

SARATOGA WILL THIS WEEK ENTERTAIN MANY EDUCATORS ATTENDING THE CONVENTION OF THEIR STATE ASSOCIATION.

STATE TEACHERS TO MEET

ASSOCIATION WILL ASSEMBLE AGAIN IN SARATOGA.

WHAT EMINENT AUTHORITIES SAY OF IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATIONAL WORK—PROGRAMME OF SESSIONS.

After seven years, in which time it has held its annual conventions in as many different cities of the State, the New-York State Teachers' Association returns this year to Saratoga, where the convention will be held next Wednesday and Thursday.

The organization is fifty-seven years old, and for the first fifty years of its existence it always held its meetings at the famous watering place. Then, through the efforts of the association, which was for two years president of the association, and who insisted that travel and a change of scene was an absolute essential to a true teacher, the society began the custom, which it has since adhered to, of meeting in a different city of the State each July.

The purpose of the New-York State Teachers' Association is to learn. Throughout the rest of the year it is the duty of its members to teach, and to lead other minds. At the meetings of the association the teachers themselves seek to learn how to improve their art, and how to lead other minds to higher levels and with a surer guidance.

The benefits of such an association have been recognized, and its membership has increased until it now numbers more than six thousand. The importance of these gatherings, however, reaches far beyond the few thousand teachers who attend them. What each teacher gains by intercourse with other minds will later be imparted to his pupils and so the thought is disseminated up and down the land.

The teacher as one of the chief factors of our civilization is becoming more and more recognized. The fact that citizenship, manhood and morality go hand in hand with education is a truth which is almost inborn in the American mind. Nevertheless, the work of education, its many details and ramifications, like everything else, needs constant vigilance, constant study and improvement to keep pace with the demands of the age.

All of the conventions of the New-York State Teachers' Association the mission of a teacher and an educator to society are after all the subject which interests most. There are special meetings held on special courses of study, which have come to be called "side table talks," where botany, drawing, manual training, etc., are discussed by those who follow these particular lines of work; but it is plain to see that at the mass meetings with some one or two simply and merely about teaching and what they are in the world for, the interest of the audience is the most intense.

It will be interesting, therefore, to the average teacher to learn what some of the leading educators and writers believe to be his true mission and what lessons he can learn at conventions.

Charles R. Skinner, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, says that he believes the chief benefit to be got from an interchange of thought and a discussion of the whole field of teaching such as is possible at these meetings is that it prevents the teacher from standing still. The chief danger, he says, is that it is easy for a teacher to get into a rut, and to drag his pupils into the rut with him, and that the natural result of this is a "quilt school" at its earliest opportunity. He adds:

One of the greatest dangers in our system of education to-day is all that is being done to encourage professional training, lies in the indifference and inefficiency of many teachers, and the tendency on their part to be satisfied with present results without desire to advance. In no profession is the danger of stalling still so great as in teaching. It is dangerous not only to the teacher, but to the pupil and the State.

No man can teach all he knows. Vital force, like any mechanical force, is transmitted at a loss. Much depends upon the medium through which that force is to be transmitted—whether the child be bright or dull, whether, as in electricity, power goes through a good conductor. Many people know many things. Not all people have the faculty of imparting what they know, or reasoning out, step by step, the best process of giving instruction.

Edmund Clarence Steadman has this to say of the teaching profession:

No tribute to the members of your profession can be too warm, for they are among our most faithful, zealous and even heroic workers. Unselfishness and the very best of their kind, they are the backbone of our civilization. Their worldly gains are closely limited, yet upon their work depends the progress of our race. They are the only ones who should be better paid, and there should be more of them in proportion to the number of pupils. The best of our nation have ever seemed to me to be the physician and teacher, consecrated as they are to human welfare in this present existence.

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Hamlin Garland, the novelist of Western life, says of teachers:

I sympathize most heartily with all educational work, and as for teachers—I was one of them myself. At bottom I am a teacher still, for all persons are teachers. It would be allowed to say, and I would be true, that no one can say that he is dead or dying; let the young mind know that American literature is to-day more vital, more national, more varied than ever before. It has problems to deal with which make it less general, less naive, perhaps, than the literature of the time of Longfellow and Bryant.

