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ON TO THE CAPITAL CITY

The Eastern Michigan Press Association Enjoy an Outing.

Last week Monday and Tuesday were bright and shining days for all attending editors of the Eastern Mich. Press Association, and all members who were absent missed the treat of their lives. We are glad we went and wish that every editor in eastern Michigan had attended. The Association were the guests of the Pere Marquette R. R., one of the finest equipped railroads in the West. The ride most of the way from Detroit to Lansing was enlivened by the presence of H. F. Mohler, general Passenger agent of this popular road, who did everything in his line to make the editors and their wives and daughters perfectly happy. About 60 guests were traveling, and traveling at the rate of 60 miles an hour apparently

ON VELVET.

We had a private special parlor car, and to be seated in one of their luxurious chairs rolling rapidly along, the very acme of comfort in railroading is secured We rode on velvet—as it were—plush pails, rubber wheels—a tireless, soundless ride and safe from all harm, secure on the P. M.

All too soon Lansing was reached and soon the "gang" were comfortably settled at the "Hotel Wentworth," where the landlord and landlady did everything to make their guests happy, which result was safely secured.

After a short breathing spell the party walked up to the capitol building where a short business session was held in the Supreme Court room. Mrs. Ayres, the "Sunshine" editress of the Free Press, entertained her many hearers by a brief sketch of her work in making people happy. Her labor is not charity but gives comfort and happiness to the lonely and afflicted. Those who are not in need of money get sunshine from her labors in the way of flowers, dainty gifts, good reading, etc. A good act or a kind word is not kept but passed on and on, increasing as it progresses. She was heartily cheered and was followed by many others in brief remarks, so that all enjoyed the "speechifying."

After a good supper all were duly presented to His Excellency, The Governor, Aaron T. Bliss, in his private office, also to the supreme justices, The Honorables, Judges Montgomery, Moore, Long and Grant, as well as other state officials. The legislature convened for a short session at nine o'clock the evening and our Representative Thaddeus A. Seeley got us in on the ground floor. We met a Democrat member, Mr. Dohaney of Greenville, who informed us that there were only nine other of his brand amongst the lot—so few in numbers "that you couldn't hardly notice them at all." The session was short, sweet and soon settled and then we went by invitation to the office in the capitol building of our own Fred M. Warner, secretary of state, who regaled the visitors with a dainty repast, which was most heartily enjoyed by all, after which we went to the Wentworth hotel at peace with all the world.

THE DAY AFTER THE NIGHT.

The day after the first night out will long be remembered, for it was a bright day and stands out clear and distinct among many others enjoyed by the Eastern Michigan Press Association. Tuesday was the day that we started out bright and early. A short call was made at the Pioneer room, carefully superintended by a pleasant little lady full of interesting information. We then called on the state librarian, Miss M. Spencer, who has presided as state librarian for lo! these many years, and if our voice will help any she can have the place for life. Her forte is books and a traveling library. She told us more about books in one moment than we ever dreamed. We asked for our old favorite volume, "Romanzo, the Onion Eater, or the Wild Horse of the Prairies," but alas! with sadness in her sweet voice, a tear in her winning eye and a flush of the cheek, she had to confess what we already knew—she didn't have it.

STATE INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE.

