

# TEACHER'S INSTITUTE

A Series of Very Successful Meetings Held in Imperial Last Week. Full Report of the Proceedings

The morning session of the first day opened at 10:30 a. m., March 22, in the school room of E. J. Norrish.

The Institute opened by singing, which was followed by a short address of welcome by Prof. Hugh J. Baldwin, who commended the teachers for their presence and spoke a word of appreciation to the parents for the interest manifested. In conclusion he introduced Deputy State Supt. Job Wood, of Sacramento, who came to represent Supt. Kirk, who was detained by severe illness. Supt. Wood talked in an instructive and forcible manner on the subject of school management. The course of his address was interspersed with many amusing anecdotes taken from his own personal experience as a life-long teacher. His new methods of developing the child were listened to with eager attention and proved of untold benefit to many who are dealing with this self-same problem. The idea of calling attention to the virtues a student may possess rather than resorting to criticism of the weak points was recommended as safe and preferable. Many instances were cited to prove the wisdom of this method of procedure.

The afternoon session opened with a song, "Old Glory," led by Gene Sloan with a chorus from Miss Richardson's room.

Miss Ida M. O'Connell read a very instructive paper on "The Relation of the Teacher to the Parent" which was highly recommended and discussed freely by teachers and parents.

Supt. Wood conducted a class in rapid drill developing his method of presenting arithmetic in a simple, practical and attractive manner. These boys and girls acquitted themselves with credit, reflecting praise upon Prof. Wood for his ability to practically demonstrate his methods.

Supt. Baldwin talked most interestingly on the methods of the teachers who succeed and those who fail in the present age.

Mrs. Will J. Preston represented the Mother's Club in the reading of a paper on "The Mother as an Educational Factor." This concluded the session.

The morning session opened at 10:30 a. m. Friday, March 23.

The Star Spangled Banner was sung most heartily.

Supt. Baldwin presented Supt. Edward Hyatt, of Riverside county, who was received by the audience with applause, having attended previous Institutes held in Imperial and being a favorite.

Supt. Wood concluded his work in arithmetic with his class of boys and girls who were eagerly attentive. Methods in factoring and fractions were presented in a manner so able as to be very clear to any student and of great benefit to teachers who are dealing with these subjects.

Mr. Geo. H. Maxfield, of Holtville, read a paper on "Physical Defects" which was suggestive as to how these defects might be at least partially overcome to the great gain of teacher and student.

Mr. E. J. Norrish read a very amusing story from McClure's on corporal punishment which was received with attention and appreciation.

The afternoon session opened by the rendering of a piano duet by Mesdames Thomas and Barber, which was executed with unerring skill.

Vocal Solo, Miss Bird, of Banning. Responded to an encore; rendered with pathos.

Paper, She Looketh Well to the Ways of Her Household, Mrs. Leroy Holt.

Chinese Art, Rev. Steven Stanton Myrick.

Class in Spelling, Supt. Job Wood.

Evening Session.  
Invocation, Rev. J. F. Tout.  
Violin Solo, Mr. Rice.

Lecture, Snap-shots of Teachers, Supt. Edward Hyatt.

Duet, Mrs. Dyke and Miss Fuller.

Solo, Mrs. Cuesta, Calexico.

Solo, Mrs. Irwin, El Centro.  
Quartette, Messrs. Dyke and Clark, Mesdames Irwin and Dyke.

A reception was tendered the visiting teachers on Friday evening from 6 to 7:30. Light refreshments were served.

Supt. Baldwin sang in a most entertaining manner and received much deserved applause.

Florence Scott and Mary Mack sang a duet, Far Away.

The morning session, Saturday, March 24, opened at 10:30 a. m.

Solo, Mr. H. N. Dyke.

Solo, Gene Sloan; encore.

Recitation, James Holt.

Spelling, Supt. Job Wood.

