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REUNIONS OF COLLEGIANS

Several to Be Held During Session of State Teachers' Association.

RAILROAD RATE QUESTION IS ACUTE

Farmers' Institutes Taking the Matter Up and Send Petitions to Congress for Amendment of Commerce Law.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Plans are being laid for the most extensive series of college reunions ever held in the state during the week of the Iowa State Teachers' association, commencing the Tuesday following Christmas. Nearly all the colleges of the state will have reunions, for among the teachers of the state are a very large number of the graduates of these colleges and they are the persons who will attend the teachers' meeting. The State college, the State university, Cornell, Grinnell, Wesleyan, Upper Iowa, Simpson, Drake and other colleges of the state will all have meetings arranged generally at the hotels. In addition to this there are to be reunions of college men from the New England and eastern institutions, as a great many of them are in the state, especially among the professional men. The Wait-Watkins club is to have a big banquet during the week. As the annual session of the teachers' association this year is to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the society, it will call together a larger number of the older educators than ever before. In fact it is to be a general roundup of the educators of the state after fifty years of progress and encouragement from the State association.

The efforts of the association for the betterment of the teachers of the state and educational work have been confined largely to securing higher pay for the teachers and improvement of school houses and school ground conditions. The report of the state superintendent shows that there has been some advance in the matter of wages to teachers. It is expected that the association will petition the legislature for a radical change in the way of conducting examination of teachers and that they be examined by the State board as to their scholastic attainments.

More of Rhodes Scholarships.

President MacLean of the State university has received notice of the time of examination for Rhodes scholarships. There will be another added from Iowa this year, and the examinations will be held beginning January 17. Last year only two qualified for the examination and the successful one was J. G. Waller of Grinnell. C. W. Ross of Iowa City, who came nearest to him in the matter of getting the place, will be a candidate this year, and there will be several others.

Ready for Iowa Teachers.

The Iowa Teachers' Reading circle, under the auspices of the State Teachers' association, has officially advised county superintendents in all parts of the state to begin giving credit to pupils for reading outside the prescribed course. Superintendent Z. C. Thornburg of Des Moines is secretary and manager of the circle, and has sent out printed lists of books which are required to be on the shelves of all the school libraries in the state that are under the supervision of the county superintendents.

Court Term Closed.

The supreme court of Iowa closed the September term, or rather the fourth period of the September term, today, closing one year under the new law requiring practically a submission period every month of the year. A few decisions will yet be filed, but the hearings are done and the term is ended. The clerk is preparing the docket for the next term, which will run from January to May, inclusive. The following were the decisions: Judge Whitaker, appellant; Hardin county, Judge Whitaker; affirmed by Lord.

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Complaint of Extortion.

The state railroad commissioners today received a complaint signed by a large number of business men of Lehigh, chiefly coal mine operators, in which they say that the Northwestern railroad has given notice of an increase of the switching charges from \$2.50 to \$5 a car. They say that this is extortion and in violation of an order of the board entered some time ago fixing the charge at \$2.50 per car. The commissioners will take it up, as similar complaints have been made elsewhere in the state.

Interurban Name Changed.

The secretary of state today received notice of the change of name of the Iowa City & Davenport Interurban railway to the Davenport, Iowa City Traction company. The company is to build an electric line from Iowa City to Davenport, making connections with a line which is being built out from Chicago to the Mississippi river. The secretary of state also received the articles of incorporation of the Morrison's International Roadster Register association of Des Moines, with \$50,000 capital.

Planning for State Fair.

The directors board of the State fair today organized for the year. All the superintendents of departments were retained save as follows: A. O. Olson, the new member on the board, was made superintendent of gates; T. C. Lege was made superintendent of fine arts. McDonald was given the department of horses and W. C. Brown was made superintendent of piglets. It was determined that in the future greater care should be taken about the littering up of the fair grounds; that the swine pavilion should be improved as much as possible; that an administration building should be asked for in due time, and many other minor improvements be made. Premiums will not be increased at present.

