

# Richardson County Teachers' Institute

The Annual Session of the Richardson County Teachers' Institute will be held in the High School Building, in Falls City, Neb., Beginning Monday Evening, April 7, and Closing Saturday, August 12.

## PROGRAMME

OPENING EXERCISES										
8:30-9:00	PILLSBURY	HOFF	GREVES	RICHMOND	MARTIN	WATSON	SCHLAIFER	VASTINE	KING	CROCKER
9:00-9:35	Physiology	Written Arithmetic Mensuration		Music	Grammar					
9:40-10:20			Primary Numbers			Algebra	English Composition		Penmanship	
10:20-10:30	RECESS									
10:35-11:15	Agriculture		Form Study Primary Drawing		Picture Study					
11:20-12:00		Mental Arithmetic		Music				Water Colors		Beginners' Round Table
12:00-1:50	NOON									
1:50-2:30	History		Primary Reading		Advanced Reading					
2:35-3:15		Civics		Music		Geometry			Drawing	
3:20-4:00	Geography	Didactics	Busy Work Kensington		Grammar Diagramming					
4:05-4:45					Basket Ball and other School Games					

Please study the above program. It may be changed, as we wish to accommodate as many as possible, but conform to it as nearly as you can. Have your first and second choice in each subject you desire to take. All are required to be present during Opening Exercises, and take at least six periods during the day. After October first the State Superintendent, with his examining board, will have charge of certification of teachers. Your institute record will be filed with the State Examining Board. Bring your desire to work, your enthusiasm and your sociability with you. Thanking you in advance for your co-operation, I am,

Fraternally yours,  
GEO. CROCKER, Co. Supt.

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The Richardson County Institute will be held in the High School rooms in Falls City during the week beginning August the 7th, and promises to be one of the most interesting educational meetings ever held in Southeastern Nebraska.

### ENROLLMENT.

All teachers who can conveniently are requested to enroll before the opening of the institute. The usual enrollment fee of \$1. will be charged. It would be a good plan to come to Falls City Saturday, secure a board place, enroll be rested and ready for work Monday morning. There will be a list of boarding places at the County Superintendent's office.

### EXAMINATION.

Saturday afternoon, August 12th will be given to examinations. Saturday, August 19th is a regular examination day.

### ATTENDANCE.

The institute will last only six days. It will be academic, professional and inspirational all three in one. It is very necessary that all teachers in the county meet at least once a year to learn and discuss methods of teaching, to compare notes, gain an inspiration, get a definite understanding of the new school laws, and understand definitely the plan of the work for the coming year.

All who understand school work realize this to be true, and in fact our school laws make attendance at the institute one of the conditions of issuance of the teacher's certificate. The provision is made that the County Superintendent may excuse teachers from institute, "When application is made before the opening of the institute and satisfactory reason for absence given in writing by such teachers." But no excuse will be granted except under the most imperative circumstances. It is certainly no imposition to require all teachers to be present the full session—six days, beginning Monday morning.

Please remember that this is your Institute, that it is not solely for the purpose of getting a little information about text books, but that to learn methods of teaching and guide the children entrusted to your care is its main object. "Education is the path and goal of human progress and the path and goal of human progress is the social circle."—Parker.

A week's friendly conference and mingling together are of great importance to all of us.

Remember that you are a part of the teaching force of this

county and you owe it to yourself, to our fellow teachers, to your patrons and to your chosen profession to be present and lend all your influence towards making your institute a success.

### INSTRUCTORS.

Most of our instructors are well known Richardson County teachers and need no introduction.

Supt. W. H. Pillsbury, Falls City, will have charge of the work in Physiology, Elements of Agriculture, History and Geography.

Sup. R. L. Hoff, Humboldt, will present written Arithmetic Civil Government, Mental Arithmetic and Didactics.

Miss Grace Greves, who had charge of primary work in Lincoln city schools last year, and who has recently been elected primary supervisor for the Kearney State Normal School, will present the work in Primary Numbers, Form Studies and Primary Drawing, Primary Reading Phonograms, and will conduct a Primary Teachers, Kensington each afternoon at 3:30 to 4 o'clock. During this hour, paper cutting and folding, raffia work, and other kinds of busy work will be taught. Even ladies who do not expect to teach will find this work very interesting and profitable and are invited to join the class. Miss Greves is one of Nebraska's most popular institute instructors.

