OUR STATE EDUCATORS

Three Sessions of the Minnesota State Educational Association Held Yesterday.

Papers on Educational Topics and a Visit to the Panorama Take Up the Day.

Dr. Hewitt's Paper on Teaching Temperance in Schools--An Interesting Document.

The W. C. T. U. Sends in a Resolution That Proves Something of a Bombshell.

About forty of the 125 teachers who attended the second session of the Minnesota Educational association in representatives hall, yesterday morning, were ladies, and the presence of so many, some of whom had more the appearance of coming "fresh from a ladies' seminary," made the appearance of the legislative hall more attractive than it usually is when state gatherings are held there. The exercises of the day consisted of listening to papers on educational topics and free for all discussions of the ideas contained in them.

THE TEACHERS.

Among the number of educators in attendance were:

S. C. Page, Anoka; J. A. Will, Owatonna; Mrs. J. C. Bryant, St. Paul; J. A. Wilson, Brainerd; W. J. Brown, Monticello; Helena C. Smith, Mary L. A. Smith, St. Paul; Lizzie L. Hanke, Minneapolis; Kate M. Jones, Dora Wells, Annie Stephens, Lavina Johnson, Mary Alden, Laura Kennedy, St. Peter; J. H. Cummings, Anoka; Miss Mattie Huntsman, Miss Bertha Hemstrom, St. Peter; John B. Galarneault, Grand Rapids; Ada Warner, St. Cloud; A. M. Mills, Redwood Falls; E. D. Brinkerhoff, Brooklyn Centre; H. C. Hess, St. Peter; James Ruanes, Currie; George O. Brokough, Red Wing; Hattie Meeds, Stillwater; D. M. Henderson, Stillwater; Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Niles, Minneapolis; E. O. Silver, Boston; Miss C. W. A. Blackman, St. Paul; Anna H. Carter, St. Paul; D. Steward, Rochester; George F. Cowing, Fergus Falls; Henry G. Blake, Lake Owasso; E. B. Wilson, Verndale; Ruth Loomis, Willmar; W. Robertson, Willmar; Nellie M. Donovon, St. Paul; Mrs. M. H. Smith, St. Paul; Mrs. K. C. Pier, Litchfield; Sarah L. Dunning, Malone, N. Y.; C. H. Congdon, St. Paul; A. M. Sperry, Mantorville; E. Gilmore, Granite Falls; E. P. Frost, Glencoe; G. C. Smith, St. Paul; B. M. Lawrence, Owatonna; T. Scholes, Chicago; C. R. McKinney, Lake City; Mrs. E. M. Bement, St. Paul; Miss Mary E. Blanchard, St. Cloud; E. A. Elliot, Crookston; I. W. Farnsworth, Red Wing; William A. Locy, St. Paul; S. A. Farnsworth, St. Paul; L. Peterson, Ada; A. Braley, Winona; Lillian P. Forde, Mankato; L. A. Gregg, Marshall; R. E. Denfeld, Duluth; T. Russell, St. Paul; Albert Campbell, Adrian; W. M. West, Faribault; Emma F. Allen, Spring Valley; Jennie Miller, St. Paul; C. S. Rhodes, Windom; George B. Aiton, Minneapolis; H. D. MacConnell, Excelsior; H. M. Wilcox, Richfield; Mary A. Doyle, St. Paul; O. G. Dale, Madison; F. Crane, Minneapolis; E. J. Babcock, Minneapolis; H. A. Davis, Walnut Grove; H. Thurston, Albert Lea; Charles McGee, St. Paul; L. E. Akeley, St. Cloud; C. W. G. Hyde, St. Cloud; T. H. Kirk, Winona; V. G. Curtiss, Winona; Ada A. Noble, Austin; Anna Graham, Austin; E. T. Fitch, Austin; John F. Giles, Chatfield; Irwin Shepard, Winona; J. S. Crombie, H. P. Judson, Minneapolis.

PAPERS READ.

