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Our Teachers' Institute

DuPage County Instructors Hold Interesting Meeting Saturday.

Scores of Teachers Attend and Listen to Instructive Addresses by Prominent Educators of This and Adjoining Counties.

The DuPage county Teachers' Institute which met in Downers Grove Saturday, April 16th, was a very interesting and successful meeting. It was unusually well attended. There were about a hundred teachers present from the different towns and districts of the county, besides a number of visiting teachers from Evanston and other cities in adjoining counties. The gathering proved of special interest to the citizens of our own village and a large number of the home people were present both in the morning and afternoon. Among the school superintendents present were Supt. Kendall of Naperville who presided, Supt. Jokisch of Hinsdale, Supt. Bunnell of Naperville, County Supt. Morgan and Frank Hall of Aurora, state superintendent of the Farmers' institute.

The program offered variety and suggestion. Mr. Hall, the author of the arithmetics which are used in our schools, gave two informal talks on methods of teaching arithmetic. For a part of the time he demonstrated his ideas by actually teaching a class of children. His principal thought was that children should not be taught to juggle with figures, doing mechanical work with no notion of its meaning or application, but that they should be asked to deal with values within their experience in a practical way. Figuring is not arithmetic. Arithmetic is the study of relation of values. Symbols and exercises of pure computation should be kept away from the younger child and all his number work done mentally. His talks were very interesting and well received.

Miss Harriet Doughty, supervisor of music in the schools of Evanston, gave the teachers a number of excellent suggestions in teaching music in two very interesting lessons. Music, she said, if well taught will reinforce and strengthen the other work of the school. Taking the institute as a class she showed how she taught note songs by phrasing, how she trained children in sounding and recognizing pitch, and in writing music and reading it at sight. She maintained that every pupil can be and should be taught to sing and enjoy singing, and that it is nothing short of a crime to allow a child to go through the grades with out a good knowledge of music. Music is as easy to teach as reading and can be as easily learned. No person is a good citizen who cannot sing or does not enjoy singing. Her talk was highly appreciated.

Mrs. M. B. Holmes gave a short talk on the use of phonics in teaching children to read and spoke of her success in that line. Mrs. Holmes is a very successful primary teacher in Hinsdale and the results she has obtained with her children have attracted considerable attention. She maintained that the only rational method is through the systematic use of phonics and that in no other way can such a high power to read be developed in children. Some discussion arose over the method. Mrs. Holmes referred to a manual for teachers which she highly recommended.

Mrs. Maude Woodruff of the third and fourth grades gave a class exercise in singing at the beginning of the afternoon session. The songs they sang showed that her pupils were being well trained and had made good progress.

Superintendent O. M. Searles addressed the institute on "Attention as a Teacher's Problem." He said in part: A teacher has to do chiefly with the interplay of the mind between the knowledge the pupil has and the new facts which he is striving to learn; and only incidentally with the results of the interplay. New things start doubts or set problems for the mind to work upon and it solves the problems or settles the doubts by comparing them to problems already solved in the past. The attention emerges in this comparison that is in the effort to find unity. What one attends to—that is, the problems which new facts arouse depends altogether upon what is already known. Therefore the mind must be prepared to attend to what it is expected to understand. New things cannot be thrust before it so that they raise questions unless it already has knowledge which will enable it to understand them. The mind then gets out of a thing what it brings to it. Many illustrations were given to show this. The application is that teachers cannot command attention by the voice of authority or by thundering tones, but must secure it by steadily preparing the pupil to attend. Attention is a growth and not a native endowment. The teacher's first business to secure attention is to see that problems are set up in the pupil's

mind which he is interested in solving. This is not generally done in such a way that the pupil feels that the problem is his own. He feels rather that the problem is the teacher's. It is commonly given to the pupil by asking him to study so many pages, so many topics, commit definitions, learn facts by heart. This is poor teaching and leads to an attention that is external. Instead, the assignment of the next lesson should raise a doubt in the child's mind which he desires cleared up or set a problem which connects itself in some way with his interest. In this way concentration of attention is second. Alertness of mind, the second phase of attention, is involved in examining everything that can be thought of in connection with the problem to see whether it helps in the solution. The teacher's chief business is to help the child by suggestion to think of a great variety of things in relation to the doubt which he has, to see that the things which get before the mind are varied enough and yet similar enough to warrant forming a conclusion. Finally the solution must end in a habit formed with reference to such new ideas that hereafter they will never again raise a question in this connection. Mr. Searles criticized the Hall arithmetic because it did not supply enough material to get the child accustomed to any given line of thought and that the teacher had to supply too much. A discussion followed this criticism and it was generally agreed that the book lacked material of this kind and was not full enough of help for teachers on these points. No criticism was aimed at the plan of the work, but for a time the discussion became quite warm between the author and Mr. Searles and hot shots were given and taken.

