

National Educational Association, in Session at Asbury Park and Ocean Grove, N. J., July 3-7, 1905

Entertaining the N. E. A.

In the "City Beautiful," which forms the keystone to a long line of seaside resorts, Asbury Park and its twin sister, Ocean Grove, the National Educational Association will assemble July 1, and remain until the following Saturday. The local committee, not to be outdone by Secretary Irwin Shepard, President Maxwell and his associates, have been burning the electric light, the kind of midnight oil which is used in the Twin Cities, in an effort to make the visit of the educational world so pleasant that the teachers will want to spend their ten weeks' vacation within sight and sound of the unfathomable ocean.

Not in vain has the local committee labored and as enterprise is a characteristic trial of the Asbury Park, the visiting educators may look forward to a stay as pleasant as it will be profitable. All roads, even the great natural highway of the ocean, lead to Asbury Park and it matters not what kind of a vehicle takes you there, you will be heartily welcomed and royally entertained.

On arriving at Asbury Park the delegates will go to the beach and breathe the lungful of life-giving ozone as a preliminary to the ordeal of signing their names at the registration headquarters in the Asbury avenue casino. A short walk or trolley ride will bring the teacher to the hotel to which he or she has previously been assigned. At the sound of the dinner bell, that "tocsin of the soul" which, since Eve ate apples, has found the way to a man's heart, the pleasures of the trip will begin, and from that time until Father Neptune speeds the parting guest with a kiss blown from the white crest of a billow rolling on the sands of time and nature, there will be a never-ceasing round of gaiety.

A promenade may then be taken on the boardwalk, a stroll on the fishing pier, or a dizzy ride in the Ferris wheel to get a bird's eye view of the resort, with the little jolt necessary to adjust one's ideas to a new order of things. Cares will drop away from you as rapidly as does the earth and you will find yourself growing lary with a laziness that would alarm you were you not too lazy even to think, an exertion which is not required at a convention. One's mind may be in as vacuous a state as he will until he considers this a mad world, peopled by madmen, where only little children are really sane and thus he is able to comprehend his fellows and to appreciate the Quaker who said: "All the world is queer but thee and me, and even thee is a little queer."

As he is only rich who owns the

Sunday may be spent at the great Ocean Grove auditorium, where preachers of national fame will be heard, or at any Asbury Park's churches and in viewing the beauties of lake or sea.

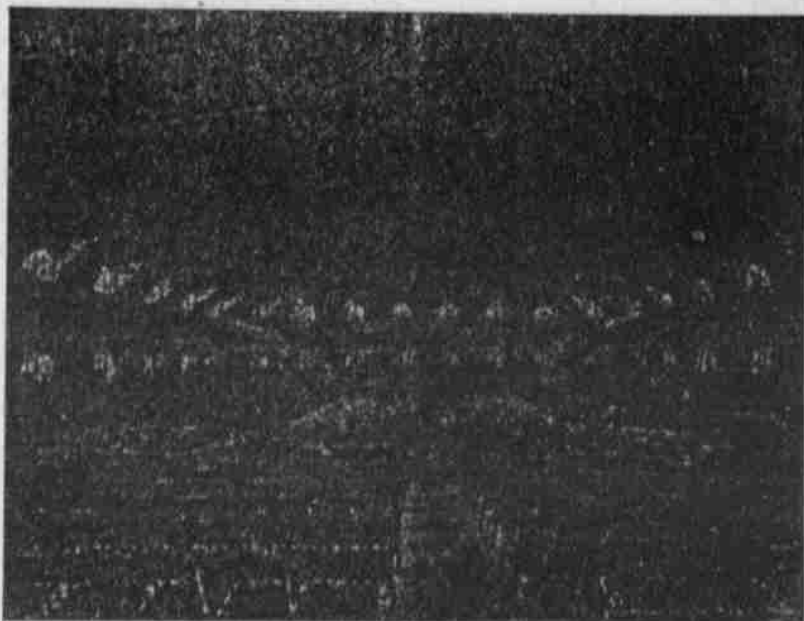
On Monday and several other days thereafter, the general committee will provide all the mental food that can be assimilated. On Tuesday the teacher may grow young again—the man teacher of course; no insinuation against the age of the ladies!—and put a spark to the touchwood of his patriotism that may find vent in either oratorical or Japanese fireworks. The city of Asbury Park will act as sponsor for a pyrotechnic display from the fishing pier which may be witnessed either from the beach or from an easy chair on the hotel piazzas.

On Friday President Roosevelt will address the N. E. A. in the Ocean Grove auditorium.

As a grand climax to the week's enjoyment, there will be a night carnival

ed fully 35,000 persons. It is estimated that at the evening service on that memorable day Dr. Talmage was listened to by over 12,000 delighted auditors. Of course, several thousands were obliged to stand around the building during the entire service.

