were well filled, so that it looks as though all previous records would be broken. There is a general feeling of satisfaction that everything has passed off so well.

Miss Pyrtle had on exhibition some of the industrial work from the Lincoln city schools—many pieces from the McKinley building, of which she is principal. The talk Miss Pyrtle gave in addition to the pieces of work which were shown, will undoubtedly be shown in increased efficiency in the Cass county school rooms during the ensuing year.

Doctor Winship talked in the afternoon about "Personality." One needs first to know the general principles—the mechanics—of a subject, but afterwards he must learn that these general rules are not like the laws of the Medes and Persians, unbreakable. The teacher's personality must be the chief thing in a school of the present day and age. Don't be narrow and small, but be broad and large. Dominate your school, but do not dominate over it. The laws of dominance are as certain and fixed as exact as the laws of mathematics. The lecturer drew many illustrations from his years of experience that lived up to the discourse, all told with that charming simplicity and magnetism that has made Doctor Winship the foremost speaker on educational subjects in America. Many of the people of our city were noticed in the audience.

The round table conducted by Superintendent Waterhouse brought out a lively discussion along numerous lines of interest to the beginners in teaching. These were the chief topics: Your responsibility ought not to drive the smile from your face or joy from your heart; you ought to learn to write an application that will create a favorable impression and make a personal application in a way that will do you the most good. It is just such practical suggestions as these that the teachers are eagerly looking for.

In the evening there was the lawn fete, kindly provided by the Commercial club, and held on the lawn of Messrs. E. H. Wescott, Byron Clark and N. C. Abbott. Refreshments were served and a magnificent program was rendered in faultless style by the Burlington band. Following is the program for Wednesday, August 7:

#### FORENOON.

8:30 to 9—Music, Miss Pyrtle.  
9 to 9:30—"What Constitutes Good Reading," Superintendent Abbott.

9:30 to 10:10—"Teaching of English," Dr. Winship.  
10:10 to 10:40—"Writing," Superintendent Waterhouse.  
10:40 to 11:20—"Primary Story Telling," Miss Pyrtle.

11:30 to 12—"Arithmetic," Superintendent Waterhouse.

#### AFTERNOON.

1:45 to 2:15—"Industrial Work," Miss Pyrtle.

2:15 to 2:45—"Professional Vitality," Dr. Winship.

2:45 to 3:30—"Round Table," Superintendent Waterhouse.

#### This Morning's Session.

The session of the institute this morning carried out the program as printed last night in the Journal. There were only two slight variations from what had been planned, each of them adding materially to the pleasure and satisfaction of the pedagogues. Superintendent Byron Dill of Wilber was present in the interest of several educational publications and made a telling speech. He advocated the systematic reading of a good professional state paper

and one of general standing in the United States. A number of those present subscribed for one or more of the publications represented by Mr. Dill.

Mr. Wurl of Quincy, who happens to be visiting in the city during the little intermission, gave the teachers some physical exercise that may be profitably carried out in the various class rooms. Mr. Wurl showed himself a master of this kind of work.

Deputy State Superintendent Elliott, formerly city superintendent of Broken Bow, was present for part of the morning session and congratulated Miss Foster on the amount of enthusiasm that he saw among the teachers. He has been making a business this summer of visiting institutes all over the state.

One of the new features decided upon is a reading contest among all of those enrolled and this will serve as a sort of plan that will be followed out over the county among the pupils next year. As the basis of this work the two advanced readers gotten out by Searson & Martin will be used. It is anticipated that great advance in reading will be made when those in the school rooms realize what can be done and what is being done in other schools.

The lectures of Miss Pyrtle carried along further the instruction that has been already outlined in these columns. This is also true of Superintendent Waterhouse's work. They are full of hope and aspiration—always looking forward toward better conditions and are able out of their broad experience to pass this good cheer along. Dr. Winship had "English" as his theme, and told in detail of the excellent work that is being done in Newton, Massachusetts. English can be taught in such a way that every child will be able to write something that is genuinely his own if the subject is properly taught. Then Newton teachers have them study jingles and myths and then try to write some of their own. How well they succeeded was seen when the lecturer read a number of the selections that he had gathered there.

In Superintendent Abbott's address several points stood out prominently. Teachers should establish right ideals, quicken the desire to read and lead to a wise choice in reading. Once a month it was suggested the teacher should read aloud some selection just the very best she knows how. In choosing this selection she should be sure that it is good; that she herself likes it and that her pupils will like it.

