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THE TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

SESSIONS ARE HELD IN THE NEW COURT HOUSE.

WELL KNOWN EDUCATORS PRESENT.

The Attendance was Large and Much Interest Manifested—The Daily Lectures a Prominent Feature.

The DuPage County Teachers' Institute occupied the new court house at Wheaton, last week, from Monday till Saturday. The school ma'ams fitted up and down the broad stairways, discussed school topics, listened to the able lectures, and incidentally found time to examine the new building from turret to foundation stone.

Supt. Morgan spared no pains to make the programme interesting and instructive and was to an unusual degree successful.

Prof. P. R. Walker of Rockford had charge of the classes in history and geography and showed to his listeners that those usually dry subjects could be made to fairly glow with interest.

Prof. R. F. Bunnell conducted the class in numbers. Miss Vandeker of Chicago explained a new method of teaching the relation of numbers by means of blocks, cubes, prisms, etc., and rectangles of various shapes, which was heartily endorsed by all present.

Prof. Chas. E. Mann gave daily lectures on "Methods" and imparted many useful hints. In addition to his lectures he conducted a class in reading, using Shakespeare's Macbeth for the topic.

Prof. J. R. Russell had charge of the advanced laboratory work.

Miss Olin as musical director showed what a wonderful instrument the human voice can become. She laid special stress on correct tones and the right method of producing them.

F. A. Kendall of Naperville presented the plan of the Illinois Pupils Reading Circle to the assembly. This is a subject which deserves the attention of every wide awake teacher and parent in the state. The aim of the Circle is to provide good literature for the children.

Prof. Blanchard of Wheaton College and Dr. VanLoe of Los Angeles, Cal., spoke words of encouragement.

An unusually large number of teachers were present at every session and their pertinent questions on the various topics showed that they were fully alive to the importance of the meeting.

CASS NEWS.

A good place to get a boat ride is at the Oldfield pond.

Messrs. Frank and Ira Heart started for Indiana on their wheels last Thursday.

Mrs. Fanny Dusky, nee Price, and Will Clutter are visiting their friends in Cass.

A son of Louis Marvitz fell from a wagon last week and put his arm out of joint.

Mrs. Tell and daughter, Mrs. Carrie Smith, of Chicago, visited relatives in Cass last week, returning to their home Saturday.

Geo. Davey, Sr., had another bad spell Sunday morning. But as this was a slight attack he is in hopes it will be the last.

Quite a number attended the camp-meeting at New Lenox Sunday and Monday. All report a beneficial and enjoyable time.

Mr. and Mrs. Winbolt returned from Wheaton on Saturday. Geo. Whitford, a cousin, returned with them and remained over Sunday.

Mrs. Campbell's children and Mr. Roe of Elgin returned with Mrs. J. F. Smart Saturday, and are visiting at the Smart residence for a few days.

Del Oldfield is making numerous improvements on his mother's place east of Cass school house, preparatory to moving there. His many friends here will be glad to welcome him and his mother to Cass.

Bro. Rood of Michigan occupied the pulpit Sunday and administered the sacrament of the Lord's supper. Bro. Schutz favored us with a solo in the morning service. A new feature in the evening service—a male quartette—was enjoyed by all.

PROPOSALS FOR INSURANCE.

The committee on court house and grounds will receive, until 1 o'clock p. m., Saturday, August 31st, sealed bids for \$15,000 insurance on the court house and contents. All bids to be plainly marked, "Bids for Insurance," and addressed to chairman of committee on court house and grounds, at Wheaton, Ills. The committee reserves the right to reject any or all bids. C. B. BLODGETT, Chairman.

DUPAGE COUNTY FAIR.

Forty-second Annual Exposition to be Held Next Week.

Every preparation for a successful exposition is being made by the officers for the forty-second annual DuPage county fair to be held at Wheaton, next Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday—Aug. 31st and Sept. 1st, 2d and 3d, 1897,—and every resident of the county who can possibly do so should attend and help make the fair a success.

Over \$2,000.00 in premiums will be awarded and the programs for the various days events are full of interesting features. Trials of speed each day including trotting, pacing and running races. Bicycle races will form a part of each day's proceedings. The exhibition of farm and dairy products, fruits, vegetables, horses, cattle, hogs, poultry and other stock will be especially fine this year and something in which every farmer is interested.

On Thursday an old settlers reunion will be held, and good speakers will be in attendance to address the meeting.

Wheaton College offers through the fair society a two-year scholarship as a prize for the best oration to be delivered at the fair by any resident of the county between the ages of 16 and 24 years.

The officers will endeavor in every possible way to provide for the amusement and comfort of both exhibitors and visitors. The premium list is full and complete and embraces nearly every article to make a first-class fair. A copy may be secured from the secretary at Wheaton.

