FROLIC AND WORK

Two Lectures and a Dance Mark Yesterday's Program.

DEPARTMENT MEETINGS HELD

Convention Will be Concluded Today -Mrs. Milner's Talk Interests Pedagogues.

With an hour's dancing and merr making last night in Odeon hall, following two lectures in the tabernacle, the Utah State Teachers' association completed its second day's work, and incidentally established a new record in point of volume of work accomplished.

Today's tasks are much lighter, there being department meetings to take the attention of the educators this morning, and a business session to conclude the convention's work this afternoon. Yesterday there was a mass assembly in the morning, department meetings in the afternoon, two lectures early in the evening, and a dancing party with which to conclude it. Tomorrow the teachers will be back to their homes concealing their Christmas purchases from their dear ones for whom they are intended, until the dawn of the morning after.

At the Odeon last night the Odeon orchestra rendered music for the danc-ing and the gatheirng was made into a general "get acquainted" assembly Preceding the social hour over 4,000 people gathered in the tabernacle to listen to Supt. J. H. Ackerman of the Salem schools, and to Mrs. Florence Milner of the Associated colleges at

EDUCATION FOR ALL.

Supt. Ackerman spoke upon the theme of "Functions and Non-Functions of the Public Schools." The primary functions, he said, were to produce the finest specimens of manhood and womanhood possible and to give them power to accomplish results. The early school training of the child, he said, must be responsible for this first primary consideration. Democratic education he advocated for all without regard to race, color, sex or creed, and said that proper education could not said that proper education could not stop short of these ends. Prudence, thrift, frugality and economy, he said, were the qualities most necessary to teach to youngsters, but still without holding up the almighty dollar as the supreme end of existence. For the coming century he maintained that the school must have the same end as society—to best fit its people for the probciety—to best fit its people for the prob-lems dawning before them. Secondary school functions were to make the school perform a specific duty

in the community's culture; to produce strictly American ideals, to develop manhood rather than to train a youngster specifically for citizenship, to re-member always the individuality of children, the inadaptability of some to

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to handle an imaginary child through a routine school machine. Of elements in education he considered better eliminated he placed first the matter of amusements, urging tha the high school should not be considered a mere center for a child's amuse

The school must never try to replace apprenticeship in the trades, or the kitchen in the home, or the church or the home in general. Parents, he or the home in general. Parents, he said, he always forced to see him in his office instead of at their homes, for he never believed in the school man trying to straighten out bad home conditions which showed their results in the basic harmonic of the conditions o in the behavior of students in the school room. Churches he urged in conclusion, should never be allowed to take the lead, but should be kept following the schools through the steady advance of the schools with civilization and progress.

MRS. MILNER HEARD.

Mrs. Florence Milner, who was in-troduced after the girls' chorus of the city schools had rendered several se dections, took as her theme "School Waste," and she made it an opportuni-

ty to chastise the present school meth-ods in a severe manner. "We boast of our system of educa-tion," she declared, "with special "We boast of our system of educa-tion," she declared, "with special emphasis on the system. We have built up a great machine. Our chil-dren at the age of four or five are poured into the hopper of the kinder-garten and ground systematically through the primary and secondary schools. If in the grinding process a few grains of humanity escape the a few grains of humanity escape the machine, there are compulsory educa-tion laws and vigorous ablebodied truant officers to gather them up and restore them through the mill. By means of college entrance examina tions of a diploma system, the youth are passed on to the somewhat more flexible machine of the colleges.

"For generations we have looked upon this structure and called it good. But that day is past. In the minds of all thinkers on educational matters, there have arisen grave doubts as to the wisdom of what we are doing. A question as to whether we are not on the wrong track and are wasting money of the people, energy of the children, opportunities, wasting life." A SYSTEM OUT OF HARMONY.

Announcing an intention to turn sonoclast for a minute and cast down t few idols, Mrs. Milner declared that the trouble was that academies were demanding a pass word and that the secondary schools were the slaves of the academies which kept a compelling hand stretched over them.

