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MCCOOK JUNIOR STATE NORMAL

Fourth Annual Summer Session to Open June 11.

TEACHERS WILL BE HERE UNTIL AUGUST 17

Prospect Excellent for Greatly Increased Attendance Over Former Years

BRIEF SKETCHES OF FACULTY.

The fourth annual summer session of the McCook junior state normal school will begin Monday, June 11, and continue for a term of ten weeks until Friday, August 17. As each succeeding year has meant increased opportunity and better work, so it is the hope of the state department of public instruction, under whose direc-

tion we operate, and the faculty immediately in charge, to make this session the best of all its predecessors, not less in the breadth and character of the instruction offered than in the chances of self-improvement and general culture afforded the individuals who will come under its influence.



MISS NELLIE E. DICK.
SUPERINTENDENT CHACE COUNTY.

The county superintendents of Dundy, Chase, Hayes, Hitchcock, Red Willow, Furnas and Frontier counties, which are included in the McCook junior normal school district, have been painstaking in encouraging and supporting this normal during the four years of its existence, and to such an extent that it is noticeable that the instructional power of the teachers of the southwest Nebraska has been improved and strengthened in a marked manner. But there is yet much work to be done, there are still advances that the conscientious teacher can make. The junior normal exists to supply help in such endeavors. The state superintendent has inaugurated a splendid campaign for more thorough work in what are termed the five essentials. To meet the need it is felt will arise, probably as many as three classes each will be organized in Reading, Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography and History. There will be, besides, classes in practically the same studies as have been offered heretofore, opportunity being thus afforded those desiring to do so to secure first grade county or professional life certificates. But particular emphasis will be laid upon the five essentials.

To those who have been in attendance at the McCook junior state normal school in previous years it will be a source of keen satisfaction to know that so many of the former instructors have been returned to do service here again. This in itself



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SUPERINTENDENT RED WILLOW COUNTY.

is a guarantee of excellent teaching. But notwithstanding through personal acquaintance, it will help in the matter of still better understanding to present the members of the faculty, class instructors as well as coun-

ty superintendents, and through the story of their past accomplishments show by what right they are called to assist the teachers of southwest Nebraska in preparing for higher professional standing.

MISS NELLIE E. DICK.
Superintendent Chace County.
Miss Nellie E. Dick, superintendent of the schools of Chace county, was born September 30, 1880, at Waynesville, Illinois, and there received her first instruction. She removed with her parents to western Nebraska, settling in Chace county, and soon entered the Wauneta high school. She graduated in 1899. Since that year her time has been wholly devoted to teaching and to educational work. Her experience includes seven years as a teacher in western Nebraska and eastern Colorado. Miss Dick is an excellent illustration of what the ambitious and successful teacher can accomplish in the way of self-improvement. She has allowed no opportunity to slip by unimproved, as is shown by the fact that she was an earnest student at the McCook junior normal school in the first years of its organization, where she was an industrious worker, quickly calling her abilities to the notice of the instructors. Her training as a rural school teacher, and her experience as a student in the normal, specially fit her to perform the duties of a county superintendent, for she can fully understand and sympathize with her co-workers in the perplexities that so often confront them. Miss Dick was first elected superintendent of Chace county in 1903, and in 1905 was re-elected.

MISS FLORA B. QUICK.
Superintendent Red Willow County.
During the three years Miss Flora B. Quick has occupied the office of superintendent of the schools of Red Willow county she has specially endeavored herself not only to the teachers who are under her immediate supervision, but to all who have come in contact with her in their attendance at the junior normal. Unfailing willingness to render help, genial and inspiring frankness, and a wealth of sympathy have been the qualities which have won her so many friends. Miss Quick was born in Council Bluffs, Iowa, but came with her parents to Nebraska in 1878. When



MRS. MARGARET E. WEST.
SUPERINTENDENT HAYES COUNTY.

