

ITEMS OF INTEREST FOR THE FARMER

FARMERS' CONGRESS AT PLANO.

Monster Convention at the Harvester City.

Preparations are complete for the coming of the Farmers' National Congress which holds its thirty-third annual session at Plano, Sept. 23-26.

The Farmers' National Congress is constituted of a large group of life members widely scattered over the country and a delegate list of some five thousand representing every phase of rural effort.

The program is exceptionally strong, being filled with most eminent men in agriculture and education. Dr. P. P. Claxon, U. S. Commissioner of Education, will deliver an address on "The Rural School," after which a session will be devoted to discussion of this topic, led by W. H. Campbell, Secretary of the Nebraska Rural School Patrons' Association.

AMERICAN ROAD CONGRESS AT DETROIT

Representatives Asked from Downers Grove.

Mayor Backus of Downers Grove, Ill., has been requested by the Hon. Logan Waller Page, President of the American Road Congress and Director of the United States Office of Public Roads, to name three delegates to attend the sessions of the Congress at Detroit during the week of September 29 as the representatives of the city.

Twenty-eight great organizations are taking part in the Congress under the leadership of the American Highway Association and the American Automobile Association. In his letter to the Mayor, President Page calls attention to the fact that practically every state highway commissioner will be present and take part in discussing the important problems of road construction and maintenance.

President Page calls attention to the exhibits to be made by the United States government, the states, and nearly a hundred of the leading manufacturers of the Congress which will illustrate every known method, material and equipment for road construction and maintenance.

The headquarters of the Congress are in the Colorado Building, Washington, D. C., in charge of J. R. Penny, packer, General Secretary.

Lessening the Shock. A Cleveland surgeon is said to have found a way to rob surgical operations of the shock. A good way would be to break it gently to the patient that the regular shock would be cut in half.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

DOMESTIC SCIENCE AT STATE FAIR

School for Training of Future Mothers Interesting Part of Fair.

DR. MONTGOMERY TO SPEAK

Will Award Three Scholarships to University of Illinois for High Marks During Illinois State Fair, Oct. 3 to 11, 1913.

The trend of the times is toward an upward and better development along all lines touching the general welfare of mankind. One of the chief of these lines—if we may not almost say at the head of them—is that of properly feeding and caring for the human family so that the sound and healthy body may be the foundation for happy and worthy living.

Recognizing the importance of training our young women—the future mothers of our state—and realizing that such training, though already in some of our best schools—is not available to a great majority of our best young women—the Illinois State Board of Agriculture generously made an appropriation for the establishment and maintenance of a Domestic Science School, to be held the week before and the week of the Illinois State Fair at Springfield.

If the readers are not certain that their county is to be represented this year, it will be a wise plan to see to it that some one or perhaps even two young women from their county apply at once. Any young woman desiring the two weeks' instruction in cooking, household science and personal hygiene is eligible to scholarship in the school, after properly filling out application blanks and having them signed.

The state gives the instruction free to the pupils—the only expense being an entrance fee of \$10 to cover board of pupil during the two weeks. Many women's clubs arrange to send a representative young woman—she agreeing to report for the club upon her return home.

The school is housed in the Woman's building inside the fair grounds—the dormitories being on the second floor—lecture room, dining room and kitchen below. The woman's board of managers arrange proper chaperonage for all pupils and beside the regular daily work and lectures, pleasant sight-seeing trips are arranged for and social evenings either in the reception hall of the school or elsewhere.

Mrs. Nellie Kedzie Jones will again have charge of the household science tents in baking and dining room service. Mrs. Jones ranks very high as a demonstrator and has a wonderfully magnetic influence over the pupils, instilling not only higher ideas of house-keeping and home making, but of life itself.

Miss Frances Crabtree, superintendent of the Charleston Sanitarium, will this year be the instructor in hygiene and will have nurse's charge over the dormitories. She will give one lecture daily on hygiene and sanitation and Mrs. Jones will give two demonstration lectures daily.

This year an innovation in the shape of two extra lecturers will be presented. Dr. J. T. Montgomery of Charleston, president of the board of agriculture, will address the school on Contagious Diseases, and Mr. Robert Lorimer, cattle judge and meat market man of Evanston, will give a demonstration on the cuts of meats.

Out of lecture hours the one hundred and two girls, divided into five groups, do in rotation the dormitory work, preparing meals, dish-wiping, dining room service and bread and cake baking, thus putting into actual practice the theories of the lecture room. Altogether, the life of the two weeks, with the close associations of pupils and faculty, is very pleasant as well as instructive.

Three scholarships to the household science department of the University of Illinois are awarded for highest marks—also two medals for greatest progress. The session is from Thursday, September 25th, to October 10th, 1913.

For further particulars, application blanks and circulars, address the secretary of the board, or any other member. President, Mrs. D. P. Oehler, Benton, Ill.; vice-president, Mrs. H. E. Farnell, Kewanee, Ill.; treasurer, Mrs. A. M. Craws, Charleston, Ill.; secretary, Miss Laura A. Gonderman, Edwardsville, Ill.—Adv.

Mule Racing at State Fair. Everybody enjoys a mule race, and there will be some mule racing worth seeing this year at the Illinois state fair. They will be put on as an attraction, and enough money will be offered to get some mules with class.—Adv.

OLD FOLKS SONGS AT CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

The concert of Old Folk Songs was given by the Philatheas at the Congregational church last Thursday evening and proved to be (as we told you it would) very interesting and enjoyable.

Most of the participants were dressed in old-time costumes, and their appearance caused much comment and laughter as they took their places on the platform.