Mrs. H. C. Richmond, who has for several years been supervisor of music in the South Omaha public schools and who has recently been elected supervisor of music in the Kearney State Normal School will teach our teachers how to teach vocal music in the public schools. Miss Richmond was with us last year and all our teachers are delighted to know she is to be with us this year. Three periods in vocal music will be given each day. All lovers of vocal music who can possibly arrange to do so should attend these classes whether they expect to teach or not.

Prof. George E. Martin, Principal of the Nebraska City High School, is a Richardson County boy who has by hard work and good judgement earned for himself an enviable reputation as institute instructor. He will teach two classes in Grammar, one Beginning Methods, the other Diagramming and Analysis. He will also instruct in Advanced Reading, and will teach a class in Picture Study in connection with his exhibit

of fine art pictures. After four o'clock each day he will give instruction in Basket Ball and other school games.

Miss Verna Vastine of Rulo, will give instructions in Water Color Work. Miss Vastine is strong in this work, and has, during the past summer been making special preparation in the State Normal School and at the Omaha Studio. All lovers of art who possibly can should take this work whether they expect to teach or not. An additional fee of 50 cent will be charged to help to pay for the material used.

Miss Martha King of Verdon has been doing special work in Penmanship and Drawing in the State Normal School during the past two years, and will present these subjects during the institute. The work in drawing will be such as should be given in the Grammar grades and High Schools.

Prof. Osher Schaifer in his genial and practical way will teach English Composition and Letter Writing.

Prof. J. W. Watson will offer instruction in Algebra and Geometry.

County Superintendent Crocker will have charge of the Beginner's Round Table.

### SPECIAL FEATURES.

The annual teachers' reception and spelling contest will be held in the high school building Monday evening. Refreshments will be served, teachers will get acquainted and best of all, State Superintendent J. L. McBrien will be with us for the evening's lecture.

The spelling contest will begin promptly at 7:30. The words will be taken from the Roll of Honor spelling book as long as more than ten teachers remain in the contest, after this the words will be taken from Reed's Word Lessons. Suitable prizes will be offered. Supt. Pillsbury will have charge of the contest.

Wednesday afternoon Prof. Davidson will be with us for a short talk on the Nebraska School of Agriculture, and in the evening will speak on the subject, "Getting the Meaning of Things."

Other evening lecturers will be announced during the first day of the institute.

### VOCAL MUSIC

It is quite certain that Nebraska teachers will have to pass an examination in vocal music in the near future. We desire to prepare the way for the teachers of Richardson county, not only that they may learn to read music, but that they may be prepared to

teach it in accordance with the latest and most advanced ideas. "Music and love are the wings of the soul." "It is not all learned from books," and we should be prepared so lead our pupils to love and appreciate the true, the beautiful and the good. Already many of our teachers are doing good work in vocal music. As stated above, Mrs. H. C. Richmond will present this subject.

### PICTURE STUDY

All have been delighted with the work in this subject during the past three years and the county superintendent has been urged to have a class in picture study during the coming institute. Prof. Martin, Nebraska's pioneer in this line of work, will have charge of the art exhibit and conduct a class in picture study. The good results of the last three years' work in this line are seen in nearly every school house in the county. The study of pictures is a subject strongly urging its claim upon the teachers of today. By picture study, we mean, learning to appreciate the master pieces in art which have stood the severest test of critics and still have their messages to convey to us as in days of yore.

### ART EXHIBIT

The art exhibit will have been prepared at considerable labor and expense, and will again bring within the reach of our teachers reproductions of the greatest treasures of art. About \$700.00 worth of pictures will be exhibited.

### EXHIBIT OF SCHOOL WORK

We owe much to our pioneers. Richardson county is recognized as the pioneer in this Institute Exhibit of School Work. It has become a permanent feature of our institute. People from a distance will come especially for this exhibit. Misses Alverda Allen and Ora French, of Salem, will have charge of this work. Teachers who have not already sent work for this exhibit are urged to do so. We hope to have each school in the county represented. The district number should be on each piece exhibited. The work will be returned to the school.

### MAP DRAWING CONTEST

A special feature of this exhibit will be the entries in the map drawing contest. A prize of \$5 will be given for the best map of Richardson county drawn by a pupil who attended a Richardson county school last year; \$3 for the second; \$2 for the third. These maps should be entered not later than Saturday noon, August 5th.

### HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

As stated above, instructions

will be given in basket ball and other school games.

Much can be said in favor of athletic sports and especially high school athletics. High school athletics is argument enough. But high school athletics is a means to far greater ends.