F. Marion Crawford, the novelist, writes:

I often think that teachers, like many great artists, labor more for posterity than for any present recognition, for their present task is full of difficulties, small and great, and disappointments. Their reward is in the gratitude of grown men and women, and seldom reaches directly those to whom it is due. You are to be paid for it in results, and such results are especially slow. Yet there must be a keen pleasure for you in recognizing the steady and unmistakable growth of thought in our country. In our own State of New-York, and each one of you, in your own districts, you must be personally aware of an improvement which is a constant honor to yourselves and a credit to your pupils. Education is to the mind and to the character what faith and religion are to the soul; the means of attaining to a noble ideal of ultimate perfection, and you who spend your lives in imparting a knowledge of the means may very justly be called the ministers of civilization.

Dr. Edward Eggleston, the historian, has this advice for the teacher:

Have some line of special study. You cannot be profound on every subject. You are too busy to be learned in any broad department of knowledge. But find some congenial nook in human knowledge and make yourself a place in it. It should be a small and narrow specialty, but about that know all you can acquire. It will correct the necessary infidelity of your general knowledge, and will give you a cool and quiet corner where your mind can find retreat from the shallow gossip of the life about you, from the ephemeral literature and the daily news of the vulgar war of contemporary politics. Here is your own little investigation, some branch of history, some department of language. You will rest awhile from the dusty road of bread-winning labor. You will receive mental balance, you will gather spontaneity and assurance for your vocation. And O! the delight of it!

The officers of the association at the present time are as follows:

President—HENRY P. EMERSON, Buffalo. Vice-presidents—WILBUR F. HUDSON, New-York; MARGARET BRENNAN, Buffalo. Secretary—RICHARD A. SEARING, Rochester. Assistant Secretary—BENJAMIN YETTS, New-York. Treasurer—W. H. BENEDICT, Elmira. Auditors—JOHN C. CHASE, Saratoga Springs. Executive Committee—HENRY P. EMERSON, Chairman; MILTON NOTES, Rochester; ABRAHAM FISCHLOWITZ, New-York; W. H. BENEDICT, Buffalo; JAMES M. EDSELL, Brooklyn; GEORGE H. WALDEN, Rochester; JOHN T. NICHOLSON, Saratoga Springs.

EDUCATORS WHO WILL ATTEND THE STATE TEACHERS' CONVENTION.



From left to right they are (1) W. H. Benedict, treasurer, Elmira; (2) Richard A. Searing, secretary, Rochester; (3) Abram Fischlowitz, New-York City; (4) W. H. Scott, vice-president, Syracuse; (5) Henry P. Emerson, president, Buffalo; (6) John T. Nicholson, (7) Wilbur F. Hudson, president-elect, New-York City; (8) Edmund J. James, president of Northwestern University; (9) Professor Paul H. Hanus, of Harvard.

of Brooklyn, is regarded as the probable successor of Mr. Emerson as president of the association. Mr. Edsall is a product of the rural schools, being a native of an up-State county. He later entered the Normal School at Albany, where he was graduated. He was first a grade teacher in the Brooklyn schools, being promoted later to a principalship. Mr. Edsall has always been active in the advancement of the State Teachers' Association, and it is through his efforts that the membership of the organization in the Borough of Brooklyn has been increased from 200 to more than 600.

Reading and Speech Culture Section—Chairman, Richard E. Mayne, New-York City. Symposium on speech culture in school education. (Preliminary outline). Introduction: "Dealing Mostly with the Obligations of the State in Presenting and Enriching the Common Speech." Richard E. Mayne, A. M., New-York. "Relation of Speech to Other School Studies from Primary to High School Grades." Principal George H. Walden, Rochester. "The Training School Considered with Respect to the Equipment of Teachers in this Branch." Principal T. S. Low, Gramham School, High School and College, Cortland. "The Common Sense of Vocal Training." Caroline B. Le Row, Girls' High School, Brooklyn. "A Few Words on the Pharynx in Articulation." Alexander Melville Bell, Washington. "Common Errors Arising from Ignorance of

supper and remaining Thursday and Friday for sight-seeing. Early on Saturday morning the party will start by the commodious Champlain steamer Vermont for a sail through Lakes Champlain and George, arriving at Saratoga the same evening in time for supper, leaving on the midnight train on the following day for New-York.

who will appear are Henry E. Dixey, Ezra Kendall, Pauline Hall, Emma Carus, Sam Bernard, Johnstone Bennett, Jesse Bartlett Davis, Thomas Q. Seabrooke, the Russell Brothers, Maggie Olin, Eddie Foy and many others.

