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Y. M. C. A. Notes.

The reserve seat chart for the Valda Grand Concert Company opened at the building yesterday, and nearly one-half of the seats down stairs were taken during the day. The course tickets have had a large sale, and the indications are that all the entertainments will be well attended.

The electric-light plant for the association building is nearly completed, and work on the new shower-baths will be commenced at once. Nearly forty names have been left at the office of the secretary as members of the Senate.

The class in vocal music meets on Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock, led by Prof. Belcher. Many of the old members are back, and any young man, whether a member of the old association or not, may join. The fee is nominal. The class has had but one session, and may be joined at any time.

A course of seven medical talks has been arranged for, to be given by leading physicians, the first will take place Wednesday evening, Nov. 28, when Dr. E. F. Hodges will talk on "Circulation and Digestion." The following is a complete list of these lectures, which are to be free to members: Dec. 12--"Cerebral Hypertension," Dr. Charles D. Pearson, Jan. 9--"Cerebral Anemia," Dr. Charles D. Pearson, Feb. 12--"The Eyes," Dr. J. L. Thompson, March 12--"Social Parity," Dr. L. L. Todd, April 17--"The Advantages of Physiological Consideration of a Good Life," Dr. Joseph Eastman, May 5--"Breathing," Dr. W. W. Woolen.

Contract for a Bridge. The County Commissioners yesterday let the contract for building the superstructure of the bridge over Pleasant run on the Harmony free gravel road to the Pittsburg Bridge Company. The masonry contract was let to Ross & Fritz. The total cost of the bridge will be about \$40,000.

New hat-racks at Wm. L. Elders.

LOOKING AFTER THE WAIFS

An Association That Gives Evidence of Having Done Much Good to Society.

Evils That Not Only Threaten Homeless Children but That Are Destroying Boys and Girls Having the Best of Care.

At the First Baptist Church yesterday morning, the Boys' and Girls' National Home and Employment Association began its third annual convention, with quite a number of delegates responding to roll-call, some of whom came as representatives of States. After devotional exercises, led by the Rev. Dr. Joseph S. Jencks, chairman of the association's executive committee, and selecting the Rev. William Telfer, of the California-street M. E. Church, as secretary, E. W. Halford, in the unavoidable absence of Mayor Denny, addressed the delegates, welcoming them to the city. He said that the Mayor's official duties had prevented his being present, although his warm friendship for the organization prompted him to give it all the encouragement he could.

Mr. Halford then alluded to the efforts of what he termed "applied Christianity" in this country--efforts for the public good, of which this organization was one. He referred to the claims of such movements upon the people from the mere place of citizenship, to say nothing of Christianity. Every citizen was interested in doing what he or she could to throw good influences around the waifs of the large cities. It was uplifting and making them fellow-citizens. He had no sympathy with laissez faire. "When we are told, on good authority," said he, "that not a sparrow falls without our heavenly Father's notice, the good people of this city have no right to fold their hands and look with indifference on the miseries of these strays of society. We must take care of them and surround them with those influences and environments which will elevate them and make them what they ought to be. He then alluded to the fact that he warned not to become faint-hearted, when they saw the tramping thousands that advanced to other causes, while so few came to their own. "Let them remember," he said, "that they are at least the encouragement of a good heart and fellow workers at hand, who were among the best organizers in our children's 'to-day.'" In conclusion, he remarked that it is a good work that greatly needs to be done, this placing the waifs of humanity in the charge of intelligent and philanthropic people.

The president of the association, Colonel Alexander Hogeland, in responding, said: "It is six years since I began the tour that to-day culminates in the meeting of this association. I have visited 270 cities and towns, delivering addresses in churches, colleges and public institutions. I have spoken to thousands upon thousands of operatives in factories. I have been, without exception, everywhere received with demonstrations of warmest sympathy from committees of citizens, chiefs of police, and superintendents of schools. During these years I have personally secured employment for some 300 boys and the local associations formed by me have provided for 3,000 more. An influential editor in St. Louis said to me 'It is not only what you have done individually, as it is the education you have given us for which we are grateful.' The Colonel then struck the central theme of the entire convention during the day in saying that employment is the great need in the reformation of boys. It is idleness alone which originally opens the sluiceway of vice. "There are," he continued, "one hundred and fifty convicts in our State prisons for every female. It costs our tax-payers, in round numbers, \$3,000 for the convict career of each one of them, and 45 per cent of the cost of the convicts, as the records show, go back a second time. We have in our State prisons an army of 70,000 convicts, to-day, and this number is renewed once in every two years. Then, we are selling their time at 40 cents per day to contractors, and they 'compete' with laborers who have committed no wrong. What employer would I give convicts? They are an infamous contract system, open three or four big camps, and set them to work breaking stone, the State paying the convict's family \$1 per week, less the cost of keeping him. This system is held as a digression, but the prisons are the natural outgrowth of the neglect of our boys. We can understand the vagrancy of some class of youth when we reflect that convict labor is doing honest men a great wrong, and thousands are compelled to abandon the trade of their early manhood.