The first paper was by Prof. J. T. McCleary, of the Mankato normal school, on "Civics, or the Science of the Relations of men in Organized Society." The paper was absorbed by the listeners with apparent interest. Following this was a paper by Prof. Pearson, of Macalester college, on "The School and the Citizen." "The Relation of the Study of History to Good Citizenship" was discussed by Prof. Charles H. Cooper, of Carleton college. The speaker laid a good deal of emphasis on the necessity of a study of history in preparing the minds of men to decide the questions that come before every citizen, and he said that American history should come first and English second. The papers were discussed by Prof. Gray, of the St. Cloud normal school, Prof. Bechdolt, of Mankato, Prof. Fitch, of Austin, Prof. Deafeld, of Duluth, Prof. Lord, of St. Peter, Prof. Shepard, of Worthington, Prof. Gray, Prof. Judson, of the state university, and Prof. Curtis, of Winona. Miss Sarah E. Sprague was elected treasurer pro tem. During the recess, which lasted until 3 p. m., many of the teachers visited the cyclorama of the Battle of Gettysburg.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

On coming together in the afternoon Miss Pleins, of St. Paul, rendered a piano solo, after which Prof. Folwell read a message of greeting from the Illinois State Teachers' association, in session at Springfield, assuring the Minnesota association of a warm welcome at the national teachers' meeting in Chicago next summer. A suitable response was sent. Mr. Whitman, of Red Wing, chairman of the committee to audit the last treasurer's statement, reported that it had been found correct. The secretary then read extracts from a paper by Edward Thring, of England, author of "Theory and Practice of Teaching." The secretary explained that Mr. Thring had offered to contribute a paper for the benefit of the teachers of Minnesota, and had mailed a lengthy manuscript from his home in England. The manuscript had been mailed on the ill-fated steamer Oregon, which had gone to the bottom of the sea, and had lain there about four months before its recovery. It was, however, in pretty good condition after its long bath. In the paper Mr. Thring held that, in spite of scoffers on the point, it was an undisputed fact that the English-speaking people were at the head of all others as educators, and he paid a flattering tribute to the system of teaching in America, and thought that the teachers' institutes, or the state associations, which did not exist in England, were of great advantage. The paper then went into a rather elaborate and somewhat philosophical discussion of methods of teaching. Among other things, he held that teaching by pictures, illustration to the eye, would soon take a prominent place in teaching, and the plunging of a pupil up to his neck in rules that he does not understand, and dropping fragments into his mind which were not understood, would soon be found to be not the proper method of teaching. At the conclusion of the reading Messrs. Hyde, West and Brokaw were made a committee to express to Mr. Thring the thanks of the Minnesota teachers for his paper.

Supt. Wilson, of Stillwater, then gave a talk on the use of the stereopticon in school work, which he advocated as being very valuable. After a recess of fifteen minutes the topic was discussed at some length as to its practical workings. Messrs. Lord, Sperry and Schoemaker were appointed a committee on nominations, and the convention adjourned until evening.

A TEMPERANCE BREEZE

That Blew Over the State Teachers at Their Session Last Night.

The meeting was opened last evening by the Rainbow chorus, given by ten school girls under the leadership of Prof. Congdon, which was very pleasing to the audience. The chair then introduced Dr. Charles N. Hewett, professor of public health and hygiene in the state university, and secretary of the state board of health, who was to speak on "Temperance and the Public Schools."

Dr. Hewett began by reading a number of definitions of the word temperance, and professed favor for the one of Socrates, viz: "He who knows what is good and chooses it, who knows what is bad and avoids it, is learned and temperate." He wants the teachers to take hold with the state board and teach hygiene in every school in the state. The subject should be first taught in teachers' institutes and normal schools by physicians, and preferably by health officers. His experience had shown that the township boards of health were the most active of any boards in the state. It would be worse than nonsense to attempt to tell children the rationale of patrol of infectious diseases as teachers would practice it, but plain facts could be taught, such as the danger of foul air and what makes it foul, of bad water, etc. The teacher should tell the children that alcohol is invariably a poison when used in excess. It is proper to teach them that injury follows the use of tobacco; that its use is superfluous. Alcohol should never be used by a child except by medical prescription. He hoped that these ideas would never be exaggerated, as a child naturally reached from exaggeration. Hygiene and physiology should be taught in the public schools. The disposition towards alcohol

IS NOT INCREASING

in this country, as was supposed. Men did not drink alcohol because they liked it, but because they sought some stimulus, although in this country people were working on too much stimulus and drawing on their capital of vitality. There was no use in denying that alcohol was a medicine, and often, in the practice of every physician, saved life. It was often abused by physicians by administering it in tonics. There was no way in which the evils of civilization could be met as by teaching these principles, which were embodied in hygiene and public health. The teaching of hygiene and physiology in the public schools should be in relation to things thoroughly practical, as there was no time for philosophical discussion. The speaker read a little pamphlet on the subject prepared by him a few years ago.

