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THRESHOLD OF A BUSY YEAR

Development of the Modern School in Rural Sections—Revival of Old-Time Spelling Bees—Educational Notes.

Chancellor and Mrs. Avery have returned from a trip to the coast. Dr. Avery represented the University of Nebraska at a meeting of the Associated Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Station, and visited the universities of Idaho, Washington, Oregon and Minnesota, and the Agricultural College of Oregon.

The university extension lectures given at Orleans and Wilsonville last week were very successful. A large attendance from the town and community at each place greeted every speaker. The people at both of these towns were loud in their praise of this feature of university work.

The University of Idaho has conferred upon Chancellor Avery the degree of doctor of laws. This is not only a graceful recognition of the university by a sister university, but is a tribute to the high esteem in which Dr. Avery is held personally from his connection with the University of Idaho.

Word has been received from Chancellor Mrs. Andrews that they have left London for Capetown, South Africa. Dr. Andrews is much improved in health. After spending considerable time in Cape Colony he expects to undertake a trip to Australia to study the government of that interesting colony.

Dr. A. T. Peters has been offered the position of director of the state biological laboratory of Springfield, Ill.

Director J. L. McBrien was at Beatrice Saturday, where he addressed the city teachers. He inspected the new \$50,000 high school while there and pronounced it the most modern and well equipped school building in the state. Beatrice is counting on 60 high school students next year. They have a faculty of twelve teachers and the principal.

NOTES FROM KEARNEY NORMAL

Art and Manual Training Departments at State Fair.

Prof. Mercer is in Lincoln attending the state fair with an exhibit from the State Normal school. The exhibit consists of work from the art and manual training departments especially. The strong line of industrial work offered by the normal last summer proved exceedingly popular.

The present trend of education is toward the industrialization of school work. A cottage near the normal has been secured and will be fitted up and equipped for a domestic science department. It is the purpose of this movement to give teachers some preparation for handling the elements of this subject in school work.

The outlook for athletics this year is quite encouraging. A large number of experienced foot ball men have written their intention to come to Kearney and are anxious for a strong team. The normal had a winning base ball team last season, and many of the old players will be on hand for the coming year. In basket ball the boys' team has seldom been defeated and several of the old players in basket ball will also return. The girls' team in basket ball will also be strong.

A card announcing the marriage of Mr. Henry E. Goodrich and Miss Ida M. Bosker, county superintendent of Nebraska, is published in this issue of the Bee.

Miss Boserman is a graduate of the State Normal school and is making a splendid mark for herself in educational work. Prof. Neale and Mrs. Grace Greaves, teachers of the normal faculty, assisted her in her institute, which is just closed.

President Thomas will address the Jefferson county old settlers and neighbors picnic at Endicott on September 12.

MUSIC SCHOOL HAS MANY PUPILS

University School of Music at Lincoln One of Foremost in Country.

To those who are seeking an institution for the study of music it seems quite unnecessary to look beyond the borders of the state. Although it may not be generally known, the University of Music, Lincoln, Neb., is one of the staunchest schools of music in the country, having a very large and efficient faculty and a body of 600 students. The plans are completed for the extension of the school building, which includes thirty practice rooms and an addition to the faculty, now more than thirty teachers. The numerous inquiries received during the summer indicate an increase of attendance for the coming year over any previous one, and the advantages exceed those of any former year.

It is a pleasure to know that the study of music may be pursued by young people of this and adjoining states with the feeling that no greater opportunities are offered to visit the college. The proximity of the school and its close proximity to the homes of Nebraska people makes it highly advantageous and should be patronized by all who desire a complete course in any principal branch of music.

A PROSPEROUS INSTITUTION.

Notable Development of Western Normal at Shenandoah.

Western Normal college, Shenandoah, Ia., is one of the leading schools of the west and has students from many states. A small city is the best location for a college. There students enjoy the advantages of home life and social acquaintance with the best people, instead of being isolated strangers, as they are in a large city. It is also more economical. No other school in the west has such a low rate of expense to students and besides pays the railroad fare. The college is more prosperous than ever before, and in seeking new students especially desires those who want to prepare for business positions and for teaching. The president, J. M. Hussey, is a worker and an inducer of work, and will send a complete bulletin of the college to anyone who asks for it.

Iowa State College.

Ames is to have a harvest home excursion again this year, and is making plans to give a royal reception to the people of the state who will take this opportunity to visit the college. These excursions have always proven very popular and considerable regret was expressed in all parts of the state when they were discontinued three years ago.

The dates set for the harvest home festival are Friday and Saturday, October 1 and 2, and Friday department at the college will be open to inspection. The visitors will be given an opportunity to see students at work in the various laboratories, so that they can form an idea of how the college is making use of this method of education. Guides will be at hand to explain and answer questions. The visitors cannot fail to go away with a much clearer idea of the kind of work the state college is doing in teaching the application of science to the problems of everyday life.