The committee on resolutions reported the following resolutions which were adopted as read:

Resolved, First, that we express our thanks to Superintendent Baldwin for his courtesy and kindness in holding this Institute in Imperial for the benefit of the schools, teachers and the people of the Valley. We feel that the presence here of Supt. Baldwin and the instructors he has brought with him will work great benefit to the cause of education on account of the instruction imparted and the interest awakened.

Second, that we do hereby endeavor to express our appreciation and thanks to both Mr. Hyatt and Mr. Wood, not only for their presence and interest in our Institute but also for the many valuable suggestions and practical lessons they have left with us for the uplifting of education.

Third, that we express our gratitude to the parents and friends for their presence and the interest manifested.

Fourth, that we express our heartfelt thanks to Rev. Myrick for the most excellent talk given on Chinese Art.

Fifth, that we express our appreciation to the newspapers of the Imperial Valley for the space given for the publication of the proceedings of this Institute.

Sixth, that we cannot too deeply express our gratitude to the people of Imperial for their hearty reception and their kind cordiality on every side.

Seventh, that we express our sincere

thanks to those who assisted in the success of the Institute by rendering for us such excellent music.

E. J. NORRISH,  
IDA M. O'CONNELL,  
LIDA LOTTRIDGE,  
GEO. H. MAXFIELD.

The following teachers were in attendance at the Institute:

- Alamo—  
Paul Boman.
- Brawley—  
Mrs. Fredricks.  
Ella Malan.
- Calexico—  
Lida Lottridge.  
Mary McWilliams.
- Central—  
Mrs. H. B. Kirby.
- Eastside—  
Emma Hiatt.
- Elder—  
Mrs. Mabel Johnson.
- Holtville—  
Geo. H. Maxfield.
- Silsbee—  
Ellen Gray.  
Julia Flinn.
- Spruce—  
Mrs. Caroline Cameron.
- Sunset Springs—  
E. V. White.
- Heber—  
Ernest Thornquest.
- Jasper—  
Miss Singleterry.
- Imperial—E. J. Norrish, Ida Richardson, Ida O'Connell, Mrs. Tuttle.

The Institute was a success in every particular. Every session was well attended and a lively interest manifested. The success of the Institute was largely due to the efficient management of our worthy superintendent, Hugh J. Baldwin.

Across the river from Brawley in No. 5, 160 acres fine, soft, sandy land, all in crop, 2 1/2 miles from railroad. Don't answer unless you are a cash buyer. Bert R. Chaplin, Imperial, Cal.

## Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the Best and Most Popular

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## A COLOSSAL GORGE.

### The Sublime Beauties of the Grand Canyon of Arizona.

This terrific gash is more than 200 miles long and more than a mile deep, and its area exceeds 2,000 square miles. From the El Tovar rim, on which I stand, to the gleaming, snow veined crags on the opposite side of this stupendous cleft the distance is thirteen miles. Human vision cannot take in the full extent of this wide pageant of terror and glory nor is it within the capacity of words to set forth its overwhelming splendor. The plain on which I stand is nearly 8,000 feet above sea level, and here, in a prodigious fissure—gaunt, abrupt, frightful and wonderful—are assembled mountains, valleys, enormous rocks, precipitous crags, ravines of mystery and forests of gloom, through which the black waters of the Colorado rush onward in their resistless flow and over which the dauntless eagle wings its upward flight to meet the sun. All the fortis are here that imagination could construct, and all the colors are here that glow in sunset skies. Far down in the subterranean vista the forests show like green lawns. Not less than seven geologic periods in the physical history of the planet are displayed in the layers of tinted rock—black, green, gray, red, brown, blue, pink, orange and alabaster, with many other mingled hues—that constitute the walls of this colossal gorge; walls that seem continuous and unbroken, yet everywhere are rifted with lateral fissures, the beds of mountain streams that swell the flood of the great Colorado river. The American continent has nowhere else a spectacle to show commensurate with this in beauty, grandeur and awe.—William Winter in Pacific Monthly.

