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tion spent \$84,000 in its favorable you wait. exploitation of the state's products and resources, and has on hand the comfortable surplus of \$9,000. Of by the board of governors as a revolv- your name plate along and have it engraved ing fund for the financing of the second annual determination of a state to "sell" itself to its own citizens as well as its neighbors. The 1925 show will again be held in Chicago-in October.

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Pays Dividends As a not-for-profit project there will be a dividend of \$4,000, approximately 5% returned to the 350 Illinois exhibitors whose support made the great state exposition possible, according to Harvey T. Hill, general secretary of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce. The affair was without political or private promotional interests, commissions or rake-offs whatsoever, and all employes were

Exhibitors and citizens of the state unanimously declared that the project with its friendly competition and cooperation of all sections of the state in displaying world famous Illinois products, did more to eliminate the invisible barrier that has existed between downstate cities and Chicago, than any other statewide actitivity since the World's Fair.

The exhibits ranged from miniature coal mines in operation to the first bale of cotton ginned in the Cairo district; and from "snappy" caskets to the latest farm machinery and newest designs in brick bungalows. Three Chicago newspapers maintained radio broadcasting stations at the expositions, with miniature radio theatres for the public

Abingdon, Knox County, the smallest city represented in the state exposition, won first prize for the best downstate Chamber of Commerce salesmanship of its own community. Anna, in Union Country, was awarded second prize, and Cairo third. Chi-

cago exhibitors were the judges. The Illinois Products Exposition, the work for which was started las January, was self supporting from the start, under the direction of Spearman Lewis, managing director, and A. R. Shaffer, director of advance ticket sale campaign. The hundred sixteen thousand people visited the new \$10,000,000 American Exposition Palace at 666 Lake Shore drive during the show.

#### CHINESE LEARNING NEW LETTER PLAN

The "Thousand Character" movement is spreading in China. The word "character," it should be explained, has in this instance nothing to do with "reputation," but is used,

Chinese letter or ideograph. Through this new "Thousand Character" method of teaching invented by Y. C. James Yen, Yale graduate and former Y. M. C. A. worker, 320,-000 illiterates who represent 80 per cent of China's population, will have a chance to acquire some sort of an

Whereas the Chinese language contains from 10,000 to 15,000 different word signs in regular use, these simplified phonetic characters permit illiterate adults to learn to read and write within a few weeks.

Every new written word that the student learns can be put to use at When a student learns 250 word signs, he is given an achievement button. Further honor recognitions are given for further attainment. The newspapers have arranged to print in certain of their columns the news of the world in this simplified script, so that a person who can only read 250 words is able to read and enjoy his paper.

In a recent meeting of 1400 educated Chinese in Chefoo, Shantung Province, volunteers were called for who would teach reading to illiterate Chinese an hour each night for four months, as a piece of unselfish service. 1400 volunteered to do it. This is typical of the great movement all over China to overcome the problem of illiteracy, according to Dr. John Yiubong Lee, associate general secretary of the national committee of the Y. M. C. A. of China, who is not visiting in Chicago. Among all the thousands of teachers, every one

#### HOW MOVIES MAKE ANCIENT INTERIOR

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It is curious to think of an Old English room 250 years old made in two days! That is what the motion picture people do nowadays! Mr. Edward Langley, of the Fairbanks Film Company, gave an illuminating talk to the students of the Art Institute The tumult and the shouting-the School last Thursday afternoon on Illinois Products Exposition - that the art technic of making sets for raged from the American Exposition the film. He explained how antique Palace for ten days, and which car- furniture and interiors are made ried by means of radio the fame and within a few hours. If an old Engglory of Illinois to the four corners lish room is desired, thin boards are of the western hemisphere reversed sawn and two sides of the room set the usual order of civic projects and up. Then a man appears with a blowshowed a handsome surplus, accord- er gas torch and burns portions of ing to the public report of George the wood away, a scar here, a piece Woodruff, president of the National burned away at some other point and Bank of the Republic, Chicago, and a hole burned at still another place. general chairman of the exposition. Then a heavy brush with steel bristles is vigorously applied to the wood Conducted not-for-profit by the Illi- work and the wood roughened up in nois Chamber of Commerce, and lines and creases. Old oak stain and backed by 35 of the Blue Ribbon flat varnishes complete the job, and cities of Illinois, the state's leading an interior looking to be of great age commercial and industrial organiza- is thus manufactured almost while

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