Miss Agatha Sweet conducted a class exercise in primary reading going over briefly the successive steps in teaching the children from their first day in school to the present. Her children are able to read at sight anywhere from any first reader and really did some unusually good work. They had an expression natural as talking and an independence worthy of older grades. She is to be congratulated on her success.

The Downers Grove school had an exhibit of drawing at the institute which was a surprise to teachers and to parents. It was admired by all and was indeed a very creditable showing when it is remembered that our schools have no drawing supervisor. Space is too limited to tell of the many excellent features of the exhibit but the citizens are urged to visit the schools and see what is really being done. Much of its success is due to the earnestness and hard work of Miss Cassa B. Graves. She has practically been supervising the work this year.

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LIBRARY TAX CARRIES.

The only issue at the village election Tuesday was the proposition to levy a one-half mill tax for the maintenance of a free public library in Downers Grove. This was hardly an issue either, as almost everyone favors the tax. In consequence a very light vote was polled. Only 70 voters took enough interest in the election to visit the polls and five of their votes were lost through improperly marking their ballots. The library tax proposition carried by a vote of 51 for and only 10 against. The candidates on the caucus ticket were unanimously chosen by a uniform vote of 85 each. Trustees J. W. Hughes, John W. Graves and D. H. Uhlhorn and Clerk B. C. White were elected. The election officials had a quiet day. Judges G. N. Jones, J. W. Tucker and W. H. Barnhart and Clerks George Hoffert, W. E. S. Trowbridge and E. Woehrel had charge of the polls.

GEORGE DEWOLF DIES AT HOSPITAL.

George DeWolf, who shot himself at Downers Grove and who died at a Chicago hospital last week, was found to be a resident of Winfield. He first claimed to have been shot by a stray bullet from the gun of hunters. He afterwards said he had accidentally shot himself. It is thought he shot himself owing to family troubles. He had a pocket rifle with him a few hours before the accident, but the rifle was missing when he was found indicated attempted suicide. He did not tell of a wife at Winfield but she was afterwards located and notified.

E. C. STANLEY SELLS LIVERY.

A. Durst of Harvey has purchased the livery business of Elbert Stanley here and will become a resident with us. They are pleasant affable people and will be welcomed here by our people generally. Mr. Durst is an old livery man and will conduct the business to the satisfaction of the public. Mr. Stanley retires from the business on account of ill health in his family but will not leave Downers Grove.

Local and Personal Paragraphs

The Woehrel Cigar.
White Rose gasolins, Nash's. Additional local news on fifth page.
Manna bread at Rang's, the best made—try it.
Wm. Straube returned Saturday from his Mexican trip.
Mrs. R. J. Darnley has been ill with tonsillitis the past week.
Mrs. E. T. Walker of Plattsmouth, Neb., is visiting old friends in Downers Grove.

FOR SALE—Fine cow and calf. Inquire of William C. Bonnell, or at the cigar store.
Mrs. J. H. Bateman is spending a couple of weeks at Sycamore, with her sister, Mrs. M. Druitt.
FOR SALE—Iowa incubator, 130 egg size, almost new; will be sold cheap. Inquire Max H. Schachner, 102 Gilbert avenue.
At the annual session of Evangelical Association held in Chicago last week J. Haller was assigned to the Downers Grove church.

John D. Downer of Fallersburg has rented Mrs. Rosa Johnson's house and moved in Monday. Mrs. Johnson will move to Chicago.
FOR SALE—Bantams; will sell in pairs or singly; also one white Wyandotte and Brahma mixed rooster. Apply 136 North Main street.
About a dozen members of the Odd Fellows lodge went to Chicago last night to attend the installation ceremonies of Fort Dearborn lodge.

FOR SALE—My residence at 158 North Main street. Ten rooms, stern heat, electric lights, hardwood floors, etc., good barn. Price \$4,000. Any old terms. E. E. Stevens.
If you don't get your tickets early for the entertainment April 30, given by the O'Neil's Sketch club, under the auspices of the Knights of Pythias, you'll have to go way back and sit down.
It may interest you to know that the Illinois Lumber and Construction Co. has taken the Downers Grove agency for all kinds of building and crushed stone, and will keep a supply on hand for prompt delivery.

