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PRESIDENT VINCENT WARREN'S GUEST

WARREN WAS WARMLY WELCOMED UPON
FIRST VISIT TO OUR CITY ON
FRIDAY OF LAST WEEK.

Delivered Inspiring Lecture on "Education and Efficiency" to Large and Attentive Audience.

Warren was honored and greatly honored by having Dr. Geo. E. Vincent, president of the University of Minnesota, as its guest, on Friday of last week. Dr. Vincent arrived on the Great Northern local in the forenoon and was immediately taken in hand by Judge Grindeland in whose home he was entertained while here. It proved to be a busy day for the distinguished visitor, as at 11:00 o'clock he appeared at North Star College and gave a twenty minute address to the students assembled in the college chapel. It is needless to say that this address was full of inspiration and encouragement for young people in quest of an education. From episodes in the lives of Abraham Lincoln and Pompey, the foot ball player, he showed how energy, perseverance and high resolve to do one's best, will pave the way to success. Leaving the college Dr. Vincent next showed up at the High School building, where he gave a fifteen minute address to the students. As at the college his talk here contained an apt story or two as a back ground to beautiful pictures of life and conduct. One story was about how he as a small boy was fond of playing race horse. At one time an uncle had come to visit in the home and was greatly annoyed by the noise he made in playing the game. "Why don't you play cow?" asked the uncle. Thinking that was a new game, young Vincent asked how it was played, the reply being, "Just lie down and chew the cud." The application of the story was that we ought to be active in life, to be up and doing, and never to content "to lie down and chew the cud."

At three o'clock in the afternoon President Vincent addressed a conference of High School Superintendents and Principals of Marshall and Kittson counties and State School Inspectors, and at 5:30 he was the guest at a four course dinner given by the domestic science class of the Warren high school.

The evening lecture in the opera house commenced at 7:15 o'clock and some time before that hour the large hall was packed with eager listeners who had come in for miles from the country and from the surrounding towns. Before Dr. Vincent was introduced, Mr. Phillips, state high school inspector, made a short speech in which he told of the objects sought to be accomplished by such gatherings of high and graded school superintendents and principals as had been held in the city that day. The purpose was to unify, co-ordinate and make more efficient the work in the various schools.

Dr. Vincent was next introduced by Judge Grindeland and with rapid and firm steps he took his place on the platform, indicative of the energy and power pent up within his tall frame. When he speaks he is a human dynamo in action, or rather, perhaps, a rapid fire gun, with Maxim silencer attached. There is no untoward noise, very few gestures, but a continuous flash of ideas from his well filled and well trained mind. He is a rapid and fluent talker, so much so, that no stenographer in this city was willing to take down his speech, fearing an attack of writer's cramp. His diction is pure and his style perfect. He uses many adjectives, not one of which is superfluous, but serves to make clear and adjust to a nicety the thoughts expressed in the polished sentences. His large fund of stories is drawn upon to illustrate his points, each story fitting in snugly wherever placed, not a story being told except to elucidate and make plain the thought he desires to convey or as a peg upon which to hang and exhibit a useful moral lesson.

We will attempt to give here but a short outline of what Dr. Vincent said in his splendid lecture. His subject was "Education and Efficiency." Three elements go to make up a good education, namely Knowledge, Wisdom and Enthusiasm. Knowledge may be acquired in the schools, by experience and by self-study. Abraham Lincoln was an illustrious example of a self-educated man. Knowledge does not consist of mere information, a large accumulation of facts. A person may know a lot about many things and yet not be benefited. Some people have a craze for gathering facts just like some have a craze for collecting post cards, or souvenir spoons—of little or no practical value. Persons who have

accumulated a mass of superficial knowledge often want to show off what they think they know and then become a bore to others. He told the story of a pious old gentleman, who had made a trip to Palestine and upon his return pestered all his friends by relating his vague observations in season and out of season. Only as knowledge can be transformed into power, into ability to interpret life and conduct, the mastery of self and control of facts, is it of any real value. Knowledge that is power is not mere miscellaneous information. Darwin, the great naturalist, kept on for years making observations and gathering facts, that were stored away in inaccessible note books, of no value to him or the world. But when he brought his great mind to bear on this mass of isolated information, generalizing and organizing same into a system, then order was brought out of chaos, and his knowledge became efficient. The best educated woman he had ever seen, was a Mrs. Stacy, of Kentucky, who could neither read nor write, yet she had correctly studied human nature and the limited knowledge she possessed was exact, well organized, and transformed into mental and moral power.

