

Jesse Lowe Smith

Diary

1914



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Forward

The Author: Jesse Lowe Smith was born in Macon, Illinois, on 23 November 1869, to the Rev. Leonard Francis Smith (1838-1874) and Bridget Ann Lowe Smith (1842-1941). His father's diary for that date: "At 5:30 wife bore me another child, a boy weighing 10 lbs when dressed. Dr. Tobey was the physician..." Jesse's father, Leonard Francis Smith, son of Jesse Smith and his second wife, Sophia Lake Spencer, had married Bridget Ann Lowe, daughter of William Fletcher Lowe and Elsea Aquila, on 10 September 1863. They had six children, Elsie (1864), Kittie Grace (1865-1932), Clarence Bruner (1867-1943), Jesse Lowe, Edith (1873-195?), and Lennie Francis (1874-1976).

Jesse Lowe Smith attended grade school in Macon, Illinois. With a passion for books and nature study, Jesse saw his life as a teacher. He attended the Academy in Benton Harbor, Michigan from 1884-1887, living with his Great Aunt Margaret Crooks. In 1888 he returned to Macon where he taught for three years. Teaching and studying independently as he taught, Jesse, at age 21, qualified for entrance to Pauw University in September 1891. He completed his education at the University of Chicago from 1892 to 1894.¹ After one year at de Pauw, he returned for one term at Macon, and then, with his mother and sisters, went to Lexington, Illinois where he taught for four years from 1893-1897, followed by five years in Park Ridge, Illinois. In May 1902, Jesse came to Highland Park as principal of the Elm Place School. He was Superintendent of Schools for District 107 at the time of his death on 21 April 1934.²

His diaries reveal Jesse Lowe Smith as a man of many interests and great influence. He was widely known and respected throughout Illinois as an innovative educator and avid naturalist and in Highland Park as an educational, cultural and civic leader. He inspired the Elm Place School teachers to higher ideals of education and the students to a deeper understanding and appreciation for the world around them. He left a lasting impression on all who knew him in life and continues to inspire many who make his acquaintance through his diaries and his legacy in Highland Park.

Identifications: In his diaries, Jesse frequently refers to members of his family. During his years in Highland Park, Jesse provided a home from his mother and sister, Kittie. They are often referred to in the diaries as M. and K. His brother Clarence Bruner is referred to as Clarence or Clarence B., and Clarence's two sons, Leonard and Clarence, Jr. (Bruner or Junior) are also mentioned. Jesse's sister Edith married Clarence Danforth (Danforth or Clarence D. in the diaries). His sister Lennie married Arthur Enders, and their children, Robert and Ruth Anne, are mentioned in the diaries.

Transcriber's Notes: Every attempt has been made to provide an accurate transcription of the diary entries with respect to spelling, grammar, and punctuation; therefore incorrect or inconsistent (Mr. Smith spelled the same word in different ways at different times) usage is retained without the use of [sic]. When words were added above the line, they have been inserted into the text. When words were inadvertently repeated, the second occurrence of the word has been dropped. Margin notes are indicated as such and are placed following the text that they appeared adjacent to in the diary. When words were illegible, brackets have been supplied enclosing a blank space []. Words that could not be deciphered with certainty have been placed in square brackets followed by a question mark [like this?]. Transcriber's notes are indicated by brackets [like this – ed.]. Clippings that were pasted into the diary are described in a transcriber's note, but are not always transcribed.

¹*Catalogue of the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity* (New York, 1910). Accessed online at <http://books.google.com> on December 16, 2010.

²*Diaries 1859-1874 of The Reverend Leonard Smith, Circuit Rider* by Blanche Beal Lowe.

Thursday, January 1

Leonard and I took a walk to Riverview Park and back – a cool wind blowing. Then I had a long nap. Clarence kept Julius Edmundson's store open for him until noon. I had gone to Mason to Fannie Merris Daggett's funeral. Fannie once went to school to me when I ran the "Macon Select School"! A very pretty little girl then.

In the afternoon we called on the Stouffer's – Mrs S., Minnie & George. Then we called on Charles Colby's and had a long talk there – Merrill & Ethel almost grown ups

Got news of Mr & Mrs James Hight, & other Macon friends
Spent evening quietly at Clarence's.

Friday, January 2

Snow about 2 ½", Prec. ".19

Snowed here at day break and for some time later. Mild. Foggy.

This A. M. Clarence and I called on Crate Webb and Mr. Handlin. I got a shave at Norman's.

Clarence saw me off on the 11:30 Wabash. A Mrs Dye, an old friend of Clarence's, and her son went on same train with me to Chicago. Got in at 5:00 P.M. Caught the 5:45 for home. Found a pile of correspondence waiting me. - - - Got ready a number of letters bearing on the Stony Island report. Addressed them to four of the So. Park Commissioners, to my four colleagues on the Survey Committee, to Mr Jensen & Mr. Booth.

R.R. 3.46 + .26; papers .25; car fare .05; barber .15

Saturday, January 3

Mild. Snow largely melted. Misting alternating with a little sleet at evening.

Planned to go to the city but finally stayed at home and worked in my room nearly all day.

Overhauled all my slides and made a list of the Lincoln slides. Then went over most of my negatives and rearranged them in boxes. Then wrote eight or ten letters to secure Lincoln material.

Had a conference with Mr Norcross at the post office this evening. Decided to have medical inspection Monday, A. M. - - - Miss Hourigan writes that her aunt in Indiana is dead and that she (Miss H.) will not be able to get here before Tuesday.

Barber .75; boracic acid .10;

Sunday, January 4

Snow "1.2 Prec. ".30

A light snow in the night & this morning. Slushy.

To S.S. Bolted church. This afternoon copied from ten wood cuts some Lincoln material.

Then took a tramp to my "sassafras patch" near the County Line. Nearly dark when I got there. On way back spent a half hour at Mr. Leaming's.

After supper developed nine negatives. Mr. Parratt came down for an hour or so.

Wrote some more letters today.

Monday, January 5

Mild. Gray. Ground frozen. Thawed little. Children coasted into the ravines for the first time this year.

Miss Hourigan detained in Indiana because of the death of an aunt. Esther Kerfoot substituted for her. Mr Kensler, mn'l tr. teacher, did not appear and I had no word from him.

Four Five new pupils. Had Doctor Sheldon examine throats and eyes. Nothing doing.
Teachers' meeting after school this evening. Reported upon Springfield meeting.
Sent 3²⁰ to Washington for (trade) post route maps.
Pd McFadden 5²⁵ and Sutton 5²⁵ for labor on storm sheds. Charge to Dist. 107.
Barber .15; stamps 1.30. Charge Dist 107 \$1⁰⁵ for Victor needles bo't of Levin.

Tuesday, January 6

Mild during the earlier part of day. Sun showed for very short time. Grew colder after luncheon.
Fastened suet on oak tree before my window.
Miss Hourigan and Mr. Kensler both back today.
Mr. Norton of Ginn & Co. called late today and we had a long talk about his new reading method and about arithmetic teaching.
At home this evening. Worked over my notes for tomorrow evening's lecture. Did some work on F of Our N.L. material.
Sent out tuition notices today. Invitation from Mr. & Mrs Clarence Cook for tomorrow evening at Longwood – but obliged to decline
Stamps .40

Wednesday, January 7 T.

Mild still – gray. Scarcely any thawing.
Called at the Retzingers this A.M. Found little girl at home because of lack of shoes. Sent two pairs, etc. to her from school collection sent in by Mrs Curtis.
Science in 7B.
Went to city on 2:34. To Miss Ingersoll's to leave some negatives to use in making lantern slides. To Auditorium to buy seats for Parsifal. To Federal B'ld'g for meeting of Board of D. of the Geog. Society. Then I put on my dress suit (in a private room in Fed. Bld'g), ate supper at La Salle Station, & took 6:30 for Longwood. Gave my flower talk before Ridge Woman's Club et. al – Fine audience. Mrs Armstrong presided. Mr. & Mrs Wm Hedges, Clarence Cook, Cade, - also Mr. Armstrong, Lucas, Miss Griswold. Lecture well received. 10:21 for Chic & 11:30 home.
R.R. .52 + .25 + .15; supper .60 + .20; check .10; papers .02; barber .15.

Thursday, January 8

Thawed some today. Enough to spoil children's slides. Heavy fog this evening.
Mr Nichols visited school nearly all morning. Also Mrs Rosalie Fassett of Winnetka who wants a job.
Science in 8B. Also 7A. Grammar to two 8B boys.
Dismissed at 3:00 and sent nearly all teachers to Ossoli to hear Bruno Steindel.
Sent package of clothes to the Lauridsen's – father a tailor, out of work.
Took Warren Harris to Dr Harkness – a new boy eleven years old who can not read. Very defective in eyes, tonsils, etc. Began treatment. I went up to see his uncle at 1010 Green Bay Road this eve to talk over matters with him.
Then to school bld'g for a little while.
Barber .15;

Friday, January 9

Melted much more today. Sun tried to peer out – then gave it up. Grew colder at evening.

S.L Smith gave us writing lessons today. I had three science lessons; one grammar; one number, etc.

This evening Messrs Norcross, Greenslade, Metzel & I met at Mr Metzel's for a caucus. Mr. G. presented a detailed statement of our expenses. - - - and outlined future bond issues. It was decided to put it "up to" me to report soon on maintenance expense for future. Upon this depends the size of our probable bond issue.

Household 6⁰⁰; barber .15;

Saturday, January 10

Trace Snow.

Snowflakes in air frequently but none accumulated. Colder. Gray.

Took 9:53 for Chicago. To Miss Ingersoll's with some negatives. Copied her list of Palestine slides. To Dietzgen's for paper & charcoal; to N.P.R.R. office to try for a set of Yellowstone slides (None in). Lunch at City Club – with Dr. Lackner. Told me that Mrs Lackner is in Berkeley; Mrs Miles at Pasadena (?).

At 1:30 at Board rooms in Tribune Bldg for Committee of Seven. Colwell, Lukens, Tear, Bone, Millis, & I. Discussion ranged about some problems I presented – involving choice of methods. Fine afternoon.

This P.M. went to Presb. Church to help Mr. Green fix up the lantern. To Pub. Service to get fuses. To school on errand.

Paper at Dietzgen's 1⁴⁸ Charge to Dist. 107.

R. R. .52 + ; papers .12; barber 25; lunch .40; Sundries .60.

Sunday, January 11

Rather cold at first. But sun shone a while after noon & ice thawed some. Then after nightfall cold wind & a snow flurry.

To S.S. – Then home

This afternoon Kittie went down to hear Parsifal. Had two seats in box 35. Performance began at 4:30. First act closed at 6:15. Then Second act began shortly after 8:00 & the performance ended at 11:00 A great performance. Mrs Minnie Saltzman-Stevens was Kundry. Her husband sat in our box. Dalmores, Whitehill, Dufranne, Hinckley, et. al.

My purse missing on train as we started home. I think some one lifted it! Probably \$6⁰⁰; ticket with 6 rides; check for \$10⁰⁰, etc.

Monday, January 12

Thermometer nearly zero this A.M. Moderated during day. Sun shone. Still little above zero at evening.

Miss McPherson did not show up today.

Worked with 4th grade children to test their ability in arith.

Board meeting this P.M. I had a pile of work to get ready for it. Presented my expense acct of over 30⁰⁰. All present except Mr Warren. Mr. G. opposed payment of Miss Mains for a full mo. in Dec – wanted her paid but three weeks. He carried his point.

Chickadee – a very lively fellow today.

Bought fuses (30¢) for Presb. Church & set two of them in at the noon hour so that they could have an afternoon lecture

Barber .15.

Tuesday, January 13

Warmer today. Considerable sunshine.

Very busy with lower grade pupils. Also heard 8A Latin pupils a while.

Met with the arithmetic teachers after school. Had a fine time. - - - This P.M. I worked at my desk at school, planning a report on the finances. Overhauled back records.
Barber .15.

Wednesday, January 14

Milder. Thawed some. Snowed a little from 3 to 4 P.M. but melted for the most part at once.

Pohlman representing Rand McNally called.

I heard various classes today.

Mrs Card served tea after school.

This P.M. went to S.S. meeting at Presb. Church. The committee decided to change the hour of S.S. from 9:30 to noon, I protesting against the change.

Pd various bills yesterday & today.

H.P. News 1¹⁵; Y.M. Club 3⁰⁰; McClurg 6⁵⁰; Hist. Teach. Mag 2⁰⁰; Atlantic 4⁰⁰; N.S. Laundry 3¹³
N.S. Gas. 6⁸⁸; Hessler for Ill. Acad of Science 2⁰⁰; Larson 3⁰⁰ for magazines;
Barber .15;

Thursday, January 15

Ice encrusted walks all melted by noon. Mild day.

Miss Grunewald's 8B's contested in two teams in presenting the "Compromise of 1850." Took two hours for it this A.M.

I heard 7B's for 45 minutes in science

Parents & Teachers' meeting this afternoon Program by our children. Some of the speeches from debate of the morning reproduced. A splendid program.

Teachers from Ravinia and Deerfield present.

Robt Bacon & I went over to Libertyville this evening, I to give a flower talk before Farmers' Institute. Very big crowd. Poor arrangements. Good time, though
Barber .15; trolley .80;

Friday, January 16

Mild. Sunny.

I bolted school at 11:40 & went to committee meeting of F of O.N.L. – Luncheon at City Club, Cowles, Millard, McVeagh, Hooker, Jensen, Booth & Miss Baber. Decided to print my report on Stony Is for circulation – to our members, to Prairie Club, Geog. Soc., et. al.

Caught 2:55 for home. At school until 5:15.

Took 6:55 trolley for Waukegan - - acted as judge (Holtzsch of Libertyville & Tremper of Kenosha) of debate between Waukegan H S & New Trier – over California's action in excluding the Japanese. My decision for New Trier. Result two for New Trier, one for Wauk

Rode back with Miss Ullrich, coach for New Trier. My expenses paid.

Barber .15; shoes .10

(New ticket 6⁶⁰)

Saturday, January 17

Colder. – but that's not saying much! Gray.

At my desk for a while this A.M. Then 9:19 to City. Took copies of my Stony Island report to Mr. Sherman Booth. Then 10:40 for 63rd St. & Stony I. car for the Island. Surveyed west part of I. – listed houses, etc. Back to city by 2:00. Shopped at Fields, & Abbots. Met Miss Baber at Francis Parker School at 3:00. Planned to continue our conference at the Olive Cafeteria at 5:30. Then called on H.M. Hyde at the Tribune office to secure his promise to write up Stony Island Then McClurg's, Lyon & H., The Fair. To City Club to write a letter. Met Miss B. at 5:30. We ate supper together and worked over the Stony I. project until 8:00. Then I started over to N.W. station. Loafed awhile on Halstead. Home on 10:02. R.R. .52 + .30; lunch .30; supper .30; toilet paper .55; show .10; magaz. 15; pocket book 2⁰⁰; At Abbot's 1⁰⁰ (Dist 107); McClurg's .30 (Dist 107) Books at Fair 1⁰⁰;

Sunday, January 18

Snow "2 ½ . Prec. ".21

Began snowing about 8 A.M. & continued until about 1:00 P.M. Mild.