Objects to Plural Marriage.

SIoux CITY, Ia., Dec. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Adolph Mathis was arrested here today for bigamy. The charge was preferred by his second wife, Mrs. Lena Miller, whom he married last April. His first wife, to whom he was wedded twenty-eight years ago, it is alleged, is living in Omaha, supported by her two sons. Mathis is 67 years of age, while his second wife is a trim German woman who is running a restaurant in this city and is but 32 years of age.

EXHIBIT PALACES COMPLETED

Lewis and Clark Exposition Ready to Receive Goods Forwarded from St. Louis.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 16.—With the completion of the agricultural palace, which is now ready for occupancy, and the completion of the entire administration group, which consists of the fire department, public shelter, public comfort and administration buildings and the colonnade entrance, the Lewis and Clark exhibit stands practically finished so far as exhibit palaces are concerned, and all doubt is removed as to the sufficiency of space for housing exhibits sent here from St. Louis for storage during the winter months. The buildings probably will be turned over to the state commission tomorrow at a special meeting called for the purpose of accepting them.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 16.—M. G. Geddes, custodian of the United States government building at the Lewis and Clark exposition, says that 65 per cent of the government exhibits comprising a portion of every display, will be sent to the Lewis and Clark exposition at Portland, Ore.

The great ordinance guns may be returned to the east on account of the possibility of obtaining the latest rifles and other guns on the Pacific coast, which is much nearer Portland.

The disposition of the government building, the Model Indian school, fisheries building and the monster bird cage is as yet undecided.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade tomorrow will say: Manufacturing activity steadily increases, testifying to the general confidence in a heavy demand next year and trading branches of business reporting favorable conditions. Holiday goods sell more freely than staples, but all classes of merchandise are going into larger consumption, while it is the exception when there is complaint regarding mercantile conditions. The proportion of idle machinery is growing smaller and the number of unemployed less, few labor disputes of significant dimensions existing outside of Fall River. Low water at some points still provides the most serious drawback to full operation of capacity. Footwear forwardings are running close to the large figures of last year and irregular raw materials supply is the only serious element of uncertainty in the textile industry. Particular attention is given to profits to producers and foreign trade returns for November showed a very small loss in exports, compared with the abnormal figures for last year. For the last week at this port imports were \$2,328,767 larger than in the corresponding week of last year, but exports declined \$2,829,000.

Far from meeting with the setback that many traders anticipated, the iron and steel industry has gone steadily forward. There is no evidence of inflation in the present situation. Fuel shortage is increasing, but cost of production, while orders covering all the products of some furnaces for the first time, are being placed, the iron and steel industry is beginning to anticipate their needs during the early months of next year. Loggers, lumbermen, and millmen are showing strength in the present situation. Cars, locomotives, rails and structural material for bridges are among the commodities which machinery and tools are stimulated by orders for big tunnel and canal construction in addition to Japanese orders. Pipe and tube mills are receiving large orders and construction work promises to be active next year, which accounts for the rapid increase in output of material.

Farmer hides are steady, but weakness has developed in country hides and buyers of native steers wait for concessions. Foreign hides are active, and wool is less active. New England footwear manufacturers have representatives in the west but fall samples are not yet ready. The winter clothing trade is active, but buyers are not willing to pay the small advance which is now being quoted for cotton goods, but as a rule the market has been firm.

Failures for the week numbered 276 in the United States, compared with 272 in 1903 and 274 in Canada, compared with 20 a year ago.

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Hear United States' Appeal.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The appeal of the United States against the decision of the justice of the crown at Quebec in the case of Greene and Gaylor came up before the privy council today. Sir Edward Clarke, K. C., who with Donald MacMaster, K. C. of Montreal, represented the United States, opened the case, reciting the well known facts.

Irwin-Boggs.

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