In our day the tendency is to make education practical and hence more efficient. He would not discourage this tendency, but warned against making it too utilitarian. He told of his visit to the Gary, Ind. schools and had been much impressed with the practical nature of the instruction, but he withheld his opinion until he had learned more about the workings of the system. Incidentally he referred to the fine dinner he and others had been served by the domestic science class of the Warren school—a balanced ration, excellently prepared and neatly and correctly served.

The aim of education is wisdom. He told of his trips to New York city, when a boy, to see a "steam man" on exhibition in a store. His youthful mind was much impressed with the maneuvers of the automaton, whose strides up and down the room amused him greatly. But the care taker neglected one time to turn the "man" around upon reaching the end of the room and a battered nose and face and damaged wall was the result. He then learned that there are limits to automations. An interesting story was told of President Hadley, of Yale, which showed how will prepared he was to meet all emergencies in life. At his installation when speeches of congratulation were made by representatives of French and German universities he responded in the languages of those countries. At last the Swedish bishop arose and made his speech in latin to which Hadley replied in that language to the surprise and satisfaction of his friends. Chauncey Depew, who stood nearby, inquired of Hadley when he had learned Swedish. Wisdom enables a person to turn his knowledge to good account, to serve his purpose. He related many humorous incidents showing how children often get hazy and incorrect ideas about things. Mere memorizing of words will not train the intellect. To make the school a part of life is the ideal of the new education. Wisdom will help solve the great problems of life. Life is made up of problems. The test of an efficient education is its power to test and solve the problems that confront us each day, and enable us select the true, the beautiful and the good. True wisdom will foster in us good habits and help us live a happy life.

Enthusiasm is the stirring appeal of the imagination and enables to see beyond the present. Enthusiasm alone is apt to turn out mere noise and cause a person to go off half cocked, but when guided by knowledge and wisdom it is a power which overcomes all obstacles and produces the noblest achievements of the race. Enthusiasm is what makes life worth living. These big crops that we grow are not the end and aim of our labor, except as they may contribute to our happiness, and make our house a place of joy. Money is not a blessing unless it contributes to the larger joys of life. The real test of education is its power to give us a larger and a clearer vision, to live nobly, to think clearly and rightly and to serve our fellow men, our country and our God, sincerely.

President Vincent's lecture was a scholarly and inspiring effort and greatly appreciated by every person in the large audience. This was the doctor's first visit to our city and he expressed himself as very favorably impressed with our city and its schools. He hoped that steps will be taken to erect a new high school building the coming year, as more room is greatly needed if the school is to progress and to do efficient work. Before leaving he half promised to come here to deliver the commencement address next spring. We will all be exceedingly pleased to hear him again on that occasion.

ADVERTISEMENTS A GUIDE FOR CHRISTMAS BUYERS

If there is one particular time of the year when the public should read advertisements more thoroughly and more closely than any other time, it is during those few weeks preceding Christmas. Business houses that will not advertise at any other time will pay for space just now to tell you what they have for the holiday trade. Our paper just now represents a directory to which you may turn at any time and learn what our local dealers have to offer you as suitable Christmas presents. It is a weekly catalog, the pages of which you may turn to and have placed before your eyes the merchandise you would find by a thorough, tiresome walk through all the stores. "Shop first in The Sheaf."

COUNTRY LIFE DAY

The Associated Schools Met in High School and Rander Good Program

Last Saturday the five schools associated with the Warren district met at the high school and gave a good program which had been prepared. Each furnished a part of the program. Each school also had an exhibit of some of the work done therein.

District No. 29 had prepared booklets on corn, farm calendars and drawings of various kinds.

District No. 42 had a nicely arranged chart prepared by the lower grades.

District No. 71 had booklets on corn, and weed seed collections, which the teacher and children had collected on field trips and a collection of the various kind of wood found in the neighborhood.

District No. 88 exhibited booklets, seed collections, caps, drawings, and a very fine rope chart showing the various kinds of knots which are possible to be tied.