At the conclusion of Dr. Hewitt's remarks Prof. Congdon and Miss Jansen favored the audience with a duet, "When the Swellows Come."

Prof. Reynolds, by request of the Minnesota Woman's Christian Temperance union, offered a resolution favoring the passage of a law requiring instruction on the nature and effect of alcohol and narcotics on the the human system in all schools supported by the state. The discussion was opened by Supt. Kiehle, who favored the teaching of hygiene, which should precede physiology. He thought the effects of alcohol should be taught. His own judgment was that the cause of the present excessive use of alcohol was owing to social conditions rather than overwork. Many women were very much overworked, yet few of them either drink or smoke. For his own part he had never thought it wicked to drink or smoke. He rather enjoyed seeing old people getting comfort out of a pipe, but he told boys that he thought it best for him and for them to let drink and tobacco alone.

Supt. Bradley, of Minneapolis, was called on by the chair, and gave some results of a law similar to the one proposed, in New York state. He said nobody opposed it, and it had been adopted in twenty-three states without serious opposition. He did not think the influence of alcohol should be taught as

A MORAL SUBJECT,

but as a part of hygiene. He felt the resolution would pass without opposition.

Supt. Kiehle asked Dr. Hewitt whether abstinence was in proportion to a person's intelligence in these matters, that is, how far instruction would affect a person's habits. The doctor thought this a philosophical question, but he proceeded to object in toto to the resolution. He stated that Prof. Bradly was mistaken in his idea of the laws of the different states. These laws required in connection with physiology and hygiene the effects of alcohol be taught. It was going too far to teach children that the use of tobacco or an occasional glass of wine was an unmitigated evil, because the child could go to his father's table and see this done. This was overshooting the work, and no one had a right to teach his children thus in the public schools.

Supt. Kiehle offered an amendment to the effect that the effect of alcohol be taught as part of instruction in hygiene.

L. C. Lord, of St. Peter, thought the points discussed should be taken into the family and obedience and self control taught. As far as he was concerned he would like the resolution laid on the table, as it was a delusion and a snare to think that instructing children in these things would make them temperate.

A. M. Sperry, of Dodge county, would like to see the resolution pass as an experiment, while his profound judgment told him it would be a failure. Teaching children these things would not amount to a row of pins towards keeping them temperate. He taught his boys not to use alcohol because it was dangerous. W. M. West, of Faribault, protested against the resolution, as a teacher, because it would require a text book to enforce it. He thought there had been enough of this trying to mend the world by machinery; nor did he believe in trying to lift ourselves over the fence by the boot straps. He moved to lay the resolution on the table. The motion was duly recorded, but the movers gave away to Prof. Grey, of St. Cloud, who spoke in opposition to the resolution. He favored this instruction in hygiene in normal schools, where it should be made prominent. By general consent further discussion of the subject was postponed until this afternoon, and the secretary was instructed to invite Mrs. N. H. Winchell, of Minneapolis, secretary of the W. C. T. U., to be present. The meeting closed with the singing of a solo, "Last Night," by Miss Nellie Mabon, adjournment being until 9 o'clock this morning.

Off for the Coast.

The Dubuque route sent out a large party of excursionists yesterday for San Francisco and Los Angeles. They will go to Kansas City, leaving there to-day for the Pacific coast. The majority of the members of the party will remain on the coast six months, returning over the Northern Pacific road. The party was made up of the following ladies and gentlemen: J. W. Fallihee and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cone, Mr. and Mrs. Wamboldt, Miss Lizzie Mitchell, Miss Coleman, Mr. Bixby, C. H. Anderson, William Weiser, Charles Haberherst and C. Q. Mitchell.

Christ Church Christmas.

An audience of seven or eight hundred people assembled last evening at Turner hall, to witness the Christmas entertainment given by the children of Christ church. It was a very pleasant and unique entertainment consisting of recitations, Christmas songs and little plays. One of the principal features, of course, was the Christmas tree. It was a large one, and was placed in the center of the stage. Around it the children, in fancy costumes, danced and sang in merry glee. This part of the programme was especially interesting, and the little ones were called out several times.

