

508 ENTER AT OPENING

Attendance at Opening of Worthington Public Schools Exceeds All Former Records.

72 ENTER THE HIGH SCHOOL

Monday Was Practically Devoted to Organization and Seating Capacity is Exhausted.

The total enrollment at the opening Monday of the fall term of the Worthington public schools was five hundred and eight pupils, a record never before equaled in the history of schools, and from present indications it is estimated that the attendance during the year will greatly exceed that of all former years.

The day was a busy one for Prof. Nicholas and his corps of sixteen teachers who devoted the day almost exclusively to organization work, and what made the day an especially hard one was the seating of pupils. In many instances the capacity of the rooms was unable to accommodate the number of pupils and consequently several classes had to be divided by seating them in rooms with other class pupils. So all the available seating room is taken up and the building is practically jammed.

Prof. Nicholas anticipates considerable more difficulty in seating the pupils who have not yet entered and are expected within the next few weeks; as some have been away to the state fair and others are not prepared to enter at this time.

A class of seventy-two entered the high school on Monday and it is the largest number that has ever enrolled for high school work, the total enrollment during the entire last year being only seventy members. At the opening last year there were between fifty and sixty to enter the high school. It is estimated that ninety pupils will enroll in the high school during the year. Of the seventy-two high school pupils, thirty-one are taking their first course in the high school. Some of the classes are so large that it was necessary to place chairs in the recitation room to accommodate all the class members.

There are sixty-eight enrolled in the first primary room, and the number greatly exceeds the enrollment in this room at the opening of school last year.

One hundred and forty pupils have entered the rooms on the third floor, which is regarded as too large a number for the close condition of the rooms, they being poorly ventilated and complaint is made of the uncomfortable condition of the atmosphere after the pupils have been in the rooms a short time. The light is also very poor, and on cloudy days it is barely possible for the schools to remain in session.

Prof. Nicholas is a hard worker and is doing everything possible to place the system of the Worthington school on a par with that of other schools in the state. This requires modern facilities and apparatus for the high school laboratory which he says are lacking in the school. Until last year there was no laboratory apparatus of any kind here to speak of, and by persistent urging upon the school board the need of apparatus, Prof. Nicholas was successful in securing some, but it is yet inadequate to do systematic laboratory work.

The highest possible sanitary condition of the school will be maintained and this will necessitate thorough scrubbing once a week. This was done last year and consequently it was not necessary to close the schools on account of sickness, as had been the in former year.

The schools are now thoroughly organized and the work is expected to go smoothly from now on.

Mamie Althens Hobora Passes Away.

Mamie Althens Hobora, the orphan girl taken on probation by Mrs. C. O. Peterson about two weeks ago, died Sunday night from inflammation of the bowels. The little tot was one and a half years of age and was brought here by Mrs. Thompson who represented an institution for homeless children at St. Paul. The child was of a

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sickly disposition and it is thought that her frail constitution yielded easily to the disease. The funeral services were held at the Peterson home Monday afternoon and interment was made in the Worthington cemetery.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE

Masonic Lodge Expresses Feeling for the Late H. S. Humiston.

At a regular communication of Fraternity Lodge No. 101 A. F. and A. M. held at their hall in Worthington, Minnesota, September 5th, A. D. 1904, the following resolutions were adopted, to wit:

Since it has pleased the Supreme Grand Master in his wisdom to translate our beloved brother Harry Swift Humiston from this terrestrial to that Celestial Lodge above, while his work was unfinished and his brethren mourn,

Ye We Are Resolved, That the departed has not lived in vain, but was a true and faithful brother among us.

That his voice and features shall be ever missed from our various communications.

That the Lodge room shall for the customary period be appropriately draped;

That we extend to the parents, brothers, sisters and friends our sincerest condolences in this bereavement which is in a degree ours as well as theirs, and,

That the above resolutions be spread upon the records of the Lodge and published in the local newspapers, and a copy sent to the relatives of the deceased.

Stelle S. Smith,
R. Pridesaux,
R. F. Pepple,
Committee.

Gentle family horse for sale. Inquire of M. E. Lawton. 5-6t.

CHARLES MARTIN UNDER ARREST

Suspected of Having Robbed Esser's Saloon at Reading.