The Colonel stated that at its second annual convention in Chicago, last year, the association had formulated laws to regulate the truancy of minors, asking for State legislation on the subject. It also asked for laws for the extension of public county intelligence offices in charge of county agents, to be appointed as school superintendents are. "Our obligations in this respect," he said, "are certainly not less than in securing the education of the children of the American Indians, for whom the government has done so much. They are assisted every way while our white boy-tramps are despised, and said to be 'no good.' Thousands of the latter are arrested annually in our great cities on the sole charge of vagrancy. They are found sleeping in ball-ways, cellars and filthy alleys. The chiefs of police of various cities last year sent out circulars asking ten questions, the first being, 'How many bands of robbers have you in your city?' Some of the replies were astonishing, and it was learned that the St. Louis Stock Exchange, the burning of which caused a loss of \$100,000, was committed by one of these gangs.

The Colonel said that the association was fully prepared to offer a remedy for all this. It was to be in the laws which the association had formulated. These laws would shortly be brought before the legislatures in every State by the Ministerial Association in the several capital cities.

After this address the discussion arose on "What is the best plan for preventing boys from becoming tramps?" the principal speeches being by President Hogeland and Dr. Keen, pastor of Iroquois Park Church. The methods proposed were uniformly those of providing employment and shelter for the boys and girls, and to do nothing to remove them as far as possible from the evil influences of city life. Dr. Ford, of the Central-avenue M. E. Church, in his talk on the "Influence of Evil Literature on Boys and Girls" said that in every city, as boys passed along the streets, they saw pictures of lewd import in thousands of windows. "They were placed every where before them. 'These are the pictures of the nude as by some called the highest art,' he said, 'but they are cursed with the taint of Satan. The cigarette packages and the cigar boxes are covered with them as advertisements; the theatrical show-bills and posters are all teeming with these agencies of evil. Right here could be found an epitome of the whole philosophy of the rise and fall of boys. I believe you could look the matter fairly in the face. In Chicago, in an art museum, I saw on one side of the hall a beautiful picture of the Madonna, chaste and pure in its high content, and on the other side one of the lowest pictures in nude art I have ever seen anywhere. I thought I would learn a lesson. I walked down a few paces, and there at other pictures, to a point where could see which of the two first would command most attention. One hundred and forty-four people, having given a passing glance to the other, stopped at the second picture. How about the other picture? One solitary lady, in a veil of mourning, of all that crowd, stood before it many minutes, looking at the nude face and then walked sadly away. This shows the brutal instincts of the human nature we are striving to reform."

Miss Prettymann, formerly matron at the Newsboys' and Boot-blacks' Home, this city, said she had frequently found the boys, when alone, gazing in secret over the vilest pictures, and the only way she could induce them to part with their evil possessions sometimes was to buy the pictures. She said the ignorance of these boys was something pitiful. She was teaching a mission class, when one of them said to her in reply to a question, 'Christ! Christ! I have never heard of that name,' and then, reflecting, he said, 'O yes! wasn't He the man that the Jews killed?'

Miss Mollie Hay said that lewd literature was being sent to-day, through the United States postoffice, to the daughters of our households, unknown to their parents. This came from New York. She knew of a case where some of it had been actually discovered. It contained the lowest pictures, and she knew of another instance where the publishers had been traced through accidental information of their intentions.

This movement throughout the State be requested to do the same thing."

During the morning session letters endorsing the association were read from Governors Hill of New York; Stephenson, of Nevada; Beaver, of Pennsylvania; Green, of New Jersey; Forkner, of Ohio; Stephens, of Maine; Larrabee, of Iowa; Lee of Virginia; Briggs, of Delaware; Lowry, of Mississippi; and Gray, of Indiana. Letters were also read from chiefs of police, Mayors and other officials.