Although but one of a number, yet undoubtedly the immense auditorium is the "show piece" par excellence of Ocean Grove, an object of even greater interest than the celebrated model of the walled city of Jerusalem. Distinguished statesmen, eminent divines, noted orators, great lecturers, male and female, have been seen and heard on its platform. General U. S. Grant, William McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, Dr. Talmage, Col. George Bain, General John B. Gordon, Vice President Fairbanks, Senator Dilliver, Mrs. Margaret Bottomo, ex-Governor Murphy and Miss Ellen Stone, are but a few who have honored Ocean Grove and the auditorium with their presence.



The Great Auditorium at Ocean Grove, N. J., Seating 10,000, Where President Roosevelt Will Address the N. E. A. on July 7, 1905.

on Wesley lake, which divides Asbury Park and Ocean Grove. This is a Venetian-like fête that will delight lovers of the spectacular. The lake banks are ablaze with strings of incandescents, while the art of both decorator and electrician have transformed houses, lake and boats into a scene from fairyland. Decorative floats, beautiful and costly, and illuminated boats of all descriptions ply the waters of the lake to the melody of Pryor's band and the discordant hiss of the gun the Celestials have concealed in the fireworks. It is all very beautiful and the scene will remain imprinted on memory's tablet long after the or-

ence. No race, creed or color is barred from the place.

It was in this building, August 25, 1899, that the deeply lamented McKinley gave to the world his policy regarding the Philippines. Who that heard him upon that occasion will ever forget the magnificent man and his earnest utterance, as he pointed to the glorious stars and stripes floating in the rear of the building:

"That flag does not mean one thing in the United States and another in Porto Rico and the Philippines. There has been some doubt in some quarters respecting the policy of the government in the Philippines. I see no

Ocean Grove association, Dr. E. H. Stokes, had the honor of preaching the first sermon in it.

For the foundation there was excavated 173,934 square feet. The foundations of the main trusses are of broken stone mixed with concrete, in trenches 6 by 7 feet and 9 feet in depth, with a capstone of Pennsylvania granite one foot thick. Under each main truss is perhaps fifteen tons of broken stone. These foundations and capstones have a resistance of 29,000 pounds, or over fourteen tons to the square inch. There is scarcely a possibility of any such weight ever being crowded upon the building. The seven main trusses have a span of 161 feet. They are 21 feet apart. There are also 18 angle trusses. The whole weight of steel and iron used in the building is 550,000 pounds. There are 164 windows and 98 doors. Of this number—262 in all—232 can be required. The ground floor covers about six-sevenths of an acre; to be accurate, it is 225 feet in length by 161 feet in width, the actual floor space being 36,225 square feet. The seats for the greater part are comfortable folding chairs. The seating capacity of the lower floor is between 5,000 and 6,000; the gallery seats comfortably 3400. There is room on the platform and in the choir loft for about 500 more, bringing the total seating capacity up to about 10,000. The roof contains 40,300 square feet. The greatest height of the ceiling, parabolic in shape, is 55 feet from the ground. Regarding the strength of the roof competent engineers have given it as their opinion that if timbers were laid on the trusses a locomotive and train of cars could pass longitudinally over it in safety. A most beautiful sight is presented at night when the auditorium is lighted up with over 1200 incandescents lamps. In the building are six miles of regulation wire. The entire front of the building, looking towards the ocean, is outlined in electric light. The length of the altar rail is 114 feet, with six feet of space between the rail and the platform proper. Ventilation is obtained from 232 air chambers around the building and four large ventilators in the ceiling. The floor, also, has 48 iron ventilators to create an air current beneath and to prevent the decay of the timbers.

The present auditorium is the outgrowth of several smaller buildings erected on the camp grounds for religious purposes. It occupies the same location as the site originally chosen for the preacher's first stand, by the Rev. William B. Osborn and the late Dr. Stokes. Although it is proposed

For many years reduced rates of fare to Western points have been obtainable, but it required considerable persuasion on the part of Secretary Shepard, of the N. E. A., to convince the trunk line associations that a round trip ticket for the price of single fare to Asbury Park and Ocean Grove in summer was a proposition to become enthusiastic over.

The prestige and influence of the N. E. A. won the day, however, and nearly all the principal railroads whose rails link the East and West have joined in this agreement:

Tickets to Asbury Park to be sold July 1, 2 or 3 at the rate of single fare for the round trip, with \$2.25 added. For this \$2 goes to the N. E. A. to support its work and 25 cents towards defraying the expenses of the trunk line agency at Asbury Park and Ocean Grove.