A number of new buildings have been erected since the last excursion, and have been held. Chief among these is the new agricultural hall, which will be in use for the first time this fall. This magnificent building, which is the finest building in the world for the teaching of agriculture, is occupied by the departments of animal husbandry, farm crops, horticulture and forestry, chemistry soils, agricultural journalism and the extension department.

The new central building has been completed since the last excursion, the new engineering annex and shops have been built and a large number of other minor improvements have been made. Not the least of these recent additions to the college equipment is the new 50-acre dairy and poultry farm. The buildings on this farm embody all the latest ideas in their construction. The record-breaking cows and hens will be on exhibition and attendants will explain how they are handled to produce these records.

The new electric line has replaced the old steam "dinkies" that in former years transported the people from town to the college, and the crowds will be handled safely and without delay.

NEW COUNTRY SCHOOL.

Improved Educational Facilities in Rural Sections.

The Department of Agriculture has just issued a bulletin in paper by Prof. Willist M. Hays which deals with the question of education for country life. In it he touches upon educational matters and tendencies in a general way. It is the idea of Prof. Hays that the schools must turn their attention to the practical training of children for the vocations they are to follow. His ideas on this are summarized as follows:

"The schools must bend their energies more clearly to training for the specific vocations. A few will perceive the advantage and meet the requirements of this new development; all must have the opportunity to do so. Our industries have reached the time of close specialization and our schools must follow. They should lead in our great manufacturing industries the need of trained artisans and the wisdom of educating our American youth the opportunities of the higher paid technical trades, instead of reserving this work for foreigners trained in schools abroad, are leading to the establishment of trade schools, often with funds supplied by employers."

Prof. Hays is working to extend the opportunity for education of the boys and girls in the country so as the better to fit them for farm life. At the same time, he feels that the high schools in the cities and towns should recognize the fact that this is an age demanding more technical knowledge and should train the boys and young men in fields in which they will have to earn a livelihood and should train the girls and young women in the arts appertaining to the management of the home.

Prof. Hays thinks that part of the American educational system which is of collegiate grade is sufficiently well organized to warrant the belief that its development by easy evolutionary steps is secured.

What he is giving attention to is secondary education, in the grades below the college, and education in the rural schools. He says: "The plan of establishing a system of large agricultural high schools is gaining popular favor. There is good reason to expect that we shall have a class of high-grade secondary schools providing vocational finishing courses for those who, after leaving school, will close their school life with from two to four years of vocational high school work. The wonderful success of the Minnesota, Nebraska, Wisconsin and other agricultural high schools in receiving, in preparing for country life and in returning to the farms rural youth of both sexes, and the success of their graduates in becoming better farmers, home-makers and citizens, give assurance that such schools will receive extensive practical trial and use. That these schools are adapted to fit into our system between the rural school and the agricultural college is an established achievement in states where the effort has been made.

"In short, a movement is well begun to organize better, as a part of our great American school system, the secondary schools so as to meet especially the needs of country life. This movement contemplates that, below and leading to our more than sixty state colleges of agriculture already established, we shall have 300 to 500 agricultural finishing schools, practically one in each county, congressional district or ten or more counties, either separate or as a strong department of an existing institution."

SCHOOLS FOR RAILWAY MEN.

System of Special Education in Cape Colony.

A railway school system has been in operation in Cape Colony, South Africa, for several years, and affords distinct advantages. American consular reports furnish statistics of these schools for 1908, showing forty-two in operation, with an enrollment of 2,125 pupils. Many of these children would have no educational advantage if it were not for the railway schools established especially for them. The expense to the Cape government railways for these schools was \$28,367 for the year 1907.

Whenever railway employees in isolated places can guarantee an average attendance of ten children or more, not otherwise provided for by the railway schools, the railway department and the education department, acting conjointly, and each furnishing half the expense, provide suitable premises and a certified teacher at a salary of \$300 to \$487 a year and quarters.

Children of railway employees are carried to and from these schools free of charge, and are charged slightly lower fees than in the regular government public schools; they must also provide their own books and stationery. No objection is raised to the attendance of the children of farmers who also may be living beyond the convenience of any government public school. An official of the railway, known as the education officer, acts as manager of all the railway schools, and where there are a sufficient number of parents they form local committees to assist him in managing the affairs of the school. He is always more or less guided by the opinions of the station masters or

head officials of the railway. The schools are inspected regularly by the inspectors of the education department, and the children are advanced according to the standards of the public school system.

Children attending these railway schools range in age from 5 to 15 years, over 20 per cent of the children being over 15. They are taken as far as the seventh standard, which comprises a knowledge of the following subjects: Arithmetic, Euclid, algebra, grammar, history, dictation, composition, writing, reading, botany, geography, sewing, Dutch, French and Latin.