Grand Grove of Druids.

A special session of the Grand grove, U. A. O. D., of the state, was hled yesterday at the hall corner of Seventh and St. Peter streets. N. G. A. Olsen presided, and all the other officers were in attendance. The object of the session was to exemplify the work in three new degrees. The following members participated: C. F. Honsdorfar, N. G. A.; F. W. Malcom as D. G. A., J. Leicht as G. S.; S. Wyatt as G. M.; A. Palmquist as I. G., and C. Roth as O. G. In the evening North Star Grove No. 4, worked all three of the new degrees, taking in four new members. The special session was attended by almost fifty prominent members of the order from all parts of the state.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

"Erminie" to-night.

"Erminie" audiences continue to grow, the one last night being the largest of the engagement up to date.

The lovely solo sung by Miss Urquort in the first act entitled "Bird of Love" was composed and orchestrated by Frederick Solomon, the comedian.

Did you ever observe it? The chorus girls in female attire always stand with their hands in front of them. Those in male dress invariably hold their hands behind them. It is so in all opera companies.

Sale of reserved seats for Richard Mansfield's engagement next week begins tomorrow morning. His play, "Prince Karl," has had a sweeping success. Mr. Mansfield is a young actor who has taken a high stand in comedy. He will be at the Grand the first half of next week. Katie Castleton will hold the boards the last half of the week.

Carnival Notes.

The Columbia Snow Shoe club will tramp this evening to Merriam Park. Members will meet at the Merchants at 7:30 p. m.

The Mowhawk Snow Shoe club will meet today at 2:30 p. m. at the residence of W. R. Merriam. All boys wishing to join the club are requested to attend.

A carnival hop, in costume, will be given by the Junior Dancing and Carnival club in Drake block hall on New Year's eve. A cordial invitation extended to all carnival clubs and their friends.

A meeting of the Aurora Toboggan club will be held at the Halcyon Tennis club grounds, corner of Western and Summit avenues, this evening at 7:30 o'clock and all members are requested to attend.

The Carnival Flambeau club will meet at the armory to-night at 8 o'clock for drill. It is desired that all members attend in uniform. A. L. Flournoy has been elected second lieutenant, vice W. L. Pierce, resigned.

The Lafayette Snow Shoe club has decided to participate in all parades this winter. All members are requested to meet at the hall in full uniform next Monday evening to take part in the ceremonies of laying the corner stone of the ice palace.

About fifty members of the St. George Snow Shoe club went to Merriam Park last evening on snow shoes, making the run in one hour and a half. After lunch was served a short meeting was held and an invitation to attend the opening of the toboggan slide of the North Star club, of Minneapolis, next Saturday evening was accepted. All members are notified to be at the club rooms at 6:30 sharp Saturday evening in full uniform, without snow shoes, to march to the depot and take the 7 o'clock train. On Friday evening the club will meet in uniform for drill, after which the members of the Casino Opera company will be entertained in the club rooms.

Canada's Big Guns.

MONTREAL, Dec. 29.—The Canadian Pacific railway has been notified by the imperial government that twelve eighty-ton guns for the defense of Victoria, B. C., are now being constructed at the Woolwich arsenal and that they will be ready for shipment and transportation over the road in April next. Drawings for special cars requisite for this conveyance have been sent out, and the cars are now being built by the company. It is also said that large consignments of war material will arrive in the same ship which brings the guns.

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CARPENTER—At St. Paul Dec. 29, 1886, Warren Carpenter in the 70th year of his age. Funeral from his late residence, 403 Summit avenue, at 2:30 p. m. Sunday, Jan. 2. Friends of the family invited to attend.

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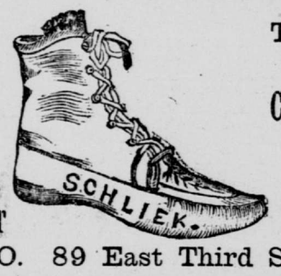

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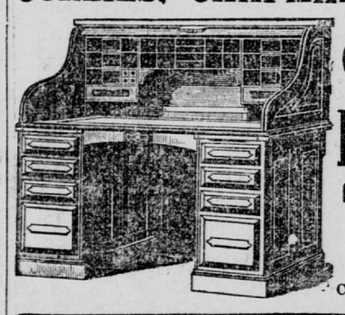

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