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COUNTY FARMERS' INSTITUTE TO BE "BIGGEST EVER"

Program of Music and Speakers Indicates Fine Sessions For Annual Get-Together.

The annual DuPage County Farmers' Institute will be held at the court house in Wheaton, January 29, 30, and 31, 1920.

A fine list of prizes is offered for exhibits in the agricultural, domestic science, and public school departments, all of the townships of the county offering special prizes for best exhibits in the latter section.

A very good program of music and talks is being provided, and includes some of the best artists in that line of work. Among them are:

Hon. Richard J. Barr of Joliet. W. S. Booth, Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction, Springfield.

Bro. Leo, Notre Dame, Ind. E. D. Comstock, Hinsdale. Frank Drury, Jacksonville.

Prof. J. G. Mosier, University of Illinois. Prof. J. C. Blair, University of Illinois.

Miss Lita Bane, University of Illinois. Mrs. H. A. McKeene, Springfield.

Prof. E. A. White, Peoria. E. B. Heaton, Wheaton. The officers of the organization are:

President, Irving Goodrich, Naperville. First Vice-President, Wm. Hammer-schmidt, Lombard.

Second Vice-President, J. R. Stevens, Wheaton. Treasurer, J. J. Case, Elmhurst.

Town Committeemen are: Emil Schwertfeger, Bensenville. N. W. Lies, Bloomingdale.

W. E. Aulsebrook, Wayne. Ralph Herrick, Winfield. W. J. Yackley, Milton.

Ferdinand Weigand, York. Frank Keller, Lisle. Geo. Ferry, Naperville.

Superintendents of exhibits are: Farm Products W. J. Yackley. Domestic Science William Aulsebrook.

Mrs. D. M. Martin. Mrs. Clara Glos Grote Schools. Miss Hattie Glos.

E. B. Heaton will be in charge of the school corn contest. Premium lists will be out the first part of the week, and can be secured at the office of County Superintendent of Schools C. B. Bowman at the court house in Wheaton.

SHAMANS KEEP THEIR POWER

Alaskan Natives Still Believe Implicitly in the Words and Actions of "Medicine Men."

Shamanism, or superstition and sorcery, always has played an important part in the life of the Alaskan natives. So implicitly does the Alaskan believe in the words and actions of the shaman that a whole tribe go hungry rather than incur his displeasure by eating foods he has taboed.

The shaman attained his position and power by unusual methods. By fasting and prayer amid the solitudes of the woods or mountains, where he fed only on grasses and roots, he prepared himself to become a shaman. By this method it was believed the candidate's body became sufficiently purified to become the abiding place of spirits.

Usually the spirit, willing to abide with the shaman, sent the candidate a land otter which the candidate killed, the otter's tongue to be preserved as a talisman away from human view, for should it be seen it was believed the shaman would go insane or be turned into the animal from which the tongue was taken.

Thus the land otter was regarded as too sacred to be killed by other than shamans.

Caribou. Caribou, says the Handbook of Indians of Canada, published by the geographic board, is the common name of the North American reindeer, of which there are two chief species—the woodland caribou, and the barren-ground caribou. The word came into the English from the French of eastern Canada, where it is old, the writer, Sagard-Heudat using it in 1632, during the lifetime of Samuel de Champlain. The origin of the word is said to be Micmac, the language of the Indians who inhabited what are now the Maritime provinces. They were known as Micmacs. They had a word related to caribou, being the name of the deer, and it meant pawing or scratching, from the habit of the caribou pawing away the snow with its forelegs to find the food—chiefly moss—upon which it subsisted in winter. Formerly the word was often spelled cariboo, which gave name to the Cariboo district in British Columbia, famous for its gold mines.—Montreal Herald.

CAPT. PARKER ON OUR EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

Editor, The Reporter:

In your last issue I read under the title "The National Christmas Hope," Dr. Eneas Goodwin's warning, and I think that if your readers were to read it over a number of times it might cause them to THINK; then if they desired to be good, loyal citizens they should make some effort to change present conditions.

Our present educational system has produced in my time two classes of people, namely, the exploiter, and the exploited, the Capitalist and the wage slave, the landlord and the tenant, (CAUSE) is the result of class EDUCATION and class legislation; think it over.