S.S. Also to church. Had a great sleep all afternoon. Spent a couple of hours or so going over a set of 100 hymns published in the Survey. Many of these voice the aspirations of the present day. Church .10;

Monday, January 19

Snow melted away rapidly today. This evening foggy. Mild.

Busy! Had to be vigilant to head off snowball fights.

Met teachers of first three grades – four to six P.M. At school after supper for a while. Then to Mr Metzler's where were Mann & Norcross. Long conference over population, school enrolment, finances, etc

Miss McPherson owes me for 12 rides and today took my ticket with 20 rides.

Sent 1⁰⁰ to La Follette's & \$3⁰⁰ to Survey.

Barber .15;

Tuesday, January 20

Mild – muddy, but cooler in late afternoon. Rising wind & snow flurries at night time

Worked on school finances some. Conferred with Wm Dooley, Treasurer.

Taught several classes.

Rec'd photos of bas reliefs on Lincoln Bld'g at Urbana, these from N. H. Gates, Jr. of American Terra Cotta Co. Beautiful. Conference with teachers over mounting & displaying them.

Conferred with Mrs Bournique about clothes for Frances Scheskie. Also with Mrs Moseley

Pd 1⁰⁰ for having pants pressed & dress ironed, etc.

Mother 8⁰⁰;

Wednesday, January 21

Snow ".3 Prec. ".04

Fine, cool day, but gray. Snow flurries again at night fall.

Mrs Clements, Mrs Moseley, Miss Grunewald and I distributed clothing today to two sources. - - -

Miss Murray was ill the latter part of the morning, and I took her room.

Mrs Rioux and Mrs Berube came over this (2:00) P.M. with their spinning wheel and demonstrated to the 3B's, 3A's, 4B's, and 4A's. I secured from Mr. E. Gieser a piece of sheep's hide with the wool on. We also had some clean wool which Mrs R. spun into yarn. Fine lesson.

At 3:00 the 4A's gave a dramatization of adv. of Perseus. before first 3 grades & some of the mothers. Good show.

Finished Stony I. map this evening.
Barber .15;

Thursday, January 22

About 10 above this A.M. Sunny. Moderated much during the day.
Some attention to school finances. Deposited \$50⁰⁰ tuition money. – Science lessons in 8B & 7A.
Drilled 8A pupils that are taking Latin at the H.S. Have been doing this for several days.
Miss Murray's pupils repeated their "show" for the upper grade pupils and others. Proceeds \$11⁶⁶.
Fine letter from Helen Moffet from near Manila, today. Louie Krueger very ill with scarlet fever.
At home this evening, planning Stony Island circular, etc.
Barber 25;

Friday, January 23

Prec. "24

Gray – Rained this afternoon and until after 6 P.M.
Very busy day – Science lessons, Latin, civics, etc.
Took 4:50 for city. At 7:00 heard Col. give an illustrated talk on insect-eating birds at Fullerton Hall – before the Polytechnic Society. After intermission regular Geog. Soc. meeting took place.
Dr. Day talked on Kilauea. Splendid talk.
Conference with Miss Baber & Miss Mitchell after lecture
R.R. .52; supper .30; paper .05.

Saturday, January 24

Prepared copy for 8th grade graduation program. Then to city on 10:38. To Mr Hyde's office at the Tribune to leave him data on Stony Island. To Cox's office to leave map of Stony Island & confer about the bulletin. To the Fair, Fields', - lunch at The Hearth -, to Chic. Hist. Soc Bldg to look over Meserve portraits of Lincoln and to compare notes with Miss McIlvaine. Then to Newberry Library to look over sundry books relating to Lincoln. To McClurg's to get a copy of C.C. Coffin's biography of L., also Pillsbury's L. and slavery. Home on 5:50.
At desk this evening. Wrote many letters.
Dist. 107 – Almanac .25; cork screw .10;
R.R. .52 + .20; lunch .35; Almanac .25; match case .25; thermometer .25; barber .15;

Sunday, January 25

Snow ".75 Prec ".08

Cool. Gray. Moderated some. During afternoon intermittent granular snow. After dusk pronounced snowfall.
To S.S. Home & had a nap. After lunch E. Millard & I went up to shore north of L. Bluff and tramped about an hour or more. Fine time.
Clows called this P.M. I read much from C.C. Coffin's Life of Lincoln.
Trolley .30;

Monday, January 26

Much of snow melted today. Colder towards evening.
Spent considerable time this A.M. with Messrs Norcross & Metzel who visited the school. Also with Mr. Buck of Silver, Burdett & Co who talked "illustrative material" with me.

Pupils' commencement programs were ready today. Miss Miller and I took 23 of the 6th grade pupils to North Chicago – Chicago Hardware Foundry – and saw various mfg processes including the pouring of metal into the moulds.

At home this P.M. A very busy day.

Trolley.

Barber .15; Nat. Study Magazine 1⁷⁰

Tuesday, January 27

Very mild – and very muddy. Sunny

Pupils' invitations sent out.

Very busy day. Took photo of graduating class in science room. Also of four of the teachers.

Developed these this evening.

Teachers' meeting to plan promotions, etc. this afternoon

Called on Mr. Greenslade this evening to look up some school data.

Wednesday, January 28

Very mild. A heavy fog at first. Blew up a little colder late in the evening

Took 9:53 for Chicago. Met Karl Schneider, sculptor with the American Terra Cotta Co at People's Gas Light Bld'g. We conferred about the photos he had given us of the Lincoln panels he had designed, & he and I went over to Mueller's to arrange for their mounting. Then I left some lantern slides (negatives to be made into l.s.) at Miss Ingersoll's.

2:00 for home. Various conferences with teachers until six.

At home this P.M. Worked on Stony I. report.

R.R. .52 + .15; lunch .30; barber .15;

Thursday, January 29

Prec. “.59

Began raining in the night and kept it up at intervals until 9 or 10 A.M. when a cold wind came up. Tonight thermometer going down apparently to 10° above.

Miss White's pupils gave a little play in the aud. this A.M. - - I hunted up a negative I had taken of building, showing plant house. Then I had Brand's use & my negatives taken on Tuesday. They made prints for the 8B's who mounted them in a booklet for the 8A's. Their party this evening very delightful. Went home at 10:00.

I talked at the Ossoli this A.M. on conserving the native plant life here. - - - This afternoon I gave a Yellowstone talk with slides to the 6's.

Barber .15;

Friday, January 30

Cool day – refreshing.

Assembly at 10:45. “Class of Feb. 1914” on platform. Alice Shreve read class history and Leonard Friebele the class prophecy. Then I announced the honorable mentions for all grades above the third.

After a busy afternoon, I met Dr. Cook at the 6:09 & took him to our house for supper. I hurried up to the school house at 7:10, leaving him & Mother & K. to come in a cab. - - - Had a big crowd to the 8th grade exercises. - - Dr. Cook's address very effective. - - - He and I came away before the exercises were over. Caught the 9:11 for Chic. & the 11:15 C & A. for Springfield.

(Dr. Cook's fare .26)

R.R. 26 + 3.70 + 2.00; apples .50; barber .25;

[Pasted to this page is a clipping from the graduation program. The program consisted of a number of musical selections, including vocal solos by Miss McCord and Miss McPherson. Miss Thompson performed a piano solo. The graduation address was provided by Dr. John W. Cook. The President of the Board of Education presented the diplomas. The graduates were:

Leonard Le Roy Friebele, President

William A. Hupprich

Alice A. Shreve

Robert C. Nicholls

Edna G. Vercoe

Frederick W. Schumacher, Jr.

Walter H. Nitschke

Nellie Waterhouse

Elizabeth B. Salyards

Evelyn A. Foote

Carl F. Larson

Katherine M. Gieser

Henrietta M. Laing

Rosina W. Maechtle

Esther O. Lundgren

Fred E. Gieser

Franklin Parker

The instructors were:

Miss Ellen M. Guiney, Assistant Principal

Miss Alice L. Davis, Mathematics

Miss Etta Grunewald, History

Miss Anna McPherson, Music

Mr. Jesse L. Smith, Superintendent of Schools

The Board of Education was:

John V. Norcross, President

Fred Greenslade, Secretary

Mrs. Bowen W. Schumacher

Thomas Morton

William D. Mann – ed.]

Charles H. Warren

E.B. Metzel

Saturday, January 31

Snow “.95 Prec. “1.02

Heavy snow at Springfield – 15 inches or so. – Sleeping car very stuffy. Unpleasant night's rest

Hatfield, Dodge, Hogge & I went to St. Nicholas for breakfast - - At 9:30 I had an interview with Mrs Webber at Historical Library. At 10: Conference began in Sup't Blair's office. – Mrs Young – Bagley, Bobbett, Cook, Felmley, Morgan, (Randle), etc. etc. there. Met again at 1:30. Finished conference at 2:35. Plan to reassemble on Feb. 13.

Shelby M. Cullom's body lay in state in the rotunda of the capitol this afternoon [Shelby Moore Cullom was governor of Illinois form 1877-1883. – ed.]

Caught the 3:35 C & A for home, getting here at 11:00 Great snowfall here today.
R R .26 + 3.70; hotel 1.50 + .65; magazines .15; barber .25; porter 50.

Sunday, February 1

A beautiful day, but thawing very little.

“Go-to-church Sunday” – This day had been advertised as a special rally day – all over the country. Locally the churches were crowded.

Our S.S. met after church today. - - I ate dinner at the Geer's. Then came home for a nap.

Wrote a lot of letters this evening.

Church .25;

Monday, February 2

Prec “.08

Beautiful afternoon & evening after a blustery morning, snowy & almost rainy. Mild. Warm.
Snow fall from roof of building almost ruined the plant house Sat. & yesterday.

Fifteen new pupils enrolled in 1st grade today.

Rec'd my installment of pictures from Meserve of 42 Broadway, N.Y. Wrote out check for \$15⁰⁰.

Charge to Art Fund.

Busy day. Met upper grade teachers after school.

This evening to dinner at Mr. A.J. Metzel's – with seven of my staff. A fine time in a beautiful home.

Pd Miss McPherson 5⁰⁰ on expense acct – graduation. For Dist 107. Pd Russell Gilbert 2⁴³ for snow shoveling. Charge to Dist 107. Stamps 1²⁷; money order .75; F. McMurry's book 1⁵⁰; Barber .15.

Tuesday, February 3

Fine day. A little cool. Some melting.

Took 4B's with Miss Murray to Lake front on Vine to prepare them to make a map of Lake.
4A's to attic and other parts of bldg as lesson in materials.

Had two workmen all morning rearranging seats in rooms 5 & 6. One of these men worked yesterday afternoon

Caucuses with teachers after school. Some of them helped to plan out the arrangement of pictures in the swinging frames.

Wrote letters this evening.

Barber .15;

Wednesday, February 4

Cold this A.M. Moderated a little (About 5° or 6° +)

Worked at seating children this A.M.

Mother left for Benton Harbor this A.M.

Took 1:56 trolley for Chicago To Miss Ingersoll's to take some pictures for slides and to bring home negatives, etc. To Muellers to give order for mounting Lincoln material. To Federal Bldg to attend Directors' meeting of Geog. Soc. Miss Baber & I conferred afterwards over Stony Island bulletin. Then Mr. Schantz & I went over to the City Club for supper. The Audubon Society met there at 7:30. Millard & I & Mr & Mrs Pattee left in time to catch 9:10 for home.

Pd Miss Ingersoll 7⁰⁰ on acct. R.R. .52 + .25; supper .50;

Thursday, February 5

Cold at day break but moderated during day.

Began a new civics class today.

Went to a conference of some of the aggressive school patrons this afternoon. Mrs Ralph Fletcher Seymour invited me. These people wanted my opinion on certain matters of policy.

Three cases of scarlet fever at Bahrs! Hans, Mona, & Carl, the first two pronounced malignant cases! Had medical examination of all pupils.

Trolley .05; barber .15;

Friday, February 6

Snow “3.00 Prec. “.34

Snowed in a gusty sort of a way this A M Also after noon.

Nailed (or wired) up more suit for the birds. Nuthatch and downy patronize it when sparrows do not monopolize it.

Visited in school rooms more than usual today. Helped teach a 4B history lesson this A.M.

Adjusted seats in 5A. Planned seating elsewhere.

Miss Gahan turned over \$40⁰⁰, receipts from supplies. Mr. Kensler \$2¹² & expense acc't.

Paid a lot of bills today & yesterday.

Mrs Clow 30⁰⁰; Gieser 10⁰⁰; Larson 4⁰⁰ (Country Life); Papers 1¹⁵; Geary's 2¹⁵; Fields 31⁰⁰; Bowman Dairy Co 5⁶⁶; Middleton 21⁸⁷; Telephone 2²⁰; Bock 15⁰²; McClurg's 2⁵⁵; N.S. Gas Co 6⁸⁰; Colored preacher 1⁰⁰ (Clements?);

Worked at home this P.M. Mostly on educational survey matter.

Barber .25; groceries .20;

Saturday, February 7

Cold this A.M. But sun shone with effect until noon when cold N.W. wind set in & temp. ran down close to zero.

Took 9:19 for city. To Tribune office to try to get Stony I. material left with Mr. Hyde (three trips); Mr Armington to read copy of letter about Stony I; Barrett Bindery; Jens Jensen's office; to Olive Inn for lunch where I had interview with Miss Baber; Wipperman's; Art Inst. to read up about the L. bas reliefs; here I looked over ex. of Chicago artists, especially Albright & Clute; Mueller's to get mounts & mounted pictures; Newberry Library to look up L. material. Supper at city club & 8:00 for home.

Pd Mueller's 5⁰⁰. Charge to Art League. Wipperman 2⁰⁰ for mounting tissue – charge to Dist 107.

Depos. \$40⁰⁰ with Chas Grant – Miss Gahan's deposit. I owe \$2¹⁵ (Mr. Kensler's depos.) and \$11⁶⁶; the Perseus fund.

R.R. .52 + .20; lunch .35; supper .55;

(Ticket 6⁶⁰)

Sunday, February 8

Coldest day thus far. Clear – cold. Kept grate fire going all day as well as furnace.

Neither K. nor I went out today. I read 189 pages of Horace White's The Life of Trumbull, today. Dipped into Lowell a very little.

Copied the 10 panels of the Lincoln bas-reliefs (Schneider's) & developed the negatives this evening.

One cheerful little chickadee fed on my suet counter this A.M.

Bad news from the Bahr children. Four cases of scarlet fever there, now.

Monday, February 9

Moderated. Slight fall of granular snow before 9:00 A.M.

Most of our plants frozen at the school house. By ten o'clock all the rooms were comfortable.