one recalls how comparatively recent is the settlement of the Republican valley, it is easy to see that Miss Quick has been a witness to all the marvelous development and enrichment of western Nebraska. In 1899 and 1900 Miss Quick attended Doane College, at Crete, and in 1903 she graduated from Franklin Academy in the classical course. The better to fit herself for her work as a teacher she did what she is seeking her teachers to do, attended an approved summer school, first at the University of Nebraska and later at the Peru State Normal School. As a teacher she has had seven years' experience in the schools of Indianola, her home town, three of them being in the second primary department and four in the eighth and ninth grades. In 1903 she was chosen county superintendent of schools, and in 1905 she was re-elected. Miss Quick enjoys a distinction very seldom permitted the candidate of a political party. On the occasion of her last election she re-

ceived the nomination for her office at the hands of all three parties in the county and was elected absolutely without contest. It is apparent that Miss Quick, because of the richness and varied character of her training and experience, can be of inestimable help to the teachers attending the junior normal, and the fact that she will be here herself for the most part through the entire session will be a source of satisfaction and assistance to the entire student body.

MRS. MARGARET E. WEST.
Superintendent Hayes County.
The superintendent of public instruction in Hayes county, Mrs. Margaret E. West, is a self-made teacher. Her growth and development in educational work have been simultaneous with the growth and development of Hayes county and of the west. The limit to one's accomplishments is, after all, merely one's zeal and courage and application, and Mrs. West fitly symbolizes this in her leadership of the educational work of her county. She is a proper person to become a leader, for she has worked her way up from the ranks; she has labored while others have slept; she was unceasing in her endeavors better to prepare herself for the teacher's vocation. Born in Tarcova, Illinois, in 1860, she removed with her parents to Adams county in 1872, and in 1878 she was united in marriage with Mr. A. L. West. In 1885 they made their home in Hayes county. Mrs. West was educated in the common schools, at the Fremont Normal, in the county institutes and at the junior normals. Of the twenty-eight summer schools held in Hayes county, Mrs. West has been a member of twenty-five. For two years, 1902-1903 and 1903-1904, Mrs. West very successfully taught the seventh grade in the McCook city schools, voluntari-



PRINCIPAL GEORGE H. THOMAS

ly returning to school work nearer home at Hayes Center. In 1905 she was elected county superintendent of Hayes county. A student in many and varied schools, a teacher of seventeen years' experience, in all grades from rural to city, a county supervisor, Mrs. West is qualified as few can be to give the teachers in her jurisdiction safe counsel and wholesome instruction.



JAMES O'CONNELL.
SUPERINTENDENT HITCHCOCK COUNTY.

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Superintendent Hitchcock County.
In point of length of service and association with the educational movements of southwest Nebraska, the dean of the county superintendents in the McCook junior normal

school district is Superintendent Jas. O'Connell, of Trenton. Mr. O'Connell received his early education, as far as the seventh grade, in the city schools of Chicago, but removing to Nebraska, he entered the public schools of this state and graduated from the Salem high school. Later



MISS C. ESTELLA GOODWIN.
SUPERINTENDENT DUNDY COUNTY.

he attended the Peru Normal for three years, graduating from this splendid professional institution in both the teachers' elementary and the advanced courses. For two years after completing his normal work Mr. O'Connell taught in the rural schools of Pawnee county, then one year in the grammar department of the West Lincoln schools. He was principal for four years at Howe, Nebraska,

to Nebraska. Till she was fifteen she attended the rural and graded schools of this state, and then began teaching in Dundy county. Miss Goodwin is also a type of the Nebraska pioneer, who, despite adversities and lack of opportunity, made her own way to the front of her profession. Teaching to earn the means to attend school, working faithfully between terms as a student, she has advanced step by step through the various grades of rural and city school teacher, till now she stands at the head of the schools of Dundy county. Miss Goodwin entered the middle class of the Galesburg, Illinois, high school, in 1898. Later she returned to Nebraska, secured a first grade county certificate and taught two years in the rural schools of Dundy county, and then entered the Western Illinois Normal, at Macomb, where she was graduated in the state certificate course in 1902. She taught the next year in Illinois, came back to Nebraska, and in the fall of 1903 was elected to the office of county superin-



FRANK J. MUNDAY.
SUPERINTENDENT FURNAS COUNTY.

endent of Dundy county. She is at present entering upon her second term. The young people from the extreme west end of the state, who attend the junior normal, look eagerly forward to her frequent visits to McCook, because the counsel and encouragement she gives them are inspiring and vital.