At the afternoon session Colonel Hogeland introduced J. D. Payne, a young man from Lexington, Ky. The Colonel picked him up three years ago when a destitute boot-black. Mr. Payne is the agent as a delegate to the Knights of Labor General Assembly, and he related at some length his experience as a boot-black. "I was a mighty tough one," said he, "but I always wanted more. In my city there are only 40,000 people, whereas here there are 100,000, and there is that much better chance to find plenty of boot-blacks to lead to better lives. Colonel Hogeland then announced the next subject, "What is the Best Plan to Prevent Gambling Among Street-boys?" Miss Hay related in that connection that two years ago in the city of Chicago, a young fellow named "Ountz," who would gamble to get money when he wanted a meal even. The badge system for newsboys and boot-blacks had been introduced to stop this gambling, and the police had tried to take away their privileges. But the police had failed to do their part, and so the badge had failed, too, and something else was needed. Mrs. J. T. B. Hayes discussed the benefits which would accrue if citizens would join in establishing a bright, comfortable place where boys could spend evenings. At present the saloons receive them.

The Rev. R. V. Hunter said the best way to help the homeless is to teach them to help themselves. [The President--"That's right; state some second-hand clothing will never do it. They'll always want more."] He thought the best way was to be found in the kitchen gardens now so successful in Pittsburg, Pa. Mrs. Nyle, Mrs. Wm. Hatley, Miss Hay and Mr. Kintner then spoke briefly on the same subject. After that Mr. Hunter summarized the needs of the street boy as follows: 1. Education to employment. 2. Proper work for them to do. 3. A system of bringing them together, to render them amenable to these influences. The convention then adopted the following resolution, with respect to the last two: "Resolved, That the association, in cooperation with Mrs. W. W. Harris, to work up the matter of a local intelligence office, and of opening a school to educate and find homes for dependent classes of children."

The evening session of the association was not very largely attended. Colonel Hogeland gave numerous incidents of his personal experience with the boys in whom he is so interested. The subject, "Should Boys Better Be Imprisoned, or Given a Few Days in Which to Leave Town for Larceny, Tramping or Petty Theft?" was answered by Col. P. P. Ritter, who favored the latter form of punishment. Colonel Hogeland said that he thought boys should not be imprisoned, and cited a case where a boy was found stealing a pair of shoes. The Colonel appeared before the judge and secured the boy's release. He said that Christians should help boys, to find them homes, and, if possible, homes in the country, where a boy is employed all day, and that such a boy would not be found stealing anything. He asked one boy his history and crime. The latter was stealing a pair of shoes. The Colonel appeared before the judge and secured the boy's release. He said that Christians should help boys, to find them homes, and, if possible, homes in the country, where a boy is employed all day, and that such a boy would not be found stealing anything. He asked one boy his history and crime. The latter was stealing a pair of shoes. The Colonel appeared before the judge and secured the boy's release.

Dr. Cleveland, pastor of the Meridian-street Church, was asked to speak and said he approved the work, but was not prepared at that time to say anything. Miss Ennis, of the Newsboys' Home, gave a brief outline of her work. She said that thirteen boys in the home, nine of whom stay there regularly. They have but two meals a day, and she believed if some of the older men and women could be had to help, and some money held, it might be brought to greater success. Help was needed, as were donations, for the small sum paid by the boys was not enough to carry the work. Colonel Ritter having said the Newsboys' Home was a failure, here remarked that it was not a failure in management, but it had not the support of the people to make it successful.

On the subject, "Should Congress provide schools of manual labor for tramping boys?" there was considerable said. Colonel Hogeland said there were 5,000 tramping boys in the United States, and 30,000 men. There were thirteen Indian schools, and yet not one school for the homeless boys were supported by the government. The government's obligation was as great to take care of these boys as it was to care for the Indians. Colonel Ritter said the government ought not to allow boy tramps; that there ought to be a system to prevent crime, and that Congress and the Legislature ought to attend to it; and that if boys were taken care of before they were voters there would not be so much difficulty in taking care of them afterwards.

Judge Lewis Jordan then spoke, saying that he was constitutionally opposed to government patronage. Everything being run into institutions, and boys were kept so under lock and key and under authority that they became mere machines. Boys learn bad things when together. He thought it best to go work on the parents, who were greatly to blame. They were responsible, and there was very little home government in America. There would be more individual work and less of the institution.