## ATTENDED TEACHERS' INSTITUTE 30 YEARS AGO

O. B. Polk, one of the leading lawyers of Lincoln, was in the city today, and being informed that he had missed a great treat by not coming in yesterday afternoon in time to attend the reception for the teachers, Mr. Polk stated that the last teachers' institute he attended was in 1882. That was thirty years ago, when Superintendent Drummond tendered the teachers a reception at his home on North Fifth street. The refreshments were served the teachers seated around a long table. After the refreshments a finger bowl was started around, in which many of the teachers had dipped their fingers, and when it reached Professor Philbert, one of the brainy members of the institute, he proceeded to drink the contents of the bowl. Mr. Polk never attended the institute after that.

### Has Foot Injured.

Henry Perry, who has been working with Boss Weber at repairing the M. P. track at Mynard, met with quite a serious accident this morning while assisting with a load of ties on the rubber car. Henry was on the car dropping down from the place where the load had been placed on the car to the place where the ties were to be used. The boss had indicated the place to stop, when Henry jumped down in front of the car, as men usually did, when his foot slipped and he fell with one foot on the rail. The front wheel of the car caught his foot and passed over it, and this seemed to paralyze him so that he could not get his foot away in time to avoid the other wheel running over it. He was brought to town by Charles Martin, where a physician dressed the injured foot. It will be some time before he will be able to go back to work.

## RICH TREAT FOR CASS COUNTY TEACHERS

### Reception Tendered Cass County Teachers by Commercial Club a Big Success.

From Tuesday's Daily.  
The reception tendered by the Plattsmouth Commercial club to the teachers and their friends on the lawn of Messrs. E. H. Wescott, Byron Clark and N. C. Abbott last night was well attended by teachers and citizens of Plattsmouth interested in education.

County Superintendent Miss Mary Foster and her corps of institute workers were present and formed a most interesting group. Dr. Winship, who was here as an instructor two years ago, and Superintendent Waterhouse, formerly of Weeping Water, renewed former acquaintances, while Miss Pyrtle met the Plattsmouth people for the first time. Secretary A. L. Tidd of the Commercial club and other members of the reception committee were present to aid the teachers in meeting each other and the people.

The Burlington Route band furnished a number of classical selections and never offended the teachers once with "rag." In fact, Director Ed Schulhof does not waste any of the time of his musicians practicing the "rag-time" music, and the management of the Epworth Assembly should take this into consideration next year when looking out for a band, and avoid the unpleasant scene of a day or two ago. The music of last evening was duly appreciated and the selections were frequently encored by enthusiastic bursts of applause.

Refreshments, consisting of ice cream and wafers, were served by the Commercial club, Mr. John Nepetz and his estimable wife performing this service most excellently. The manner of serving the ice cream in cones was a happy thought and worked a saving of much labor and dispensed with the glass and spoon nuisance. The affair was very enjoyable throughout and it has been suggested that a farewell reception be tendered the teachers at the end of the session.

The Burlington Route band rendered the following program: March—Noisy Boys.....Evans Medley—Fifty Miles From Boston.....Cohan Simple Averi.....Thomas Idyl—The Mill and the Forest.....Eilenberg Ballet—Music From Faust.....Cleopatra.....Gounod Porto Rican Dance—Rosita.....Missud March—Semper Fidelis.....Souza

### Kicked by a Horse.

While helping Tom Bowers hitch up a young horse Sunday, W. H. Kinnaman received a kick on the left thigh which almost put him out of business. W. H. was in Plattsmouth yesterday and had a very bad limp and was under the painful necessity of walking with a cane. He had a narrow escape from having a broken leg. The accident occurred as the young horses were running out of the barn. W. H. was standing near the door and as the horses passed out one kicked at him and gave him a hard blow.

Thomsen, Dentist, Wescott Bldg.