The motive for education should be a desire on the part of parents or guardians that it should prepare their children and wards for dealing with the political and social problems of life.

Thought precedes action and is a product of intellect, and should be guided by intelligence and reason, yet creeds, dogmas, EDUCATIONAL, political, and social systems are invariably fostered by those who PROFIT by their respective systems. To suggest a change or endeavor to make one in any established creed, dogma, commercialized business educational system always meets with opposition, especially by the present DOMINATING class, who has been educated to a formulated system within the narrow walls of heredity and the thatched roof of environments. Yet we find men whose education is that of experience and who are capable of "THINKING" and who dare to investigate and some who are bold enough to suggest a remedy that would be beneficial to all man-kind. But should they go beyond the theoretical into the solution of the evils for the purpose of promulgating or teaching a system of education or government that would eliminate the CAUSE of so much misery in the world and interfere with the present established commercialized political corruption. You will find a class of NON-THINKERS ready to meet these men of experience and knowledge with argument, and when they are defeated they will invariably resort to epithets of Anarchist, Socialist, I. W. W., or Bolsheviki. The present conditions of unrest have been brought about by the educated TOOLS of commercialized business, and it is deplorable to hear the defence and arguments some of its dupes bring forth in one breath, and condemn one of its products, the High Cost of Living, in another. Yet the political BOSS can depend upon their votes to perpetrate the SYSTEM at the next election. To know how the voters of Illinois, with only seven per cent illiterates voted on the last constitutional amendment, look up your poll sheets; and were you to call these same voters ignorant of political or social ethics they would inform you they were educated in the finest free school system in the world where any one can have an education if they want it, and indeed this is true if they will unconsciously submit to the capitalist BOOK TRUST, supervision which is careful never to teach political and social economy or anything that pertains to the vital problems of the day.

Moreover, under the present free school system the poor are permitted to buy the books for their children and when they demonstrate that they have been properly trained according to BOOK TRUST educators, they are permitted to enter the portals of the capitalized educational institutions; then, if they are able to feed and clothe themselves for a limited time and if they show the ability to carry out the teachings they have struggled to obtain, they are found worthy to enter the privileged class that has been exploiting the masses for more than two generations to my knowledge.

In conclusion it would be a great pleasure to have some intelligent, intellectual, EDUCATED MAN appear with a defence for the present public school system who has not received pecuniary benefit from some publishing house or BOOK TRUST.

I am yours truly, Capt. Parker.

Brain is inflexible. The size of a muscle may be increased by exercise or even by temporary use. The bony structure of our limbs is inside and controls their size only to a certain extent. But in the case of the head, the bony structure is outside and encloses the soft tissues like a box. There is absolutely no opportunity for increase of size, permanent or temporary, after the growth of the body. Recent studies of the brain, we are told by an editorial writer in the Journal of the American Medical Association, have, indeed, shown that slight changes in its bulk may be brought about, but only by altering the volume and pressure of the other occupants of the skull—the blood and the cerebrospinal fluid.

UNAWARE

By AGNES G. BROGAN.

Barris sat before a confusing litter of papers, and passed his hand in troubled fashion over his forehead.

Allan Barris was a play-writer, as well as manager of various departments connected with that work. His ambition was to present a new and truly great actress in one of his original plays. That desire gave no promise of fulfillment. Matter-of-fact affairs continually claimed his time.

Here, among the litter, were pitiful letters, begging work of almost every kind—those of confident would-be "stars" he found it necessary to ignore. The city seemed to be filled with inexperienced girls certain of their own histrionic ability.

Here was one, from a young woman who had at first written in the enthusiasm of sure success, asking for a certain part in one of his prominent plays. "Though she was unfamiliar with theatrical work," she frankly confessed, "she knew that she could portray his character of 'Normand' faithfully." Her request for a personal interview and trial had been ignored.

The second letter which came from the aspirant was decidedly humble; she would be glad of "a few speaking lines."

The next appeal was for an interview only, and the last, which claimed Allan Barris' amused attention, was for office work of any kind which he could give her. She had suffered "strange misfortune," she wrote, and her need was great.