Probably no phase of public school work has been so grossly neglected as physical training. The aim for a number of years has been to convert public school pupils into mental acrobats. But one result can be expected from the persistent following of the rule. The creation of an abnormal condition conducive to moral and physical degeneracy.

Girls in the majority of cases have been taught for several years past that to engage in an old-fashioned game of ball or black man was unladylike. In consequence they have loitered about the school rooms at intermission telling endless shallow stories of nothing and occasionally indulging in secrets and scandal they would better far know nothing of. Boys have been taught to be content with a game of marbles or the fascinating interior of a five-cent novel.

Let us seek to arouse a lively enthusiasm in athletics for boys and girls alike and lead them to seek a well rounded and balanced development of all their powers.

### MORNING TALKS

We have planned to have a twenty-minute address each morning.

Monday—State Supt. J. L. McBrien.

Tuesday—Business meeting of Richardson County Teachers' association, and Reading Circle work—several talks.

Wednesday—Mr. Geo. Watkins of Verdon.

Thursday—Prof. J. W. Crabtree of the Peru State Normal.

Friday—Supt. Geo. D. Carrington of Auburn.

Saturday—Prof. W. H. Clemens of the Fremont Normal school.

### READING CIRCLE WORK

The State Reading Circle board have adopted the following books for the ensuing year: Hitchcock's, The Louisiana purchase, White's Elements of Pedagogy and Putnam's Text Book of Physiology.

A supply of books will be at the institute. Each teacher in the county is urged to do the reading circle work. It is hoped that teachers will come prepared to take the books.

### RECORD

Each member of the institute is expected to keep a record of the doings from day to day in an

institute note book furnished for that purpose.

Perfect attendance, promptness, close application and good work in class will be recognized and due allowance made in making up the grades at the close of the institute. High school pupils and all who expect to teach within a year or two will find themselves much benefitted by attending the institute.

A cordial invitation is extended to all school officers and patrons to attend any or all sessions.

### Notice of School Officers' Meeting

In accordance with Sec. 3, Subdv. 5, of the School Laws of Nebraska (read note below) the school officers of Richardson county are hereby called to meet in the court house in Falls City, on Monday, Aug. 7, 1905, at 1:30 p. m. Monday morning at 8:30 in the high school building, State Supt. J. L. McBrien will address school officers, teachers and patrons. We hope that you will be able to attend this meeting. We want you to visit the Teachers' Institute, see the Exhibit of School Work and the Art Exhibit.

The business meeting will be held in the court room at 1:30 p. m. We hope to perfect a school officers' organization. A new course of study, rules and regulations will be adopted which will apply to all the schools of the county. We are anxious for you to be present and have a chance to express your views. State Supt. J. L. McBrien will be with us and assist in the discussion of the following subjects:

District Records—How should they be kept? The annual reports. Salary of school officers—What compensation should each member of a board receive? Text books and supplies. Care of school property. Beautifying school rooms and school grounds. Hiring teachers. What the school board should expect of the teacher. What the teacher should expect of the school board. A library in every school. The compulsory attendance law—Duties of truant officer and director. School vacation—When and for what length of time should vacation be held? The course of study. School equipment—Houses, outbuildings, grounds, furniture, maps, charts, globes, dictionary, etc.

We hope to meet every school officer in Richardson county at this meeting. All patrons, and every one interested in the cause of education, are cordially invited to attend this meeting and take part in the discussion of the above subjects.

It has been suggested that, where the schools are some distance from Falls City, the board in such districts send at least one of their members and pay his expenses out of the general fund of the district. Fraternal yours,  
GEO. CROCKER,  
Co. Supt.

From Sec. 3, Subdv 5, School Laws of Nebraska:—

" \* \* \* and it is hereby made the duty of each district board, or one of their number empowered by the board, to attend all meetings called by the county superintendent for the purpose of adopting or revising a course of study for the advancement of district schools, of making rules and regulations as they may think necessary for the government and health of the pupils, and of devising such means as may seem best to secure regular attendance and progress of children at school."

### Nothing on the Market Equal to Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.

This fact is well known to druggists everywhere, and nine out of ten will give their customers this preparation when the best is asked for. Mr. Obe Wiltmer, a prominent druggist of Joplin, Mo., in a circular to his customers says: "There is nothing on the market in the way of patent medicine which equals Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for bowel complaints. We sell and recommend this preparation." For sale at Kerr's drug store.

WANTED.—To exchange a 200 acre farm in North Georgia for small property in Falls City.—J. Cronenberger, Falls City, Neb.