The school is supplied with libraries furnished by railway and educational departments. There are as many as 1,605 industrial and 381 mercantile continuation schools, of which 1,514 industrial and 223 mercantile receive support from the state. The industrial continuation schools have 28,790 pupils; the mercantile schools 4,139 male and 4,522 female pupils. At all but sixty-eight of the industrial and fifty-four of the mercantile schools attendance is compulsory. In addition there are 402 training schools, with 21,168 pupils, supported by grants and associations, L. S. G. boys, smiths, painters, etc., and 129 training and continuation schools for the female sex, assisted by special appropriations from the state.

"SPELLING BEES" IN INDIANA.

Revival of Contests Planned by State Superintendent.

The old-time "spelling bee" is to be revived in Indiana schools this year, with the hope that school children will thereby attain that perfection of spelling which is boasted by the products of the schools of the good old days. Furthermore, the city and county superintendents, librarians, mothers and aunts and the fathers and uncles of the present-day pupils will be invited to spell down the school children and determine if they have a right to condemn present systems of teaching.

This is one of the points brought out in the new course of study which has been prepared by B. J. Aley, superintendent of public instruction, and which has been distributed among the 18,000 teachers of the state.

"The charge is frequently made," says Dr. Aley, "perhaps with much good reason, that pupils nowadays do not spell as well as their fathers and mothers did in the good old days. The spelling school was an institution that undoubtedly was an aid in gaining efficiency. A revival of the old-time 'spelling bee' might prove to be both profitable and enjoyable. Why not call in the fathers and mothers, uncles and aunts, and settle the question in Indiana whether our boys and girls are deficient in this branch of study, as some would have us believe they are? It would increase the community interest, aid in bringing the school the social center, and making parents and teachers into closer relationship and help in making better spellers."

Education Notes.

Henry Wade Rogers reports that more than two-thirds of the new law schools of the United States are now on a three-semester basis.

Seventy thousand children desiring to attend the public schools of New York City will be admitted on part time or no time this fall.

Eleven thousand pupils will be on part time basis in the city schools this fall. Lack of accommodations, constituting just 11,000 reasons why the city should be ashamed of itself.

As a tribute to its value to the community, the Boston Trade School for Girls has been re-named the John D. Davis Vocational School for Girls.

Mrs. A. D. Winship at Racine, Wis., at the age of 73 has returned to take a course of study at the Iowa State University this summer.

Miss Winship, who was a member of the Abraham Lincoln Normal school, is now taking a course at the Tower Hill summer school.

Daniel Evans of the Andover seminary at Harvard university, who has been studying at Marburg university since 1907, is reported as having taken up his abode in Berlin with his family. He will remain there studying in the university, under Harmsack and other eminent biblical experts, until he returns to Cambridge during the second semester of the seminary.

J. H. Needling and A. C. Faure, from Pretoria, Transvaal, have registered as agricultural students at Cornell University. The young men are government students, and receive scholarships awarded by the Transvaal department of agriculture. Eight scholarships were competed for and awarded to these young men. They will be sent to this country to be educated in different agricultural colleges.

The degree of doctor of philosophy conferred by the University of Leipzig at its recent quinquennial celebration upon a certain student of that university, of Chicago adds to the academic honors of one of the most eminent of American agricultural students.

Dr. J. H. Needling, an international reputation. Though born in Germany and educated at the University of Bonn at Heidelberg and at the College de France and the Ecole Polytechnique in Paris, it was in the United States that Dr. Needling began his career in the United States navy and as a student at Annapolis.

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COPPERS AT AN EATING MATCH

McCabe Wins, with Nichols a Close Second, in Gastronomic Controversy.

Most of the members of the present night shift of police had planned on a large hunting and fishing trip last week and were to wind up the day with a banquet, but the big rain prevented it. The good things had been prepared and it was decided that a long standing controversy as to who could eat the largest meal, should be settled by several candidates for the honor, who had gained a reputation as judges of good things to eat.

Accordingly the "big feed" was sent out to the country home of Patrolman C. M. Flotts on Thirty-sixth avenue, and the spread occurred under the branches of several large trees, after the honor had been blown over. After a hard contest, Patrolman F. L. McCabe was declared the winner, with W. G. Nichols, representing the preceding shift, a close second. According to Patrolman Nichols, McCabe ate four chickens, five plates of potato salad, three quarts of spaghetti, and the "trimmings," and won without exerting himself to the limit. As evidence of this he is said to have carried off three "springs" and a can of chili in his pocket.

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Passes Worthless Checks—Fred C. Martin, a painter living at 1727 Dodge, is under arrest on the charge of passing worthless checks.

Who Owns the Watch—The police are anxious to become acquainted with the woman who is thought to own a woman's watch taken from Harry Jacobs of Oklahoma City when he was arrested Saturday.

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