NOTES OF THE STAGE.

Two of the comic operas in Broadway has disappeared from the list this week—"The Show Girl,"

"The Chinese Honeycomb" announces a matinee for the Fourth of July.

"King Dodo's" final week at Daly's Theatre will be its fifty-eighth. The company will disband only

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ing, July 2, and Thursday morning, July 3. The afternoon meetings, which will be devoted to the discussion of special lines of work, will be held on the afternoons of Wednesday and Thursday.

Grammar, Especially Etymology." Principal Purvis J. Behan, Brooklyn. Commercial Education Section—Chairman, Van Ert Kilpatrick, New-York City; secretary, William H. Covert, Syracuse. "Lessons from the Retrospective of a Business and Professional Man." Edward Lauterbach, New-York. (Discussed by C. C. Shyne, D. P. Lettoworth and Francis B. Thurber). "Report on the Business Education Questionnaire." Dr. Edward W. Skitt, New-York. (Discussed by Myron T. Seudder, E. M. Williams, C. E. Franklin and Frank R. Moore). "Proper Remuneration for Graduates of Grammar Schools, High School and College." Cornelius D. Fleming, Brooklyn. (Discussed by John T. Nicholson and John L. Hildley). Child Study Section—Chairman, Dr. Myron T. Seudder, New-Paltz Normal School; secretary, Dr. S. H. Aldro,

which is to be seen again at Manhattan Beach, and "Dolly Varden," which is to be replaced by a new musical comedy from Boston, called "The Defender." "King Dodo" dissolves parliament after this week. Of the remaining entertainments, "The Chaperons," "The Chinese Honeycomb" and "The Wild Rose" threaten to continue till fall.

for a short vacation before reorganizing for rehearsals in Chicago on August 2.

"The Pearl of Pekin" will be the bill at the Terrace Garden this week. It is the joint work of Louis Harrison, the author of "The Chinese Honey-

MEN PROMINENT IN SARATOGA SCHOOL WORK.



From left to right they are (1) Professor Walter S. Knowlson, Superintendent of Exhibits; (2) John C. Chase, assistant treasurer; (3) Irving P. Fitchett, president of the Saratoga Board of Education; (4) Edison Hall, Inspector of Compulsory Education; (5) Thomas R. Kneil, Superintendent of Schools.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JULY 2 AT 10 O'CLOCK. Opening addresses, music, etc. Address, "The Life and Work of Colonel Francis W. Parker." Mrs. Anna Egerton Friedman, Buffalo, N. Y. Music. Address, "Some Essential Characteristics of Good Teaching." Professor Paul H. Hanus, Harvard University. Discussion: Superintendent Charles R. Skinner, Yonkers; Superintendent Edwin J. James, Chicago University.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JULY 2 AT 8 O'CLOCK. Music. Address, Charles R. Skinner, Superintendent of Public Instruction New-York State. Music. Address, "The Place of Technical Training in the Educational System of the United States." Professor Edmund J. James, Chicago University.

THURSDAY MORNING, JULY 3 AT 9:30 O'CLOCK. Music. Address, "Pupil Self-Government." Frank S. Fostick, Principal of Massena Park High School, Buffalo, N. Y. Discussion: Dr. Edward W. Skitt, principal of Public School No. 89, New-York City, and C. R. Drum, Syracuse, N. Y. Address, "The Relation of Geography to the Other Subjects of the Elementary Course." Superintendent T. H. Armstrong, Medina, N. Y. Discussion: Superintendent George Graham, Utica, N. Y., and Superintendent V. E. Caswell, Catskill, N. Y. Election of officers and other business.

complication has the unportsmanlike result of a conspiracy to disable the American yacht. This is duly foiled, and national virtue is triumphant. The score is by Charles Dennee. "The Defender" was produced at the Columbia Theatre, in Boston, on June 5, and has been well received there.