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"exists today and is out of harmony with modern civilization and inade-quate to the needs of modern life. The American people have accepted with pride and satisfaction this condition.
"We cannot draw the wet sponge across the accusing slate and begin again. A new foundation must be made. The unit of our present school organization is the class; the unit of the new education must be the individual. The kindergarten took the first step toward emancipation. It tought the victor of the individual and taught the rights of the individual and the desirability of allowing each child to develop and grow according to his own peculiar characteristics in a nat-ural, unconscious way. The spirit of the kindergarten is right though much of its practise is wrong. In the Michigan schools the interest holds through the third grade, and there is a recognized break at the beginning of recognized break at the beginning of the fourth year. Then and through the eighth grade the problem is a ser-rious one. Here exists the greatest school waste. Formalism begins and we are hampered by the idea that the children must be fitted intellectually into a certain mould which the system

MUST STUDY NATURE.

"The one solution of the problem is to let all who deal with young people learn to listen to the nature of the child, and let me emphasize that I mean the nature, not merely the whim. "We are sending too many people college. In any college campus you will meet scores of students whose faces show that they are spending days studying things that find no response in their natures. When they are through it is too late for them to learn the work they might have done well. Each year I find myself advising more and more frequently against a seller.

Each year I find myself advising more and more frequently against a college education for individuals.

"The introduction of manual training, the wider interest in general athletics, the multiplication of subjects taught in many of our city schools show the growing feeling that the needs of those who may not or should not go to college are being legical effects. not go to college are being looked af

OPPRESSIVE TECHNICALITY.

Mrs. Milner outlined experiments in the district schools and declared that over edited texts and oppressively technical grammar had taken the heart out of literature thus forcing out of the schools the "inspirational" reading that once was a forceful water of the that once was a forceful part of the curriculum.

curriculum.

"A teacher" she said "should guard against becoming and obstructionist, against piling up difficulties in the way of mental advancement. The satisfactory teachers will feel consciously the reaching out of his own mind toward that of every individual in the class. He must know the instant one settles back in the harness and the lines become slack. ome slack.

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"A part of the sum total can be charged up to mistaken school standards, but much of it should be laid at the doors of the teachers. Too many of them are formalities, are pedagogically starched, are not flexible enough to meet the demands that each to the control of the standards. to meet the demands that any live, energetic school makes upon them. They substitute repression for development because it is easier: they lack the courage to allow the character of the child to have full sway lest it run away with them and the school."

For the teachers of the week the best of the state of the child to have full sway lest it run away with them and the school." For the teachers of the west she be-spoke a large duty and a large oppor-tunity in getting away from worn out

standards "You of the free and untrammeled west," she said in closing, "should do much toward this needed reform. No matter what the east has done, no mat-ter what conventions any section of the country may have established, see to it that you do not fall under the spell. Our problem is to shake off the galling fetters of these same conven-tions; yours to work out a system of

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At the end of the lecture, which is the last that Mrs. Milner will give in the convention, she was warmly applied by the large audience.

DEPARTMENT MEETINGS.

Department meetings consumed the Lake High school building. Eight dif-ferent departments, out of the 16 into which the association is divided, held their sessions for the year.

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Miss Rose Jones presided over the Kindergarten department, in which Miss Mary Fox read a paper declaring that the child's progress should be a steady one from the kindergarten through the grades. Mrs. Ida S. Dusenbury was elected president of the department for the next year.

President J. T. Kingsbury of the University of Utah spoke before the de-

versity of Utah spoke before the de-partment of elocution and physical education, urging physical education for the child from the beginning of the for the child from the beginning of the grade schools to the completion of the university course. Fred Bennion of the B. Y. U. read a paper declaring that physical education should be for the benefit of the whole school, not to develop a few prize winners. Miss Elsie Ward of the Salt Lake High school, read a paper on elocution and reading, after which a general discussion occurred on all the papers read.