BAPTIST SCHOOL PICNIC.

It seemed as though Saturday was one of those made-to-order picnic days when the human being is not capable of even suggesting any manner in which it can be improved. Two hundred and fifty or more members and friends of the Baptist Sunday school took advantage of the occasion for their annual outing and it proved to be one of the happiest times that has been enjoyed for several years. The beautiful grounds at Fullersburg were well crowded, the boating was delightful, and shouts of victory and peals of laughter from happy children were to be heard constantly as games and contests progressed. Tables were filled with the choicest of good things for the inner man; that is, they were at the beginning. The contests were very interesting and the prizes were well worth the efforts put forth toward winning them. A slight mishap at Hinsdale delayed matters somewhat in the afternoon, while on the way home in the evening a weak wheel on Mr. Courtright's wagon collapsed two miles out of town making it necessary for several to walk that distance home. Other than in these particulars, nothing happened to mar the pleasures of the entire day.

Among those who are attending the Grand Army encampment at Buffalo this week are L. Mertz and wife, Christ Warkentine and wife, Chas. Meadle and wife, Jno. Ireland and M. E. Stanger. Most of the party will visit other points before returning.

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Local and Personal Paragraphs.

White Rose gasoline, Nash Bros. Searchlight matches at Nash Bros. Additional local news on fifth page. Second-hand stoves cheap at Brode & Co.'s.

Chas. Curtiss has been very ill the past week. Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Davis visited in Wheaton Sunday.

Thompson's fruits and vegetables are always fresh and nice.

Frank Rounds of Chicago, spent Sunday with his wife at A. L. Palmer's.

Miss Mary Chadwick, of Chicago, visited with the Misses Bateman last week.

School commences next Monday, much to the joy (?) of the younger pupils.

Wm. Bateman is very sick. He is so feeble and weak that his recovery is doubtful.

Thompson is furnishing wheelmen with a nice bicycle shoe at a very moderate price.

Light underwear season is at hand. Thompson has the better grade goods at the bargain prices.

Mrs. J. G. Morton returned last Thursday from an extended visit to her relatives in New York city.

Leave orders at Hughes & Gallup's for hauling trunks, freight and express. They will be promptly attended to. J. D. McVEAN.

Mrs. Frank Morford of Dutton, Mont., is here spending a month with her father-in-law, J. W. Morford and family, on her way to visit her parents in Germany.

Mrs. Geo. R. Smith and Mrs. Guy L. Bush have been spending the week at Eagle Lake, Wis. Messrs. Bush and Smith will go up to-morrow and remain over Sunday.

Boy's Brigade drill at Auditorium, Friday evening, at 7:30 o'clock. All members should attend this meeting as there is some business to be brought up. Visitors welcome after 8 o'clock.

LOST:—A gold ring set with a small diamond, on Curtiss, Washington or Main street, between Maple avenue and the depot. Finder will kindly return to Mrs. Frank Rounds at A. L. Palmer's and be suitably rewarded.

Bring your world's fair views, art reproductions, magazines, papers, etc., to the REPORTER office and have them bound substantially to preserve them. First-class work in cloth, library or full leather. Prices reasonable.

Banner Rebekah lodge will give a bloomer lawn social at the home of Miss Susan Paul, Thursday, September 9th. Refreshments will be served and those who do not have bloomers will be furnished them on the grounds. Everybody welcome.

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Tin fruit cans at Brode & Co.'s. National Light oil at Nash Bros. Crockery given away at Thompson's. Do not forget the bloomer lawn social Sept. 9th.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Morford spent Sunday at Lincoln Park.

The best meat chopper for domestic use can be had at Brode & Co.'s.

J. W. Turner, of the LaGrange Call, was a caller yesterday at this office.

Call and see us before buying a blue flame oil stove. F. A. Brode & Co.

Mrs. F. E. Lower and babe are visiting friends in Kansas City and Atchison.

W. S. Alden returned yesterday from a week's visit spent at his farm in Star City, Ind.

Summer fabrics for the ladies' shirtwaists in many pleasing patterns at Thompson's.

Rev. Chas. Commons will preach in the Congregational church next Sabbath morning.

\$2500 to loan for three years on gilt edge farm security in DuPage county. Apply to D. G. Graham.

I have a good spring wagon for sale, with both tongue and shafts. Will sell cheap. D. G. Graham.

For Rent:—Seven room cottage on Belmont street. City water, good cistern and modern conveniences. Rent reasonable. Apply to Robert Buck.

Refrigerators at Hughes & Gallup's. Don't try to buy them at a lower price elsewhere, because you can't. You can see them at the office. Just call.