Had no assembly. Dr Bergen examined all the pupils. Only one boy a little suspicious in appearance.

Miss Murray ill and unable to come. I used Esther Kerfoot instead.

Board meeting this P.M. Threshed over a number of things. - - - Finally decided to get out petitions calling for an election. A long session, amicable in its conclusions.

Miss McPherson unable to come today.

Barber .15;

Tuesday, February 10

Fine wintry day. Little flurry of snow late in the day.

Miss Murray still out of school. Miss Gahan went home ill at noon.

I gave the Thompson speed tests in arith. to grades 4 – 5 - & 6 today.

Got 32 Lincoln slides from Miss Enk today. Worked over them this evening.

Barber .15;

Wednesday, February 11

Sharp this A.M. again. Perhaps 5° below.

Had Lincoln exercises today. I met the first three grades at one time; the fourth grades at another, and the other four grades at still another time. Used my Lincoln slides.

Miss Murray & Miss Gahan still out of school. Miss Kerfoot substituting.

Willis Gerken slipped on the stairs at noon today and broke his forearm – both bones. Went with him and his mother to Dr. Ingalls' office, and helped hold the arm as the doctor pulled it in place.

To dinner tonight at Mr. Norcross's. Pleasant evening.

Mrs Bournique served tea after school.

Thursday, February 12

Snow “.75 Prec. “.05

Quite cold this A.M. Snowed in the night. Strong wind blowing.

Took 12:56 for city. To Weather Bureau to get copies of Stony Island circular which I took to Mr. Sherman Booth to mail to the Friends of Our Native Landscape. To Miss Ingersoll's to leave some negatives. Then to the City Club where I wrote two letters & read up on the Ohio Educational Survey.

Took 6:30 P.M. Alton for Springfield with Hatfield, Dodge, & Hogge. Dr Cook got on at Joliet. Had a delightful evening. Reached Springfield at 11:30. Went to St Nicholas. Mr Hatfield & I shared the same room.

Barber .15; R.R. .26 + .15 + 3.70; supper .35;

Friday, February 13

Snowed at Springfield in the night.

Conference in Mr. Blair's office this A.M. We selected an executive committee of three – Felmley, McGill, & Hogge, & a director, Mr. Coffman, and gave them power to act in initiating an educational survey.

Dr Cook, Mr Owen, Mrs Young & Prof. Clements of N.W. Univ., caught an Alton train at 1:15 and got back to Chicago at 6:30 P.M. I got home by eight.

Barber, etc .35; hotel 2⁰⁰; meals 1.50; R.R. 26 + 3.70; papers .15;

Saturday, February 14

Cold, clear day.

Worked all morning at home on arithmetic material. Set up fresh suet for my bird guests and within an hour had a nuthatch, a downy, two jays, and some English sparrows.

Took 12:56 for city and spent all afternoon at a session of the Committee of Seven. Dr. Luken's report occupied most of the time.

I brought up some questions about standard method.

Home at 6:30. Spent much time at barber's this evening waiting & getting my hair cut.

Began Frank McMurry's books "Standards in Teaching".

Wire .05; Barber .85; R.R. 52 + 15; bread .05;

Sunday, February 15

Snow "1 Prec. ".11

Rather sharp. S.W. wind blowing. Snowed from about 11:30 to 1:30 - ; drifted about To Church & stayed to S.S. Read much out of White's L. of Trumbull today. Photographed three pictures. Overhauled some of the "junk" in my room.
Church .10;

Monday, February 16

Sharp. Sun shone bright but scarcely thawed anything
Busy day but mostly uneventful.
Teachers' meeting at 4:00. Lasted until nearly six. Talked largely about school surveys – and quoted from Prof. McMurry's book.
Wrote a number of letters this evening.
Barber .15;

Tuesday, February 17

Snow – Trace

Trace of snow in night Gray and much milder. Mother came home from B.H. and St. Joe this afternoon.
S.L. Smith spent the day here again.
Harry Bell pronounced a scarlet fever patient today!
Mrs Andrews representing Underwood & U. called today.
Caucus with 4th & 5th grade teachers after school this P.M.
Took 5:50 for Chicago. Ate at C & N.W. restaurant with Mr. Kensler & his friend, Dr –
Then I went to Chic Hist Soc. Bld'g to hear Horace White on the L. & D. debates. Interesting – but he read out of his own book which I have just been reading!
R.R. .52; supper .30 + .10; Carfare .10;

Wednesday, February 18

Mild. Gray. Thawed slightly.
Much desk work. Heard two boys – special language work – for one hour.
Dr Bergen examined all the pupils. Sent one boy home for a day or two.
Mrs Holland and Mrs McBride served tea this afternoon.
Mr Denzel took William's class and Misses Schermerhorn, & Parks for a sleigh ride.
I worked at my desk at school this evening
A set of Stevenson I ordered months ago came today.
Barber .15;

Thursday, February 19

Sharp and clear. Thawed a very little.
Harry Wilson for the American Book Co. visited me this A.M. Talked Hunt's speller.
The 1A's had a sleigh ride with Mr Kollar this afternoon. Great sleighing now.
Have not yet been able to get sparrows to feed on my grain table in the backyard.
Very busy day. At home this P.M. Did a little work on my Lincoln materials.

Friday, February 20

Fine, cold wintry day. At first a strong snow flurry then clear. Beautiful sunset.

My staff and I went to county teachers' meeting at Lake Forest today. Dr. Lord addressed us twice. I met him at the station and brought him to the Gorton School.

I came away at 2:00 and rested at home awhile. Then I went down to the Gym at Evanston to the banquet of the Illinois Acad. of Sciences.

Cowles, Crook, Baker, Weller, Slocum, Woodruff, McNutt, C.C. Adams, Fuller, Mortensen, et. al. Fine time. Inspected laboratories after banquet.
Barber .15; trolley .40; lunch .30;

Saturday, February 21 Trace of Snow.

Fine wintry day. Got to Engineering Hall of N.W.U. by nine A.M. Session of Academy of Sciences began soon after. I was appointed on the nominating committee with Atwell, Transeau, ___ and Miss Marshall. We retired to prepare our report & the first no. of the program was given during that time. I heard the second & third nos. & then came away. – Lunch at City Club.

To Miss Ingersoll's to get some negatives left there. To McClurg's where I bought a book. To Wipperman's for developer. Then to Chic Hist Library where I made notes on Lincoln portraits. Home at 4:37 Dinner at the Moseley's to meet Col. Shields, bird lecture. Miss Jessie Chandler also there. Then to H.P. Club, to hear the lecture.

R.R. .15 + .10 + .26 + .20; lunch .40; book .35; barber .20; developer .35.

Sunday, February 22 Snow 3 or 4 inches Prec. “.44

A sharp, cold day. Snowed a little in the night & a strong wind blew which continued all day. More snow fell during day.

Stayed in all day. Felt greatly fagged. Kittie not well. (I went to drug store for her medicine)

Finished White's Life of Trumbull yesterday. Read good part of Harris' History of Negro Servitude in Illinois. Went over parts of Wister's Seven Ages of Washington.

Copied one photo this afternoon and developed five negatives. Kittie and I mounted material in my Lincoln scrap book.

Monday, February 23

Snow drifted heavily in the night. - - - Sky cleared in latter part of day.

Many children absent. Quarantine of the two diphtheria cases raised. Mrs Paul Gieser quarantined because of diphtheria.

Met first three grades at 9:00 to show Washington pictures; the fourth grades at 10:00. At 2:30 assembled grades 5 – 8 for the same purpose. Several pupils recited selections from Lincoln's speeches, etc. I showed all my Washington slides.

The D.A.R.'s presented us with a copy of Lentze's W. crossing the Delaware. Mrs Buchanan made presentation speech

Gave Miss McPherson a ticket with 15 rides

Barber .15;

Tuesday, February 24

Clear. Sunny. Sharp but thawing.

Another busy day followed by a teachers' meeting.

Mrs John Bell down with scarlet fever.

Worked at my desk this evening.

Pd Mother 9⁰⁰ + 1⁵⁰;

Barber .15, (Ticket 6⁶⁰) Express .69 for Dist. 107

Wednesday, February 25

Very sharp this A.M. A beautiful sunny day. Moderated. Thawed quite noticeably. The past few days the storms have stalled trains & disturbed communication generally throughout the west.

A busy day. Among other things I drew a map of school grounds locating the present & the proposed buildings thereon; hektog. 40 copies of it. Ditto of school dist. Drew a large map on paper also.

Mrs Hately and Mrs Harmon served tea this afternoon.

Pd out for Dist 107 today.

Russel Gilbert 4²⁰

Arthur Booth 4⁰⁰

Elizabeth Green 2⁰⁰

Thursday, February 26

Sunny. Thawed a little more. S.W. wind blowing.

P.T.A. meeting today to discuss new building. Lively discussion. Miss White led off. I followed with large map of school district and one of school grounds, showing proposed building. Then I answered questions. Social time followed. Good crowd.

At my house desk this evening.

Barber .15;

Friday, February 27

Thawed at a great rate today. The roads are already a little bare.

Busy. Not very eventful. Had five boys to discipline for disobedience.

After school Miss Guiney, Miss Gahan, Miss Grunewald and I worked over Lincoln material until six.

Pay day and reports. At home this evening. Visit from mother of one of offending boys.

At times I am reading with great interest Mrs Pryor's Reminiscences of Peace and War.

Geese were flying over today.

Saturday, February 28

Cloudy at first but sun shone most of day. Thawing continued. Wind rose after nightfall & it snowed.

Various errands at school & at Brand's. Left Lincoln pictures there to be enlarged. Took 10:38 for Chicago. Carried large picture (W. crossing Delaware) to Moulton & R. to be recolored; to Jens Jensen's office to leave slides; Miss Ingersoll's to leave negatives; City Club for lunch. Banghart's for paper & here I had chat with B. about picture scheme; Mueller's to see Mr. Winter about more mounting board; McClurg's, Abbotts', Field's, Fair; home on 4:00. Chat with Drake coming out; with Monroe after we got to H.P.

At my desk this P.M.

Consumer's League 1⁰⁰; Ed. League 4⁰⁰; Miss Ingersoll 7⁴⁵;

R.R. .52 + .20; lunch .40; nuts .05; paper .05; book .25; barber .15;

Sunday, March 1

Wind roared in the night and tossed the clouds about today. Sunny and cold.
Loafed all day. Finished Mrs Pryor's Reminiscences of Peace and War. Very much impressed with it. Also finished Lossing's Mount Vernon and its Associations.
Tramped out to the Skokie towards sunset. Cold but bracing. Heard no horned larks. Perhaps too windy. Bro't back cuttings of dogwood and of high-bush cranberry.
Wrote some letters
Under the weather a little "Tummy."

Monday, March 2

Beautiful day. Thawed quite a little.
Busy. - - At noon read a petition at Larson's gotten up by the "opposition" on the school question. Had long talk with the Larsons on it.
Mrs Cramer visited our school all day. Rose Miller Kellog spent the morning there.
This evening I spent the earlier part at my office Then conferred with Mr Norcross. Then to H.S., hoping at the conclusion of a bird lecture being given there to meet with the First Ward Improvement Ass'n and talk school matters, but the meeting fell through before the lecture was over. Walked home with Mr McNutt of the H.S.
Barber .15;

Tuesday, March 3

Gray. Thawed a little.
Excitement over "school proposition" evident everywhere. This evening at Mr Norcross' four of the Board & I met to discuss situation. Were there until eleven.
6B's and I & Miss Hourigan went out on grounds and made some cuttings of shrubs which we planted in a box of sand.

Wednesday, March 4

Another thawing day. Sunny. Delightful.
Conference with Mrs Shumacher and Mrs Clements over the school situation. Spent a lot of time preparing for the paper material for its article on the school situation. This looks very bad from our point of view.
Miss Everett served tea this afternoon.
At home this evening. Bolted director's meeting of Geog. Soc. this afternoon, & Audubon meeting this evening.
Wrote checks for bills. Fields 15²⁴, Mandels, 2⁴⁰, Geary 1⁰⁵ School News 2⁰⁰ M.W.A. 2⁹⁰; Presb. Ch. 8⁷⁵; Waffle (for Stevenson set) 9⁰⁰; Bowman Dairy 5¹²; Hall & McCreary 1⁵³; Chic Tel Co. 4⁸⁰; Bock 10⁷⁹; Dial 2⁰⁰;
Barber .15;

Thursday, March 5

Gray but still thawing. Snow gradually disappears. Everything freezes up at night but thaws slowly by day.
Uncovered our bulbs in the cold frame which had been deeply buried by the snow slide. They had grown alarmingly and I fear many will be blasted. Took them all up into the rest room and shut off the heat. Hope to keep them in cold place for a while.
Mr. Guyot came to my office to talk school question and we had friendly discussion for an hour or so after school. Sent four of the teachers to the Ossoli this afternoon.

Have a cold. At home this P.M.

~~Boek~~

Barber .15.

Friday, March 6

Snow "3 or "4; Prec. ".22

Gray much of day. Grew very dark at times in the evening. Snowed heavily between 6:30 & 9:30 P.M. A soft snow that clung to everything it touched.

Cold bothered me all day. – Miss Taylor of Ravinia spent some time at my building looking up bird material & conferring with me about a lecture at the Allendale school in the near future.

Miss White's pupils gave "Miss Doty's school" in the aud. to a big house – after 3:30 this A.M.

Mother, K, & I went down on 5:50 to Chic. Geog. Banquet at La Salle Hotel. Dean C Worcester guest of honor. He lectured, using slides & moving pictures. A great success. Our "44" sat at tables near each other. Had sprigs of sage brush in button holes.

My cold grew very much worse as the evening wore on

R.R. 1²⁶; trolley .30; tip .10;

Barber .15; (tickets 6⁰⁰);

Saturday, March 7

Sunny, for the most part. Mild.

My right eye & nostril badly congested, so I stayed in all day & nursed them. Read a little out of one eye; worked at sorting magazines a little, etc.

Used capsules from Dr. Bergen all day.

Missed meeting of Committee of Seven today.

Finished Mrs Johns' "Personal Recollections," 1849-1865".

Sunday, March 8

A few snowflakes – but day mostly sunny and cool.

My cold very much better. I stayed in all day. Read from Ford's "The True George Washington", & from Stevenson's "Inland Voyage"

Cut articles out of old magazines, etc.

Monday, March 9

A beautiful day. Thawing still.

This A.M. I served as a judge in a debate at the H.S.

After school, for teachers' meeting, I showed some of my lantern slides – talked on pollination, etc.

Was to have been a Board meeting this evening, but three members being out of town, the meeting was postponed.

Letter from Edith today told of Danforth's going to Dubuque to try a position in a grocery there.

Barber .15;

Tuesday, March 10

An interesting "March day." Sun shone brightly all morning. In the afternoon a blustery storm prevailed, a half inch of snow falling.

Much routine work in my office today. Took 6B's out to collect twigs. Had a group of boys take boards off roof of plant house and remove broken panes.