Capt. T. S. Rogers, A. L. Palmer and J. G. Wallace attended the funeral of H. H. Maselman at Naperville Thursday. Deceased was a member of Capt. Rogers' company in the 105th Illinois Infantry during the Civil war.
Mrs. Leonard M. Lake of St. Louis, vice president of the National Catholic Total Abstinence union will lecture on temperance at Scott's hall, Naperville, Monday evening, April 25th, at 7:30 o'clock. No admission will be charged.
The school caucus Thursday evening re-nominated the old members of the board of education whose terms expire at that time, President D. G. Graham and members Bert C. White and F. E. Dove. They were unanimously re-elected Saturday afternoon.

Mr. M. King Bush and his cousin, Miss Louise E. Stanley, charmingly entertained a large party of friends at 125 Carpenter street Saturday evening. Progressive clench was played, ten tables accommodating the guests. The prizes, which were handsome pieces of hand painted china and stoneware, were won by Mrs. C. V. Carpenter, Miss Olive Wertz, Fred D. Lempe and William H. Blodgett. During the evening refreshments were served. The party was one of the pleasant events of the season.

An epidemic of barbers' itch is prevailing on the west side of the river, there being reported at least forty cases of the dreaded infection. The first germ is said to have been imported by a young man from Downers Grove, who is now in this city and has a most pitiable case under treatment. Physicians claim this to be frightfully infectious, and that it will in a short time cover the entire body if not treated, and almost as much to be dreaded as the old-fashioned itch. Too great care can not be exercised at barber shops to prevent those dreaded germs spreading.—Aurora News.

WORLD'S FAIR VISITOR'S GUIDE.

A magazine of full and official information concerning the World's fair and complete guide to St. Louis. Will familiarize prospective visitors in advance with the fair and city, and save you much time and money. Gives views and descriptions of all the exhibit palaces, tells how to best see the exposition, contains a full list of reputable rooming houses and hotels, with rates, and much other valuable information. Sent to any address for 25 cents. Address: Visitor's Guide Publishing Co., 4420 Greer avenue, St. Louis, Mo.

National Light oil at Nash's.
Cook's Flaked Rice at the Fair.
Best oil in town at Curtiss & Heartts'.
Just like home made, Rang's Manna bread. Try it.
Mrs. B. J. Russell is visiting relatives at Streator this week.
Mr. and Mrs. John Hawks are expected home from Los Angeles this week.
Miss Trexette, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. L. W. Winchester, the past week is quite ill.
Mrs. D. O. Cole left Saturday for an extended visit with her son, Alonzo E. Cole, who is now located at Baltimore.

A daughter of Gaylord Blackburn, whose death occurred in Chicago Monday, was buried in the village cemetery yesterday.
Rev. Walter H. Megent will give a lecture for the benefit of the Christian Endeavor society at the Congregational church May 13.
If you are not satisfied with your matrimonial conditions, go and see "A Husband in Clover" at the Auditorium Saturday evening, April 30.

The democrats elected two aldermen at Naperville Tuesday; the republicans one, making the council republican 4 to 6 with a democratic mayor.
FOR SALE—Carriages and several sets of single harness; property of the late Mrs. Morse. Apply to Walter Scott Bryson, or John Browning on the place.
The services at the Baptist church Sunday evening will be in charge of the Lotus club. Rev. H. Booth Hazen will take for his subject, "Christ's Gift to the Human Heart."

Miss Laura N. McCaw, who spent the winter in Downers Grove in gathering data for the new atlas of the Middle West Publishing company, has finished her work and has returned to her home in Wheaton.
Free sample to agent. Practical, ready call device for telephones. Saves brain work and hours of time. Sells itself; one sale sells dozens; seeing is believing; send stamp. The Telephone Appliance company, 1 Madison avenue, Dep. F. A. D., New York City.
Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Dawes returned Saturday from a few days visit in Kansas City. Mr. Dawes responded to a toast at a banquet given by the Kansas City association of the Ripon College Alumni and old students, at the Coats house Thursday evening.

Arbor day comes on Friday, April 22. The state superintendent of schools has issued a circular containing a program to be observed in the schools of the state on the occasion. The planting of the trees is also a feature of the day and this pleasing feature should be observed.
The wedding of Mr. Edward Sutcliffe and Mrs. Cora Costello of Downers Grove was celebrated yesterday. A ceremony was performed at the home prepared by the groom on Church street last night at 9 o'clock in the presence of twenty-five guests. The bride wore a gown of white silk and carried white roses.

Walter B. Chesman was seriously injured while alighting from a moving train in Chicago Monday morning. Instead of riding into the depot Mr. Chesman, employed at the Burlington freight office, was in the habit of dropping off the train two blocks south of the station, in order to save the walk to his work. Monday he jumped and fell, striking on his hands and face. Two fingers were dislocated and one of his wrists sprained, in addition to severe bruises to his face.