Mrs. H. H. Clark received yesterday a warrant on the treasurer of the Royal League for \$1,000, the benefit due on the death of her husband which occurred about a month ago.

Dr. L. E. Ayres of Des Moines, Ia., arrived yesterday to attend the organization meeting of the Orienta Treatment Company, which will use his treatment for dipomania.

D. K. Craig, having established a storage tank system, is in a position to furnish consumers with the best Pennsylvania oil and gasoline at a lower price than ever. Leave orders at Carpenter's drug store.

Mrs. R. F. Davis is very sick at her home in Galesburg. Mrs. Elbert Stanley, her daughter, is with her, having been summoned by telegram last Saturday. She had a paralytic stroke and her life is despaired of.

An exhibition of the Van Dorn bread toaster was given at Thompson's store last Saturday. The article is especially designed for use on gasoline stoves and is a complete success. A. J. Thompson is the agent here.

Mrs. Pattison's North Side school store has just received a fine assortment of first-class candies, also tablets of all kinds, school books and general school supplies. The patronage of the scholars is earnestly solicited.

A merry party composed of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rando, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Alford, Mrs. Kennison, Mrs. C. H. Heartman, Mrs. J. G. Morton, together with their children spent last Friday at Manhattan Beach, and enjoyed a picnic dinner and tea at that pleasant resort.

Walter Scott Bryan of Lindenwald estate purchased last week a car load of very fine breeding ewes which arrived last Saturday night. They are of the Hampshire and Shropshire stock, and which he is convinced produce heavier and earlier lambs for the market.

Seven teams furnished transportation for about 250 members of the M. E. Sunday school and friends to Glen Ellyn park last Saturday, where a delightful picnic was held. The trip was made via Lombard and the return journey via Lisle. Amusements consisted of boating, fishing, and dinner at the park pavillion. After dinner races, ball and other games were indulged in and a splendid time resulted. The event of the day was a foot race between Geo. P. Luce and O. J. Daily and won by the former.

Mrs. J. C. White entertained the older members of her music class last evening at her home on the North side. A most enjoyable time was had by the young people until a late hour. Refreshments were served during the evening. Among the most entertaining features was a guessing contest with prizes which were won by Misses Lillian Bennett, Bessie Hunter and Harold Lee. Those who were present: Bessie Nash, Lillian Bennett, Martha Downer, Emma Skinner, Pearl Moss, Nina Thomas, Jean Blanchard, Bessie Hunter, Marjorie Adams, Mary Watts, Alice Mehan, Mary Hartman, Murray Skinner, Harold Lee, Samuel Kennison.

BICYCLE RACES SATURDAY.

Three Local Events Promise Considerable Sport.

The long talked of cycle races will occur Saturday afternoon, weather permitting. The races will be run on the Maple avenue course and will be called at 3 o'clock. Start and finish will be made from the corner of Main street and Maple avenue.

The events will consist of three races—a half mile handicap, a four mile handicap and a half mile Downers Grove club race. The latter for members of the club only. Three prizes will be awarded in each event in addition to a time prize in the four mile race.

Entries may be made with Lynn Wheeler, the fee being 25 cents for each race. Entries close Thursday night. It is expected that a number of crack riders from Hinsdale and LaGrange will compete with the local cyclists for the honors and prizes. Some good sport is expected.

FAIR BALL GAMES.

For many moons the base ball clubs of this county have been wanting to play a championship game, and their hopes will be realized at the fair next week.

The first game will be between Wheaton and Naperville on next Tuesday, August 31. The second game will be between Glen Ellyn and West Chicago on Thursday, September 2. The winners of these two games will play for the purse and county championship on the last day of the fair, Friday, Sept. 3d. All games called at 2 o'clock p. m.

Each club playing must place \$25 in the hands of L. C. Stover, treasurer of the fair association, and the winning club gets the entire purse, \$100, and is entitled to the championship pennant. No player will be allowed to participate in this contest unless he has for one year been an actual resident of the town furnishing the team. This makes it strictly a county affair. Other county clubs can enter by signing the contract and putting up \$25.

A CONVINCING LETTER.

Hartford City, Ind., May 18, 1897.

Dr. L. E. Ayres, Des Moines, Ia.