## SCHOOL TEACHERS WORTH MORE MONEY

### There is No Profession or Occupation So Underpaid as That of School Teacher.

From Tuesday's Daily.  
School teachers' salaries are being increased. But the movement is not violent. Let nobody throw his hat in the air and cry hurrah—just yet. The school teacher is still the poorest paid server of the public. The United States commissioner of education has made a report showing that the average monthly wages of men teachers has increased from \$46.53 in 1900, to \$55.10 in 1910, and the average monthly wages of women teachers has increased from \$38.93 to \$43.67. It is a gratifying sign. But it is a deplorable reflection upon the sense of justice of the people of this country, particularly when it is remembered that the larger number of teachers are paid only during the months when they are employed, and receive nothing whatever during vacation. If the annual incomes of teachers were given, instead of monthly salaries, the figures would be all the more significant.

There is no profession or occupation so underpaid as that of school teachers. And there is no profession or occupation that ought to be better paid. The average cook or housemaid gets a larger compensation than the average woman school teacher, considering that they are provided with bed and board. Not long ago a committee of the State Teachers' association of Indiana reported that 12,035 teachers in that state received less than \$500 a year, and that the annual average salary was \$42.32. Average salary of the high school teacher was \$684.81—about the same pay as that of the street cleaners in Indianapolis. No work requires better character and training than that of teaching. No work counts better for good citizenship and social progress. No work deserves better pay. But, somehow, or other, we are slow to realize this ideal. The gradual increase, though small, is gratifying.

## TRADES MINNESOTA FARM FOR IOWA PROPERTY

From Tuesday's Daily.  
J. E. Tuey has traded off his farm, situated near West Concord, Minnesota, for Glenwood property and a Mills county farm. Mr. Tuey departed last night for West Concord to close up the deal and to be gone probably a month or more harvesting his crops and marketing them, as well as disposing of his live stock. The Minnesota farm has been occupied by Mr. Tuey's son, Earnest, who will probably return to Plattsmouth or vicinity as soon as the personal property on the farm is disposed of. Mr. Tuey's Mills county farm is situated a few miles south of Glenwood, and will be much more convenient for him to look after than a farm so far away.

### Harry Lohnes Improving.

J. J. Lohnes of near Louisville came down from Omaha on the afternoon train today, where he had been with his son, Harry, who has been in the hospital for some days taking treatment to dislodge a kernel of corn from his lung. The little boy is improving, although he still has some cough, but nothing like what he had last Thursday, when his life was almost despaired of. The doctors were afraid to operate and have been giving medicine to dissolve the kernel. They do not know whether the medicine has accomplished this or not, but the little fellow is much relieved and improving right along.

Queen Quality Oxfords for ladies, the \$3.00 grade, at \$1.98.  
E. G. DOVEY & SON.

### Sustains Lacerated Hand.

Glen Edwards, who is employed by the Burlington in the local shops, is taking a few days' lay-off with a bum hand. While in the regular line of duty recently he jabbed his hand against a rapidly moving box-car, without apparently making any impression on the car, but badly damaging his hand.

## COMRADE D. J. PRICE OF IOWA, VISITING HERE

From Tuesday's Daily.  
Comrade D. J. Price of Carlisle, Iowa, is in the city, the guest of his niece, Mrs. S. S. Gooding. Mr. Price is an ex-soldier of the war of the rebellion and saw service for his country from '61 to '65 as a member of Company E, Fourth Iowa infantry, under Colonel Dodge, afterward General Dodge. Mr. Price enlisted July 4, 1861, and was rendezvoused at Council Bluffs until August. Mr. Price recalls very distinctly fifty-one years ago this month, when he, with his company, went down the Missouri river in boats to St. Joseph, Missouri. There they were in camp for a time until taken to the front.

His first fight was at Pea Ridge, Arkansas. From there his company marched overland 400 miles to Helena, Arkansas, and from there to Vicksburg, Mississippi. On the march from Helena to Vicksburg, at Chag's Bayou, Col. Dodge's command was under command of a Nebraska man named Thayer—General Thayer, former governor and senator, now dead—when in an encounter the command lost 120 men in 20 minutes. Mr. Price wears the little brass button on the lapel of his coat indicating his membership in the G. A. R. He has visited his niece since last Saturday and expects to remain a few days longer.

## ANOTHER PLATTSMOUTH BOY TO THE FRONT

### J. R. Sexton, Former Round House Foreman, Now in Employ of Santa Fe Railroad.

From Wednesday's Daily.  
J. R. Sexton, who has been appointed mechanical superintendent of the northern district of the western lines of the Santa Fe, with office at La Junta, Colo., graduated from the public school of Plattsmouth, Neb., in 1879. He began railway work in April of the same year as machinist apprentice for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy. After completing his apprenticeship he was a machinist in various shops for three years from 1883, and from November, 1886, to January, 1890, he was erecting and round house foreman of the Burlington at Plattsmouth.