The Atkins family band and orchestra gave a concert at the Congregational church Thursday evening in aid of the choir. The program was a diversified one and consisted of band and orchestra selections as well as cornet and trombone solos and horn quartettes. Miss Emma Atkins gave several readings in a pleasing manner. The organization is composed of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Atkins, four sons and one daughter. All are capable musicians and they gave an exceptionally good entertainment.

Henry W. Anderman, proprietor of the Hinsdale Steam Laundry, has purchased the Downers Grove Steam Laundry of L. Broberg and has taken possession. Mr. Anderman will improve the plant with the addition of the most modern laundry machinery and appliances and expects to conduct a laundry equal in all respects to his Hinsdale plant. Mr. Anderman is a thoroughly practical laundryman and will make a success of his new venture. Downers Grove people are well acquainted with the superior quality of work turned out from Hinsdale and are assured that the service here will be equally good.

MUST PUBLISH ITEMIZED STATEMENT.

Trustees are Compelled to Publish Report According to the Statute.

There seems to be an impression among some treasurers of public funds that a general statement of amounts received and amounts paid out is sufficient for publication. This is not the intent of the law. The law compelling trustees of public funds to make published statements was passed that tax payers might know what was done with their money, and thus see if it was spent foolishly or extravagantly, and for them to know this an itemized statement should be made. We know that some persons advise differently from this, especially to school treasurers, but the law is explicit and a penalty of not less than \$50 nor more than \$500 is imposed for non-compliance with the law. Some may contend that it would cost \$15 or \$20 to publish all that is done with the tax payer's money, but we do not believe that a tax payer would object to paying the two or three cents extra to him, if he could read, at his leisure, a statement of what was done with his money. Sometimes he might be able to suggest a saving, but at any rate he is interested in knowing where his money goes. Possibly some may say this article is written that the publisher may get more money for the published report, but the law defines what should be published and it is the duty of the state's attorney to prosecute those who do not comply fully. Attorney General Hamlin, as shown on page 317 of his Biennial report, says on this subject: "The object of the requirement is that the people may see for what purposes the public funds are expended and the statement should be itemized, and in the language of the statute, should show the amount of public funds expended and for what purposes expended. This cannot be done except by an itemized statement."—Democrat.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ORGANIZE.

The newly elected DuPage county board of supervisors met at Wheaton Tuesday and organized by unanimously electing Thos. Betts of Naperville chairman. Fred Neddermeyer of Bloomingdale and Alvin Scott of Lisle are the only new members, the others being re-elected. The members of the board are as follows: Thos. Betts, Wm. Hammerschmidt, G. A. Fischer, C. B. Blodgett, Amos Churchill, Jas. McClintock, C. D. Bartlett, F. H. Cramer, Alvin Scott, Fred Neddermeyer, W. W. Stevens and A. H. Fairbanks. Chairman Betts made the following committee appointments for the year: Finance, Hammerschmidt, Fischer, Bartlett; claims, Fischer, Cramer, Churchill; fees and salaries, Stevens, Neddermeyer, Fairbank; court house and grounds, Blodgett, Bartlett, Cramer; county farm, Churchill, Hammerschmidt, Fairbank; special, Fairbank, Scott, Neddermeyer; judiciary, Cramer, Stevens, Bartlett; license, Bartlett, McClintock, Stevens; counsel, Scott, Stevens, Cramer; county supplies, McClintock, Bartlett, Stevens; rules, Stevens, McClintock, Fischer.

NAT M. BRIGHAM'S LECTURE.

Fully 400 people attended the second of the series of four lectures being given by Nat M. Brigham in the Methodist church last Tuesday evening. Without a doubt this course of illustrated lectures is proving to be the most popular and instructive yet given in our village. It is certainly gratifying to the young peoples' society of the church to know that our people show their appreciation of really high class entertainment by such a large attendance at the lectures thus far given. The two remaining lectures occur on April 26 and May 3. If you have not yet attended one of these lectures make it a point to attend these last two. Single admission 25 cents; children 15 cents. Each lecture is really worth \$1 and they command such prices in large cities in season.

CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION.

A republican convention for the Eleventh congressional district of Illinois has been called to meet in the city hall in Aurora on Tuesday, May 17, 1904, at 11 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of nominating a candidate for member of congress, for member of the state board of equalization, one elector, and for the purpose of selecting two delegates and two alternates to the national republican convention to be held at Chicago June 21, 1904, and selecting a congressional committee. Each county is entitled to the following number of delegates: Dupage, 13; Kane, 40; McHenry, 17; Will, 24.