Worked with teachers after school writing up my card catalogue.

At home this evening. Wrote some letters.
Barber .25;

Wednesday, March 11

Beautiful day. Thawed a little. Still great drifts of snow & frozen ponds.
Potttered around most of day, clearing up a lot of odds & ends.
Mrs Chapman served tea after school.
Had some boys prime roof bars of green house.
Five of teachers and I had tramp after school – Lincoln Ave. - - over to Monroe's - - & down in Skokie. Met no birds!
This evening S.S. meeting at Church. Long and useful meeting.
Eclipse of the moon. A lovely evening – sky clear – moon about obscured as I write – 10:30 P.M.
Barber .15; trolley 05;

Thursday, March 12

Beautiful day. Melted some more.
Had Mr. Bahr's man set glass on our plant house.
Overhauled materials in science room at a great rate today.
Miss Hazlett unable to teach. Miss Kerfoot substituted satisfactorily.
Took 5:50 P.M. for Chicago & went to Mr A H. Loeb's at 5017 Ellis Ave, to read Prof. Wilhelm Müller's lecture on Prairie landscapes & architects. Used a few of my own slides. Prof. Müller had an engagement at Waukegan that conflicted & so I helped out. Had met Mrs Loeb three times before & on quite friendly terms. A fine house. A "swell crowd" – Hebrews mostly, Jensen, there, - Miss Monroe, et. al.
R.R. 52 + .10; supper .20; barber .15

Friday, March 13

Another beautiful day. Before school I walked down Green B. Road as far as Monroe's then across the meadow to the ball grounds – but heard no songs of birds.
Continued overhauling materials in science room. – Mr S.L. Smith here again today - - - A visit from Mr Taber of Funk & Wagnalls today. - - - Went down to Geog. Soc. this evening to hear Prof. Cox's lecture on cranberry bogs. Desperately sleepy during most of it. Sat with Miss Baber and talked over Stony Island project. Afterwards had a conference with Mrs Frankenstein over lecture I am to give her club April 1. - - - Mrs Bley asked me to remember her when skunk cabbage is in bloom.
R.R. 52 + .05; barber .25; paper .10;

Saturday, March 14

Beautiful. Warm. Only relics of snow banks.
Flock of robins across the way as I was getting up. Dorothy Curtis phoned that there were 8 on her lawn. Saw Miss Mitchell down town who reported arrival of robins there and of one meadowlark.
8:49 for Chic. Banghart's to take mount to be recovered with paper; Central Scientific to see about a spotted lens; McIntosh to replace broken condensing lens; Fields; Mandels; Bradner Smith; Miss Enk; City Club for lunch; Siegel C's for gelatine; to Board rooms where Committee of Seven held its last afternoon meeting – Colwell, Bone, Tear, Millis, Lukens & I and Butler for the Ex. Com.
Home on 6:31. Lyon & H.
Charge Preb. Church 1⁵⁰ for lens; #107 - 25¢ for lens paper & .50 for gelatine
R.R. 52 + .10; lunch .40; barber .15;

Sunday, March 15

Beautiful. Warm. Only traces of snow – and masses in ravines.

Robins scolding across the way awakened me. Everett Millard & I tramped across Kimball's down to Mooney's, & down to the woods below Kopf's Lane and back. Meadowlarks in fine tune. Bluebirds flying overhead. Song sparrow sang for us. Kill-deers flew up. Aspen catkins swelling. Gathered sprays of wahoo & branches gnawed by rabbits. Also hazel branches. Photographed two of the latter this afternoon, also copied some engravings – W. monument; Capitol, etc.

Developed 8 plates this evening.

To S.S. as usual.

Monday, March 16

A lovely day. A wind blew up a little boisterously awhile, but at sunset light cloud masses floated lazily in the sky.

Purple grackles seen yesterday. Very many geese; hundreds of ducks.

Heat going in plant house. Cleaned it up this afternoon. Ground drying rapidly.

Made 3 hektographs today. Mr. Baggett of Lake Forest schools gave us teachers an illustrated talk about Paris after school. Very good.

This evening I attended a conference at the H.P. Club to hear report of the work of a visiting nurse at Winnetka. Mrs Fyffe presided. Mrs Tenney & Miss Garretson came from W. - - Mr. Norcross and I conferred about school matters.

Barber .15;

Tuesday, March 17

Little sunshine. Windy. At first a few rain drops, then a flurry (a very small one) of snow. In short – March!

Spent much time at my desk working over arithmetic material. Conferences with teachers (three of them) on arith. after school.

Got hyacinths, etc. into plant house.

Sent to Dreer's for various seeds. Check for \$4⁶⁰.

Sent lens to Spenser Optical Co. to be cleaned.

Miss Grunewald & Miss White spent evening at our house.

Barber .25;

Wednesday, March 18

Cool. Sunny & gray alternately.

Took 11:44 for Chicago. Lunch at C & N.W. Station. To Miss Enk's & Jensen's – former not in. To Francis Parker School. Heard Dr Lukens in two recitations. Later rode down town with him in his auto. I got out at Field's. From there to Miss Enk's & then to Searles where I had a good visit. Then to Silver & B. – where Mr. Buck and I set out for the 5:20. Visited with him until he got off at Glencoe.

After supper received Mr McKenzie who called to consult me about my lecture to be given for his school. Then to Barbers. At my desk – Still working on my paper on standard forms in arith. – Looked over slides for tomorrow evening's lecture.

R.R. .52 + .15; lunch .40; barber .15.

Thursday, March 19

Cool. Gray & sunny alternately. Strong, cold wind.

5A's planted 5 flats each of Dwarf Champion & Stone today.

Four of my staff and I went over to Ossoli Club this afternoon to hear Prof Wilhelm Miller speak on Landscape Gardening.

I took 5:50 for city. Went to City Club to get some slides Mr. Jensen left there for me (I had loaned them to him). Then took 7:50 for Jefferson Park. Visited with Mrs Root on the train. Lectured before Altrui Club. Small audience in very big room. Boys "ran" the lantern and had trouble. Got along fairly well. Recd 5⁰⁰ + R.R. ticket.

R.R 52 + .10; paper .06; barber .15;

Friday, March 20

Fine, cool day.

Miss Cole gave her little musicale this afternoon – 2nd & 3rd graders. Great success. Receipts 17⁰⁰ +.

Conference at Mrs Bacon's house after school over school affairs. Do. with Mrs Schumacher at the school house.

Miss De Muth representing Prang's called this afternoon.

Pres. Felmley looked in for a few minutes this A.M. to ask me what about Mr. Williams of the H.S. for a position at Normal.

This evening I set up a lantern in Mr McKenzie's assembly room to try it out Took all of my evening

Pd out .33 for express for the school. Pd 21¢ for myself.

Saturday, March 21

Gray mostly. Stayed in practically all day working on my arithmetic paper. Had a nap – or tried to – in the afternoon.

This evening Mother, K. & I went to village dinner at Ravinia as guests of Mr & Mrs Leaming. Fine time. I came away early. Folks an hour or so later. Met the Hermans, Cain, Yaeger, Browns, Taylors, Greggs, etc.

Barber .25; trolley .30;

Sunday, March 22

Snow .30 Prec. “.07

Light snow in night. Began again this A.M. but little fell & nearly all melted during day. Sunny & gray alternately. Cool, blustering wind.

Did not go to church or S.S. Rested. Worked on arith paper.

Read from Stevenson - - Went to Skokie preserve west of Washington St. Pussy willow & aspen catkins appearing. Flock of grackles & some red wings Skunk cabbages in bloom!

Trolley .10.

Monday, March 23

Gray & sunny. Cool.

Visited Winnetka – Mr ~~Ford~~ Rhodes & got data from him relating to centralizing of schools, salaries, enrolment, etc Then I called on Mr Rowell at Glencoe and secured similar data of him. After lunch I called on Mr Baggett and got other data from him. While at Lake Forest I met Prof. Halsey on the street and had a chat with him about the Lake Co. History. - - - Mrs Schumacher was in the office when I returned and we talked politics. - - This evening we had our "mass meeting" to discuss the "school question." Our friends scored heavily & volunteer subscriptions to buy 75 feet of Moseley prop. for school made!!

Arthur Enders here for supper & the night.

Trolley .20 + .20; barber .35; lemons .05;

Tuesday, March 24

Mild. Sunny.

Very busy day. - - Arthur is attending dental convention in C. and he left this morning. - - - Tobacco seeds planted yesterday - - Phone calls about the political situation frequent - - Hyacinths beginning to bloom in plant house - - - Attended conference of women at Mrs Bacon's this afternoon - - Mr. Elisha Morgan & Mr Drake of the opposition called at my office for a friendly conference after school. Then I went to the Press office to be interviewed by Lowrie. This evening until 11:00 P.M. I spent with Messrs Metzel & Norcross at the latter's house, preparing article for the newspaper, etc.

Barber .15;

Wednesday, March 25

Mild with strong south wind blowing. Rained in the night.

Busy! Copied on typewriter Mss of letter worked out last night at Mr. Norcross; Sent it to Mrs Schumacher for her perusal. Showed it to Mr. Morton. Then gave it to the printer.

Planted with children's help 15 flats of asters. Had other work done in plant house.

Mr Flinn called & showed some fine architects' plans.

Left school early. Went to Lincoln Ave. school to see about lantern arrangements.

Lay down at 5:30 for a nap. Used cab to go to Linc. Ave. School to give my lecture Crowded house. Hard work but appreciated.

Barber .15; trolley .10;

Thursday, March 26

Prec. .92 .08

Thunder storm and rain in the night. Rained heavily before nine. Again late afternoon & after nightfall.

Another very busy day. - This afternoon Mrs Stanford of the Evanston schools called to get a report upon our nature study work & I gave her an hour and a half. - - Then we had P.T.A - elected officers & talked school election, etc.

This evening three of my boys and I carried lantern, curtain, etc., to Young Men's Club - we had promised to loan it to them for a lecture - - & it was not needed. The lecturer had not come!

Then I went to the H.S. to represent "our side" at a meeting of the First Ward Protective Ass'n. Lovely time. All friendly.

Barber .15;

Friday, March 27

Prec. ".73

Rained heavily in night and off and on this A.M.

Had four teacher visitors from Wilmette.

Helped start Miss Moore's germinating boxes. Her pupils planted two flats of Early Jersey Wakefield cabbages.

Went down to Francis Parker school this afternoon to confer with Lewis Colwell over my copy for the published report of the Committee of Seven.

This P.M. Mr. Greenslade, Mr Norcross & I met at the school house to plan for details of election tomorrow.

R.R. .52 + .10; papers .06, Sundries .15.

Saturday, March 28

Prec. ".60

Rained much of the afternoon.

A.M – Read proof on ballots; had ballot boxes sent to school house; took 8:49 to Chicago. Went to meeting of Round Table to excuse myself. Then to Anderson’s; Donohue & H for election blanks; to Mueller’s for cardboard mounts; then home. At 1:00 was at school house getting ready for election. Polls opened at 2:00, closed at 7:00. Had a jolly time. Opposition did not work, many of them stayed away.

Vote	Women	Men	Total
East side site	300	204	504
West “ “	30	63	93
For bonds	314	242	556
Against “	10	25	35
For bl’d’g	320	245	565
Against “	6	23	29

A great victory! I was worn out.

R.R. .52 + .10; barber .25;

Pd for Dist 107 - .90 for blanks;

“ “ Art fund. .60 for mounts

“ “ express (Dist 107) .65

Sunday, March 29

Prec. “.10

Rained more in the night & again some this A M

Stayed at home from church & rested up.

This afternoon Millard & I went up to Waukegan flats & bro’t back specimens of skunk cabbage, etc.

Golden crowns and hermit thrushes.

Trolley .30

Monday, March 30

Gray & cool.

In morning assembly I talked about the proposed new playground.

Took 8A’s to city hall on a field trip.

Teachers’ meeting after school when I laid before them the recommendations as to form and method of arith which I have prepared for the Committee of Seven.

Conference with several of the teachers afterwards.

Our hyacinths are very beautiful – all over the building.

At home this P.M. – working over Washington material

Pd out .45 for express today. Rec’d 5⁰⁰ from Miss McPherson on tickets today.

Barber .15;

Tuesday, March 31

Gray. Sprinkled late afternoon; rained after night set in.

Salvia seeds – 8 flats planted by 7B’s. Other work in plant house.

This evening worked for the most part on my flower talk to be given tomorrow.

Bo’t a new R.R. ticket.

Wednesday, April 1

Mild. Threatening. Just a little sunlight.

Planted a flat of crimson clover, one of fringed gentian seed, one of waahoo.

Miss Ruth Dalrymple of Elgin visited our schools as a candidate for a position.

Took 12:56 for Chicago. Gave a lecture on "The Awakening of Spring" before the Isaiah Woman's Club at Isaiah Temple, 45th and Vincennes, Mrs Victor Frankenstein, President. Crowded room & attentive audience. Fee \$15⁰⁰

Called on Miss Enk & Miss Ingersoll. At Fields to buy shirts.

Spent evening at home.

Mother 8⁰⁰;

R.R. .52 + .15;

Sent \$2⁰⁰ to Dreer's, .80 of this being for school seeds – 20 for Miss Murray.

Thursday, April 2

Mild. Sunny at times.

Took 32 or more 8A's to Waukegan to visit court house Case being tried of a salloon keeper being sued by wife of a drunkard. Got home by 1: o'clock.

Various duties at school. Conference after school. Dr. Hamilton came to inquire about building plans and to see how they might affect his property.

After supper I went to Lincoln Ave. school to help test a lantern bro't out on trial. Then to Mr Geer's to borrow a book on W's inauguration. Worked until midnight on my lecture

Trolley .30;

Friday, April 3

Conference with Mrs Schumacher at 9:30. Then took 10:32 for Chicago on my way to Lexington. Went to Miss Ingersoll's to get some slides from Miss Agnes. To Anderson's to get my new suit. Took 1:00 P.M. for Lexington. Anna Pierson met at train. Went with her to supper. Good time. Took suit case to Sheridan Van Dolah's. Mrs Van's mother – Mrs Tanton – there.

Gave my lecture "From Mt Vernon to Yorktown" at "The Scenic" A small audience - - my intimate friends, mostly. After it was over we had a reception at the "Smith Library" A fine time.

R.R. .26 + .10 + 2.20; lunch .35;

Saturday, April 4

Breakfast at Sheridan's. Afterwards G.J. Smith and I went to see the "remains" of the school house which had burned down April 1. This was the b'ld'g in which I was the first Principal. Then we went through the (adjoining h.s.), visiting with Supt. Smith & Mr. Fieker. After lunch I tramped by myself out to G.J.'s forest preserve. Rambled through the woods & down to the Mackinaw. Then unlocked the log cabin – built a fire – and loafed awhile. Walked back to town. Went to the bank & had conference with L.B. Strayer & Shelt Smith over plans for a new b'ld'g. At 6:15 Mahans (W.R & Tot) took me & Gertrude Dennis out to the Mahan farms. A great evening meal. Visited until late.