District No. 7 had history maps prepared by the pupils to help them in the study and understanding of this subject.

At the close of the pupils' part of the program, Mr. Neraal, in a concise and interesting talk presented a number of prizes that had been won by the boys in various contests in which they had been engaged thruout the summer. He also announced that the beautiful banner presented by the business men of Warren to the school of the county excelling in industrial work, had been won the second time by the Horgen school. According to the rules governing the contest for this banner, it now becomes the property of this school. The silver loving cup was captured this year by District 88. This is the cup presented by the Warren school district to become the exclusive property of the associated school that wins it three times. It has now been won once each by districts number 7, 29, 71 and 88. The fact that in some of these districts, the larger pupils are so late to begin school, put such a district to a disadvantage in competing for these prizes. It ought to cause the larger pupils to begin earlier.

The meeting of pupils, parents and teachers from several districts for a common purpose is sure to result in benefit. It makes possible an interchange of ideas and methods that should and, we believe, will bring better results in all these schools.

Boys and Girls, Read this

We are glad to announce to the children of Marshall county that The Sheaf will publish their letters to Santa Claus, in our Christmas edition. All children are invited to write the good old fellow, and as he reads the Sheaf the year round, he'll be sure to see your letter. It will be necessary, however, to make your letters short, stating in as few words as you can what you should like to have him bring you, and mail as early as possible. Sign your name and give the postoffice address that he may know just how to find you. Mail your letter to Santa Claus, care of The Sheaf, Warren, Minn.

Woodmen Officers Elected.

The following officers were elected at a meeting of the Woodmen lodge held Tuesday evening: C. E. Lundquist, V. C.; Hans Urtes, W. A.; C. A. Nelson, Treas.; W. N. Powell, Clerk; H. L. Wood, Escort; Geo. Bernard, Sentry; J. S. McArthur, Watchman; G. S. Wattam, Physician; H. L. Wood, Manager.

A Holiday Sale.

The Priscilla Sewing Circle of the Norwegian Synod church will conduct a Holiday sale in the city hall on Saturday, Dec. 18th. The sale will begin at noon and continue throughout the evening. Refreshments will be served after 3 o'clock. A special feature of the sale will be a booth where tea and cakes will be served by young ladies dressed in Japanese and Chinese costumes.

COUNTY TEACHERS INVADE WARREN

Over One Hundred Attend the Teachers' Institute Held Here This Week.

An old fashioned Teachers' Institute for Marshall county is being held in Warren this week, beginning Monday and closing on Friday. The sessions are held at the court rooms. Not less than 101 teachers, representing 85 school districts are in attendance, including among the number 16 members of the Normal training class.

Grace B. Sherwood, director of the Normal Training Department of the Crookston School of Agriculture is the conductor and Mrs. T. R. Sewell, also of the Crookston School of Agriculture, and Prof. Neraal and Miss Costello, of the Warren schools, are the instructors. The subjects that are given most attention are reading and language. On Friday next Supt. J. H. Hay, of Thief River Falls, will deliver a lecture. County Supt. David Johnson and his assistant, Miss Elizabeth Rankin, are much pleased with the way the student teachers and instructors are taking hold of the work, and predict that much good will be derived by the schools of the county from this institute.

WARREN GIRLS TO RECEIVE FOREIGN INHERITANCE.

According to a news item in the Crookston Times of today Josephine and Julia Swoboda are to receive a small fortune from relatives in Austria. Judge Hovland of the Polk county probate court received a communication wanting to find the whereabouts of the girls and as to their guardianship.

A representative of the Sheaf called on a Mrs. Swoboda of this city to find out if her daughters were the parties referred to. Mrs. Swoboda said she was sure it was her daughters, as they were supposed to receive such an inheritance some time ago, but due to some complications which arose nothing had been done up to this time.

NEW LAUNDRY TO OPEN SOON.

Mr. Baker, the gentleman who is to open a new laundry in our city, has already arrived, bringing with him a complete equipment of up-to-date laundry machinery. He has many years' experience in the business and proposes to give Warren a laundry that shall be first class in every particular. Mr. Baker comes here from Bovey, Minn. The laundry will be located in the old Unique building.

