TEACHERS' CONFERENCE.

The officers and teachers of the Hancock Congregational Sunday school will meet this evening for a conference in the parlors of the church. Superintendent A. F. MacDonald will preside and the program will consist of the following numbers:

Discussion: "How to improve the instruction given by our school," E. A. Larowe.

Piano solo—Mrs. Paul D Swift.

Address—Rev. Mandus Barrett.

Vocal solo—Mrs. G. L. Christiansen.

Question box—James Fisher, Jr.

Hancock Department

MORIARITY-JAMES BILL IS FAIREST

LEGISLATORS SEEM INCLINED TO FAVOR COMPENSATION ACT FATHERED BY HANCOCK MAN.

The adoption of a workable employes' compensation act is one of the big problems which is now confronting the Michigan legislature and at a hearing held this week definite action was deferred for two weeks to allow the legislators more time to consider the question and investigate legal features involved. A great many bills dealing with the problem have been introduced, including one fathered by the Michigan Manufacturers' association, but it seemed to be the consensus of opinion that the fairest measure is the one introduced by Senators Moriarty and James, which provides absolute compensation for all employes engaged in hazardous employment.

A great many legal questions are involved in the working out of any plan which seeks to establish the payment of specific amounts for death and disability. The question has been raised whether the legislature could abrogate the common law right to sue on the part of the employe and the right of defense on the part of the employer, and it was insisted that this should be done in the interests of all concerned.

The claim was made that while the bill provides a given amount in case of death, one employe might be earning $7 a day and another $3. This was answered by the state that under the present common law defense of contributary negligence, assumption of risk or fellow servant, the employe earning the smaller amount might not get anything, yet he might have a dependent family, and the very purpose of an arbitrary compensation plan ois to provide a sum that will go to the dependent families of all employes, irrespective of the cause of death or disability.

The subject is one upon which the legislators need a lot of information, and the hearing was adjourned for two weeks, when the representatives of the railroads will be asked to present their views.

POSTOFFICE WILL CLOSE SUNDAYS AFTER FEB. 19

The Sunday closing of the Hancock postoffice will go into effect on Sunday next, February 19, announcement to this effect being made yesterday afternoon by Postmaster C. F. Rogers. One delivery window will be open, however, from 12:15 to 1:15, for the accomodation of transients and travelers, or to those who may show that really important mail is expected. Special delivery packages and letters will not be affected by the new ruling, but will be delivered at their destinations as usual.

The new Sunday rule is the result of the campaign made by the postal employes of the city, and comes in response to the petition of four thousand residents of Hancock, who signed the cards recently distributed.

A meeting of the directors of the Houghton County Anti-Tuberculosis society has been called to take place in the Rourke block on Tuesday evening next.

WAYS AND MEANS FOR HOME-COMING

DISCUSSED LAST NIGHT AT MEETING OF THE GREATER HANCOCK CLUB. DELEGATE NAMED.

The discussion of ways and means for financing the proposed "home coming" celebration in this city next July and the appointment of a delegate to the Upper Peninsula Development association meeting at Menominee, were the most important details transacted at the meeting of the Greater Hancock club at the city hall last evening.

The council and the Business Men's association having failed to act on the matter of sending someone to represent this city at the Menominee convention, on Tuesday and Wednesday next, the Greater Hancock club took up the matter and decided that it would be to the advantage of the city to have a delegate present who would be able to report fully on his return of what was done at the convention. Thomas Coughlin's name was presented and on being notified of the action of the club he consented to act.

Most of the evening's discussion centered upon the methods which should be adopted to start the flood of shekels on which to float the celebration, and the most feasible suggestion advanced was that tickets be printed, each to be good for about ten admissions to the park, and given to merchants and others contributing to the fund, by them to be sold or given away and the amount represented in the tickets to be turned over to the finance committee. The tickets would be transferable, so that after pa and ma has seen the show the children could use the unpunched portion.