Barber .15 (Bert Jenkins)

Sunday, April 5

Gertrude & I went out for a walk along the Mackinaw (Beautiful day but sharp air). Then we (W.R, Tot, G, & I) drove to town to church. Communion Sunday. Rev. Mr. Torrance preaching. Reunion with many of my old friends. Back to Mahans for dinner. Then G., Tot, & I with little Douglas, had a delightful ramble. Mrs. & Doug. & Mr M. drove in with G. & I at 4:00. G. took train for Bloomington. I went up to Sheridan's & visited with his people. Then G.J. came & walked to the station with me. I took 5:42 for Chicago. Home by 11:30

R.R. 2.20 + .26; (Lexington people pd me 5⁰⁰ on expenses)

Monday, April 6

Gray mostly. A little drizzle early - - but hardly any rainfall.

Miss Davis at home because of her sister's illness. Miss Schermerhorn too ill to come. Miss Kerfoot substituted. I helped.

Harold Steele, one of my former boys, called to get my help in preparing his petition. He wishes to be a policeman!

Flickers here. Kingfishers, also. Fox sparrows about April 3.

Presby. church meeting this evening. I attended. Visited the Clows awhile afterward – Mother & K. being there.

Barber 75; apple .05;

Tuesday, April 7

Chilly and gray mostly. A decidedly strong, cold wind came up at 2:30 P.M. & blew stronger after nightfall.

Township election here. Great "wet" & "dry" contests at Waukegan and down state.

Took 8th graders to the "town meeting" at 2:00 P.M. They & some pupils from the Lincoln Ave. school & about 25 women made up most of the audience.

Spent time this evening going over catalogues of shrubs, etc.

Worked over card catalogue of pupils today.

Brown creepers in numbers reported. Juncoes numerous.

Barber .25;

Wednesday, April 8

Snow "1.5 Prec. ".23

Cold but sunny all morning. Snowed for a while after 4:30 this afternoon. More than an inch fell.

Mr. Nida visited us to inspect Miss Moore's work. Mr. Flinn, architect, called to discuss things.

So did a heating engineer sent by S.R. Lewis.

I posted up a list of trees and shrubs and interested children in ordering. Checked up card catalogue of Miss Moore this P.M.

Worked at my desk all evening. Pd a stack of bills. Wrote several letters.

Pd 1⁰⁰ to Orson Brand on piano fund of Ebenezer Ev. Church.

Thursday, April 9

Snow on the ground but a warm south wind blew up during morning and - - - -

Lovely day; moonlit night.

Some planting exercises. Mr Hudson of the Highwood schools visited us.

S.L. Smith here again today

Rev. R.A. White lectured here tonight on "The Land of the Midnight Sun". Mr. Cade brought lantern and operated. We had Mr. Cade as our guest at supper. Large crowd. Fine lecture.

Barber .15;

Friday, April 10

More like March. Violent wind all afternoon and some rain drops.

Agnes Kendrick Brough & a teacher friend visited us today. Mr. Rhodes, Sup't at Winnetka, spent day with us – a very appreciative visitor.

Planted nasturtiums & onion sets with 1st graders.

Very busy.

Miss Guiney, Miss McCord, & I went to city this evening accompanied by Mr Rhodes to hear Miss Semple lecture before the Geog. Soc. on geog. influences in life of Japan. A great lecture

Had Mr. Rhodes as my guest for lunch at the Victoria restaurant.

R.R. .52 + .20; dinner .70; barber .15

Saturday, April 11

A beautiful day.

Various errands before I went to the city. Sent pot of heather to Mrs Millard.

9:19 for Chicago. To Fields; McIntosh; Orr & Lockett: to Acad. of Sciences to try to persuade Mr Woodruff to give a bird lecture at Allendale Farm; to Pitkin & Brooks & to Union Stoneware Co. to try to find rose jars; to lunch at The Hearth where I had a fine chat with Dr. & Mrs Goode; Vaughn's for miscellaneous seeds; Lyon & Healey's.

Took 4:15 for home. Had a nap until 6:30. Worked over school bills all this evening.

This A.M. found that I had lost my pocket book on the train last night! A ticket with 18 rides & \$5⁰⁰!!

Charge Dist. 107 - \$1³⁰ for seeds; .90 for sprayer & soap; 48¢ for blank keys.

R.R. 52 + .30; lunch .35; slide boxes \$1.50; ticket 6⁶⁰;

Sunday, April 12

An ideal day. Sunny. Elm buds almost ready to open. Hazel & aspens full bloom. Y.B. sapsucker, phoebe, here with hosts of juncoes, robins, br. creepers, flickers, h. thrushes, et. al Mourning cloak butterfly. Some large ducks off shore.

Visited with Everett Millard before church. Then to Easter ex. at church. Then to S.S. Helped a little But Mr. Dobson & Mr. Steele held sway. After dinner made one photo of hazel blossoms. - - Then Mother, K & I with the Clows went to Waukegan to vesper service at Presb. Church - Mr Chidester, pastor - - Mr Baggett, chorus director. A beautiful service
Trolley .90; collection .50 + .50.

Monday, April 13

Another fine day.

Specimens of y.b. sapsucker & of br. creeper bro't in. Chewinks here.

Worked on school bills much of day. - - - Met Mr. Baldwin by appointment at Presb. Church shortly before 6 P.M. to discuss plan of making S.S. rooms in the basement.

School Board meeting this evening until nearly eleven. Mr. Beers, architect, present and set forth proposed plans for a b'ld'g. Flinn not present but submitted sketches.

Board chose Flinn for architect.

School boys still "crazy" about marbles.

Great leaves on specimen of skunk cabbage bro't in on Mar. 29.

Hyacinths nearly all thro' blooming (in house).

Barber .15;

Tuesday, April 14

Another ideal day.

Worked over the two sets of architects' sketches in the office. Sent G.J. Smith a sketch of two front elevations.

Field trip with 4B's to Exmoor Ridge this afternoon. Fine trip.

Worked this evening on my tree list to send away.

Sent Dreer's postal note for \$2³⁰ for seeds. Charge Dist 107 with .50.
Barber .15.

Wednesday, April 15

Mild & delightful.

Everett Millard and I met before 8:00 at triangle park across from Presb. Church & conferred with Mr Hawkins about "parking" it. then looked over some R.R. frontage with same purpose in view.

5th graders re-set tomato plants this A.M. I helped start the work.

Took 12:56 for Chicago & 2:30 I.C.R.R. for 59th St. Mrs Bertram Sippy met me in machine and took me to School of Ed. – where I gave a flower talk to a small group of the P.T.A. My friend Mrs Loeb there; also Mrs Caldwell; Mr. Gillette, et. al. Then I visited awhile with Miss Warren, librarian, & consulted a book or two. To City Club for 6:30 dinner with Audubon directors. Held our meeting afterwards. Mr & Mrs Pattee & I caught 9:10 for home.
R.R. .52 + .20 + .05; supper .75; barber .15;

Thursday, April 16

Mild. Lovely.

Conferred with Mr Bahr before school about parking on Laurel Ave.

Spent some time supervising the re-setting of tomato plants. Gave two or three nature lessons. - - - on specimens of birds - - - on care of trees, etc.

Took 11 of my staff up to my black-bird marsh this evening. A ravishingly beautiful evening.

Conferred with Mr. Warner over phone about work of H.P. Improvement Society. Then with Millard. Hope to get money for shrubs from above ass'n.
Trolley .10;

Friday, April 17

Almost sultry. Gray at sunset. South wind.

Before school I scouted around to try to find Foreman Hart to ask him to have a force of men to work with Millard tomorrow on the park project. Conferred with Gourley & Denzel about screening their lumber yards.

Kept things moving at the plant house. Mr Kensler started making more flats. Boys got barrow full of green manure to put in cold frame. Gave nature lesson in 7A.

Went with Mr. Schreurs to Ravinia school to look up lantern arrangements

Mr. Phillips – lived across from school – died at hospital today A fine man.

Myrtle warbler today!

Barber .15; bicyc. 50;

Saturday, April 18

Trace

Sultry and a high wind all day that drove the dust about everywhere.

At 8:00 Everett & I met and planned outlines of beds for the city's men to spade up. Then worked at school house, getting ready for election. This came off this afternoon. Only 21 votes cast. Gale came up during afternoon with a dash or two of rain. After 7:00 P.M. a few short downpours.

Mr Norcross re-elected Pres; Mrs Schumacher, Mrs Shannon, & Mr. Morton (21 votes cast.)

Sent my curtain down to Ravinia school. Gave my lecture there this evening to "small but appreciative" etc.

Trolley .10; ice cream, etc. 25.

Sunday, April 19

Prec. .07

Rained in night. Grew much cooler. Late this afternoon for a while a sleet storm. Stayed away from church to rest up. Went to Mr. Phillips' funeral at the Episcopal church this afternoon.

Walked to the lake front late this afternoon and found shepherdia in full blossom.

Read Measure for Measure, Pater's essay thereon; some of Shakespeare's sonnets, etc

Monday, April 20

Froze ice last night. Cleared during afternoon & began to moderate.

Various supervising duties today.

Teachers' meeting after school. Principal topic the equipment of a school room.

Worked at my desk this evening. Wrote pile of letters to teachers, and others.

Prepared notes for an article in H.P. Press on trees.

Barber .15;

Tuesday, April 21

Turned warm rapidly & was almost sultry again.

I went in to C. on the 9:56. To Fritz Schoultz to have a Duke of Venice suit put up for Frank Knight. Then to Nat'l Art Supply – my friend C.E. Douglass. to negotiate for two pictures (two copies of W. crossing the Delaware – for the D.A.R. Also to solicit his help in finding new teachers. Lunch with him at Pullman grill.

Home at 2:34. Conference with Mrs Schumacher over teachers. Various duties after school. At building a while after supper. Miss G. & others there working on costumes.

Wrote several letters in reply to applicants.

Charge Dist. 107, .62 for carfare

Barber .15; ice cream .10;

Election today. Byron Stevens in our (4th) ward!!

Wednesday, April 22

Cooler. Fires needed again. Windy. Threatening.

Advised with Everett Millard as he started the public parkway planting.

Sent Frank Knight & Alb't Arnswald to the city – to take my lantern slides to Mr. Schantz' office to loan to Miss Mitchell, and to get Frank a costume for the part of Duke of Venice –

8th grade & 7th gave a matinee this afternoon. Senes from M of V. & As You Like It. Quite good.

A busy day. Did errands this evening about school garden, etc

Martens came in by flocks; all kinds of swallows; white throats.

Shave .15;

Thursday, April 23

Warmer.

Got workman from Bahr's & had him spade a garden patch on the Sheahen site – almost 20 x 30. Had Koller haul a load of black dirt there. This afternoon the two sixth grades were taken out there and they planted small plots of wheat, rye, oats, barley, cane, millet, cotton, peanuts, buckwheat, alfalfa, flax, etc.

The fruit tree order from the Wolverine Nursery, Paw-Paw, Mich., came and I began the distribution of apple trees this afternoon.

This evening the Shakespearean performance repeated to a small audience. Fine show. Board meeting in office at same time. I divided my time between them.

Jenny wren; brown thrasher.
Barber .15;

Friday, April 24

Prec. "36

Grew very sultry during day. Thunderstorm late this evening. Drizzling shower in morning but not much rainfall.

Mr Metzel & I visited the Port Clinton grounds & also the Sheahen site.

I had the gardener resetting shrubs on E.P. grounds that would need to be removed to make way for a building-

Had boys & girls digging up small shrubs; resetting asters, etc. Very busy day. Some of us had lunch at Mrs. Jerrems.

Distributed remainder of fruit trees this afternoon.

So tired I nearly collapsed this evening. Stomach out of order.

→ Architects Flinn & Holmes spent hour on E.P. ground with me →

Loaned school stereopticon to Co. Supt Simpson to be used at Deerfield

Barber .15; ice cream .20;

Saturday, April 25

Fine day. Warm. Wore balbriggan underwear for the first time this season.

Set my gardener at work at Elm Place digging up shrubs, then with a group of sixth grade boys went over to the Sheahen site to replant beds scratched up by the neighbor's chickens. Then we re-set willow cuttings seedlings, hard maple seedlings do., linden do., and forsythia and currant cuttings rooted last year. I had several shrubs from Elm Place set in a clump at N.E. corner of Sheahen site.

Sent Albert Arnswald to city to take back a costume to Schoultz's & get me some camera plates.

Worked at Elm Place all afternoon with the gardener. He reset some of the shrubbery at S.E. corner to make room for driveway. This P.M. I went back to school house & worked at desk until 9:30. Was exhausted and almost ill. (Black- & -white creeping warbler)

Barber .15; ice cream .15;

Sunday, April 26

Beautiful day. Cooler.

Too weak to do much. Lollid on bed all day nearly. Late in afternoon went with Mother & K. on walk down to Kopf's Lane.

Read from Stevenson – from Bleak House; King Henry IV ----

Monday, April 27

Prec. ".35

Warm day with lowering clouds. Two or three fine showers.

Conference with Millard at 8:00. Then to school house. To Highwood to make out school & age certif. for Philander L. Engaged two boys to repair Port Clinton School house. Conferred with Mrs Clements about desirable treatment of Lake Front Park. Later on, also, with Lowry & Udell.

Met Miss Emma Roeser who applied for music position.

Wrote bird & tree notes for the paper.

Planted three shepherdias at school grounds.

Took 6:56 for Chicago. Went to a show for an hour or so. Home on 10:02-11:01. Rather knocked out.

Ice cream .10; R.R. .15 + .05; show .50; magaz. 15;

Tuesday, April 28

[no entry on this day – ed.]

Wednesday, April 29

[no entry on this day – ed.]

Thursday, April 30

Left on Mich Central at 6:45 this A.M. Half hour late into Chicago. To Schantz' office to get my slides left there by Miss Mitchell. Home at 1:37. At barber's. Hired a rig to take me to school house for carbons & home. Hurried into another suit, grabbed up my slides & took 2:48 for Glencoe. Women's club was giving elaborate program of songs, etc., & this gave me much needed time for arranging my slides. Mr. Rowell operated.

Fine and appreciative audience. Fee \$10⁰⁰.

Worked at my great bundle of correspondence this P.M.

R.R. 1⁸⁰ + .52 + .10; + .20; lunch .40;

Friday, May 1

Cool. Gray. Clearing. R.R. .26; Dues. 1⁰⁰; Hobo .25

Met Dr. Lukens in his machine at 8:30 at N.W. station, Chicago We picked up Asa Goddard at Forest Park & rode to DeKalb by 11:45. Fine ride. Program at 1:30. I presided.

Great success. Dr. Meriam's address very radical. Miss Flora Cook of Francis Parker School there & she reported great things of Dr. Meriam's school. Ran to nearly 11:00 P.M. Goodard, E.R. Smith, Hubbard & I in one room at Glidden.

