



As has been the case for a number of years past the state convention of school teachers was held in Lincoln, and without any question it was none of a success than any previous year. The total number who attended reached nearly the 1,300

mark and the three days' session at the Lansing theatre was productive of much benefit. The papers which were read on this occasion as well as the numerous addresses gave evidence of much deep study on the questions discussed and all who listened to them could not help but absorb a vast amount of information which will be most useful in the training of young minds along the proper lines of education.

The illness of the editor makes it necessary to ask the consideration of COURIER readers for the many neglects of the last issue or two, next week it is hoped that THE COURIER will be itself again.

The arrest of the two male and two female violators of the mayor's orders and the attendant gun play has caused a great deal of comment. The question as to whether or not the quartet was breaking the order was not raised, or at least did not cause much talk, but the breaking in of the door by the officer and the contemporaneous shooting by one of the men within have been food for much thought. The officer is generally condemned for his action, it being claimed that as there was no crime committed in his sight and as he did not know that a crime was being committed, he had no right to break in the door. However, the officer shares the blame with the mayor, who, from his letter of commendation to Chief Cooper, it may be inferred, approves of any course that will result in the apprehension of violators of his pet order.

A prominent attorney, in speaking of the affair the other day, said he did not see how the mayor could conscientiously order his officers to suppress law-breakers by lawless means.

The Hayden art exhibit at the State university has attracted scores of visitors during the past week who are highly enthusiastic in its praise. Many of the most elaborate and costly paintings were on exhibition at the World's fair and those who have undertaken to provide the lovers of art in this city with such an excellent treat are to be commended and at the same time congratulated upon the success of the venture thus far. Those who fail to visit the art rooms before the exhibit closes will miss an opportunity which they will surely regret because it is certainly an education. Another reason why it should be well patronized lies in the fact that all surplus money, above the actual expenses, will be devoted to charitable work here in the city.

"I wonder," remarked one of Harry Krug's lions to the other, as turned his head to look at a girl crossing the windy street, "what Mayor Weir will do when he retires from office in the spring and has no excuse or provocation for writing open letters. He has the open letter habit the worst of anyone I ever saw. He writes one upon the slightest pretext and is probably sorry afterwards in many instances. There is one redeeming feature about the mayor's hobby, however, and it's the only thing that will save him from the brimstone lake, and that is that he signs his own name. He doesn't affix the signature of "Vox Populi," "Justitia," "Citizen," "Taxpayer," "One Who Knows," or any of those alias, but he comes right out and slaps his full and unabbreviated handle on the tail of every letter. I like that in him, anyhow." And the monarch of the forest commenced gravely to chew the fringe off a pair of curtains.

GOMNG ATTRACTIONS.

At the Funke.

This evening Blind Boone and his superb company will appear at the new Funke opera house. Boone was born in 1863 and sixteen years ago he won the favor of a colored gentleman, Mr. John Lange, of Columbia, Mo., who put him in the Sunday school to play for the children. He also made a contract with his mother to educate him in music and put him on the road, and he has made a grand success of it. Boone has been on the road some sixteen years, and has been successful in pleasing his audience.

For New Years the beautiful military drama "Through the War," will be presented both in the afternoon and evening at the new Funke opera house. This company was organized in this city and have been rehearsing for the past month. All their scenery is new having been painted in this city by a Chicago scenic artist. The prices for the matinee are 25 and 35 cents, evening 25, 35, 50 and 75 cents.

Wednesday evening January 2, Hon. John J. Ingalls will deliver his most popular lecture "Problems of our Second Century." There is no doubt that the lecture is very instructive. Few people, young or old, have not heard of John J. Ingalls, ex-United States senator.

The Marion (Indiana) Herald of a recent date has the following to say of "The Kid." "One of the most clever and unmimicable artist in her line is Miss Adele Purvis Onri, who appeared with 'The Kid' company at Sweetser's opera house last night. Miss Onri performs one of the most difficult feats ever attempted on the stage and one which no other performer has ever accomplished. It is her serpentine dance on a revolving globe. The costume which Miss Onri wears while performing this feat, contains one hundred yards of imported white silk and the effect of this vision of loveliness floating about the stage in serpentine waves is magical and beggars description." "The Kid" will be at the new Funke Saturday, January 5.



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