

# PROBLEMS OF EDUCATION

## Illinois Teachers Consider Phases of Higher Education and Able Men Lead the Discussion

(Special Telegram to Evening Teller.)  
 SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 30.—“Problems of Higher Education,” was the general topic of discussion at the meeting of the Illinois State Teachers' association today, and was considered from every possible point of view. The chief speakers were President Draper of the University of Illinois, President Taylor of Milliken University and President James of Northwestern University.

No general meeting was held this afternoon, the time being devoted instead to conferences of the various sections, including child study, music, primary, high schools and colleges, and the principals' section. In all of these meetings interesting programs were carried



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out, the proceedings including papers and discussions of particular interest to the teachers in the various grades and branches of education.

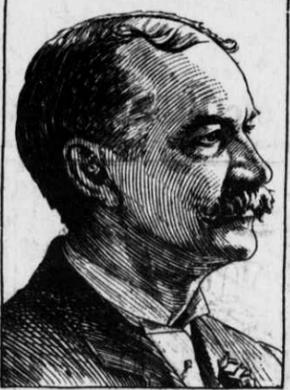
The crowning event of the convention the great banquet in celebration of the semi-centennial of the association, takes place this evening in the armory and from all indications it will be a most notable affair. The program of speakers and their subjects as finally completed is as follows: “Then and Now,” John F. Eberhart, Chicago; “The Condition of the Normal School Enterprise in the United States Sixty Years ago,” Richard Edwards, LL. D., Bloomington; “Reminiscences of the Association in Its Early Days,” Edwin C. Hewitt, LL. D., Normal; “Women in Education in Illinois,” Mrs. Ella F. Young, University of Chicago; “The Teacher's Wife,” President D. B. Parkington, Carbondale; “Early Impressions of the I. S. T. A.,” President John W. Cook, DeKalb; “Verifying the Records,” Superintendent E. A. Gastman, DeCATUR.

### LEADS STRENUOUS LIFE.

**James Hamilton Peabody, Chief Executive of Colorado.**  
 James Hamilton Peabody, governor of Colorado, who is just concluding the first year of his term, has been leading the strenuous life since he was inducted into office as chief executive of the state.

Nearly 20,000 miners in various parts of Colorado are out on strike for an eight hour day, and for the past three months the state militia has been under arms; frequent clashes have occurred between the soldiers and the strikers, and gross abuse of power has been charged against the governor.

The cost of the struggle between capital and labor amounts to \$1,050,000 for the mine owners and about \$400,000 monthly for the strikers, and it costs the state \$50,000 a month to keep the militia on police duty. Besides, it is estimated that the mineral output of the state for the year has been reduced over \$6,000,000. In addition to



JAMES H. PEABODY.

all this, damage suits for \$100,000 each have been brought against Governor Peabody and several high military officers.

Governor Peabody is a native of Vermont and has just passed his fifty-first birthday. He was educated in the public schools and a business college and as a young man had the record of being the fastest runner in the state. For a time Governor Peabody clerked in a Boston dry goods store, later going to Denver, where for a time he worked as fireman. Then he went to Canon City, his present home, and engaged in mercantile business. Fortune favored him, and in 1885 he became a banker.

The governor has always been active in politics, is a thirty-third degree Mason and has won esteem for high executive ability. He is married and has a family.

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A CHARMING DRESSING JACKET.

ble Chinaman, without even an alteration in its style.

Indeed the east this winter is furnishing us with the handsomest trimmings and materials seen in the sartorial world.

The charming dressing jacket illustrated was evolved from a Chinese coat. The foundation fabric is of royal blue satin, and the lining is of the same material in a deep gold shade. Around the kimona sleeves and down the front is applied heavy raised embroidery. Altogether it is a most gorgeous and comfortable little jacket.

# HOLDS POST OF PERIL

## United States Minister at Bogota Whose Life Was Threatened

Arthur M. Beaupre, envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary from the United States to Colombia, who is now at his post in Bogota, has for some weeks lived in a practical state of siege in the Colombian capital, the American legation being continually guarded by a detachment of fifty soldiers armed with rifles.

It is authoritatively stated that at a meeting of the governmental consulting committee recently formed at Bogota one of its members heatedly de-



ARTHUR M. BEAUPRE.

clared that the United States minister must be killed even if the United States destroyed Cartagena in retaliation. While wiser counsel prevailed at that time it would seem that in the highly excited state in which the Colombians are at present and because of the extreme bitterness felt toward the United States government for its action in regard to the republic of Panama Mr. Beaupre is in an extremely precarious situation.

The diplomat is a native of Illinois, where he attended public school until sixteen years of age, when he entered the office of the Dekalb County News. Five years later he removed to Aurora, which has since been his home, and soon became a factor in politics. He held many offices in his native state, and in 1897 President McKinley appointed him secretary of legation and later consul general at Guatemala.

Subsequently Mr. Beaupre was transferred to Bogota as secretary of legation there, and in February of this year he succeeded Charles B. Hart as minister to Colombia. Mr. Beaupre, who is about fifty years old, was married a few years ago to a daughter of S. S. Dickson, the British consul at Bogota.