Supposing that he could successfully satisfy his thirst for the elixir that usually produces trouble and a penchant for theft, Charles Martin of Reading is thought to have committed burglary at that place and as a consequence he is now occupying a cell in the county jail. He is charged with having broken into A. J. Esser's saloon at Reading and touching the till for \$10 in money and taking some liquor. Entrance to the building was effected by cutting a hole through the back door and then reaching his hand in to unfasten the latch. The burglar succeeded in making his escape from town unsuspected and went over to Adrian where he made several purchases with the money that he had stolen, among which there happened to be some of Mr. Esser's old souvenir coins. The age of the coins aroused considerable comment and in this way suspicion led to the burglar and the Adrian authorities placed him under arrest. The sheriff's office was communicated with and Constable William Marr of Adrian was advised to bring him to the jail here, where he will occupy a cell until the meeting of the grand jury in October. He has the appearance of a bum, but that does not help him, as Mr. Esser is determined to push the case.

RANSOM.

Lewis Johnson threshed out of the shock this season. He had some over twenty-five hundred bushels of oats, and they averaged, he tells me, fully fifty bushels per acre. If we are fortunate enough to have the corn mature all right, we shall surely have no reason to complain this season.

Last Sunday the Lutheran's here had what might be called a farewell service, their pastor the Rev. Mr. Fossum, of Luverne, preaching for them on that day for the last time. The attendance was quite large, as might be expected, for Mr. Fossum has served his people here long and faithfully, and he seems to be very highly esteemed by them. Mr. Fossum has accepted a call from a church in Duluth, a field of labor better suited to him in his declining years than is one of these wide, cold prairies. He leaves with the best wishes of a host of friends, not only those of his own communion, but many outside of it. May his highest expectations be more than realized.

Ole Thompson, a relative of neighbor Sorem, is here visiting with the Sorem families. Mr. Thompson is from Illinois, and then crops there, he tells me, are good, and corn out of the way of frost. In the sixties Mr. Thompson was one of the boys in blue, and he likes to tell of some of his experience while in Dixie. He served at Vicksburg on the lower Mississippi, and in Texas and was with Sherman in his famous march to the sea. He expects to return home this week.

It seems rather late in the day to say anything about the fair, but people here have not ceased talking about it even yet. All who attended speak of it as being the best fair ever held in the county. The weather, very fortunately, was all that could be wished, indeed had it been made to order it could hardly have been better. The show of live stock was especially fine; a man might travel a long way and not find any finer animals than were on exhibition at the county fair this season. The display of fruits and vegetables, too, was very fine; the display of apples was a surprise to many. A friend after viewing them very admiringly for a time

turned about and said he: "Well, I had about given up all thought of trying to raise apples in Minnesota, but believe I shall try it again." And so it is, when a man sees what his neighbors are accomplishing, the sight spurs him to "try again". Another good thing about a fair is that it brings together old friends and acquaintances who but for such gatherings would not be likely to see one another for years. It thus fosters a social, kindly spirit and brightens many lives that are all too apt to be dull and monotonous. There is no class of people that is better entitled to a little relaxation than is the farmer, and a little amusement like that furnished by the flying Dutchman adds a spiciness that is enjoyed by young and old alike. The management is entitled to much credit for the energy and tact shown in making the fair the success that it was.

Robert Shore.

Local News.

Mr. Nazarus has moved out onto his farm north of town.

Nels Olson returned Tuesday night from a visit at Fergus Falls. John Savage of Mountain Lake has been in Worthington for a few days.

Father Bartholomew left Thursday morning for St. James for a short visit.

L. T. Stoutemyer of Onarga, Ill., is here this week looking after his farm interests.

Frank Gaizer is enjoying a visit with his father who arrived Wednesday from Iowa.

Rev. E. W. Lanham, the new pastor of the Presbyterian church, preached two fine sermons to good congregations Sunday morning and evening. Rev. Lanham was formerly pastor-at-large for this district.

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The Nobles County druggists association was organized here Monday. The following were elected officers for the ensuing year: E. W. Marston of Adrian, president; E. Y. Wilson of Brewster, vice president; F. M. Hickman of Worthington, secretary; Wm. H. Johnson of Worthington, treasurer. This association is affiliated with the National Association of Retail Druggists, which has for its object the professional and social advancement of its members. The county organization is composed of nine members, and national association numbers over 23,000 druggists throughout the United States.

Mr. John Rippberger received a telegram Wednesday from Howell, Mich., announcing the death of her brother Julius Hess. Mr. Hess was a prominent stock dealer and butcher at Howell. He was also a well known worker in church circles and an active worker in prohibition causes. Mr. Hess was an old soldier, he having served four years in the war of the rebellion with a regiment from Wisconsin and went through many hard battles, and was severely wounded in the memorable battle of Gettysburg.