Call on Gollan & Wolf at Fuller's greenhouse for bedding plants. They have a nice assortment of geraniums, coleus, pansies, ageratum, verbena and heliotropes; also vegetable plants by the dozen or hundred. Prices reasonable. Telephone 251.

Coldwaterites Nominate

Choose County Nominees Elect State Delegates.

Joseph Hamilton, Hinsdale Church member, charged with Paving Church Property and Other County News From Embargo.

At the prohibition county convention the following nominations were made: For circuit clerk, B. J. Allen of Naperville; for state's attorney, L. E. Gannon; for coroner, J. M. Maury. No nomination was made for surveyor, the committee being empowered to place a name on the ticket for that position. F. M. Harriek was re-elected county chairman. The executive committee consists of the county chairman, W. L. Ferris, A. E. Wilson, B. Lovelace and E. C. Guild. The following delegates to the state convention at Springfield were chosen: Ed Lutz of Itasca, Thos. McQueen of Elmhurst, W. H. Hartman, Rev. E. H. Woodring, J. Stroeker, Jos. Ranck, John Alspaugh of Naperville; T. B. Arnold of Glas Gully; John Diener of Downers Grove; Calvin Stock, H. B. Hill of Naperville, L. C. Clark of West Chicago; F. E. Wheaton, B. Phillips, S. C. Reber, T. F. Kellogg, H. H. Grange, H. W. Weaver, A. T. Arnold, B. Lovelace, E. C. Guild, Mrs. A. E. Wilson, Mr. A. E. Wilson, F. E. Harriek, W. L. Ferris and C. A. Blanchard of Wheaton. Twenty six alternates were also chosen. Joliet's mayor's boom for governor flattened out Saturday when DuPage county, a portion of this senatorial district, refused to instruct its delegation to the state convention for Joliet's mayor. This action on the part of the DuPage county democrats is looked upon as being fatal to the mayor's aspirations, since he cannot secure instructions from his home district. A determined effort was made to secure an endorsement, but the committee on resolutions refused to consider the proposition at all. One report is to the effect that the committee came very near instructing for another candidate. Outier got some consolation out of the action of the convention, which was held at Wheaton. While it did not instruct for Bowles, it did not instruct for Joliet, and since Bowles had the endorsement two years ago, Outier professes to see in Saturday's action an indication that he will have a show with the DuPage delegation.—Republican.

Thursday was the birthday of Dr. D. K. Parsons, the Hinsdale philanthropist, who with his wife has been spending the winter in Mobile, and to celebrate it he attempted to endow one and possibly three colleges. He said that he made propositions a year ago to Rollins college at Winter park, Fla., to the college at Yankton, S. D., and to one in Oklahoma, to give a considerable endowment if they would raise a certain sum in accordance with his custom. The doctor, with a bit of poetry in the idea, said to those colleges that he did not wish to hear a word from them in acceptance or rejection until the 14th of April, his birthday, when they might telegraph him on the train en route to his home. He did not let any of them know until last night were he was, and has, in fact, been "inco" the last five weeks. He said he had become accustomed to rebuffing off his birthdays by adding to the funds of worthy institutions, and he disliked making a mistake like this.

Stole the silverware and linen belonging to the church and pawned it in Chicago. This is the charge made against Joseph H. Hamilton, janitor of the Unitarian church at Hinsdale. On examination before Justice D. A. Courter of Hinsdale, Hamilton was held to the grand jury in \$1,000 bonds. Recently there have been many robberies committed in Hinsdale, the majority of which have been on Sunday evenings while the owners of the property were at church. It is now believed that these robberies may be traced to Hamilton, but although he confesses to having taken the church property, he denies any implication in the other thefts.

At Hinsdale a mail bag was run over last Monday night and the letters and papers were scattered along the track for about two blocks. As the mail was thrown from the car it struck some object on the walk and rebounded, thus coming in contact with the wheels. Beside the cutting of the bag and the loss of papers and magazines, no damage was done. The letters were all unharmed.

Mrs. Emilie Wolf, widow of Gen. Wolf, who formerly resided south of Hinsdale, but who since her husband's death has been residing in Chicago, went to Hinsdale on Wednesday to attend to property interests. She entered the real estate office of Supervisor McClintock and had only been there a few minutes when she dropped dead from paralysis of the heart. She was 62 years of age.

The Addison correspondent to the Democrat says: Louis Krantz went to the train last week to sell his home. He had been at that point, but did not reach his home here. His family and he have not yet received any word from him. He is thought to be in Chicago and is expected to return to his home here.