The programme of the sectional meetings and the names of those who will take part are as follows:

Normal Section—Chairman, Dr. Charles De Garmo, Cornell University; secretary, Professor M. T. Dana, State Normal School, Fredonia, N. Y. Opening remarks: "The Basis for Better Financial Support of Normal Schools." by T. H. Armstrong, Medina, N. Y. Discussion: "What Would Be an Adequate High School Preparation for a Two-Year Professional course in a Normal School?" Principal McFarland, State Normal School, Broport, N. Y. Discussion opened by Professor J. R. Street, Syracuse University.

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At Hammerstein's Paradise Gardens, Phroso, the mechanical doll, will make his final week. The Piccolo midgets, who wrestle; the Johnson brothers, who play the xylophone, and the Wartenburg brothers are to be seen.

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SOME OF THE TEACHERS IN SARATOGA SCHOOLS.



From left to right they are (1) Annie M. Spence, (2) Cordis M. Dayo, (3) Kate M. Clesky, (4) Elizabeth Gorman, (5) Annie E. McNamara, (6) Anna Gorman, (7) Eliza Spence.



CONVENTION HALL, SARATOGA.

Here the New-York State Teachers' Association will meet.

In Charles H. Hanford's production of "The Taming of the Shrew," will be seen next season in Clyde Fitch's "Gina" and the Judge" after the first six weeks of the season during which time Miss Annie Russell will continue the part.

Haddon Chambers' "Tranny of Tears" will be played next season by Paul Gilmore, who has been seen as D'Artagnan in "The Musketeers" and Gil de Berault in "The Red Robe."

ON THE PACIFIC COAST.

DOCTORS INSPECT THEATRE-FRISCO—NEW VAUDEVILLE THEATRE-INDIAN COMMISSION FINISHES ITS WORK.

San Francisco, June 27.—The members of the American Climatological Association spent several days here this week and were much impressed with the cool weather that makes San Francisco an ideal summer resort for people who come from hot interior valleys. They were also greatly taken with the view from Mount Tamalpais, which overlooks this city and the Golden Gate. They had the good fortune to witness this view of moonlight nights, when a great sea of fog swept in from the ocean, completely covering San Francisco. The visit of these doctors ought to be of benefit to their patients, as they had an opportunity to see the various climates of Southern and Central California and to judge which are best suited to pulmonary troubles.

Among the deaths this week was that of Arthur Rogers, Regent of the State University and a prominent lawyer, who first made a reputation by establishing the doctrine that the city was responsible for the acts of the Sandlot rioters under Denis Kearney. Adolphus G. Russ, founder of the Russ House and of the old Russ Gardens, also died this week. Mr. Russ was a member of Colonel Jonathan D. Stevenson's New-York regiment that came out to California in 1847. He and his brothers bought the property now covered by the Russ House, in Montgomery-st., for \$33.

A new vaudeville theatre will be made of the Metropolitan Hall, in Fifth-st., near Market-st., once notorious because of the sermons delivered there by Isaac T. Kallioch, the renegade preacher, who was elected by the Sandlot element as Mayor of San Francisco. The new theatre will be the local house of the Stair-Havlin Theatrical Syndicate, in which Jacob Litt is one of the largest stockholders. It will give Litt an opportunity to present his spectacular pieces in San Francisco.

This week witnessed the one hundredth performance at Fischer's Theatre of the extravaganza, "Fiddle-Dee-Dee," by Kolb, Dill and Bernard. This is an extraordinary run for this city. Henry Miller's company has made a great hit in "The Gay Lord Quex," which is put on at the Columbia Theatre in a more elaborate style than in London or New-York.

The Mercantile Library Association has decided to empower its trustees to sell its Vanness-ave. property for what it will bring. The price that can be realized is \$130,000, which is less than the property is worth. Unless it is sold, however, the Hibernian Bank will foreclose a mortgage for more than \$70,000. The library is now in rented quarters on Sutter-st., near Kearney-st. The Vanness-ave. building contains the finest library room in the country outside of New-York, and it is a great pity that poor financial management allowed the large debt to accumulate.

Captain R. H. Rolfe, of the regular army, passed through here this week for San Diego, where he will complete the coast defences of that port. About \$750,000 will be spent on the fort and the barracks.

Wilder Wright, the nineteen-year-old son of Charles L. Wright, the Hawaiian millionaire shipping man, is one of the youngest third mates in the American merchant marine. He has sailed from Honolulu on the big ship Dirigo, for New-York, in order to get practical experience of the many sea problems that come up in the Admiralty courts. Young Wright will be an Admiralty lawyer, and he regards sea service as an essential part of his education in the profession.