[A pale blue ribbon (4 mm width by 14.5 mm length) is pinned to the page. Inscribed in black letters on the ribbon: SUPERINTEND'TS AND PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION OF Northern Illinois DeKalb, May 1,2. OFFICERS Pres. JESSE L. SMITH Vice. L.A. MAHONEY Sec. J.R. SKILES Treas. H.B. FISHER EXECUTIVE COM. F.M. GILES G.C. BUTLER COM. OF SEVEN PRIN. L.W. COLWELL SUPT. H.A. BONE PRIN. D.A. TEAR SUPT J.L SMITH DR. LUKENS PROF. J.F. MILLIS DR. C.A. MCMURRY

Pasted to this page is a clipping from the program for Friday afternoon and evening, as follows:

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 1ST

- 1:30 "A Concrete Basis for Learning the Fundamental Operations." – Principal Lewis C. Colwell, Grover Cleveland School, Chicago, Ill.
Review and Discussion.....J.R. Skiles, DeKalb Normal School
General Discussion..... {Supt. Thomas, Woodstock, Ill Principal Fulwider, Freeport, Ill.}
- 3:30 "The Mathematics of Arithmetic as a Means in the Solution of Life Problems." – H.A. Bone, Supt. of School, Batavia, Ill.
Review and Discussion.....Supt. Jones, Rockford, Ill.
General Discussion..... {Supt. Mahoney, Rochelle, Ill. Supt. Rowell, Glencoe, Ill.}
- 4:30 *Business Meeting*

FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 1ST

- 7:00 *Music*.....Arranged by Northern Illinois State Normal School
- 7:30 *ADDRESS* – "How Quantitative Problems in the Study of Concrete Activities May Advisedly be Substituted for Arithmetic." – Dr. J.L. Miriam, Director School of Education, University of Missouri
- 8:30 *Reports* – Illustrations from Schools where the Applications of Arithmetic have been made to Real Problems Relating to Actual Experiences, Needs and Interests of Individual Pupils
- Mr. Pitts, Interlaken School, Rolling Prairie, Indiana
 - Miss Ida M. Pahlman, Principal McCosh School, Chicago, Ill.

- Dr. D.A. Tear, Principal Gladstone School, Chicago, Ill.
- Miss Myrtle Kaufman, State Normal School, DeKalb, Ill.
- Mr. E.C. Fisher, Superintendent of Schools, Dundee, Ill.
- Mr. James F. Millis, Francis W. Parker School, Chicago, Ill. – ed.]

Saturday, May 2

Chilly at first but later warm. Sunny.

Program resumed at 8:30 A.M. Gave Dr. Meriam an hour to answer questions. Stimulating.

[Pasted to this page is a clipping from the program for Saturday morning, as follows:

SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 2ND

- 8:30 “*Mental Imagery of the Number Relations.*” – Dr. Lukens, Francis W. Parker School, Chicago, Ill.
 Review and Discussion.....Supt. W.H. Hatch, Oak Park, Ill.
 General Discussion..... Supt. Goddard, Forest Park, Ill.
- 9:30 “*Standardization of Forms of Solution.*” – J.L. Smith, Superintendent of Schools, Highland Park, Ill.
 Review and Discussion.....Supt. Nida, River Forest, Ill.
 General Discussion.....Supt. Thompson, Waukegan, Ill.
- 10:30 “*The Relation of Formal to Applied Arithmetic.*” – Dr. D.A. Tear, Prin. Gladstone School, Chicago, Ill.
 Review and Discussion.....Supt. Moore, Streator, Ill.
 General Discussion.....Dr. C.A. McMurry, DeKalb, Ill. – ed.]

Closed at 11:00. Interviews with Mr. Ritzman, F.R., Parsons, Whitten, et. al. about teachers. Met one candidate – Norma Stelford. Chat with Miss Cramer. Brief visit with Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert. Took 12:40 for Chicago. Fine time on train with Hatch, Kingsley, Lewton, Thompson, Bock, et. al. Home at 3:31. Lot’s of mail. Visited plant house, etc.

Conf. with Mr. Greenslade this evening. Then with Mrs Schumacher.

R.R. 1.16 + .26; hotel 2⁰⁰; lunch .25;

Sunday, May 3

Trace. Prec “.62

Pleasant. Gray and sunny alternating.

Wheeled down to Everett Millard’s and walked about his place with him & Mrs & the children.

Home, & got ready for church. Stayed for part of S.S.

The Everett & I took 1:25 trolley for Rockefeller. Walked west and circled about for an hour.

Then took trolley for Libertyville. Went to Butler’s Lake where I saw for the first time the yellow-headed blackbird! Large number of ducks swimming on the lake.

Oriole today! Myrtle, yellow, black-and-white, (Catbird seen by Colin Sanborn).

Showers once in a while. Heavy rains after night fall.

Trolley .50;

Monday, May 4

Warm day.

Three new pupils in 3A; one in 1A. - - - Epidemic of measles.

Much work re-setting tomatoes. Distributed various shrubs and vines from Meehans.

Orioles noisy. Wood thrush arrived. Tanagers also. Fine specimen of kingrail bro’t in.

Planted nasturtiums at home this evening. Set out three elder bushes also.

At home this P.M.

Received three specimens from Hopedale Nursery for identification today.

Tuesday, May 5

Decidedly cooler but bracing. No woolen underwear for the first time - - but a little cool.

Plant house work on tomato plants. 3A's & 3B's planted 5 shad bush; 8A's a pin oak; 7's and 8'B's each a red maple; 6's a mt. ash.

Arranged with Bahr for a few more fruit trees.

After school called on parents of three truants.

Spaded in my own garden this P.M.

Got another specimen for identification from Hopedale Nursery.

Specimen (dead) of Northern Yellowthroat bro't in.

Barber .15;

Wednesday, May 6

Delightful. Cool.

Finished my grist for the local paper before school. Planting exercises with 4th grades, 2nd's.

Field trip with 4B's to look out over the Skokie.

Had 25 or 30 flats of tomatoes set out in a cold frame near the trees.

Miss Parks' father died yesterday. Sent Miss Cole to Evanston to get flowers.

Conference with Mrs Schumacher over teachers this evening. Am to wire Miss Boswell at 800; Miss Knapp do; Miss Belknap, do.

Got two letters urging my presence at meeting of Audubon directors at City Club tonight. Trouble over Mr Dodson who manufactures bird houses & advertises his directorship in the Audubon Society. - - I read over 23 papers on How to Preserve Wild Flowers about Chicago - tonight.

Barber .75; ice cream .10.

Thursday, May 7

Rained during afternoon & evening.

I arranged after lunch to go to Stronghurst to visit a Miss White at work. Took 4:58 for Chicago. Discovered as we reached city that I had on wrong coat and that it swore at my vest & trousers. So I gave up my trip. Ate supper at a restaurant. Went to City Club and wrote three letters. Then to Blackstone Theater to hear Billie Burke in Jerry - a sprightly, madcap performance.

(This evening the P.T.A. held their annual meeting at Lincoln Ave. School and Miss Guiney's 8A's gave some of their Shakespearean performance).

Barber .15 + 10;

R.R. .52; trolley .10; supper .35; theater. 1⁰⁰; phone .20.

Friday, May 8

Salvias re-set today.

To city on 4:58. Then to Oak Park for supper. To River Forest by 7:00 to confer with Nida on school plans. Then to Art Inst. to hear Dr. Cowles lecture on Trip with European Botanists.

R.R. .52 + .18 + .15; supper 35.

Charge Dist 107 - 40¢

Saturday, May 9

Beautiful day.

Conferred by phone with Mrs Seymour and Asa Goddard over vacancy in District 108. To school house for a while Met Mr. Clark of Waukegan who was interested in above & sent him down to interview Mrs Seymour.

Took 10:32 for Chicago. Visited Weber at Gt. Northern; Miss Ingersoll to whom I paid \$7⁰⁰ (part for Dist 107); Douglas; etc. At 2:30 conference with Dr. Millspaugh, Huron Smith, Mrs Walton, Hammers, et. al., on business of Wild Flower Preservation Soc – at Art Institute. Then we had a lecture by Dr Coulter on preservation of wild flower habitats.

Home on 5:44. Worked until dusk fastening up woodbine on back shed etc.
R.R. .52; lunch .38; books .50 + .50;

Sunday, May 10

Took 6:25 for Chicago. Met the Collinses⁵, Mr & Mrs Harries, the Misses Bird², the Fletchers (4), Mr & Mrs Madden, Mr. Parks, at 8:27 Lake Shore & we went to Chesterton. Maggie Wilson & the children were at station in an auto to see us. M. had engaged a wagon for us, and we rode out to “Mt. Tom.” Had dinner on beach there. Sun very warm. Then some of party went by wagon around to “tamarack swamp” while rest of us walked along shore & crossed dunes & met them. A few then rode into Porter to take 5:17 to Chicago. Rest of us stayed on & took 7:35 trolley. On latter I met Miss Warren, Mrs Raymond, Mrs Bartelme, When I got to N.W. station & took 11:30 for home I was so drowsy that I became lost to world. Rode past to Highwood and had to walk home. Storm was coming up & were spattering rain drops.

Violet day; phlox bifida; cornus fl. about to bloom; lupines also.
R.R. 52 + .40; .30 + .30 + .30; lunch .35; paper. .06;

Monday, May 11

Rained in great torrents this afternoon, and lighter rainfall again this evening.
Spent much time working over bills for the Board.
Checked up record cards with two of the teachers.
At the Board meeting this P.M. The teachers desiring to stay were re-elected. Miss Boswell of Riverside elected to take Miss Fort’s place.
Mr. Flinn present and showed additional features of the school plans.
It was decided to contribute \$150 or so to a visiting nurse fund
Barber .15;

Tuesday, May 12

For 10 and 11 → Prec. 1.93

Rained more in the night. Chilly and gray all day.
Much desk work today. Gave an interview to a Miss Bruce who was introduced by Mrs Nichols - -
- applicant for position (proposed) of visiting nurse.
Teachers’ meeting after school. Discussed Dr. Meriam’s school at Columbia, Missouri. Miss Gahan & Mr Kensler reported on the Milwaukee meeting of last week (Mn’l Tr & Drawing Teachers’ Assn). We planned for calendar of events in June.
This P.M. I wrote out the letters to the teachers notifying them of their election, etc Mr. Greenslade unable to sign them this evening.
Trees full of warblers.
Had Miss Kerfoot sub. for Miss Fort who is at funeral of Uncle.
Barber .15;

Wednesday, May 13

Bright. A little cool.
A lot of desk work. A field trip with 4B’s to head of ravine - -

Nida visited me this afternoon to inspect Miss Moore's work; Douglas "dropped in" on picture business; Rhodes came to talk nature study work with me & Miss Davis. Latter stayed until late.

Mrs Schumacher authorized me to write Miss Romsdahl to offer her music position.

Warblers everywhere. Saw one red breasted nuthatch.

Thursday, May 14

Fine day – on the whole. Mailed "notification" letters to the teachers.

Set up bird pictures in a new way in the halls.

Wrote Miss Romsdahl, offering her music position. Wired Ruby M. White, Lexington, & received reply – accepting 7th – 8th English at \$850⁰⁰

Took 10 of the staff on a field trip after school. Bus to Sixth Ravine. Built fire & had supper in a tributary ravine near Lake. Walked out woods trail & caught 8:55 trolley home.

Note splendid color of newly opened shad bush leaves.

Rec'd note from Miss Belknap yesterday accepting drawing position for next year at \$800⁰⁰.

Trolley .05; Barber .25;

Friday, May 15

Fine day.

Wild crab buds soon to open. A day of "pottering". Took 8B's over to garden on Sheahen site. Planted hollyhock seeds. - - - sunflowers.

Had five specimens of birds at school – flicker, oven, oliveback, sora rail, catbird.

Talked with Asa Goddard over phone about So. H.P. position.

Wrote Mrs Ahrensfeld a note of sympathy this evening. Mr. A. died a week ago today. We would have gone to the funeral if we had known in time. The A's were good neighbors of ours at Park Ridge.

Wrote letter to Miss Wood of Providence, R.I. – friend of the Metzels. Wants a job here. Paid a "stack" of bills today. See check book.

Charge Dist 107 - \$2⁰⁰ paid Vern Spicker and Malcus Halstrom for labor on Port Clinton school house.

Saturday, May 16

Beautiful day. A soft haze.

Everett M. & I went to Stipe's woods this A.M. where I took 6 photographs. After lunch and a rest I went back and took 8 more. On my way back I made the acquaintance of Dr. Moore who has a small stock farm near the woods. He insisted upon bringing my camera & tripod back for me in his buggy.

Got back at 5:45 & worked in the yard until after 6:30. Mowed back lawn, tied up woodbine, etc.

Developed 10 negatives this evening.

One species of hawthorne just coming into full bloom. Discovered that we have Trillium cernuum in Stipes' woods as well as T. grandiflorum. Latter almost past prime. Former yet in bud.

Barber 15; ice cream .20; (ticket 6.60)

Sunday, May 17

A lovely day.

Everett & Mrs. M. called with the auto at 9:30 & we went over to the "river woods." I took three photos of the Des Plaines from the bridge & one of the family group under the trees. Got back by 1:00.

After dinner a nap. Then Mother, K., Miss Muhlke & I drove down Kopf's Lane I got out & photog. a hawthorn & two groups of apple trees in full blossom. The we drove on past Clavey's nursery, up past Mooney's burying ground, & home by Half Day road. Picked Mrs & Mrs Pattee up west of Highwood & bro't them to H.P. to take train.

Developed 10 negatives this P.M. Reading King Henry IV. W's Tintern Abbey. From Campbell's The New Theology.

Monday, May 18

Yet another.

Mr. Root of the Weather Bureau visited me this A.M. to "inspect" my rain gauge, etc.

Took 4A's on planting trip to Sheahen garden. Planted hawthorn & wild crab seeds.

4B's on geog. trip to note work on brook in our ravines.

3B's set out some hepatica plants.

Miss Heine, a teacher from Germany, spent morning with us. I gave her considerable time

Miss Barlow visiting our schools.

I talk about "Swatting the fly" and about "Peace" this A.M.

This evening I went down to Munroe's to talk a few minutes with Mrs M. & spent all the evening.

Mr & Mrs Henry Atwater there.

A photographer "took" all our pupils today.

Barber .15;

Tuesday, May 19

Ditto. Warmer still.

More planting exercises - - - this time the 5B's & the 3A's - setting out hepaticas, wild ginger, bloodroot, Jacob's ladder.

Conferred with architect Flinn about certain details of new b'ld'g.

Took 3A's & Miss Schermerhorn on field trip to Arcady Dairy - in Ringdahl's bus. From 1:30 to 6:00, nearly. A fine trip. Rode into Armour's grounds.

This A.M. early wrote up part of an article for the Press (Wild crab & hawthorn).