A short trolley ride, a step or two and the whole Press gang were heartily welcomed by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. St. Johns, a pleasant couple who have been in charge of this important college for 25 years. We wish it were a law that every tax payer had to visit this school once during their life time and that the state paid their expenses during their visit. For fifty years (nearly) we have lived and never dreamed of the wonderful work being done by this competent couple in their department. Over 700 boys, bright, keen and willing look to Mr. and Mrs. St. Johns as father and mother and this couple have the heart and compassion to stand for it. Capable teachers instruct these boys in school work so that they have just as good a chance to acquire a knowledge of books as more fortunate boys at home have. We visited several rooms and found boys ranging from eight to 17 years, happy, clean and bright and able to acquit themselves like gentlemen. The boys have a military bearing that is pleasing to see. Wherever found, when you meet an Industrial college lad you meet a gentleman. When Mr. St. Johns took charge of this institution, 25 years ago, it was called a reform school—had a fence over 20 feet high all around the grounds and barred windows gave the place a prison look. Now all is changed. The grounds are open, the boys on their honor, and it is a very foolish lad that wants to leave. We visited the shoe, the tailor, and the print shops, the kitchen, bakery and dining room and found nothing but thrift and neatness. The little men entertained us royally. They gave us fine drills, beautiful band music, playing selections from "grand opera," "I Dream't I Dwelt in Marble Halls," "Hearts Bowed Down," and also some rag time to hustle things along. Then followed a visit to the boys' dining room and we were hungry at once. Soon 700 lads came into the large room, marching with a soldierly tread that was thrilling. After they were seated short speeches were made by members of the Press and during these talks Mr. St. Johns asked President Neal to step forward and asked the boys if they knew him. A grand chorus of "Y-E-S" came rolling out. "Who is he?" asked Mr. St. Johns, and with one voice came the answer, "The Butter Man," and thus is Representative Neal known by the Industrial college.

WHY? WHY? WHY?

Well, some or two or three years ago while on a visit to the college, which came along in his career as representative, Mr. Neal found that the boys were being allowed butter only once a week. He at once began to change this for the good of the boys and soon got an appropriation allowed by "the powers that be" at the state capital so that now once every day the boys enjoy butter at their meals. We can see Bro. Neal in a few years from now followed by a constituency of butter boys that no power on earth can take from him. 'Rah for Neal! Say, right here, if Fred M. Warner doesn't watch pretty close the E. M. P. A. will be pushing our president for the next Governor. After a grand rendering of "Michigan, My Michigan," the boys said grace in unison and fell to eating and we retired much pleased with our entertainment.

OUR TURN NOW.

At the next move we became greatly interested. The whole party were neatly seated at little tables, beautifully decorated with flowers and vines, and each guest had a carnation and a handsome hand painted menu card, the card the work of the boys. We were most generously regaled with a fine dinner served by the boys, a hearty meal of the finest food with coffee, cake and ice cream. Several state officials were present, and after eating to our complete glorification ?) short speeches followed from all sides fast and furious when the eating was over about twenty boys, forming a chorus, came in and again we were favored with songs galore. And such voices! Professional boy sopranos could come here and get pointers. Well, all too soon it was over and after bidding "good bye" to Mr. and Mrs. St. Johns and many of their efficient assistants, we bade farewell to the finest managed institution in the state.

STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

Again we boarded Lansing street car line and in a jiffy, or it might have been a jiffy and a half, we were at the grounds of the State Agricultural college and were promptly gathered in by its worthy president, J. L. Snyder, and A. M. Brown, secretary of the institution. A canvass of the grounds was made, the party dividing into two companies. Mr. Smith, one of the professors, piloted us about and most of the principal buildings were visited. We gained much information and saw how the money goes. We are satisfied and you, dear reader, would say the same if you should visit it. It is so near right that our older daughter has already sent in her petition to attend this institution as soon as she qualifies. We shall grant it. It would take two columns to tell what we know about this institution and we don't begin to know anything at all. Our mind is full of pretty girls in bloomers playing basket ball, doing Delsarte movements, drilling and making themselves happy, healthy women, and in this room we lost our St. Johns carnation. Well, a pretty little lady has it and we are glad.