My Dear Dr.:—Your letter was received some time ago. I have not wanted liquor one moment since I left you. For forty years I have been a slave bound in chains of liquid fire. I am now a miracle to myself. I now go about day after day with not one thought of or desire for liquor. I praise God that at last I have found a cure for the disease of drunkenness, for it is a disease worse than leprosy. I now have complete and entire faith in your cure. I will see if I cannot organize an Ayres Institute in Indianapolis for the cure of drunkenness. I have felt and am yet of the opinion that I had best be certain and go slow, and make no mistake this time. I have made so many sincere and loud professions to the good people of Indianapolis and Indiana that they will naturally be slow to have confidence in me. But time will be positive proof and will bring a return of confidence. I tell you I am cured, glory to God, cured. I would a thousand times rather die than to be disappointed this time. I have never felt since I was ten years old as I now feel. It is as though I was released from prison walls that were closing in on me and pressing and crushing the life out of me. I have my periodical attacks of thirst and without the least desire for liquor. If the Ayres cure can and does cure me it can and will cure any drunkard on earth. For years and years I have hunted the jails and penitentiaries and the lowest depths to find some man that had a thirst like mine. I could not find one. At the proper time and when there can be no shadow of a possible mistake I will publish my cure to the world. I wish you might have a million patients. I have had no occasion to take a single dose of the medicine you let me bring home with me. I believe the two bottles have made a complete cure. May you prosper—God bless you.

LUTHER BENSON.

Falmouth, Ind., Aug. 24th, 1897.

Mrs. Sophie C. Hall, Downers Grove, Illinois.

Dear Madam:—Your letter of August 13th was forwarded to me and contents carefully noted. The Ayres' cure has no injurious effects; it is perfectly harmless. I have positive proof that it does destroy the appetite or thirst for liquor. It is much better than the Keeley cure. The Keeley cure is no cure. It has killed and mentally and physically wrecked more than it has cured or benefited.

Truly yours,
LUTHER BENSON.

For Rent—The Hobart property at the corner of Curtiss and Washington streets. Inquire of Levi Mertz.

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

HOLD THEIR THIRD MEETING FOR THE MONTH MONDAY.

RENEW GLOBE LIGHT CO.'S CONTRACT

Discuss Electric Lights—Lake Ordered Cleaned—Street Improvement to be Completed with Gravel.

Three meetings is the record of the village board for August. The last one occurred Monday evening at which there was a full attendance when President Bush called the meeting to order. Treasurer Rogers' report presented at the last meeting showed the following sums: Balance on hand at last report, \$4148.78; received since, \$3155.00; expenditures, \$1026.31; present balance, \$5672.53.

Secretary Hogeland of the Globe Light & Heat Co., was present to confer with the board in regard to a renewal of contract for street lighting. He said his company could make no schedule in price on the present schedule other than to reduce the cost 50 cents per lamp per year, making the cost \$14.00 even per lamp, a total of \$1,470.00 for 105 lamps for a year's street lighting service. The committee, in whose hands was placed the matter of purchasing lamps for the village, reported that they were unable to secure anything satisfactory at a reasonable figure and therefore recommended renewing contract with Globe company, at the price above named, provided the company would furnish six lights to burn every night and all night. These to be placed on Main street. These conditions were accepted by Mr. Hogeland and a motion was made by Trustee Root and carried to renew contract for another year. The attorney was instructed to prepare contract on these terms.

Superintendent Fowler was instructed to procure an improved device for preventing scale in boilers and to use same for three months trial at no expense to the village.

Complaint as to the unsanitary condition of the creek in rear of Stanley property near the railroad was left with President Bush to have nuisance abated.

The condition of the lake on the north side was the subject of considerable discussion. It was moved by Trustee Barr that the lake be cleaned and the matter was referred to the improvement committee to have the work done immediately.

Regarding the order passed at the last meeting discontinuing the street sprinkling service during the coal famine, Trustee Schultz moved and it was carried that the order be rescinded in view of the fact that coal had been secured at but slight advance over old figure and that Messrs. Courtright be permitted to continue sprinkling services.

The street and alley committee were empowered to purchase the necessary gravel to finish contemplated improvements on Maple and Highland avenues at 25 cents per yard at the Lyman pit. A. R. Heckman and W. A. Tope presented a new proposition for street lighting in connection with their petition for an electric light franchise presented at last meeting. They agreed to furnish twenty-five 1600-candle power arc lights and twenty-five 32-candle power incandescent lamps for a term of five years at no further cost to the village than \$500.00 cash per year and said village to furnish the necessary steam to run the electric lighting plant, or the company would furnish their own power and furnish the same number of lights for \$1,800.00 cash per year. In the opinion of the members of the board the number of arc lights was more than necessary and the number of incandescent lamps insufficient for the needs of the village. The company was therefore asked to make an estimate on the cost of 10 arc and 100 incandescent lamps and to confer with the ordinance committee, to which the matter was referred, and arrange details, schedule, etc., and report at next regular meeting. The board adjourned to next meeting.

Excursions to Yellowstone Park, Hot Springs, S. D., Deadwood, Denver, Colorado Springs, St. Paul and Minneapolis at greatly reduced rates. Enquire of G. H. Bunge.