FRANK J. MUNDAY.
Superintendent Furnas County.
Sup't Frank J. Munday, of Furnas county, just entering upon the duties of his present office, will come to the McCook junior normal this year in the capacity of instructor. His training in the rural school, first as a student, and in 1896-1897 as a teacher, his experience as a principal, first at Edison, in 1899-00, and then at Hardy, in 1902-03, closing with his superintendency of the Cambridge schools for two and one-half years, 1903-05, when he was promoted to the superintendency of Furnas county, admirably qualify him for the post he is to assume during the approaching summer. Mr. Munday was born in Bureau county, Illinois, and came to Nebraska with his parents in 1883 when quite young. He entered the state normal at Peru and graduated in 1902 from the higher course. Mr. Munday is deservedly



THOMAS SCOTT.
SUPERINTENDENT FRONTIER COUNTY.

popular in his home county, both among the teachers, whose chief he now is, and also with all classes of patrons. Mr. Munday was chosen president of the southwest Nebraska district teachers' association at the meeting held at Arapahoe the last of March. He will prove a tower of strength as a class teacher, as an adviser, and as an inspiring leader during the session of 1906.

THOMAS SCOTT.
Superintendent of Frontier County.
Superintendent Thomas Scott, of Frontier county, is a native of Illinois, and received his early training in that state and in Missouri. He taught and attended school alternately until he finished his college course. His normal training was received at Normal, Illinois. He has taught in all grades of schools and all kinds of buildings, from sod houses up. Mr. Scott was principal at Elwood two years and at Curtis nine years. He is now beginning his work of supervising the schools of Frontier county.

MISS EVA O'SULLIVAN.
Science Teacher, South Omaha High School.

The McCook junior normal school has always been fortunate in having on its faculty a young woman who has long been recognized as the



MISS EVA O'SULLIVAN.
SCIENCE TEACHER, SOUTH OMAHA HIGH SCHOOL.

ablest and most skillful teacher of the sciences in the state of Nebraska, and students and officers both may rejoice that Miss Eva O'Sullivan, of South Omaha, will return again this summer. This will be three consecutive years that she has been given the McCook assignment. Miss O'Sullivan is a native born Nebraskan, attended the public schools of West Point, which is her home town, and graduated from the high school in 1893. Entering the University of Nebraska she took up the general scientific course of study, and graduated with special distinction in 1897 with the degree of B. Sc. She has taken one summer's work toward the degree of Master of Arts. After leaving the university Miss O'Sullivan taught two years at Creighton, one in the sixth and seventh grades and one in the high school. For seven years she had charge of all the science instruction and the general management of the laboratories of the South Omaha high school. Because of friendships formed and technical ability to do the instructional work assigned her, no choice could be happier than this for the 1906 session of the normal.

CHARLES H. MILLER.
Music Supervisor, Lincoln City Schools.

This will be the third consecutive year that Mr. Charles H. Miller, supervisor of music in the Lincoln City schools, will have worked as an instructor in the McCook junior normal school, and each year those who have been inspired by his rich, tuneful voice and who have been profited by his exact and painstaking instruction, have rejoiced the more in the good fortune thereby that has been theirs. So frequently an expert musician is not qualified to instruct in the other branches of the school curriculum, but it is not so with Mr. Miller. His experience as a teacher is broad and inclusive. At the age of eighteen he began teaching in the country. Then he became a principal of schools, and later a teacher of English and mathematics in a large high school. He served for many years at Wahoo as supervisor of music, at the same time acting in the capacity of ward school principal and teacher of grammar grade work. It was his splendid achievements in this field that attracted the attention of the Lincoln people to his ability, and which resulted in his present appointment in 1904. As an institute and normal school instructor he has been much sought after summers, and is deservedly popular and successful in such work. Mr. Miller received his first instruction in a country school, later attended Princeton academy and then a large normal. Most of his education, however, has



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MUSIC SUPERVISOR, LINCOLN CITY SCHOOLS.

been acquired by private study and with private teachers, and in the school of experience. It was thoroughly done, as is shown by the fact that at the age of twenty-one he secured a professional state life cer-