We will not attempt to go into detail regarding the program—suffice it to say that it was thoroughly enjoyed by all, from the opening reading by Mrs. Geo. Hughes through to the singing of America joined in by the audience. We are rather inclined to think that everybody present boasted some Scotch blood in their veins, judging from the reception given the bag-pipes. This was a surprise number, and we are certainly greatly indebted for this feature to Mr. John Cummings, the player of the pipes, who is a visitor in our town from Glasgow, Scotland.

Among those who took special part were Mrs. Weinheimer, Mr. and Mrs. Blackman, Miss Lillian Elwood, Mrs. Jack White and Mr. Chas. Davis, besides the quartettes, chorus and orchestra.

All who went were well pleased. Some who did not go were heard to express their regret at having missed such a fine program.

WEST SUBURBAN CHURCH LEAGUE.

Table with columns: Standing as Follows, W, L, P. Rows include Brookfield M. E., D. G. Congo, Congress Park M. E., D. G. Methodist, Hinsdale Presbyterian, D. G. Baptist, D. G. Methodist defeated Congress Park M. E. at Congress Park, 10 to 8, last Saturday.

CASS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Andrus rejoice in the arrival of a ten pound son. All doing well.

The Cass Center school building is about completed. It is to be heated and ventilated by an up-to-date heating and ventilating system. The cost of the building and furniture is about \$2,000.

Merritt Chivers and daughter, Miss Lottie, have just returned from a trip to Niagara Falls and other places of interest in Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Oldfield inform us they have just returned from a trip through northern Iowa, a distance of 1,016 miles. They report crops flourishing in northwest Iowa, while hogs are dying in large numbers of cholera.

Rev. W. C. Cronk, pastor of the M. E. church at Cass, and wife are on a two weeks' auto trip to Niagara Falls and Perry's old battle ground and other places of interest.

W. H. Smart and family are enjoying a new Ford auto. The girls are getting to be expert chauffeurs.

Chas. Kalz is around with his clover huller; seed is running about the same as last year.

Mr. John Gaard of Naperville has been calling on old friends. He has recently returned from a trip to England.

Mr. Frank Porter of Pasadena, Cal., is renewing old acquaintances in Cass the past week. He married Miss Clara Lyon here in 1867, moving west soon after and living in different parts of the west since.

Mrs. Helen Cheese and a cousin from California met with a mishap while on their way to Hinsdale to do some shopping. Mrs. Cheese had the reins; while making a short turn she ran one wheel over an elevation overturning the vehicle, making scrambled eggs of several dozen eggs, requiring a change of clothing and postponement of the trip. The rig was badly damaged. They themselves escaped with minor bruises.

Erwin Oldfield is erecting a new cow barn. James Welch is the carpenter.

Stomach Overworked. Eating between meals is a habit usually left over from childhood. Growing things need nourishing in small and frequent doses. Grown-ups merely require to repair the waste of the body—and the stomach is a comparatively small organ. Undoubtedly in many bodies it is kept stretched and in the same condition of an abused piece of rubber. How can it do its work?

Individual Responsibility. In the great scheme of things, all interests are so interwoven that no one can live his life without having it affect countless others, for endless time; so that it becomes a great responsibility upon each one to build his little part, wisely and well.

SPARKS FROM FIRE WASTE

The fire waste of the country is excessive, and is sapping its prosperity. Reduction of the fire waste is an important part of the campaign for the conservation of the national resources.

Fire losses in the United States and Canada in 1912 were \$225,320,900, most of them due to carelessness.

Fire losses and the cost of fire prevention in the United States amount annually to \$450,000,000, or more than the total American production of gold, silver, copper and petroleum in a year.

The cost of fires each year is one-half the cost of all the new buildings erected in a year.

The annual per capita fire waste in the United States is \$2.51, in Europe 33 cents. Cause: The latter has better construction, less carelessness, increased responsibility.

If buildings in the United States were as fireproof as in Europe, the annual cost of fire losses and protection would be only \$90,000,000.

New York City spends \$10,000,000 a year for fire extinguishment and \$150,000 a year for fire prevention.

Of 4,676 known causes of fire in Chicago last year, 970 were due to the careless use of matches. Nearly ten thousand matches are scratched every second of the day in this country, every one a possible fire.

Over five thousand are killed and 50,000 are injured annually as a result of fire.

The proportion of insurance capital to insurance liabilities is very much on the decrease. In the past forty years the liabilities have almost doubled, while only \$30,000,000 more capital was invested in the business in 1913 than in 1870.

Rats Fought for Comrade.

Rats defended a comrade at Hungerford, near London, England, on a recent night. An engineer at the Hungerford outfall works of the London Sewage system struck a large rat when making his rounds. Immediately scores of rats appeared and attacked the man fiercely, tearing at his trousers. Taking to his heels, the man was pursued by the animals for several hundred yards.

Rare Works of Art Stolen.

Twenty-five thousand dollars worth of art were stolen from the church of San Mossimo, Padua, Italy, recently. Early in the morning, the thieves broke into the church and carried off two magnificent paintings by Giovanni Battista Tiepolo. The pictures hung in the side chapels on either side of the high altar, and were wrenched from their frames in such a hurry that portions of the canvas were left on the frames.

Shocking Experience. She was telling of her friend's hairbreadth escape at the time of an earthquake: "Why," she exclaimed in awestruck tone, "when Tom went to bed everything was perfectly quiet, and when he woke up—there beside him was a yawning abyss!" Tommy Knew. Dr. Fifthly—"Dear, I do wish I could think of some way to make the congregation keep their eyes on me during the sermon." Little Tommy—"Pa, you want to put the clock right behind the pulpit."—The Pathfinder.

Your Sunday Dinner

The eternal question. Let us help you settle it in the easiest way. Our Prime Roast Beef, Pork Roast, Leg of Lamb, and Spring Chicken is fine, young and tender. Call us by phone or leave your order at the store.

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