The commission chosen by President Roosevelt to obtain a new home for the Warner's Ranch Indians has finished its work, and its report will go on to Washington. It is probable that some of the old Indians will have to be transported bodily to the new quarters, as they say that they will never leave their old home, where the bones of their people are buried.

There is much complaint from many districts of fruit going to waste because of lack of labor to pick it, although high wages are offered. This is especially true throughout the Sacramento Valley, where hundreds of acres of new orchards are just coming into bearing this year.

HENDRICK HEGEMAN VINDICATED.

To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: I protest against a part of the story that appeared in The Sunday Tribune of May 18 in relation to the Hegeman house and family, of Hopewell, Dutchess County, N. Y. The ghostly part is not material in any sense, and hurts no one, while it pleases the curious and encourages the superstitious. But I object to your publication of a story that Hendrick deserted his family on Long Island, or was cast off by them, and that robbery and murder were traceable to him and to his house. I am of the Hegeman blood, and was born and bred in the county in question, and have traced the history of the Hegemans of that region, and I affirm that there is no valid basis for the scandalous imputation upon Hendrick and his house. He never lived on Long Island, but his ancestors did. He was born May 25, 1757, at Rhinebeck, N. Y., and records show that he was there buried February 18, 1811. He was twice married and raised a large family in Dutchess County, and lived for many years on what is known as Hegeman Lane, at Hopewell, Dutchess County, N. Y., where he was farmer and kept a country inn, and there raised a family of ten children, who were good citizens, and many of them were known to the writer; but they have long since removed from the neighborhood, and it is left to me to vindicate their family name. The story of robbery and murder traced to foundation whither. J. C. ALKIN. New-York, June 25, 1902.

"SURVIVAL OF THE Fittest."

Among the anecdotes about E. L. Merrifield, for over twenty years a proprietor of the Continental Hotel in this city, who died last week, is one that relates to the occasion of his resignation as president of the Hotel Men's Association. With him in office at that time were Mr. Ashman, of the Sinclair House, and Mr. Brockway, of the Ashland. The aggregate weight of these three men was considerably over half a ton. When Simeon Ford was elected to succeed Mr. Merrifield, he made a short speech something after this fashion:

Gentlemen: I have for many years aspired to this office to which you have now elected me. But as I waited and beheld those who were ahead of me I became convinced it was a case of the survival of the fittest.

Friday, Vaudeville will be furnished by Gorman and West, Lydia Hall, "Joe" Hardman, Sadie Probst, "Billy" Helms and Fields and Wolley. The orchestra will be under the direction of Conterno, of the 11th Regiment Band.

The Kaltenborn Orchestra plays at the Circle Auditorium.

At the Terrace Garden to-night Signorita Frida Ricci, from the Scala, Milan, with Signor Vincenzo Morelli, will sing from the mad scene of "Lucia di Lammermoor."

At Keith's will be seen Ida Melville and company in "Sis Hopkins's Sister." De Villiers, the French illusionist; Jordan and Welch, in "Just Two Hebrews"; the Farrell-Taylor trio, Arthur Deming, Miss Amy Forslund, "Joe" and Nellie Doner, Johnson and Wells, Haight and Dean, in "Hook and Eye," and "Si" Robbins.

The Proctor theatres have the following bill: At the Fifth Avenue, "The New Hall Boy," with Fredrick Bond in the leading role; at the Harlem House, "The Nominee," and at the Twenty-third Street, vaudeville programme, including Fiske and McDonough, Waliz and Ardell, the Cornelia Sisters and Gordon Eldrid. Sunday concerts, with vaudeville, are given at all three theatres.

At Tony Pastor's Theatre will be seen Brody's cycle whirl and the doll "It," Miss Irene Latour and her dog Zaza, the Ansel troupe, Grace and Burnet, Talbot and Carr, Barry and Halvers, Nelson and Millego, Doherty Sisters, the three musical Naonats, John and Carrie Mack, Charles H. Duncan, Carroll and Clark, Albene and La Brant and the viagara.

The destruction of St. Pierre by the eruption of Mont Pelée is the subject of a new waxwork in the chamber of horrors at the Eden Musée.

Miss Helen Grantz, who appeared last year