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SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF NEW YORK SESSION

Large and Representative Attendance Marks Gathering of Negro Pedagogues' Convention That Opens in Trinity Church at Houston, Texas.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 27.—The Wisconsin State Teachers' association convened in fifty-third annual session here today, the estimated attendance being 1,350 persons. The indications are that the gathering will prove the most successful ever held by the organization, for nothing has been left undone which could conduce to the pleasure of the visitors. A number of the most prominent educators of the country are present.

President C. E. McNeenan called the gathering to order to 9 o'clock this morning in the Davidson theatre. The regular program of reports and addresses was taken up after the usual formalities of opening. In addition to reports from the committees on legislation, course of study and teachers' work, wages and pensions, there were several interesting addresses. The first was by Superintendent G. H. Landgraf of Marinette, who took as his subject, "Pensions More Harm Than Benefit." Rabbi Samuel Hirschberg spoke on "Ethical Training in the Public Schools," and Miss Julia C. Lathrop of Hull House, Chicago, on "Training for Life in the Public Schools." Superintendent John Kennedy of Batavia, New York, told of the practical workings of the Batavia system which he originated, and by which two teachers are employed in each schoolroom, one assisting the pupils with their study and the other hearing recitations. Other speakers were Superintendent C. G. Pearce of Milwaukee and President Converse of Benoit college.

NEW YORK MEETING.

Session Begins at High School, and Many Noted Educators Will Speak.

New York, Dec. 27.—The annual meeting of the New York State Teachers' association, which will open at the high school this evening, marks the sixtieth anniversary of the organization. The attendance promises to be unusually large. At the opening meeting tonight Superintendent J. M. Thompson, president of the Academic Principals' association, will preside. Chancellor James R. Day of Syracuse university will deliver the address of welcome. Other welcoming addresses will be delivered by Superintendent A. B. Blodgett of the Syracuse public schools and others. Superintendent F. D. Boynton, president of the New York Teachers' association, will deliver his annual address and will speak on "Needed Educational Legislation." Mr. Howard J. Rogers, first assistant commissioner of education, will also deliver an address. The meeting of the association will last three days, and in that time there will be daily union meetings as well as sectional and departmental sessions devoted to the consideration of various educational branches.

FLORIDA SESSION.

Miami Scope of Gathering of Many Teachers for Educational Convention.

Miami, Fla., Dec. 27.—The annual meeting of the Florida Educational association convenes in this city this evening. Entertainment has been provided for 200 teachers, and if double the number come they will be well provided for, the best homes in the city having been opened for their accommodation. The opening session will be occupied with addresses of welcome and responses, to be followed by the annual address of President A. A. Murphree. The regular sessions will begin tomorrow morning and continue through Friday.

AT INDIANAPOLIS.

Fifty-Second Annual Convention Begins to Last Three Days.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 27.—One of the most interesting features of the fifty-second annual convention of the Indiana Teachers' association, which will open here this evening, will be a meeting on Thursday afternoon in Tomlinson hall devoted to the memory of James Whitcomb Riley. A special program has been arranged for that meeting and handsome souvenirs will be given out. The teachers' convention will last three days and during that time there will also be a convention of the county superintendents and various sectional conferences.

MICHIGAN EDUCATORS.

Lansing Crowded With Teachers Who Are Attending Annual Meeting.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 27.—Fully 700 teachers are in attendance on the annual meeting of the State Teachers' association, which is being held here. Among the topics to be discussed during the three days the convention will be in session are teachers' wages, school libraries, the social life of the high school, compulsory school law and its enforcement, the merit system as applied to public school teachers, a uniform course of study for the grades, composition and design in drawing and the relation of the kindergarten to the public school system.

FLOCK TO ENID.

City Patriotically Decorated in Honor of Fiftieth Annual Convention.

Enid, Okla., Dec. 27.—Scores of school teachers took possession of Enid today and the city was patriotically decorated in honor of the fiftieth annual convention of the Oklahoma Teachers' association. The formal opening takes place this evening with an address of

welcome by Hon. Edmund Frantz, and a response by L. W. Baxter, territorial superintendent of public instruction. Prominent speakers on the program include Professor Graham Taylor of the University of Chicago, Governor Ferguson, President Boyd of the state university at Norman, President Campbell of the Southwestern Normal at Weatherford, President Scott of the Agricultural and Mechanical college at Stillwater and President Unholtz of the Central Normal at Edmond. The school land problem and the consolidation of rural schools are among the important topics of discussion.