## AQUATIC PLANTS

### How They May Be Successfully Cultivated In Tubs.

The cultivation of aquatic plants in tubs makes it possible for any one to try his skill with them. Of course he need not expect to be able to grow the rarer sorts of nymphaea, but he can succeed with many beautiful varieties of water lily and other plants of that class. A half barrel is not very attractive in itself, but its lack of beauty may be concealed by the plants, or it may be sunk its depth in the earth. When it contains a fine specimen of some aquatic plant we will forget all about its lack of grace. When preparing for these plants put in rich black

mud from the sea or streams or muck from swamps to the depth of a foot; then plant your roots in it and fill with water. Add enough water from time to time to make up for that which is lost by evaporation and give the tub a sunny place in the yard or garden. If you want to grow more plants than one tub will accommodate, it is a good plan to take four, five, six, or as many as you may decide on, and have them sunk in the ground close together, so that the general effect will be something like that which a large tank would give. A better plan, though a more expensive one to carry out, is to have a tank constructed of heavy planks. These should be securely bolted at the ends and the joints made tight by white lead in the grooves.

## Ironmonger.

The word "Ironmonger" has as curious an origin as any other word in the English language. It means literally an eater of iron and came to its present use in this way. There was once a law that forbade buying fish to sell again, and the fish hawkers, who still carried on their trade in spite of this law, were facetiously termed fish eaters or fish-mongers, for, to evade the law, their large purchases of fish were said to be for their own consumption. Gradually the term monger was applied to other trades, as cheesemonger, until at last it came to mean any middle man, as distinguished from a manufacturer, and so was applied to the dealer in hardware.—London Graphic.

## Why He Was Elected.

A manufacturer in the north of England expected to be beaten at the polls by his own employees, with whom he was extremely unpopular. To his surprise he was returned. His puzzled agent sought for an explanation. "How is it," he asked one of the workmen, "you voted for your master when you all have such a bad opinion of him?" "Well, you see, mon, we voted for 'm so he cud put hisself away in parliament in London. We don't want 'im 'ere!"

## Eye Photographs.

An image impressed upon the retina of the eye remains there an appreciable time. This is the reason why a torch swung rapidly seems to be a circular flame. The sensibility of the retina is indifferent at different times of the day. Every one has noticed how on waking in the morning and looking at the bright window, then closing the eyes, he will observe an impression or phantom of the window for an appreciable time after his eyes are closed.

## Some Old Men.

"After all, you know," said Mr. Oldbeau, "a man is only as old as he feels!"

"Yes," said Miss Pepprey, "but some old men make the mistake of thinking they are as young as they think they feel."—Philadelphia Press.

## The Dry-Back.

"How do you like being civilized?" asked the philanthropist.

"Well," answered the simple child of nature, "civilization is great for the mind, but it is mighty hard on the digestion."—Washington Star.

Ability doth hit the mark where presumption overshooteth and diffidence falleth short.—Cusa.

## Diminutive Aztecs.

The feminine direct descendants of the famous Aztecs are tiny creatures, exquisitely formed and refined in feature. They carry the head with the up-bearing grace of the full blooded Indian; their skins are not red, but a clear, smooth copper color that shines like gold in the sun; their hair is coarse and black as ebony, and they are decorated with bright feathers and gay ornaments. These women make the most wonderful pottery that comes to us from Mexico, for they have kept the old Aztec forms and decorations in their art, and they also weave wonderful baskets and do exquisite embroidery.

## Order.

Order is a lovely nymph, the child of beauty and wisdom; her attendants are comfort, neatness and activity; her abode is the valley of happiness; she is always to be found when sought for, and never appears so lovely as when compared with her opponent, disorder.—Johnson.

## Teaching the Teacher.

Mother (whose children have had an education superior to her own, to her small daughter, whom she is in the act of smacking)—I'll learn you not to contradict me! Small Daughter (between her sobs)—Teach, mother, teach.—Punch.

## Relations Became Strained.

Mrs. Ambish—I often tell my husband I wish he had more "get up and get" about him. Mrs. Jellers—Indeed? I've often heard that he gets up and gets his own breakfast.—Chicago Tribune.

A lazy man is as useless as a dead man and takes up more room.—Hubbard.

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