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## COUNTY CONVENTION.

Sunday School Association  
Holds Interesting Sessions

### PRES.'S. ANNUAL MESSAGE.

Reviews Work of the Year in the Sunday Schools of the County, Officers Elected and Resolutions Adopted.

The County Sunday School Convention held here on Saturday and Sunday was by far the best and most successful in every way ever held in the county. The convention opened at two o'clock Saturday afternoon with devotional services led by Mrs. E. W. Pierce. The opening address, which was to have been delivered by Pres. D. W. Welton, was delivered by Rev. William E. Bryce, as sickness in Mr. Welton's family prevented his attendance.

The appointment of committees and report of department secretaries followed, after which the song by the little girls was made very entertaining.

State Worker, Elias Handy, gave a very interesting and instructive Bible drill.

The evening service opened with a lively and inspiring song service, followed by prayer by Rev. Bryce.

The following reports were then read.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE  
Pres., D. W. Welton, Denison.  
Vice-Pres., Prof. W. C. Van Ness, Denison.

Sec. and Treas., Prof. F. L. Hoffman, Denison.

Normal Department, Mrs. Sears McHenry, Denison.

Home Department, Mrs. E. W. Pierce, Primary Department, Mrs. E. L. Barber.

Temperance Department, Mrs. Florence Hope, Denison.

House to House Visitation, Mrs. A. H. Harper, Dow City.

Committee: WM. BRYCE  
MRS. EMMA GARY  
MRS. E. L. BARBER  
MRS. E. GULICK  
BARNA MCDANIEL

FINANCIAL REPORT  
For the year ending April 1st, 1905:

Bal on hand April 1st 1904	\$ 19 03
Donations to State Work by S S of county	9 50
Collections taken at district conventions	15 44
Personal donations at 1904 county convention	29 00
Evening collections at 1904 county conventions	12 45
Total	\$ 85 45

DISBURSEMENTS

Express, postage, stationery	\$ 5 14
Paid for programs, county and district	11 00
Livery hire for workers	16 06
State apportionment, 1904	41 00
Supplies from State to Dept Secretaries	1 85
Phone messages in interest of work	55
Total expenditures for year	\$ 76 60
Bal on hand Apr 1, 1905	8 85
Total	\$ 85 45

Present status—Our apportionment will be paid next week, reports are coming in from the Sunday Schools of the county; all the district have a local organization through which we are securing our reports. We hope that by June 14, the date for the State Convention in Ottumwa, Crawford may be classed with the banner counties of the state.

F. L. HOFFMAN,  
Sec. and Treas.

After an anthem by the choir Prof. Elias Handy gave a very stirring address on the subject, "Organized Sunday School Work." His remarks were very pertinent and were well received by the audience, which on Saturday evening could not be expected to be very large.

THE SUNDAY SESSIONS.

On Sunday morning Rev. Bryce prevailed on Prof. Handy to preach in the Presbyterian pulpit, and those who were present report a rare treat.

Sunday afternoon at 2:30, the convention work was again taken up.

After song service by the congregation, Rev. Emory Miller gave a Pre-View of next Sabbath's lesson, which was very lucid and helpful.

The following message from President W. G. Norman, of Dow City, was read by Prof. Hoffman in the absence of Dr. Norman:

"In this message to the Association I wish only to bring before you as briefly as possible something of the plan of organization; something of what has been done the past year; and plans of recommendation for the future.

About the first thing we accomplished the past year was the rearranging of the districts or their boundaries in order that the county could be more perfectly organized for Sunday School work, to facilitate the holding of district conventions, etc.

The county is divided into seven districts, viz: 1. Vail-West Side, comprising Jackson, West Side and Hayes townships; 2. Milford-Goodrich; 3. Kiroe-Schleswig,

comprising Stockholm, Otter Creek and Morgan; 4. Charter Oak-Soldier, Charter Oak, Willow and Hanover; 4. Denison-East Boyer, Denison and Washington; 6. Manilla, Washington and Iowa; 7. Dow City, Union, Paradise and Boyer.

It has been the aim to make the county a banner county, and in order to do this, among other things, a complete organization must be effected in each of the several districts. This has been done with the possible exception of the Vail-West Side district, where there is only a provisional organization, and where we failed to hold a convention. A convention was held in each of the other districts. These district conventions were merely Sunday School rallies, and have for their object the stimulation of the local schools and workers in all the branches of Sunday school work; the continuity of the district organization, the officers of which are responsible for the reports of the district to the county secretary, and the enlightenment of the people in regard to Sunday School work and methods. By means of these conventions and the reports from the districts, the county officers and the county association knows more about where the Sunday School cause is progressing and where more backward, and thus can direct more intelligently where to put forth more effort to accomplish the most good.

I am glad to report that some of the districts enter heartily into the plans and can take care of themselves, i.e. they have a sufficient number of local workers who can do much and who are willing to do anything they can to make the convention work a success.

Some districts had to use outside help and nearly if not quite all did use outside help in their local conventions. Now this is one of the most promising features of the county work, and I believe, was inaugurated this last year, viz: The Lyceum Bureau. This, as you may all know is merely a list of Sunday School workers selected, or who have consented to aid in the way of giving papers, addresses, talks or exercises, whenever and wherever in the country they may be called upon to do so. A list of workers together with the county officers, constitute the bureau, and they have given very efficient help to the districts, and those who have had the work in hand greatly appreciate their efforts and the good they have done.