Rec'd from Miss Schermerhorn \$2¹⁰ on payment for bus.

Barber .25; ice cream .10;

Wednesday, May 20

Warmer. Almost sultry.

Took 6:52 for Chicago after writing two letters and some paragraphs for the Press.

Caught 8:00 o'clock C.E. & A. Electric for Aurora. Went to Oak St. school & spent morning. Miss Hill, Principal, Miss Verna Anderson, Alice Wilson, Newman, Hopkins, Florence, & others. A staff of good teachers. Miss Anderson, a star - - - Lunch at Bishop Hotel. - - Met my old friend Gantz. We walked to the H.S. Met Supt A.S. Kingsford with whom I spent the afternoon at the Illinois Ave. School. Back to Oak St. School to talk with Miss Anderson. Unfortunately she couldn't leave home. - - - Caught 4:35-6:03 to Chic. & 7:00-8:00 home. Pile of mail awaiting me. Phoned Nida about a teacher.

R.R. 52 + 1.30; lunch .40; supper .55; ice cream .20; papers .25.

Thursday, May 21

Sultry. A few rain drops this P.M.

Before school I photographed two - three dandelion groups near lower viaduct.

Various activities today. Two groups taken out for a nature lesson.

After school 12 of us and Mrs Munroe went in the bus to the Des Plaines River. While near the bridge a very slight shower came up, so we drove in back of Loesch's place. Ate lunch in woods & had a fine walk by the river. Got home late.

Orchis spectabile in blossom.

Friday, May 22

Busy day.

Gave some time to Miss Barlow.

Misses Guiney, Miller, Grunewald, Davis, Hourigan, Cramer, & Schermerhorn & I left on 3:34 for Chicago. Met Miss Maine of Oak Park at La Salle St Station and we took Rock Island for Utica (Commutation .52; R.R. to Ottawa .88) Ate supper from our lunch boxes. At Utica at 7:40. Motor buses took us to S.R. Hotel. Went up on the rock in the twilight & stayed there until 9:30.

Hotel management first class.

Prof. Fuller bro't 13 students of U. of C. on same train.

Barber 25;



Saturday, May 23

T

Great bird chorus at dawn. Got out at 4:30 with some of the party & mounted Lover's Leap to see sunrise. Great fog rolled over river, clearing away by 6:30. All of us went into French Canyon & then to breakfast. Afterwards set out with our lunch for ~~Horse-shoe~~ Wild-Cat Canyon. While there Prof. Fuller's party came in and we listened to his talk about the canyon & its flora. Walked towards Horse shoe. Ate lunch. Then spent afternoon exploring both branches of the canyon. Back to the Hotel for early dinner. Then by bus to Utica, catching 7:13-9:15 for Chicago. Got 10:02 for home.

A great day.

R.R. .52 + .88 + .35 + 1.06 + 52; + .52

Hotel 2.00 Paper .05.

Sunday, May 24

“.06

Turned warm rapidly after ~~sunrise~~ ten o'clock.

To church to hear St Louis pastor (Nichols?) preach a beautiful sermon.

Nap after dinner, then got on 2:59 & went to Fort Sheridan with Miss Mary Barteleme and her party, whom I had promised to guide across the Skokie Hot. Crowd was game. 19 in number, high-school girls, younger ones, older ones, four men, et. al. Across Sweeney's grounds, into Skokie woods, then out on Half Day road. Ate supper in a meadow near viaduct. Cooler by this time. A fine company. Walked into Highwood in time to take 8:27 south

R.R. .10

Monday, May 25

T

Sultry. High southwest wind.

Walter Leonard formerly of New Trier and now a consul at a Norwegian port called today to see Miss McCord and I persuaded him to give talk to the pupils – 5th graders for 30 minutes, 7th – 8th for an hour or more.

Began to send out tomato and aster plants this P.M.

Planted tomato plants at home.

Miss Gahan home but not able to come to school.

Ice cream .20; garden hose 4³⁰;

Tuesday, May 26

Very warm. S.W. wind blowing.

Miss Heine from Bochum, Westphalia, visiting H.P. & spending a great deal of time in our school. Seems delighted with our work.

Miss Gahan at school awhile.

Wednesday, May 27 T.

Very warm. Clouded up & thunder shower with little rain during afternoon. Began again a little before 6:00. Late in evening steady rain.

Distributed plants today. S.L. Smith visited us.

Miss White gave her play, Mother Goose's Garden Party at 3:15 – for parents. Beautiful performance

I photog. one-flowered cancer root on parkway near Dr. Watson's. Dug up specimen and found it attached to wood aster.

Thursday, May 28 “.90

Cooler after the very refreshing rain of the night.

Up early to begin an article on the milkweed.

Photographed specimen of one-flowered cancer root attached to wood aster.

Made hktog. pad. Also ink. Distributed many plants. Gave 8A's a lesson from Sat. Ev. Post – Blythe's interview with Woodrow Wilson – on Mexico.

Miss White's 2nd matinee – for school children. Fine performance. Mr Hecketsweiler took three flash lights of the children.

Got a species of lithospermum from Hopedale for identification Spent an hour in Ravine Drive & at Millard's late afternoon Orchis spect. rather spent –

(Pd Levin 8¹⁵. Charge to Victrola fund)

Barber 15; bananas .15

Friday, May 29 “.13

Warm – at times oppressive. Short thunder storm at 1:00. Showers later in afternoon. Cooler.

Mother went to St. Joe by train today.

A busy day. Mr. J.R. Collins of Park Ridge came on the 11:37 to talk to children He & I ate lunch at restaurant. From 1:35 to 2:30 he related army experiences to 8A's & 8B's

Then all school assembled in auditorium. Some of children recited poems. Mr C. sang solo & led us in patriotic songs. He made a short address & then we adjourned. - - I got carriage & gave him a short drive (through showers) around town. Miss Grunewald & Eliz. Greene went with us.

Our wood thrush that had nest in ravine accidentally killed this afternoon.

Barber .15;

Saturday, May 30

Almost ideal day. Cool & comfortable.

Went down to Munro's early & photog. meadowlark's nest (3), & took one view from top of their porch. Everett & Mrs Millard & Miss Boynton came in their machine & bro't me back near home

Then I rode on my wheel to Russel Gilbert's to see his wild flower preserve; to the grammar school, etc After lunch spent two or three hours on my milkweed article. Then went up to school & with help of Miss White & Miss Grunewald I photog. robin's nest with young on the fire escape. After supper Kittie & I walked down to beach. I dug up one milkweed specimen. We met Miss Murray & Mrs Jewell & walked back with them. Then I developed 20 negatives

Sunday, May 31

Warmer. Quite sultry part of day. Grew cooler by 5:30. Shower after 6:00 P.M. Thunder. Then again late.

After breakfast I went up to school house & photog. young robins & their parents; had a long rubber tube & worked camera while I was inside b'ld'g. Then came home & developed nine negatives. Read from Campbell's The New Theology. Ditto after dinner. Late, 3:00, I went to Waukegan to explore the Flats but threatening weather prevented. Visited dock & came home.

Finished copying milkweed paper after supper.
Trolley .40; ice cream .10.

Monday, June 1 "13

Cool. Delightful.

Sent away article on milkweed with photographs to Mr. Rocheleau.

Mrs Piercy of Rockford, friend of Miss Guiney, spent morning with us. Mrs Warren, candidate for position of special teacher of music called to see me. Matheny of Thomas Charles called.

Miss Belknap, who is to succeed Miss Gahan, appeared today & went to work with her.

Misses Moore & Murray and I took 28 of the 4A's to Waukegan to visit the dock, etc., this afternoon. A huge freighter the Ama[nda?] Stone, unloading coal. We were not able to get on board.

This P.M. wrote a number of letters.

Barber 15;

Tuesday, June 2

Another delightful day.

Took Miss Schermerhorn's 3B's on farm trip in bus, this A.M. Erskine's, etc., ending up at brick yards. Took photo of steam shovel and two groups.

Miss Shumway called to talk music supervisorship.

Rec'd picture for Miss Murray's room Oxen ploughing. Boys & I set it up.

Got proofs of 10 negatives I left at Brand's. Very good.

Worked in yard after supper. Hoed most of garden; mowed half of yard.

At my desk at Elm Place until 10 P.M.

Ice cream .10; Brand 1⁰⁵;

Wednesday, June 3

Grew hot and sultry during the day, thought a little cooler by evening.

Before school finished lawn mowing & wrote a letter to the Board at Streator in Asa Goddard's behalf.

Considerable desk work today - - - tuition notices, etc.

Miss Belknap who is here preparing for work next year as our supervisor of drawing notified me that her physician has advised her that she can not stand the climate here. - - Miss Shumway came today & I arranged an interview with Mrs Schumacher.

The teachers gave a "shower" this evening to two of our staff - Miss McCord & Miss Fort, & to Miss Toland, formerly of our staff, who are to be married this summer. We gave each a set of table linen, a basket, etc.

Ice cream .10; barber .25;

Thursday, June 4 Read at 11:00 P.M. "1.14

Rained in the night. A shower at 4:30 P.M Heavy rainfall from 6 to 7:30 P.M. Day began warm but turned cool suddenly during A M

Office work largely. Miss Taylor of Ravinia – representing Allendale School called & Miss Guiney & I gave her an hour or more. Mr. Hunt called to present his “feeding boxes” for birds. Miss Gaylord of the Dixon H.S. visited Miss Davis & the school.

I gave a lot of asters, salvias, zinnias & marigolds to neighbors Decker & Smith

At Mrs Kimball’s this evening where large company listened to Mrs Johnson of Fairhope, Ala., describe “organic education” Stimulating. Fine time.

Sent check for \$6⁴⁵ to Wm Danner to pay Woodman dues – current & back. Was in arrears unknowingly. Danner sent me no notice
Barber .15;

Friday, June 5 “.48

Continued raining in the night & light showers this morning. Cleared off after noon. Beautiful day. Miss Giffin came to help Miss Gahan and to try to demonstrate her value as candidate for the latter’s place

Miss McManus, Miss White’s niece came to prepare to act as substitute for her.

Worked on bills, etc. today.

This afternoon we gave our “song festival.” Interesting program.

[Pasted to this page is a clipping from the song festival program. It is as follows:

Song Festival
at the
Elm Place School
Friday, June 5, 2:00 p.m.
Miss Anna McPherson, Director

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| 1. “Mother Goose Melodies”..... | First Grade |
| 2. “Chopin Valse”..... | Mary Card |
| 3. Chorus..... | Eighth Grade |
| 4. “Dutch Folk Dance”..... | Fifth Grade |
| 5. Trio – “Happy Days” | |
| Violin..... | Jerry Leaming |
| Cornet..... | Veran Florent |
| Piano..... | Mary Card |
| 6. Chorus..... | Second Grade |
| 7. Selection from “Welcome Spring”..... | Fourth Grade |
| 8. Dance – “Sailor’s Hornpipe”..... | Sophie Titlebaum |
| 9. Solo – “Whisper and I Shall Hear..... | Miss McPherson |
| “Waiting”..... | Miss McPherson |
| 10. Flute Obligato..... | Mr. Kittie; accompanist, Miss Thompson |
| 11. Chorus..... | Seventh Grade |
| 12. Chorus..... | Third Grade |
| 13. Solo – “A Garden Romance”..... | Allan Mason |
| 14. “Norwegian Folk Dance”..... | Third Grade |
| 15. Cornet Solo..... | Veran Florent |
| 16. Chorus..... | Fifth Grade |
| 17. Chorus..... | Sixth Grade – ed.] |

Conferred with Mrs Schumacher about candidates. Mrs Mott called me over as I was leaving and I spent nearly an hour there looking over their beautiful grounds and naming wild plants for her.

This P.M. I worked until ten at desk at school.

Planted some salvias in my garden.

Magazine .05; peanuts .05;

Saturday, June 6

“.02

Thunder storm in night but little rain. Rather warm.

8:49 for Chicago. Walked over town with Mr Metzel.

To Rock Island offices to turn in unused commutation ticket rides to Joliet – 7 left from Starved Rock trip. - - - To Silver B. & Co's to talk with Miss Collins about music supervisor. - - To Art Institute. Looked over exhibit of Pub. School Art League - - - To C.E. Douglas' to make a friendly call - - - Bausch & Lomb to look up photo micrographic apparatus - - Denison's for supplies. Pd \$6⁴⁰ for Dist. 107 - - Fields' for fixing powder - - Lunch at The Hearth - - Miss Ingersoll's for chat. Met Rhodes there - - To Fair. Bot gelatine .50; glycerine \$1⁷⁵ for Dist 107. Pd \$1⁴⁸ for Hist. of Civil War for self. - - Home at 2:34. Nap. At school to feed silkworms. After supper, worked in yard. Then to school until 10:20 P.M. Made 3 hktographs. Desk work, etc.

Peonies & syringas in full bloom.

R.R. .52 + .15; barber .15; lunch .30; ice cream .10; strawberries .36; bread .10

Sunday, June 7

Very warm day.

After 8:00 this A.M. went up to school house to feed the silkworms. Then out into the ravine to see how the widowed wood thrush was making it. (Male was killed May 29). She was industrious, but brooding.

Then spent an hour or more with Mr. Geer. Then to church. Communion Sunday.

Late this afternoon took my collecting can and went up on the Waukegan Flats. Very warm as late as 6:00 P.M. - - Monarch eggs on milkweed leaves - - Coreopsis- - Home on C. & N.W.

Trolley 30; train .26; lemonade, etc .20; paper .05;

Monday, June 8

Very hot.

Miss McManus began substituting for Miss White.

Miss Giffin came out in the afternoon to help Miss Gahan on art exhibit.

Board meeting this evening. Passed bills. Discussed repairs for summer. Planned for meeting to “open bids” on new building.

Barber .15; ice cream .20 + .10;

Tuesday, June 9

Very hot.

This A.M. Miss Moore's 4B's gave scenes from Hiawatha in the ravine, all grades through 6th being spectators. I took several pictures.

Miss Shumway and her mother came & spent an hour or so looking over the school.

I took 11:44 to city & had lunch at City Club with Jensen, McVeagh, & Millard of Friends of Our Native Landscape. Back at 2:34.

Checked up several promotion lists.

Various desk duties. Miss Grunewald & Miss McManus helped me mount some of the Lincoln material this evening.