Dr. Cleveland said that the home feeling and a Christian spirit should be cultivated. The homes for newsboys were not permanent, but a transition between the street and the homes, or employment that should be found for them. The question of employment agencies, imprisoning minors and selling liquor to minors will be discussed at this morning's session, to be held at the First Baptist Church. In the afternoon the chief of the association of boys and girls with old and hardened criminals in jails and prisons; the necessity of opening correspondence with parents of tramping boys and tramps that are best adapted for giving practical advice to the so-called neglected boys and girls, and plans that are best to prevent boys entering gambling-houses and other places of ill-repute, and should not city authorities enact laws compelling the proprietors of pool-rooms, etc., to post notices forbidding them to do so, will be before the convention. At the evening session, which is to be held at the Central Christian Church, the closing exercises will take place.

AMUSEMENTS.

PARK THEATRE--"FATE." Mr. Bartley Campbell's play, "Fate," revised so as to suit present tastes, was presented at the Park yesterday, and will fill out the week, afternoon and evening. There is a touching story in it, with passages that are suggestive of that author's best style, while the comedy element is brought out so prominently as to cause much laughter. Yesterday the two performances met with manifest favor. The company contains some good material. The leading parts are assumed by Miss Lee Lamm, a young Southern actress, Mr. George Larsen, a comedian, who tells one of Carroll Johnson's "rag" stories, Miss Hastelle, a chipper soprano, Miss Wanda, who sings and tells a story, and Miss George Frank Evans in the leading male role, Howard James and Whalmin Osgood, the latter deserving credit for especially good work. "Fate" will continue to be done tonight.

ENGLISH'S OPERA-HOUSE. For those who go to the theater solely to laugh there are few better plays than Ezra P. Kendall's musical comedy, "A Pair of Kids," now running at English's. It is purely a mélange of nonsense, and not criticized in a severe vein; it is a jumble of witty speeches and ludicrous situations, with a few songs and dances interspersed. The whole play is intended simply to make people laugh--and this it does continually. Of course, in a piece of this kind every thing depends upon the actors, and Mr. Kendall, himself a rare comedian, has gathered a company, every member of which plays well. Mr. Pitt, Mr. Dunn, Miss Jessie Langley and Miss Jennie Dunn show decided talent in several different lines. The play will be given to-night and to-morrow night, with the usual Wednesday matinee.

Barney Baldwin, the man with a broken neck, has been engaged for another week at the Eden Music hall, in addition to his regular engagements there are Danome, the Mexican giant, the moss-haired lady and others.

At the box-office of English's, this morning, will begin the advance sale of seats for the engagement of Charles P. Parrott, the "Punch" of the week. He is to play in "A Grass Widow," which is now here and is described as being very amusing.

G. A. R. Entertainment. Mrs. Lucia Julian Martin gave an entertainment last night at Manser Hall, for the benefit of the Women's Relief Corps of Anderson Post, G. A. R. She was assisted by Miss May Miller, pianist; Miss Alma White, violinist, and Mrs.

E. E. Raper, soloist. The hall was well filled. Miss Alma White, accompanied by Miss Miller, opened the programme with a grandfully rendered violin solo. Miss Miller opened part two of the programme with a piano solo, which was exquisitely played. Mr. Raper's songs were well received. Miss Adie Jones assisting at the piano. Comrade Stoner, by special request, read a poem pertinent to the occasion.

Flower Mission Fair. The Flower Mission fair will open this evening, at Tomlinson Hall, and continue the remainder of the week. The booths are nearing completion, and everything will be in order. President-elect Harrison is expected to open the fair with a few remarks. After that the following programme will be rendered: Tableau--Bisque and Marble Figures. Overture--"Hobbesian Girl." Balls. Annual Quartet--Monday. Songs--"Tootsey-Whootsey." By four animals. Galopade--For two violins. Faust. Vocal Solo--"Only To-night." Molly. Sketch--"It's English, You Know." Imitation of Henry Irving. Mr. Frank Richards. Quartet--"Spirit Immortal." Attila. Mrs. F. M. Loomis, Mrs. Andy Smith. Solo--"Springtime." Mrs. M. H. Spence. Beckler. Potpourri--Mrs. M. H. Spence. Emil Zampfe.

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evening the ladies of the Second Presbyterian, First Baptist, First Lutheran, Tabernacle, Roberts Park, Hall-place and Fifth Presbyterian Churches will have charge.

On Thursday the following ladies will have charge: St. Paul, Christian Church, Meridian-street, First Christian, Grace Episcopal, Memorial and Central-avenue churches.

On Friday the ladies of the First Presbyterian, Mayflower, Holy Innocents, Fourth Presbyterian, Plymouth and Seventh Presbyterian will spread the luncheon.

Cupid's Room. The best and biggest boom is run by Cupid. It is a very poor town that can't report from five to ten weddings a day just now.

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