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Our Public Schools

A writer in a recent number of an eastern magazine speaks of our public schools as "an American industry," quoting from an address delivered some years ago by Joseph Choate before the professors of a British university. That it is an American "industry," and one of great magnitude can be easily understood when we say that when these schools open early in September they will do so with more than 18,000,000 pupils, in 260,000 buildings, and will be presided over by 460,000 teachers, whose aggregate earnings represent \$260,000,000 per annum.

The United States expends more on its public schools than it does its army and navy. In continental Europe a skilled laborer receives for a day's labor about fifteen cents, while the United States expends a sum amounting to more than this for each day's instruction of every boy and girl in the entire country. Altogether its payments for school expenses is something like \$5000 per minute. Isn't it a great "industry?" The yearly cost of the New York schools alone is much more than the annual revenue of either Switzerland or Denmark, while in the west—including the states of Texas, Utah, Washington, Michigan and Minnesota—the public schools are endowed with vast tracts of land that yield an income from one to three million dollars a year. But then this is the heritage of a great people, and necessarily a great institution.—Springfield News.

Great Tent Meeting At Waukegan

The Chautauqua Assembly to be held at Waukegan from Tuesday to Sunday inclusive—September 11th to 16th—promises to be a great treat. These tent meetings have been held during the last few months all over the state. They have been enthusiastically attended and endorsed by all classes, the press, the pulpit, the people, irrespective of class, creed or party. Call at Larson's or Greene's News stores for program. The principal attractions of the program are as follows:

PROGRAM

PRINCIPAL ATTRACTIONS

Tuesday	- - - - -	{ Meneley Quartette { Chester L. Ricketts
Wednesday	- - - - -	Col. John Sobieski
Thursday	- - - - -	Eugene W. Chafin
Friday	- - - - -	{ Mrs. Florence D. Richards { Woman's Day
Saturday	- - - - -	Frank S. Regan
Sunday	- - - - -	Mr. Regan

Those who have heard the Meneley Quartette before in this county are delighted at this opportunity to hear them again.

Colonel John Sobieski is the son of Count John Sobieski who commanded the last Polish uprising in 1846, and except his daughter is the only known decendent of the great warrior king, John Sobieski of Poland, who with an army of 70,000 men defeat-

ed an army of 400,000 Mohammedans who were besieging Vienna and threatening to overwhelm Christian Europe.

Eugene W. Chafin and Mrs. Florence D. Richards are too well known on the public platform to need any mention from us.

Hon. Frank S. Regan formerly member of the Illinois Legislature, as a chalk talker is simply inimitable. He is a lawyer by profession. His cartoons are vivid, accurate and telling. Here are some of the Illinois press comments on these Chautauqua Tent Assemblies as they have been held elsewhere.

Golconda Herald: It was a week of splendid attractions. Our people were highly pleased with the talent.

Mound City Enterprise: The assembly meetings were the best and most interesting ever held in Mound City. They attracted people who enjoy good literature, eloquence, history, music and wit.

Eldorado Republican: The chautauqua talent present at each session was of the very best. Those who did not hear these speakers missed much.

Vienna News: The chautauqua has been a success. Our people have enjoyed some rare treats. We are sorry for those who missed it.

Those who enjoy a good intellectual treat should not miss one of these entertainments.

A Protest

It is understood that the city of Highland Park has ordered Marshal Nelson to see that the squirrels within its limits shall be exterminated.

Have the city officials a right, without the consent of the citizens, to cause a wholesale slaughter of these innocent little animals?

Is it necessary, because some few may have lost a little corn, to deprive all of the pleasure of watching these little animals who are loved even by the children and have hitherto been treated so kindly that they will come almost to our feet and be fed?

Are these few not able to spare enough to keep their small bodies alive?

Perhaps the robins may have destroyed a few cherries, shall we get rid of them also?

To me, for one, Highland Park is a beauty spot and made so as much by the song birds and squirrels as by its wealth of trees and flowers.

Let us spare the little that it costs to support these little wild creatures and not drive away the timid but trusting little things for the sake of a kernel of corn.

Mrs. F. M. Ingalls.

Does Education Pay?

"What good is my education anyhow?" asked a young civil engineer the other day. His course at an Eastern university cost him a lot of effort and self denial, and since graduation he has been working at small wages for the sake of experience. He recently entered the employ of a large manufacturing company as assistant superintendent in charge of the erection of a plant in a Pennsylvania city.

"I'm getting \$75 a month," he said, "and there are fifty men under me who are drawing \$7.15 a day. They are union bricklayers, men with either little or no education, whose responsibility ends when their ten hour's work is done. I spent four years and more in gaining the knowledge which enables me to plan and direct their work, but I am paid less than half as much as the men with the trowels. Then, too, I have to work from two to four hours more a day than the laborers, who can hustle home care free when the whistle blows. Is it any wonder that I'm beginning to doubt if an education pays?"—Happgoods Opportunities.

Notice For Letting Contract

Notice is hereby given that bids will be received for construction of a concrete cement sidewalk five (5) feet wide, in the City of Highland Park, County of Lake and State of Illinois, on and along both sides of Homewood Avenue from the west line of the Green Bay Road, thence west to the east line of Exmoor Avenue, except at the intersection of the roadway of Midlothian Avenue and except at alley intersection as a whole in accordance with the ordinance therefor. Said bids will be opened on the 20th day of September, A. D. 1906, at the hour of 4 o'clock p. m. in Committee Room at City Hall, in said City of Highland Park.

The specifications for such improvement and blank proposals will be furnished at the office of the City Clerk of said City.

The contractor will be paid in Bonds which bonds will draw interest at the rate of five (5) per cent per annum.

All proposals or bids must be accompanied by a certified check payable to the order of the President of the Board of Local Improvements of the City of Highland Park for a sum not less ten (10) per centum of the aggregate of the proposals. Said proposals or bids must be delivered to the President of the Board of Local Improvements in open session of said board at the time and place fixed herein for opening the same. No proposal or bid will be considered unless accompanied by a check as here provided.

The Board of Local Improvements reserve the right to reject any or all bids should they deem it best for the public good.

ROBERT G. EVANS,

President of the Board of Local Improvements of the City of Highland Park.

Dated September 7th, A. D. 1906.

Board of Local Improvements of the City of Highland Park.

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Notice is hereby given that bids will be received for the construction of a concrete cement sidewalk five (5) feet wide in the City of Highland Park on and along both sides of Glenview Avenue from the west line of the Green Bay Road thence west to the east line of Exmoor Avenue except where said sidewalk would intersect the roadway of Midlothian Avenue and except at alley junctions as a whole in connection with the ordinance therefor. Said bids will be opened on the 20th day of September, A. D. 1906, at the hour of 4 o'clock p. m. in committee room at City Hall in said city of Highland Park.

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