The appeal touched him, not so much by its pathos as by its cheerful persistence. He wrote the girl, asking her to call upon the following day, and he had almost forgotten his indulgence when she was announced.

In his mind, Barris pictured his frank applicant as a glowing creature garbed in popularly approved fashion. Instead, it was a small gray-clad figure which awaited diffidently his invitation from the doorway. The gray dress was softly clinging, with a quaint kerchief about her shoulders, and it was the girl's shy, glancing purple eyes which first impressed him.

She had spoken advisedly, she was "unusually good looking"—"unusual" was the word.

"Can you do stenography and typewriting?" he asked. The girl sadly shook her head.

"If you could give me other things at first, I would learn that later," she spoke in a sort of soft eagerness.

"Heretofore, I had no opportunity of learning. My life was—all else." She caught her breath tremulously and threw out her hands in a hopeless gesture. The wistful eyes were misty with tears.

"Everything changed for me in one moment. That was the strange, hard part of it."

Quickly she brushed the tears from her eyes and leaned toward Barris. "Can I believe me," she asked, "that I have now between me and starvation just twenty-five cents?"

At his astonished stare, she smiled suddenly, very bravely, Barris thought.

"If you will give me some work to do at once that part of the trouble will soon be disposed of," she told him.

The busy man, whose sympathy and anxiety were usually bound up in his own intricate work, found himself moved now as he had never been moved to pity and admiration. The girl's shrewdness could not be doubted; her plucky willingness to work herself out of a disconcerting situation won his immediate championship.

"You might begin," he suggested, "by answering that irritating telephone. Use your judgment as to whether response upon my part is imperative, or may be postponed. I'm maddeningly busy."

The girl, her hat swiftly removed, was already at the telephone.

Barris noted approvingly the soft arrangement of her hair, in keeping some way with the trim gray frock and serious eyes. For a time he was not disturbed by the telephone, continuing his dictation to an observant young woman typist. Subconsciously, at last, he sensed the stranger's troubled gaze in his direction. Mutely, she seemed to be signaling his help.

Barris abruptly dismissed his stenographer and turned to answer the girl's silent appeal. Her eyes, as he looked down upon her, were darkly tragic.

"I must go," she said, breathlessly. "I must leave you; and, oh, I did so want to stay—my first chance—and the crying need for money—" Her voice broke in its despair.

Again Barris was moved, deeply; the secret, the mystery of her unwillingly gripped him.

"Explain yourself," he said tersely. "Are you, after all, an impostor, or an innocent mistakenly enduring some trouble?"

He was surprised at his own emotions. "I ask, because I honestly wish to help you," he added gently.

The little gray figure came close. The girl held out imploring hands. Into the purple eyes came a laughing gleam of triumph.

"Thanks," she said. "Your own belief in my acting is the surest proof of its success. I told you that I could do it. For the past hour I have been your 'Normand,' and you have forgotten her in me."

And so it happened that Allan Barris realized his dream, presenting a new and truly great actress in one of his original plays.

PROUD OF THEIR HIGHWAY

Edinburgh Citizens, Not Without Reason, Claim Princess Street is Superior to Any.

When Edinburgh began to outgrow its streets and run over into the countryside the citizens took the matter in hand and decided to enlarge their city. They started with a drab little street which they built over from the ground up and called it Princess street. From the day its first stone was laid the Scots of Edinburgh determined that Princess street should be the most beautiful street imaginable.

Today Princess street is, to the Scot, the most beautiful street in the world. The stranger from another land struggles to remain true to home attractions and compromises by pronouncing Princess street one of the most beautiful streets in the world. On one side of the Scottish main street are ranged the best hotels, shops, and clubs in Edinburgh. On the other are terraces and monuments with a frame of trees and grass.

From this street you can see the towers of Edinburgh castle standing out against the sky. Here are statues of Edinburgh's great and gardens where the Scots can take the air without going to the outskirts of the city. Of the statues, the most beautiful is that of Scotland's favorite writer, Sir Walter Scott. An arch decorated with many spires forms a covering for a marble statue of the novelist. About him in corners of the arch are small statues of his greatest characters.

Princess street is beautiful because the Scots have never swerved from their purpose of making it so. Nothing can be added to Princess street, no structure built without the approval of the city.

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