He was then promoted to general foreman at Alliance, and he went to the Great Northern as district foreman at Devils Lake, N. D., in April, 1901. He was with the Union Pacific at Cheyenne, Wyo., from November, 1902, to June, 1904, first as round house foreman and then as general foreman. On June 21, 1904, Mr. Sexton went with the Santa Fe, with which road he has been consecutively general foreman at Cleburne, Tex., until November 15, 1910; master mechanic of the Missouri division at Shepton, Iowa, from the later date until June 1, 1912, and since June 1 he has been mechanical superintendent at La Junta, as above noted.

Mr. Sexton is a brother of Mrs. William Scotten of this city.

### Ball at Weeping Water Friday.

On next Friday night there will be another grand ball at the Philpot opera house in Weeping Water. The music will be furnished by the Plattsmouth M. W. A. orchestra of five pieces, and splendid music, too. Better not miss this dance, as it will be a hummer. The hall is comfortable and the Weeping Water hospitality is proverbial. You will never fail to enjoy yourself at the Philpot hall.

All kinds of fresh candies and bulk ice cream at Bookmeyer & Maurer's.

## TO DEDICATE THE NEW M. W. A. HOME

### It is One of the Finest Lodge Buildings in This State.

From Wednesday's Daily.  
At a meeting of the Modern Woodmen last night arrangements were made for the dedication of their handsome new home, situated on the corner of Sixth and Pearl streets. These exercises will take place on Saturday, August 17, and as this new home is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful in this part of the state, it is intended that the dedicatory exercises shall measure up to the same standard.

Arrangements have already been made that will bring to our city at that time as speakers some of the leading men of this great fraternity. In addition to the speakers, plenty of good music will be had and light refreshments will be served. It is also planned to have open house during the afternoon, at which time all of our citizens are welcome to inspect this new home of the order.

The exercises in the evening will be for the members of the M. W. A. and their immediate families and those of our citizens who assisted financially in this great enterprise. Invitations will also be extended to each Modern Woodmen camp in Cass county, and it is thought that a large number of visitors will be present.

The following committees have been selected: General arrangements, H. A. Schneider, Joe Peters, Harry Barthold and George Lushinsky; program, Dr. Cook, Joe Peters, Harry Barthold and A. J. Beeson; reception, Dr. Cook, H. A. Schneider, A. J. Beeson, Harry Barthold, O. C. Hudson, George Lushinsky, Mrs. Jacob Stegner, Mrs. William Gravett and Mrs. Ed Brantner.

The dedicatory exercises will take place in the large hall, which is beautiful and commodious, with every facility and improvement calculated for the comfort and enjoyment of the people. The building is one of the finest looking structures in the state and one in which every member of the local camp may well have a feeling of pride. The exterior is of the best pressed brick and the building towers above the surrounding ones and is easily discernible from any part of the downtown section of the city. About all of the first floor has been made into modern store rooms and office rooms, with water and heat fixtures of latest designs, and toilet rooms for each suite of rooms, all of which are superior to any other building in the city and render the rooms very desirable. The dining room and kitchen are located on the first floor and are easily accessible from the street or from the hall above. The lodge rooms, separate waiting rooms for ladies and gentlemen, cloak rooms and large balcony, with a capacity for an orchestra of seventy-five people, are situated on the second floor, with rooms for lodge paraphernalia and lockers with ample space for many lodges.

The rooms have all been beautifully painted and the steel ceilings frescoed in brilliant colors and electric lighted, the light fixtures being the handsomest that could be procured. The interior of the hall and adjoining waiting rooms present a gorgeous appearance, leaving the impression on one that he is in fairy land, and when the rooms are filled with smiling, happy folks the picture is one well worth seeing.

The accommodations at the M. W. A. building are not surpassed anywhere in the state, and those who attend functions in this hall will enjoy every convenience of modern life. The lodge and the committees on building, and the contractors who constructed the building, the plumbers who put in the plumbing, both for light and water, and the painter and decorator are all to be congratulated on the finished product, for it is one of the swell public buildings of the city.

Auction Bridge, 500 and Bridge Pads at the Journal office.