

**CLOSE OF TEACHERS MEETING**

Splendid Papers Today on an Important Topic

(Special Telegram to Evening Teller.)  
SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 31.—The most successful meeting in the fifty years' history of the Illinois State Teachers' association came to a close today with an interesting program of papers, addresses and discussions. The final session of the general association was held this forenoon. The general topic of discussion was the question, "Should Education Follow the Lines of Least Resistance?" Several papers dealing with this subject were presented by leading educators and a general discussion followed. The various sections of the association held their concluding sessions this afternoon.



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**PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION IS ARRANGED FOR NEW YEARS**

**Grand Crush Will Bring Out All the Official and Social Lights at the National Capitol**

(Special Telegram to Evening Teller.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 31.—As is usual on this day of the year all Washington, officially and socially, is agog in anticipation of the president's New Year reception.

The arrangements, as announced at the White house, today, will follow closely the program of previous years. The function will begin at 11 a. m., when the president will receive the members of the cabinet and the diplomatic corps. The line of foreign diplomats will be led by Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, who became dean of the diplomatic corps on the death of Lord Pauncefoot. Mexico, the only Latin-American nation sending an Ambassador to Washington, stands second in rank and the Mexican ambassador will be followed by the representatives of Italy, Austria-Hungary,

France, Germany and Great Britain in the order named.

After the diplomats will come the judiciary, members of congress, officers of the army, navy and marine corps and the long list of district officials and minor functionaries of the various government departments who take precedence over the general public. It will probably half-past twelve before the "common people" are admitted to the presence of the chief executive and as the line usually begins to form as early as 10 o'clock in the morning it is plain that many are in for a long wait. The president will simply bow as each visitor is presented to him and extraordinary precautions will be taken to insure his safety. Secret service men will closely scrutinize each person in line before he reaches the president and any person whose looks or actions arouse suspicion will be quietly ejected.

**PERJURY TO SAVE A FRIEND**

**Sensational Development in the Water Scandal Case**

(Special Telegram to Evening Teller.)  
GAND RAPIDS, Dec. 31.—There was a sensation in the trial of Senator Nichols for complicity in the water scandal this morning when Boyd Shanning, a well known hotel man came into court and corrected his former testimony admitted perjury in behalf of his friend.

**Elbert Hubbard to Wed**

(Special Telegram to Evening Teller.)  
EAST AURORA, N. Y., Dec. 31.—An authoritative announcement in regard to the wedding of Elbert Hubbard, head of the Roycrofters, and Miss Alice Moore, is unobtainable here, but the impression prevails that the marriage will be quietly celebrated tomorrow as previously intimated by Mr. Hubbard. Since the divorce granted to Mrs. Hubbard, in the trial of which Miss Moore figured as the co-respondent, Mr. Hubbard and Miss Moore have been together constantly and that their marriage is scheduled for an early date, and probably for tomorrow, is regarded as a certainty.

**Stone River Veterans Meet**

(Special Telegram to Evening Teller.)  
SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Dec. 31.—Survivors of the Battle of Stone's River (Tenn.) met here today to revive memories and swap stories of the famous conflict, which was fought forty-one years ago today. The occasion of the gathering is the fourth annual reunion of the association composed of the veterans who took part in the engagement. A two days' program has been arranged. A majority of the six hundred members of the association are present and several noted speakers will be heard at the annual campfire tonight.

**LIST OF PUBLICATIONS**

Issued by the Immigration Department of Northern Pacific Railway

Book called "Opportunities," containing valuable information regarding business openings in towns along the Northern Pacific railway.

Illustrated pamphlet, containing a general description of the states traversed by the Northern Pacific railway, in English and German.

Pamphlet descriptive of Central North Dakota, from Jamestown west. Account of the dedication of the German Baptist (Dunkard) church at Carrington, North Dakota.

German pamphlet regarding Wells and Foster counties, North Dakota. Sectional map of North Dakota west of Missouri river.