At the meeting of the department of colleges and high schools, J. O. Cross, principal of the Ogden High school, advocated supervision of the high schools

vocated supervision of the high schools by the university under certain restric-

The science and nature study section listened to a paper by Dr. John A. Widtsee on "Agriculture in the Public Schools: Aim and Method." "The aim Schools: Alm and Method," "The aim of getting agriculture in the schools," he said, 'is to win more converts to the farm for it is there that the country is largely dependent for its future prosperity. "Forty per cent of the entire inhabitants of the United States today are farmers, and it can be readily seen that the agricultural side of life is no small matter," he said.

"It is a difficult thing to get men interested in farm life after they have

passed the grade school and high school stages, and we must start early and get them interested, while they are yet them interested, while they are yet young, in the lower branches of learning. There comes a time in the lives of all men when they must earn a living for themselves, and if they have been trained in the agricultural life and methods of work it will be easier for them and much prore beneficial to

for them and much more beneficial to the country at large.

"We need not change the present system of teaching the children to introduce agriculture into the schools, but merely revise the text-books to some extent. The problem will be the same materially, but instead of having a extent. The problem will be the same materially, but instead of having a problem reading: 'How much money will a man who buys so many shares of mining stock and sells it a certain per cent higher than the cost' have, the problem of dealing with agricultural life. For instance, place the problem before the pupils: 'How much will it require to feed a horse during the winter if he eats so many pounds of hay and grain a day?' or 'How many horses will a stack of hay of certain dimensions feed during the winter?' Besides Dr. Widtsoe the following read papers to this section: R. S. Baker, Dr. C. W. Ebaugh, Dr. L. W. Hartman, John Sundwall, Prof. J. H. Paul, Dr. R. V. Chamberlin and Dr. J. F. Merrill.

Before the music section a lecture and class demonstration by Prof. Wet-

and class demonstration by Prof. Wet-zell was enjoyed. The Arts section, which held a short meeting elected A. B. Wright of Logan as president for

NEW INCORPORATIONS.

The Tintic Store company is the name of a new concern filing its articles of incorporation with the secretary to The incorporators are James Evans, Sophia Evans and George B. Williams, who name the place of business of the company as Provo, and capitalize the company for \$6,000, divided into 6,000 shares of the par value of

The Union Bell Mining company has The Union Bell Mining company has filed its articles of incorporation. The company is capitalized for \$600 divided into 600,000 shares at the par value of 1 cent. and names Spanish Fork as its principal place of business. Its incorporators are J. M. Calderwood, C. Will Houtz, B. R. Stathmann, C. S. Waters, William J. Stewart, James P. Christenean, Ray Davis, P. A. Waters, Alexander, Park Davis, P. A. Waters, Alexander, Park Davis, P. A. Waters, Alexander, P. A. Waters, Alexander, Park Davis, P. A. Waters, Alexander, P. A. Waters, Alexander, Park Davis, P. A. Waters, Alexander, P. A. Waters, P. A. Water tensen, Ray Davis, P. A. Waters, Alfred L. Booth and Harvey Cluff

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remaining stump the devastation wrought must have been large on whatever land the young trees come from. Claims of the vendors are that they secured them on patented private lands, and that therefore no law has been violated. In quantity there appears to be a plentiful supply, if not an over supply, and the minimum price for a tree of any usable size is about \$1\$, although a few inferior samples are offered at prices less than this.

An inquiry at the forest supervisor's office this morning developed the fact that forest rangers are keeping a watch on the reserves for tree hunters and that prosecutions will follow the capture of people cutting from the natural watersheds or government reserves. Most of the trees arriving here are said by the peopel bringing them in to come from Davis county, or from the Cottonwood canyons in Salt Lake county.

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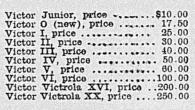
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