"Half Back Sandy" Pleases

The Athletic association boys of the Warren High school presented the play "Half Back Sandy" at the Warren Opera House Thursday evening. The boys played their parts exceptionally well and several of them acted the parts of the female sex in a deceiving manner and kept the audience in a very happy humor. A fair sized audience was in attendance. The proceeds of the play will be used to defray expenses that the football team incurred during the past season.

A Surprise Party.

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Peterson were pleasantly surprised by a large number of friends in their new home, in town of Farly, on Tuesday, Nov. 30th. When all the unbidden guests had entered and taken part in a few songs, Mr. Gustav Peterson arose and in a few well chosen words told why they had come so uninvited, and in conclusion he handed Mr. and Mrs. Peterson a sum of money with instructions to use it as he directed. Then a delicious lunch was served by the guests, after which a social good time was enjoyed by all until they departed for their respective homes, wishing Mr. and Mrs. Peterson success and prosperity in their new home.

Notice.

Rev. W. A. Shannon, district superintendent of the Society for the Friendless for Minnesota will deliver an address in behalf of said society at the Synod church Sunday evening, Dec. 12th at 7:30. You are cordially invited to attend.

Among the purposes of this society is to make the juvenile court in every county of the state an effective agency for saving the young, and to help paroled and discharged prisoners from our prisons, and their dependents, to get a new start in life by securing for them employment and giving them friendly supervision. —A. Grindeland.

NORTH STAR COLLEGE.

The spring term of school will begin January 4, 1916.

Prof. H. C. Anderson will occupy the pulpit at the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning and evening.

Rev. F. N. Anderson left for the southern part of the state last Tuesday evening in the interest of the school.

Prof. Miller, Anderson and Sjostrand were out at Alvarado last Sunday evening in the interest of the Sacred Concert and the Lut-Fisk supper.

Dec. 20 we will be delighted to listen to a piano recital given by some of the music students. No admission for this recital. We want a full class.

On Thursday evening of next week we are all going to the Lut-Fisk supper at the Opera House. The waiters will be attired in costumes representing different countries.

Thursday evening of this week the chorus will meet for a rehearsal and again on Sunday afternoon. The Sunday afternoon rehearsal will take place at the Opera House.

Our congenial janitor, Arthur Willson, has been confined to his room with a severe cold for a number of days. Teachers and students miss him. We all hope for his speedy recovery.

Next Saturday evening the first game of basket ball at North Star this year will take place. Stephen high school team will be here and we are in hopes that basket ball enthusiasts will be on hand.

Nels Johnson, one of our board members, has been laid up for a period of three weeks. His condition is now much improved and he will soon be able to attend to the affairs of the Warren Machine & Iron Works Co.

A. M. Locker, secretary for the Minnesota Sunday School Assn., spoke to teachers and students on Saturday afternoon of last week. Mr. Locker is an experienced Sunday school worker and his talks are highly appreciated wherever he goes.

Where are you going next Monday evening? I am going to the Opera House to hear the Warren Oratorio Chorus render the Cantata "Ruth." Besides the rendition of this oratorio, several other musical numbers will be given by some of the best musical talent in the city.

Last Friday morning we had the honor of having Dr. Vincent with us. He delivered an address full of thought and inspiration, pointing out the great value in having an education and apply it properly. He referred to the life of Abraham Lincoln and how he made progress thru his own efforts. We do not wonder at all that Dr. Vincent is sought as a speaker all over our country as he surely can make his speech interesting and instructive. We are proud to have had the honor of having this distinguished gentlemen in our midst.

To Issue Bulletins.

At a meeting of the Minnesota Board of Immigration it was decided, by that body, that weekly bulletins, giving the names and addresses of persons making inquiry for Minnesota lands and other business locations, should be printed and distributed to parties living within the State who have Minnesota lands or Minnesota business propositions to offer. These lists will be sent to anyone upon application, and are not confined to real estate dealers. In other words, a farmer, merchant, professional man, or anyone who wishes these weekly bulletins can produce the same. One dollar will pay the subscription for one year, and the bulletins will be sent weekly. It is the intent of the Board to bring the seller and buyer as close together as possible, and for that reason they decided that anyone in the State having Minnesota lands for sale can become a subscriber for this bulletin.

Boxville Club Elects Officers.