IN NEW JERSEY.

High School Scope of Three-Days' Session of Educators at Atlantic City.

Atlantic City, N. J., Dec. 27.—The New Jersey State School Teachers' association met at the high school this morning for a three-days' session. The evening sessions of the association will be held at the St. Paul's Methodist church. This session is of considerable importance, as matters of great interest will come up for consideration. The question of the management of the teachers' retirement fund is expected to cause a heated debate in the meeting, as there is considerable dissatisfaction in regard to the management of the fund among the teachers. It is even considered possible that this matter may cause a split in the association.

MINNESOTA TEACHERS.

State Convention Begins at St. Paul in Central Presbyterian Church.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 27.—Certainly the teachers of Minnesota may feel proud of their annual-state convention begun today, and if the cause of education is to be benefited by discussion of methods by intelligent persons, it will be advanced at this session. The attendance is large and the interest amounts to enthusiasm. At the opening session this morning in Central Presbyterian church preliminary addresses were delivered by Governor Johnson, State Superintendent Olsen and President Frank A. Gunasius of Chicago. The public address this evening.

SYRACUSE EDUCATORS.

Many Representatives Assembled to Take Part in Several Sessions.

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Educators of New York are assembled here for several annual meetings which are held during Christmas week. The sessions in session are the Associated Academic Principals-State Teachers' association, Council of Grammar School Principals, Training Teachers' conference, Classical Teachers' association, Drawing Teachers' club and the English Teachers' association. Commissioner of Education Andrew S. Draper, President Schurman of Cornell university and a number of other educators of note are on the program. The sessions will continue through the remainder of the week.

BUCKEYE STATE TEACHERS.

Columbus, O., Dec. 27.—This was an interesting and busy day for the school teachers of Ohio, assembled here in annual state convention. The sessions were held at Ohio State university and were well attended. The discussions covered a wide range of subjects and the speakers included educators of national prominence.

WELCOMED BY FOLK.

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 27.—Governor Folk delivered the address of welcome at the opening of the forty-fourth annual meeting of the Missouri State Teachers' association this morning. President C. E. Miller responded and delivered his annual address. The attendance is unusually large.

WASHINGTON STATE TEACHERS.

North Yakima, Wash., Dec. 27.—The State Teachers' association assembled in annual session here today with an attendance of several hundred visitors, the largest in the organization's history. The prominent educators and others whose names are down on the program for addresses include President Penrose of Whitman college, Professor M. V. O'Shea of the University of Wisconsin, and Rev. W. D. Simmons of Seattle.

TEXAS NEGRO TEACHERS.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 27.—Negro school teachers of Texas began their thirteenth annual state convention in Houston today with a large and representative attendance. The sessions are being held in Trinity M. E. church, with President W. T. McCall of Austin presiding. The program extends over three days and provides for papers and discussions covering a wide range of educational topics.

TEACHERS AT GRAND FORKS.

Grand Forks, N. D., Dec. 27.—The largest gathering of educators ever held in this state assembled here today at the opening of the nineteenth annual meeting of the North Dakota Educational association. The program covers three days and includes a number of interesting features, beginning with a lecture this evening by Father L. J. Vaughan.

MEETS IN COLUMBIA.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 27.—The City Superintendents' association of South Carolina and the State Association of County Superintendents met in annual session here today with a good attendance. The two associations met in joint session at the state house at noon, and were addressed by Professor Joseph F. Stewart of the University of Georgia.

SOUTH DAKOTA TEACHERS.

Brookings, S. D., Dec. 27.—Normal instruction in the state schools is the principal subject of discussion at the convention of the State Educational association begun here today. The plan will be discussed by Bishop of Comstock of Sioux Falls, Governor Elrod and State Superintendent M. M. Chalmers.

Former Governor Yates After Cullom's Seat

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 27.—Former Governor Richard Yates opens his campaign for the United States senate, to succeed Shelby M. Cullom, at a rally today at Hardin, in Calhoun county. From now till the date of the primaries in April Mr. Yates will devote his time to speechmaking and campaigning through the state. The keynote of his campaign will be the federal interference in Illinois politics, and it is predicted that he will return to the last state convention for his materials. Whether he will attack any Republican leaders, such as Lorimer, has not been made known. Official records of Republicans, it is said, will not be attacked, but the political careers of many of the old regime may come in for a scolding. Mr. Yates will spend a large part of his time in Chicago, where he expects to wage active warfare on the old Cook county Republican organization.

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