A further concession is granted by the railroads in permitting purchasers of N. E. A. tickets to remain at the seashore until August 31st, by depositing the ticket with joint agent at Asbury Park not later than July 10th and paying a fee of 50 cents for such extension of limit.

This will enable N. E. A. members and their friends to spend the entire summer or any portion at these famous seaside resorts where life during July and August is one continual round of pleasure. With exceptionally fine railroad service to New York and Philadelphia and other points of interest in the East, at very low rates of fare, one may summer on the coast and make occasional trips where new joys await them.

Those who wish to spend a part of the summer at Asbury Park and Ocean Grove, and then visit in New York for a week or two on the way home can do so by having their ticket validated at Asbury Park and depositing it with the joint ticket agent in New York immediately upon arrival. For this a \$1 fee will be charged.

Every railroad system in the country except California's has agreed to the schedule of reduced rates.

Many of the states are organizing into parties to travel by special trains. Wisconsin will send a train. From Chicago it will go over the Wabash via Detroit and Lower Canada to Niagara Falls, where the afternoon and evening will be spent. The night run will be made over the West Shore railroad through the cities of Buffalo, Utica, Rochester and Syracuse to Albany. Two hours will be spent there and at 8:30 A. M. the party will take a steamer for an all-day ride down the beautiful and historic Hudson river. Arriving at New York City at 6 P. M., those who desire may stop there at a convenient hotel, to be selected later, and go to Asbury Park by rail or boat at their pleasure. Those who wish to go direct to Asbury Park and make their New York stop on the return trip may do so.

The facilities for handling railroad traffic to Asbury Park and Ocean Grove are excellent. Both the Central and Pennsylvania systems use the same tracks, protected by the block system, while the Central maintains a separate route to New York, half rail and half steamer, which is a great delight to thousands every summer. The regular summer service at Asbury Park and Ocean Grove is about 100 trains a day, many of them exceptionally fast and nearly all solid vestibuled with parlor cars and the most modern equipment.

A union depot is used by the two resorts, located in Asbury Park in the midst of the business district. The beach and all the principal hotels are but a few minutes' walk. Trolley cars go to all points and other conveyances can be had in abundance. During the N. E. A. convention every effort will be put forth to make the transportation facilities to and in Asbury Park and Ocean Grove as complete as one can wish for.

Asbury Park's Boardwalk.

Nowhere more than upon the famed boardwalk of Asbury Park will the educators of the nation obtain the delightful realization of a great summer resort in action. Here they will find review, throngs from the great cities who seek, upon the broad surface of the beautiful esplanade, relaxation from the cares of business and the cool breezes of the ocean. A summer scene on the Asbury Park boardwalk shows always a moving, merry crowd, intermingled with the graver phase of life which here and there rolls along in wicker chairs or finds diversion and quiet comfort in the glass enclosed beach pavilions that dot the boardwalk at regular intervals.

The morning scene when thousands of bathers blacken the surf and tumble about in its eddying currents, will form an interesting and fascinating attraction for the school teachers, who without a doubt will be among the first to give mid-summer popularity to the ocean bath and its accompanying pleasures. Ten thousand bathers are frequently congregated in the surf or idly

lolling in their vari-colored costumes on the sands and under the piers.

There is never an hour or a minute in the day when something new may not be observed from the boardwalk. One can rest in the sun parlors and watch with dreamy interest the big ships at sea—ocean liners, on their outward course, the white hulls of battleships, the coast steamers, greyhounds that ply between the southern ports, and sailing craft whose tall masts bend under the canvases sometimes within a stone's throw of the shore.

Life on the Asbury Park boardwalk is purely informal at all times. At the afternoon concerts there is little effort at dress of external adornment. In the evening there is more color to the scene. Under a myriad of dangling electric globes and brilliant are lights the crowd wanders hither and thither, from the Venetian arcade with its glittering bows of lights to the massive casino from the towers and corners of which circlelets of electric globes send their mellow reflections far into the distance and out into the surf, which at night is made to look like a painted picture.

Asbury Park's two great centers on the boardwalk are the Asbury avenue casino, the architecture of which resembles a St. Louis exposition building, and the arcade, the latter a veritable wonder at night. This building is a square of light. It is wound around with electric globes—thousands of them fashioned into brilliant bows and pretty circles and triangles. The casino is Asbury Park's home for music. It is a glass enclosed structure and seats 5000 people. It will be the headquarters of the N. E. A. Here concerts are given every afternoon and evening by Arthur Pryor's band of 35 pieces. The most famous soloists of the country are included in Mr. Pryor's organization, which has been re-engaged for the season of 1905, together with the soloists whose work last summer was so much appreciated. A stage at the eastern end of the casino is used for scenic, dramatic and operatic entertainments. Whole operas are sung at the casino. Among others who will sing there during the coming season, possibly in July, is Mme. Schuman Heineke. M. Blauvelt, famous in the concert world, and a score of renowned vocalists whose names are familiar in every music-loving household will be heard from the casino stage next summer. Dusa, Crenatore, Damrosch, Victor Herbert, Sousa, and all the famous band masters of America are also likely to lead eels to the Asbury Park musical season of 1905.