We visited several of the buildings situated on the Farm. In this farm are nearly 700 acres, containing many costly buildings, among which are the Women's building, the Bacteriological building, the Mechanical building—oh pshaw! we can't begin to name them. They are all an honor to our state. Just before leaving Mr. and Mrs. Snyder invited us into the dining room and served a most dainty and appetizing lunch. Here we were waited upon by very pretty young ladies and had it not been for Mitchell both here and at the gym, the Association would have come home without Messrs. Fox of the Rochester Era and Houseman of the Milan Leader. Our presence of mind and inexorable sternness brought them home, and we will no doubt, in due time, receive the thanks due us from their respective families. Mitchell's thanks are due to these same ladies for all the escalloped oysters, ice cream and cake he wanted. (You all know that Mitchell's insatiable appetite for ice cream has compelled him to take the "gold cure"; three times to cure him of the habit, twice at Northville and once at Windsor.)

It being quite late in the afternoon there was nothing to do but to be guided to the trolley station and soon we were en route for home. All gathered in the same special private car and were joined at the depot by Mr. George, the genial advertising agent of the Pere Marquette R. R., who looked carefully after the comfort and safety of his guests, and soon we arrived in Detroit, in good time for the last trolley car, which landed us right at our door at midnight—some wearied but with more knowledge of two of our state institutions than we ever dreamed of before.

In a careless manner we have had our attention called to these institution, but now we feel that whenever we can say or do anything that will help Messrs. St. Johns and Snyder to better their respective institutions we will do it with a hurrah and vim and an interest that can be aroused only by a personal visit to each of them. We say again, "Long live the managers of both state colleges at Lansing."

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School Notes

EDITED BY THE PUPILS.

Mrs. H. T. Randall, a former teacher, called on friends Wednesday.

Mrs. Gutchess and son of Gutchess College visited our school Thursday.

Invitations are out for a junior recital by Miss Lucy Ward this Friday evening.

About a score of Miss Enniss' pupils gave her a pleasant surprise party last Saturday afternoon. Before leaving they presented her with a beautiful alligator purse with her name in gold letters on the inside.

Last Friday evening the juniors had a sleighride to the home of Arthur Simmons in Southfield, where a bountiful lunch was served.

Supt. Wood of Holly was in town Saturday and called on several teachers.

The second rhetorical program will be given this Friday afternoon. A cordial invitation to parents and patrons.

The short talk with which Bert Blakeslee favored the school was thoroughly enjoyed. He gave a short history of the Islands, their extent, and the fortifications of Manilla, also of the provisioning of the transports. His experiences were very amusing. We are much indebted to him. He evidently knows how to entertain and struck the right spot.

Old associations sometimes cling like a wet bathing suit.

Ignorance sometimes does what valor would not dare attempt.

No one can add to the general fund of enjoyment by simply decrying the efforts of his fellow men.

No man may expect to enjoy himself fishing unless he has something better than worms in his bottle.

In life's handicap the man who sees the ghost walk would like to see it handicapped with a little extra weight.

One of the drawbacks of the telephone is that while a man is waiting for his number he may hear fifteen women talking at the one time—which is bringing the hen convention to his very door.

SENTIMENT OF AUTHORS.

There is nothing that costs less than civility.—Cervantes.

Haughtiness lives under the same roof with solitude.—Plato.

It is often better not to see an insult than to avenge it.—Seneca.

Borrowing is the canker and the death of every man's estate.—Sir Walter Raleigh.

Great and good are the actions done by many whose worth is never known. —Hans Andersen.

Friendship rises but with the fortune and sets when men go downward.—Aaron Hill.

It is more difficult for a man to behave well in prosperity than in adversity.—Rochefoucauld.

We cannot control the tongues of others, but a good life enables us to despise calumnies.—Cato.

There is not in nature a thing that makes a man so deformed as intemperate anger.—John Webst

Article 9. I believe that stolen kisses are the sweetest—yet another inducement to remain a bachelor.—Council Bluffs Nonpareil.

WITH THE SAGES.

The most amiable people are those who least wound the self-love of others.—Bruyere.

Few delights can equal the mere pressure of one whom we trust utterly.—George Macdonald.

Don't flatter yourself that friendship authorizes you to say disagreeable things to your intimates.—O. W. Holmes.

If you would be loved as a companion, avoid unnecessary criticism upon those with whom you live.

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