Map of Eastern Montana.

Pamphlet regarding Gallatin Valley, Montana, with map showing land for sale by West Gallatin Irrigation company.

Pamphlet giving a general description of Washington, and the Lewiston country in Idaho, with special reference to the markets in the Orient.

Sectional map of eastern and central Washington, containing a part of Northern Idaho and northern Oregon, with price list of company lands for sale.

Pamphlet descriptive of eastern Washington, and Northern Idaho, with special reference to Adams, Asotin, Columbia, Douglas, Franklin, Garfield, Lincoln, Spokane, Stevens, Walla Walla and Whitman counties, Washington; and Latah and Nez Perce counties, Idaho.

Pamphlet descriptive of the Panhandle country in Idaho.

Pamphlet descriptive of Yakima county in central Washington, with full particulars in regard to irrigated land in that locality.

Sectional map of western Washington, with the adjoining lands in Northern Oregon, with description of country and price list of company lands for sale.

Any of the above publications will be sent free upon application to C. W. Mott, general emigration agent, St. Paul, Minn.

**Before the French Revolution.**

Before the revolution the government established warehouses at which the inhabitants were compelled to purchase their stores of salt. These warehouses were numerous in some provinces and few in others, but whether sufficient or insufficient for the needs of the population they were often situated at a considerable distance from the towns and villages, whose inhabitants had to trudge miles along bad roads to buy their salt. But this was not all. It was prescribed by law that the head of every family must lay in his stock of salt not at such times as might suit his own convenience, but on one stated day in the year. Should he fail in this observance he was fined, and he was also fined if he purchased a smaller quantity than the law prescribed. His hardships did not stop even there.

On making his annual purchase he had to state the different purposes for which he intended to use the salt during the ensuing year, and in the event of his being discovered salting his soup instead of his pork according to his statement or his pork instead of his soup on the day he had named he was also liable to a fine. His kitchen was never secure from the intrusion of the inspecting officer, and woe to the housewife who was detected in any petty infraction of this law.

**The Fat Man and the Pickpocket.**

"Fat men ought to be more careful in a crowd," said a New York detective the other day. "Pickpockets always find them easy marks, and fully two-thirds of the complaints made of having pockets picked come from fleshy men. Your skillful pickpocket is a student of human nature. He doesn't like to fool around nervous persons. They are apt to get suspicious if they feel some one tapping them on the pocket. But your fat man feels so abundantly able to take care of himself that he rushes into a crowd and pays no attention to little things. His flesh makes him apathetic, and an expert thief can 'lift his leather' with just about half the trouble he could do the job for a thin man.

"Fat men are always losing their watches too. They don't like to button up their coats, even in cold weather, and a shining watch fob suspended over plenty of flesh gives a thief a cue he is not slow to take."

**A Royal Fowl.**

In England under an old law still in force the swan is a royal fowl, as whales and sturgeons are royal fish. All swans the property whereof is not otherwise definable, when within the British dominions belong to the crown by virtue of this prerogative. When swans are lawfully taken into the possession of a private person, such person may be said to have a property to them, but if they be at liberty they belong to the crown. Formerly it was necessary for persons who wished to keep these "royal fowls" to obtain a swan mark, which was granted by the crown and which could not be legally impressed without grant or prescription.

**Walters' Hands.**

Many waiters have hands that are more callous than a blacksmith's or ironworker's. The callousness comes from carrying hot plates, coffeepots and the like. The heat seems to fry their skin and to make a dead surface to keep them from being burned by things that a man with ordinary hands could not stand. It may have puzzled people who go to some restaurants to notice how the waiters hold things in their hands for some time which are too hot for the hands of the people at the tables even to pass to one another. This is the explanation: That the waiter's hands become callous and hard, so that the tough skin at the surface has no more feeling than a piece of horn.

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**HOW HE WENT GUNNING**

(Original.)