There is a great hope that the new amusement pier projected at the northern terminus of the boardwalk will be sufficiently advanced in July to justify the engagement of Rival's famous Italian band for a season of eight weeks. The amusement pier will probably be in course of construction during the visit of the educators. It is to be 925 feet long. Upon it will be erected a theater with a capacity for 2200, a music pavilion with seats for 5000, an ocean bowling alley, a fine dance hall for morning Germans and mid-week cotillions, and at the east end a beautiful sun parlor and tropical garden. When completed the Asbury Park amusement pier will be one of the show places of the coast.

The popularity of the Asbury Park boardwalk may be better understood when it is said that on hot nights in July and August 50,000 promenaders may be seen upon its surface.

Added to the other attractions of the beach is a fishing pier 600 feet long which is made a base for deep sea fishing, and is a popular rendezvous for rod anglers, who have a club house and headquarters at the entrance.

While Asbury Park has many beautiful spots while its inland lakes are picturesque, romantic and enticing, while its broad avenues team with a wheel procession and its summer hostleries reveal the pleasures of morning white and Saturday hope, the boardwalk is a never ending source of delight, as is the piece de resistance upon which she rests her little sea the greatest summer resort in America. To see the boardwalk in all its glory and the changing throng moving under a garland of colored lights at night worth a journey of a thousand miles.

JACOB HOWLAND.

Lewis and Clark Exposition.

During the Lewis and Clark exposition the Southern Pacific Company will sell round trip tickets to Portland limit 30 days, at one and one-third for the round trip. For parties of 10 or more traveling on one ticket, a fare for the round trip. FOR ORGANIZED PARTIES OF 100 OR MORE INDIVIDUAL TICKETS AT ONE FARE FOR THE ROUND TRIP.

Stopover of ten days will be given Portland on all one-way tickets read through that point during the exposition. Tickets must be deposited with joint agent at Portland, and a check of 50 cents will be made for the extension of time. 5-15103

Asbury Park's Famous Esplanade; Two Miles of Ocean Front Walk

day, every day you spend in the Twin Cities will be wholly yours, to spend as you will, for there is such a diversity of pleasures that even the most fastidious and jaded taste will find joy without end.

That versatile individual, the master of ceremonies, will take care that you are not bored during your stay. Hops, cotillions, bowling, card parties, fishing, golf, bathing, amateur theatricals, theatre parties, tally-ho and auto rides to the Deserted Village of Allaire, on the famous Rumson Road, to the Mouth battlefield, the famous Tennent church of 1692, the life saving station the model of Jerusalem, the state military encampment, which are all on the menu of summer life at Asbury Park and vicinity.

atorical fireworks have been effaced by the acids of time.

LAWRENCE D. FOGG, Ocean Grove Auditorium.

When, next July, the National Educational association in annual session meets in the twin cities of Asbury Park and Ocean Grove, N. J., its members will see in the latter place one of the largest buildings ever erected in this country for purely religious purposes—a building seating approximately 10,000 people. Many times, on special occasions, over 11,000 have crowded within the auditorium walls. Once of an August Sunday in the nineties, when Bishop Mallalien preached in the morning, Russell Cowell in the afternoon and T. DeWitt Talmage at night, the combined audiences number-

harm in stating it in this presence. Hence, first; then, with charity for all, establish a government of law and order, protecting life and property, and occupation, for the well-being of the people who will participate in it under the stars and stripes."

Some idea of the size of the Ocean Grove auditorium may be gathered from the following figures:

The sum of \$70,000 was voluntarily subscribed (the bulk of it in two days) for the erection of the building, which is of steel, iron and wood. The work of building was started with the turning of the first shovelful of earth for the foundation on December 2, 1893. On Sunday, July 1, of the following year the first service was held in the new structure. The president of the

to erect a bronze statue to Dr. Stokes the coming summer, the auditorium will always be referred to as the monument of this man of God.

JOHN ED. QUINN.

Transportation.

Sixty or more of the greatest railroad systems in the United States have departed from all precedents in the matter of low rates of railroad fares to accommodate the thousands of school teachers and their friends who will journey from the West a few weeks hence to attend the annual convention of the National Education association at Asbury Park and Ocean Grove, the twin seaside resorts of the famous Jersey coast.