At a meeting of Boxville Farmers' Club held Tuesday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: J. S. Hilleboe, pres.; Fred Peterson, vice pres.; John Skurdahl, treas.; Melville Larson, secy.; Geo. Willey, reporter.

Rebecca Lodge Officers Elected.

The Rebecca lodge elected the following officers at their meeting held Tuesday evening: Blanche Thorson, Noble Grand; Nellie Boyce, Vice Grand; Cora Robinson, Secretary; Josephine Dixon, Treas. After the meeting the members of the lodge were very pleasantly surprised.

Moves to Larger Quarters.

The E. L. Read Harness Shop which has been located on the east side has moved into the western section of old Warren Mercantile Co. building. This room has until recently been occupied by the Brown-Danskin Land Co.

SILVER ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Wood Pleasantly Surprised by Friends on Twenty-fifth Anniversary.

A large number of old and some new friends, about 40 in all, entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Wood on Monday evening, Dec. 6, for the purpose of surprising them in an agreeable manner on the 25th anniversary of their marriage. When all had assembled W. F. Powell arose and in his characteristic way addressed Mr. and Mrs. Wood, calling attention to the long friendship that had existed between those present and honored couple. In all his long business and social relations with them he had never known one unkind word or thought to pass between them. In concluding he presented to Mr. and Mrs. Wood some beautiful articles of silver as a memento of the occasion and as a token of the esteem of the friends assembled. Mr. Wood responded feelingly and appropriately, touching upon some incidents of his courtship, and of the early days in Warren. Dainty refreshments were served. The evening was spent very enjoyably in playing games and listening to music. Miss Minnie Tullar sang "Oh Promise Me" very acceptably. Red and white roses adorned the rooms, they being a present from the groom to his bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood were married at Crookston twenty-five years ago by Rev. M. C. Whitney, pastor of the Baptist church. Mrs. Wood's maiden name was Miss Laura Flanders.

A delightful social time was enjoyed by all who participated. Upon departing each unbidden guest wished Mr. and Mrs. Wood continued happiness and success as they travel hand in hand along life's pathway.

ANNUAL MEETING OF WARREN BUILDING AND LOAN ASSN.

The annual meeting of the Warren Building and Loan association was held at the office of the secretary, Albin Young, on Monday evening, Aug. Lundgren presiding. This home institution is continuing its praiseworthy efforts to lend assistance to people of small means who wish to build homes of their own. The past year has been a prosperous one for the association. Its first series of stock has been matured and paid this year and the second series has nearly matured. Elsewhere in this issue is published the semi-annual report. At this meeting Aug. A. Johnson, C. E. Lundquist and L. M. Olson were re-elected as members on the Board of Directors.

CROP PRICE BRINGS FARMER LAND COST.

Threshing 4,900 bushels of grain from 150 acres, L. A. Mann, of Lone Tree, Ward county N. Dak., has a crop valued at more than he paid for his land. A year ago, Mann purchased the farm, and this year the single crop brings back to him the entire purchase price.

Wedding Bells.

Olaf Green and Clara Saugen were married on Dec. 3 at the United church parsonage by Rev. N. G. W. Knudtson. Both these young people were born and reared near Newfalden, in Marshall county. Many friends extend congratulations.

Edward Hammerback and Clara Stavig were united in marriage at the Presbyterian manse, by Rev. David Samson, on Dec. 4, at high noon. The young couple came from Eagle Point and were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bjoraa. Friends extend congratulations.

Last Friday afternoon, Dec. 3, the marriage of Mr. Oscar Wang and Miss Ellen R. Westman was solemnized at the residence of Rev. G. Storaasli. The young couple intend to make their future home in West Valley township.

Clinton A. Wittensten and Jennie O. Christenson were united in marriage at the Presbyterian manse, by Rev. David Samson, on Dec. 1st, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

Both contracting parties are well and favorably known to the people of this city, where they have both grown up from childhood. The groom is a son of Mayor and Mrs. Chas. Wittensten, and is an industrious and very capable young man, with the brightest prospects for a successful career in life. The bride is a charming and highly esteemed young woman, whose amiable and noble qualities of head and heart will make her a true help meet in life to her husband. A host of friends of both bride and groom extend hearty congratulations and best wishes for a successful and happy life.