A belle usually becomes such rather on account of her talent for "social politics," to use a coined expression, than her beauty. Irene Whittemore of New York was not only an adept in those artificial ways which go to make a woman a social success, but she was a very beautiful woman. Her smile was irresistible, especially as it showed a superb set of teeth. Many a woman, obliged to repress her own smile rather than reveal discolored or repaired teeth, envied Miss Whittemore her thorough abandonment to mirth, which revealed an additional beauty.

Miss Whittemore, being comparatively poor, had no choice between abandoning society and marrying a rich man. Anderson Asche, possessed of \$50,000 a year, fell in love with her, was accepted, and they were married. All went well till one autumn day shortly before Mr. Asche was about to go gunning for woodcock a note which his wife had neglected to send lay unsealed on her dressing case. It was addressed to a Dr. Bachrach, whose name the husband had never heard his wife mention, the family physician being Dr. Fairchild. Asche became suspicious and, slipping the letter from the envelope, read:

My husband goes to his shooting club on Thursday. Come Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock, I will watch for you and let you in. Remember that any slip would ruin me.

As there was no street and number on the envelope, Asche concluded that his wife intended sending it by confidential messenger. Putting the note back into its envelope, he replaced it on the dressing case and left the room. Thinking that his wife might desire the services of a physician without his knowledge, he looked through a directory and discovered that there was no Dr. Bachrach in the city. Then he gave up all hope as to the innocence of the assignation.

"I have decided," he said to his wife that evening at dinner, "not to go shooting till Friday afternoon."

"Indeed?" said his wife carelessly. "And if I don't find the game in abundance I shall return Saturday morning. I can find out all about it as soon as I get to the club. If there is anything you wish to do without me, you had better attend to it on Friday night."

"There is no social matter that I think of. I shall take advantage of your absence to get a good rest."

Asche expected that his wife would change her assignation to Friday night, and he was not disappointed. When Dr. Bachrach stepped from a carriage before the Asche residence, Mr. Asche was on the opposite side of the street watching for him. A friend whom the injured husband had taken into his confidence stepped up to Dr. Bachrach and informed him that Mrs. Asche desired the doctor to submit himself to his guidance and he would take him to a place where she awaited him and where she could receive him with less risk. Without waiting for Dr. Bachrach's consent, the friend pushed him into another carriage, got in himself, and the coachman, who had been previously instructed, drove away. Asche preceded them in another carriage.

In a few minutes Asche's carriage stopped at a house, which he entered, and directly afterward the friend and Dr. Bachrach entered after him. When the two latter stepped into a room on the second floor, Asche was standing before a fireplace ready to receive them. There was a look on his face that meant death, and Dr. Bachrach saw at once that he had been trapped.

"Sir," said Asche, "my wife's correspondence with you has fallen into my hands. You have wrecked my life. Either you or I shall not go out of this room alive."

"What?"

"Silence! You shall have the same chance for your life as I. You shall be represented by a friend."

"But—"

"Silence, I say! There are writing materials in that secretary. Go there and write to a friend simply that you desire him to come to you at once, and I will see that your note is delivered."

"Will you?"

"Do as I bid you," thundered Asche, "and do not tempt me to kill you in a way that will be considered murder."

"If you will only listen, I"—

"I will not listen. Write for your friend. Then we will settle which, if either, of us is to live."

Asche stood pointing to the desk, and Bachrach, despairing of a hearing, went there and wrote something on a piece of paper.

"Examine it, Higbee," said Asche. "Remember he shall write nothing but a simple request for a friend to come to him."

Higbee took the paper and read it. A singular expression stole over his face.

"Well," queried Asche, "what is it?"

"A fool blunder."

"What do you mean?"

Higbee handed him the paper. I am a Philadelphia dentist and made an appointment with Mrs. Asche to replace her teeth, which I made her some years ago, with a new set. I have always heard New York is a wicked city, but I didn't expect to be murdered here.

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