While this plan struck those present favorably as an ideal one for raising funds, it was thought that some way should be found to secure money at once for immediate needs, as money will soon be needed for various incidental expenses. It was proposed that the secretary send out membership tickets to each of the present members of the club, to be disposed of by him for one dollar apiece, that being the annual membership fee. This would bring in four or five hundred dollars.

The amusement committee stated that it would be ready to report something about the middle of March, it being expected that correspondence now in progress will have developed something definite by that time. It has been decided that there shall be no carnival company brought here, but that all attractions will be handled by the celebration committee. An aeroplane exhibition is practically assured, the chairman of the amusement committee having been assured that one could be obtained for the home coming.

It was proposed that the secretary write to some park architect to ascertain the cost of having the driving park properly laid out, with a view to making it a permanent recreation park. The question of securing the park for the week of July 17, was left to a committee which will bring it before the council at the next regular meeting of that body. Fred Francis, mayor pro tem of the city, expressed his opinion that there would be no difficulty in getting the ground and intimated that as soon as it is known what building would be required ,the old horse sheds could be demolished and the lumber used in the construction of other structures.

The transportation committee will call on the street railway officials in a few days to endeavor to have the tracks on Ingot street extended to the park gates. It is hoped that the permission of the state railroad commissioners can be obtained for the tracks to cross the Mineral Range at grade for the one week of the celebration.

May Get Factories.

Chairman Rogers stated to the gathering that is an opportunity for the Greater Hancock club to exercise its influence for the upbuilding of Hancock in securing new industries to locate here. Mr. Rogers said that he had received a number of communications from a Detroit concern, informing him that they have a number of manufacturing plants which are looking for suitable locations, and seeking to know what sort of factories Hancock desires and inducements offered.

One member present last evening suggested that the name of the organization be .changed to one more clearly indicating is scope as a civic organization for the advancement of the commercial interests of Hancock, and also that some more clearly defined organization to be effected, so that there would be no question in the minds of any relative to responsibility for contracts that might be entered into.

Mass Meeting Thursday.

On account of the small number present last evening it was decided to hold a big general mass meeting of all members of the club and all persons desiring to become members, on Thursday evening next, February 23, at the city hall. At this meeting a report will be submitted to the club by the delegate to Memominee, and it is hoped there will be a large attendance. Every citizen interested in the celebration is invited to be present in order to get the plans for the "home coming" well under way as quickly as possible.

MEETING THIS EVENING OF REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

A meeting has been called of the city Republican committee to be held this evening at 7:30 o'clock at the office of Chairman John J. Eichkern, for the purpose of arranging dates for the city caucus and convention preliminary to the holding of the county convention February 27.

Caucuses will be held in each of the four wards to select delegates to a city convention, which latter will choose thirteen delegates to Houghton. This convention and caucuses have nothing to do with municipal politics, which will be taken care of later at conventions to be held the latter part of March.

The heat of local politics has died down considerably, but continues to simmer and will flame up again next month, when the active campaign opens. Republican candidates have been announced for practially all the offices, a couple of new ones having been mentioned during the past day or two. These are H. Z. Brock, who is expected to be a candidate for supervisor in the fourth ward, and Dr. Matchette, whose name has been used in connection with gossip relating to the second ward supervisorship. Fred Kinville of ward four is a candidate for alderman and it is stated that the Citizens party of that ward will ask Dr. P. Scholler to become candidate for member of the council on their ticket.

HANCOCK BRIEFS.

Isidore Gartner has returned from a purchasing trip to Chicago.

Arthur Youngs of this city will leave Saturday for Cobalt to take the superintendency of a mine in that district.

The Hancock Knights of Pythias will this evening exemplify third rank work at their regular session. A number of members of the local lodge went to Calumet last evening with the degree team which paid a fraternal visit to Charity lodge.

A meeting of the Central bureau of the French Naturalization Clubs of Houghton county will be held on Sunday afternoon next at the Rouleau hall. It is expected that arrangements may be made for making complete the report of the enumeration of French residents of the county, in receiving which several delays have been encountered.

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