**An Incidental Revenge.**  
 “Did your son really elope?”  
 “Yes, and it's such a blow! But there's one thing about it that brings me a little consolation.”  
 “What is that?”  
 “He eloped with that odious Mrs. Sillmer's hired girl.”—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**Origin of Earrings.**  
 According to the Moslem creed the reason why every Mohammedan lady considers it her duty to wear earrings is attributed to the following curious legend: Sarah, tradition tells us, was so jealous of the preference shown by Abraham for Hagar that she took a solemn vow that she would give herself no rest until she had mutilated the fair face of her hated rival and bondmaid. Abraham, who had knowledge of his wife's intention, did his utmost to pacify his inbittered spouse, but long in vain. At length, however, she relented and decided to forego her plan of revenge. But how was she to fulfill the terms of the vow she had entered into? After mature reflection she saw her way out of the difficulty. Instead of disfiguring the lovely features of her bondmaid she contented herself with boring a hole in each of the rosy lobes of her ears.

The legend does not inform us whether Abraham afterward felt it incumbent upon him to mitigate the smart of these little wounds by the gift of a costly pair of earrings or whether Hagar procured the trinkets for herself. The fact remains, however, that the Turkish women, all of whom wear earrings from their seventh year, derive the use of these jewels from Hagar, who is held in veneration as the mother of Ishmael, the founder of their race.

### “Popping the Question.”



The musical comedy style.

# A Rescue at Sea

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The brig Foam, bound from Liverpool to the West Indies and having on board 250 English emigrants, had been for four days a drifting wreck when sighted by the Dolphin of Bremen. It so happened that an American man-of-war to which I belonged as an enlisted man put into that port for some slight repairs, and twelve of us deserted to go aboard of the Dolphin. It does not excuse our action to say that the captain brought this desertion about by the promise of high wages. He wanted a crew and did not care how the men came to him.

We had been twelve days out when we sighted the Foam as she lay wallowing in the trough of the sea, a complete wreck aloft. After a brief look at her through the glass the captain began cursing his ill luck. As a matter of fact, we had neither room, water nor provisions to spare, and the ship was loaded down to the mark with cargo, but when we heard our officers propose to pass the wreck without notice every man of the twelve was ready for mutiny. We demanded that communication be opened with the unfortunate people, and after a good deal of growling the Dolphin ran down to the wreck and sent a boat to her.

The report of the mate when he returned was to the effect that the people were on quarter allowance, with much sickness among the women and children, and that they desired to abandon the wreck and be taken aboard of the ship. We had spare spars aboard, and the captain offered to sell three or four sticks for about three times their value, the payment to be made in gold on delivery. The brig declined this “generous” offer, as the crew was satisfied that the shattered bulk could never be worked into port, even if fully provisioned besides.

Our captain was holding off, not wishing to take the unfortunates and yet afraid of us, when a squall came on, and he attempted to sail away. The whole crew, including the second mate, at once refused duty. The captain and first mate then declared their authority at end and went below, but we were not to be bluffd. The second mate was installed as captain, and two hours later all the people on the wreck had been transferred. It was in good time, too, as a gale came on that lasted for three days and must have sent the brig to the bottom.

We had mutinied and taken possession of the ship, but we felt that circumstances justified it. Neither insult nor harm was offered the two officers. They made many threats as to the punishment we should receive when the ship arrived in port, but we stood firm and kept clear of any further quarrels. Our craft had no accommodation whatever for passengers, and you can imagine the mess we were in when that crowd was taken aboard. The captain not only flatly refused to take charge of the navigation, but would have nothing whatever to do with the unfortunates. He could have sheltered many women and children in the cabin, but not even the sick ones were invited to make use of it. Everybody aboard had to be put on short allowance at once, and a shift was made whereby the women and children were at least sheltered.

After a general consultation it was decided to make for the Bermudas, and on the fourth day after taking the people off the wreck we sighted an American ship and secured from her a fair supply of water and a quantity of flour and biscuits. It was a run of seven days more to the islands, and during the last three days no adult had food enough to keep down the pangs of hunger. None of us believed that we could be punished for taking the ship out of the captain's hands to save human life, and I am sure we would not have been meddled with but for the presence of a British man-of-war in port. As soon as our captain could board the craft and report all of us were arrested and flung into prison to await the action of the law. I never found out just where they intended to send us for trial, but presume it was Bremen.

For some reason or other there was a long delay, and at length matters were complicated by our being claimed as deserters from an American man-of-war. The people whom we had saved were grateful enough, to be sure, but all others looked upon us as a lot of pirates who ought to have been hung as soon as captured. When we had been in jail five months we got word from an American who was pretty thoroughly posted on the case that we should soon be sent away for trial and that we might expect at least five years' imprisonment apiece.

This news decided us to make an attempt to break jail, and one night a week later, using tools which a guard had been bribed to pass in to us, we sawed away the bars of a window and gained our liberty. Proceeding to the harbor, we found an American vessel ready to sail, and before our escape was discovered we were miles at sea. Five of us afterward surrendered to the naval authorities as deserters and took our punishment, but what became of the others I do not know.

To save the lives of almost 300 fellow beings we were driven to mutiny on the high seas, and while it would seem to have been both a noble and heroic action, and one that we should have received credit for, nothing but misfortune and disgrace grew out of it. The contemptible action of our captain even found exponents, though it was plain that had he had his way the wreck would have taken every soul to the bottom with her.

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