Along the line of organization I will just mention the departmental work. There are five departments organized with a superintendent or secretary of each, who, I believe, have already given the convention a report of their work. Each has done considerable work along his or her line; several have presented their cause at the district conventions and have organized their departments in the districts. The department of House to House Visitation with help has recently accomplished the task of taking the religious census of the city of Denison.

As to what we have done toward convention work: In the beginning of the year the executive committee met and planned the year's work; 1, by redividing the county into districts; 2, fixing or suggesting a date for the different conventions; 3, organized the lyceum bureau; 4, arranged a suggestive program that the local officers might follow in their conventions. The district program committee selected from the lyceum list those whom they wished to aid on their program. The plan worked nicely, and we believe succeeded in stimulating Sunday School endeavor in each of the several districts where the conventions were held.

Now, as to the future: From past experience it might be well to suggest that in the coming year the same plan of work be carried and pushed to more perfect or effective results. The county organization is sufficiently strong to place it in the list of banner counties of the state. Though the different district organizations might be made more perfect, each of the departments has room to advance its cause. Some districts have few workers and some townships have no schools. The schools in the different districts ought to take on the missionary spirit and see to it that those localities that are too far from town or city schools for their people to attend have schools organized and maintained closer to home. It requires only three or four faithful workers to organize and maintain a school where the word of God could be taught, and think of the lasting good that might be accomplished. Let the district officers and Sunday School workers look up this work of extension in their several localities.

The Home Department can have material in the rural districts to work on for years to come, and this should be pushed till every home should have its members either Sunday School attendants or belonging to the Home Study classes.

The House to House Visitation department should extend its work till all the towns and perhaps some of the townships should have a religious census taken, and thus enable the pastors and Sunday School workers to do more effective work in the way of Christian or religious visitation.

Crawford county needs enlightenment

along temperance lines as much as any county in the state. As one who sees a good deal of the physical deterioration and moral degradation that intemperance causes, I would most heartily say, push the work of temperance instruction through the agency of the Sunday School as well as by every other honorable means. As for the other departments I would put it all in one sentence. Get the children into the Sunday School and then train them up till they become efficient, intelligent workers and teachers of the Word.

The Lyceum plan should be extended till all the most efficient workers in the county are enlisted, and their worth realized and utilized by the Sunday Schools of the county. Thus specialists are developed in the different lines of Sunday School work and the districts and local Sunday Schools get the benefit of their experience. In short, advance until the county becomes a banner county in fact as well as in name.

Prof. Hoffman in "What We've Had and What We've Done" reviewed the work of the past year in a concise manner, after which Prof. W. C. Van Ness conducted a Round Table, giving and eliciting some excellent suggestions on the work.

Mrs. John Kott rendered an excellent solo, after which Prof. Handy addressed the convention on "Thirty Minutes a Week."

The evening service opened at 7:30 with a song service, led by the chorus. Prayer by Rev. G. E. Morphy. Mrs. Lou Martin and Leon Cassaday gave an excellently rendered duet. The first address was by Rev. T. F. Stone, of Deloit, which was a master effort. After an anthem by the chorus Prof. Handy gave the closing address. The finance committee raised over \$39.00 which will go toward the expenses of the coming year's work.

The convention owes much to Prof. Handy, the State Worker, for the success and interest of the convention. His remarks were very pertinent and his way of illustrating may well be emulated by all our workers in the high art of soul-saving.

The following is the report of the committee of resolutions:

Your committee on resolutions submit the following as the sense of the convention:

We appreciate very highly the successful efforts of the Sunday School Board in effecting the complete organization of the county, and commend them for the profitable district conventions during the past year.

We wish to express our thanks to Prof. Handy for his inspiring and encouraging addresses and commend him with the blessings of the Father to the Sunday Schools of the state in the work which he has undertaken.

As a result of the discussions it is the sense of this convention that there be greater attention paid to the special training of teachers for Sunday School work.

We deprecate the disposition to the exclusive use of lesson helps, and urge more study of the Bible and guidance by the Holy Spirit.

We commend the president's recommendations for further organization of Home Departments, House to House Visitation, and Temperance work.

We appreciate the kindness of the people of Denison in opening their homes for the entertainment of visitors.

We desire to express our appreciation to the music committee and the musicians who furnished us with most excellent music for the convention.

Committee: MRS. MCHENRY  
REV. C. V. BENTLEY  
PROF. W. C. VAN NESS

Called the Big Three  
New Real Estate Firm Launched With The Above Impressive Title Office In Goldheim Block.

Messrs John Rollins, E. F. Tucker and P. H. McGuire have formed a partnership in the real estate business in Denison and are fitting out offices in the rooms formerly occupied by Mayor Carey in the Goldheim block. As soon as possible these gentlemen propose getting a ground floor location and establishing such an agency as will attract a large patronage.

Mr Rollins has had much experience in the business and is already the agent for many valuable lands. Mr. Tucker formerly of THE REVIEW has the widest possible acquaintance in the county and knows both the people and the land thoroughly. Mr. McGuire until recently the head of the Denison Drug Co. is a first-class business man and has made many friends during his comparatively brief stay in Denison. THE BIG THREE promise to show the people some new wrinkles in the way of pushing and advertising and we wish them abundant success.

Miss Carrie Klick began her spring term of school at Paradise Center last week.

Mrs. H. Brambly and daughter Belle, were shopping in Denison Wednesday.

Mr. Amiel Pump was very agreeably surprised last Wednesday evening, by a party of friends dropping in and reminding him of his birthday. All wished him to be able to celebrate many more birthdays. Mrs. Pump served very nice refreshments.

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