R.R. .52 + 10; lunch .75; barber .15.
Ice cream .20 + .10

Wednesday, June 10

Cooler but still much too warm for comfort.
Miss Giffin came out again this afternoon to help Miss Gahan on her art exhibit.
Very busy.
Mother came home from Benton Harbor.
Hoed nearly all my garden stuff this evening.
Spent some time at my desk this evening going over the specifications for the new b'ld'g.
Ice cream, etc. .20 + .20; barber .15

Thursday, June 11

Prec “.20

Thunder storm in night. Cooler again today but rather oppressive by evening.
Very busy with plans for picnic. Mrs Clements came to office and phoned every where for sandwiches, etc.
Representative of Robertson Soap Co. and of Newson & Co called.
Sent Albert Arnsward & Arthur Booth to city to get glazed pottery from Lewis Inst. Miss Cole went in to get 10 gross card holders and some mounting tissue.
Worked at desk until 10:30 this P.M. Straightened up accounts with the various funds.
Dist 107 – 6 rides 1⁵⁶;
card holders –
mounting tissue
Barber .15;

Friday, June 12

Cool. Clear.
Picnic day!! Ladies came at 10:00 and by 11:30 “lunch was “served” on plates in the aud. and carried out to be eaten on the lawn. Everyone had plenty and everything eaten up, except the last gallon or so of ice cream. Supply of candy disappeared inside of a half hour. Lemonade a cent a glass.
Games after lunch. Had organ carried out on the lawn & folk dances were given there. Several scenes from Hiawatha were given by 4B's. A fine time.
Building committee met this P.M. & opened bids. Then architect was given a few days to study the bids.

Saturday, June 13

Prec . “.21

Left Chicago at 9:30 with special excursion party of Friends of Our Native Landscape – Pere Marquette – for Lakeside, Mich. Got there at 11:30. Wagons carried part of our number. Rest walked 3 miles to Warren's Woods. After lunch we held our annual business meeting at which time I reported on the work of the conservation committee. After exploring the woods awhile, we assembled in a secluded place & witnessed an original mask by Kenneth Sawyer Goodman. Rained all the time. We walked back to L. in the rain. Had tea at Mr Warren's cottage. Left for Chic. at 7:45. Everett Millard, Mrs Sherman Booth & Mr., & I came out on 10:40.
Julia & Cazalet Wheeler & married son in party!
R.R. .52 + .30 + 2.50;

Sunday, June 14

Cool. Gray at intervals

Fed my silkworms before church. Went to Children's Day exercises at Presb. Church.

Latter part of afternoon went down R.R. track to County line. Took camera, but it was too gray and windy to do much.

Spiderwort and wild four-o'clock in fine bloom.

Trolley .05; Church .15

Monday, June 15

Cool. Strong wind. Sunny.

Flag Day! We all assembled in the aud. & listened to the story of the flags. Then in two great lines moved out of the aud., one trailing into the ravine & through the woods, then both marching parallel south on the parkway. The heads halted at Elm St. – the lines faced each other, & “reviewed” the line of flags that passed through. Then all marched around the flag pole, Our band playing patriotic airs all the time. Then the great flag was hoisted with all the smaller flags hanging below, - we sang star-spangled banner – gave several cheers, etc.

Then the 8th graders & four of us teachers left in buses and on wheels for Sweeney's woods where we had a delightful picnic. Walked home.

Robert Enders came today.

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Tuesday, June 16

Beautiful. Cool.

Busy. - - Exhibit on view afternoon & evening. The grades visited each others rooms from 1:30 to 2:30 & then were dismissed.

I did considerable desk work with teachers this afternoon.

Fine crowd this evening at our exhibit. Stayed to a late hour.

Signed diplomas.

Little Rob't Wetzal bitten by a dog on way to school. We sent him to Dr. Roberts who operated on wound.

{Pd \$5⁶³ for class ribbons.

“ 70¢ “ stamps (Dist 107).

“ 10¢ “ cards

Barber .15; stamp book .49;

Wednesday, June 17

Another beautiful day. A little warmer.

Final assembly this A.M. and award of honorable mentions. Everything went off well. Bowen Schumacher read the class prophesy for the “Class of June 1914.”

I checked up the cards & reports of six of the teachers today.

Just before noon most of us got into the bus & went down Ravine Drive to see the lady slippers in blossom. Three beautiful blossoms. Walked through Millard's grounds on way back & on invitation went into the house a while.

“Commence exercises this P.M. Moved off well.

Teachers leaving:

Ethel K. Cole. Alta B. Gahan.

Anna McPherson

Pearl McCord
Lydia Moore
Vida Fort.
Isabel Hazlett.
Barber .15.

[Pasted to this page is a clipping from the graduation program. The graduation address was provided by Prof. Rollin D. Salisbury. The President of the Board of Education presented the diplomas. The graduates were:

Bertram L. Schultze, President

Albert H. Arnswald	Lula H. Ditmer
Charles A. Baker	Lila H. Ditmer
Marjorie Merritt	Josephine H. Faxon
M. Maybelle Bolan	Mary H. Fay
Helen F. Welch	Arling Parker
Charles H. Lehmkuhl	Bowen E. Schumacher
Arthur P. Booth	Elizabeth W. Larson
Frances V. Buell	Arnold A. Lauridsen
Oscar G. Lundgren	Frank B. Knight
Marion R. Norcross	Helen M. Hart
Constance M. Vercoe	Malcus R. Hallstrom
Eva P. Siljestrom	Selma S. Goldberg
Mary F. Card	Frances Elizabeth Greene
J. Lea Fearing	Esther M. Krueger
Harold J. Geminer	Naomi M. Olmstead
Lucille E. Fritsch	June Rhinehart

The instructors were:

Miss Ellen M. Guiney, Assistant Principal
Miss Alice L. Davis, Mathematics
Miss Etta Grunewald, History
Miss Isabel Hazlett, English
Miss Anna McPherson, Music
Mr. Jesse L. Smith, Superintendent of Schools

The Board of Education was:

Harriet O. Schumacher	Fred Greenslade
Thomas Morton	E.B. Metzel
William D. Mann	Maud H. Shannon – ed.]

Thursday, June 18

Warmer but not oppressive.

Worked at checking up pupils' card catalogue. All teachers finished their reports. Most have left town.

Called up Gary & arranged for a visit to their play grounds of Miss OConnor of Providence, R.I, a friend of Mrs Campbell's

Late this afternoon Mrs Johnson and I set out asters & zinnias along south front of school.

Planned to attend H.S. graduating exercises this evening but Board met to discuss contracts and I lost out. 16 of our pupils graduated this evening.

Robert went home this A. M.

Barber .15;

Friday, June 19

Trace

A shower in the night followed by high wind. Blew cool all day – quite cool.

Wrote a letter this A.M. commending Lewis Colwell's "Illustrated Arith on a Constructive Basis."

Worked at school house all morning. Took a number of negatives to Brands to secure prints.

A nap at noon. Worked all afternoon & evening at school bld'g with Miss Davis & Miss Grunewald. We mounted commencement programs since 1898 in a scrap book beside other printed matter. Worked on Lincoln material also.

Saturday, June 20

A fine day. Spent most of it at school house. Misses Davis & Grunewald helped me mount Lincoln pictures.

Got lecture material ready late in afternoon. Took 6:53 for Chica. Trolley to La Salle & Locust St – Central Masonic Temple. Gave a wild flower talk before a chapter of Eastern Star and their friends. Miss Carrie Reynolds presided. A good audience

Came home on trolley – caught 11:40 trolley out of Evanston.

Barber .25; hat .75; R R 26 + .05; + .10 + .15; lunch .15; paper .05

Sunday, June 21

Prec. ".48

Left on 6:25 for Chicago. Took 8:27 for Chesterton where auto with Mr. & Mrs Pattee & Mr & Mrs Claude Brown (of Rogers Park) was waiting. Stopped to speak with the Wilsons'. Went out to Johnson's where we parked our machine. Walked to Prairie Club's Beach House & inspected it. Then went along shore. Made ascent of Mt Tom. Ate lunch there. It had grown very hot by that time. At 2:30 started away. Mr. B. & I walked across & got machine & picked up rest. Went to tamarack swamp where were still about 80 blossoms of C. spectabilis or hirsutum still out. A wonderful sight. Started home after 6:00 Ran through storm after storm. Terrific downpour. Got to C & M E.R.R. at Evanston at 11:00 Train home at 11:40

Trolley .15; R.R. .52; papers .11 + 15; lunch, etc., .15

Monday, June 22

Warm. Sultry.

Spent considerable time sleeping today. At school house off and on. Began work of clearing away accumulated correspondence.

Hoed asters, etc.

Barber .75; ice cream .20 + .10; bay rum .25;

Tuesday, June 23

Hot. Sultry.

Set up my silkworm exhibit in display windows of North Shore Gas Co., one door west of post office. [North Shore Gas Company was located at 25 Sheridan Road. – ed.]

Went to city on 10:33. Visited with Mrs Munro on the way.

Shopped at Fields & McClurg's. Bo't Youtz' "The Enlarging Conception of God" at McC. At the Fair – "The Glory of Clementina."

Lunch at City Club with Mrs Blocki; Messrs Jensen, Ewing, Hooker, Millard - - - Directors' meeting of Friends of Our N.L. Acted as Secretary.

To Newberry Library for an hour. Met Mr Deane there & had chat with him.

Home on 4:37.

Barber .15; gas mantles, etc .65; ice cream .20

Wednesday, June 24

Warm but tempered by cool breezes which at length freshened things greatly by evening.

Intermittent storm began after 9:00 P.M.

Prepared two paragraphs or so for local paper.

Went down to Evanston to interview Professor James & Supt Nichols & found neither of them at home.

Wrote 11 letters – and sorted out others to throw into waste paper basket.

Hoed tomatoes, etc. and sprinkled garden with hose.

Mr & Mrs John Duffy called this evening.

Barber .15. trolley .30 + .05;

Thursday, June 25

Prec. “.12

A cool day after the rain. A few rain drops this A.M & cloudy but clearing after noon.

Went down to explore Stipe's woods & the adjoining meadows. Found a fine colony of *Pentstemon laevigatus* Turk's cap lilies in bud.

Our own madonna lilies beginning to open.

Both of my wrists are affected with poison ivy. This is the third or fourth day they have caused me trouble.

Worked at my desk at school this P.M.

Friday, June 26

Prec. \$1.⁰⁶

Thunderstorms with heavy downpour most of the morning. At 6:00 P.M gauge read as above.

Severe thunder storm after 9:00 P.M.

Read most of Locke's *The Glory of Clementina*. Spent all afternoon on my census blanks at school.

Not a very strenuous day.

Barber .15; onions .05;

Saturday, June 27

Prec. “.21

Severe thunderstorms in night. Began again after 7:00 & prevailed for an hour or more.

Spent a lot of time today analyzing 7 specimens sent from Hopedale nursery.

Photographed a cut-leaf elder, & two other subjects at Millard's this A.M.

Oppressively hot & sultry after rain. But it cooled off late afternoon.

Inspected school garden this evening and the Port Clinton grounds

Barber .15; lemons & bananas, etc. 50;

Sunday, June 28

Gray. Threatening. Decidedly cool.

To S.S. and taught Mr. Wright's class. Stayed to church & heard fine talk on the work of the Chicago Industrial League by Rev. Geo Dibley.

Nap this afternoon Later took Mother's picture; posing her among our madonna lilies Mr & Mrs Clow coming up, posed them & Mother & Kittie in back yard & took their photograph.

Went down to (Rev) S.B. Wilson's at Wilmette this P.M., & spent a delightful evening. Mr W., Misses Harriet & Anna, & Mr. Palmer (son-in-law). Mr P. a fine singer.

Church .40; trolley .30

Monday, June 29

Cool. Sunny.

Worked at school nearly all day. Got the bills ready including my own. Added to the census book. Another group of plants for identification from Hopedale.

Board meeting this evening. About all the contracts for the new b'ld'g signed. I made a report upon needed repairs, etc. Instructed to get bids, etc. Given permission to buy a typewriting machine. Barber .15.

Tuesday, June 30

Sunny A M. But rather gray after dinner. Grew warmer as night came on.

Down to Millard's before 8:00 A M. Took several photographs of his house. Then went on my wheel to the Skokie west of Highwood Photog. poke milkweed & the may apple in fruit. Found white fringed orchis & turk's cap lily in bloom

After dinner developed 10 negatives. Photog. a madonna lily, poke milkweed, and white fringed. O. with artificial background.

Stout of Longmans Green & Co. called & visited for an hour.

Mary Myrick of Crete called to apply for a position.

Clows here after supper. Developed 10 more negatives

Banana .05;

Wednesday, July 1

Prec ".20

Showers in the night. Cleared off during morning. A fine day.

Met Noerenberg and Whitten at school bld'g to plan for estimates on repairs – plastering and painting. Phoned Hoban & Son of Wauk. to bid on roof work.

Entertained Fraulein Heine at b'ld'g an hour or so. Frine chat about German schools.

Took 2:34 for Chicago. To Bausch & Lomb to figure on an additional lens. To Burke & James to get information about my color filter. Chat with Mr. Ormes on the street.

To Sweet Wallach's for plates, etc. Home by 6:32.

Built a frame work covered with twigs for silkworms. - - Long conference with Mr. Bacon about Robert's work.

R.R. 52 + .15; plates & developer 2.43; magnifier .90; barber .15
ice cream & bananas .20

Thursday, July 2

Beautiful. Cool.

8:09 for Chicago. Visited with Kempster Miller on the way. To Fair where I bo't 4 books (2⁰⁰) on bargain counter. To Miss Ingersoll's to get some slides and leave plates. To Bausch & L's where I bot a 72 mm lens. To Field's where I bo't 1 ¼ yd. of cloth. Lyon & H's for a sheet of music Lunch at The Hearth. Home at 12:58.

Fitted my new lens into a lens board. Called on Mr. Greene & left tripod leg for repairs. At Brand's got 10 prints – Millard house & pictures I took last Sunday of Mother, et. al.

Mother, K., & I went to concert at Ravinia Park this evening. Ruth St. Denis, etc.

R.R. 52 + .20; lunch .30; cloth .63

Books 2.25; Brands 7⁴⁰ (some will be repaid); Rav. Park – 30 + 1.05 + .75
Barber .15.

Friday, July 3

Beautiful day. - - Went down to Millard's and took two more pictures.

Arranged with Bahr about plants for two hanging window boxes at school.

After dinner went up on Waukegan flats. Calopogon in full blossom. Liliium [lilium – ed.] phil – also, but past its prime. Butterfly weed; bladderwort, polygala p.; et. al. Photog. lily, calopogon, & butterfly weed.

A fine afternoon.

Got home at 7:30. Arthur & Lennie & Edith and R. & Ruth had come all way from B.H. in machine. Took machine to McPherson's.

Trolley .30; ice cream .25; barber .15; paper .05;

Saturday, July 4

Trace.

Threatened rain at first and very light shower fell. But cleared away & beautiful day resulted.

Auto rides were the program today. First to Deerfield, Clavey nursery, Co. Line, Ravinia, etc.

Afternoon to Elm Club, Ft. Sheridan, etc.

Set up my new Tessar lens & spent a great deal of time working out the focal distances, etc.

This P.M Arthur, Lennie, Edith & I went to Ravinia Park to the concert & performances.

Trolley .20; ice cream .40; tickets 2⁴⁰; bread .20;

Sunday, July 5

Warm – still a lake breeze.

Arthur & Rob't had to tinker an hour or two this A. M. to overcome a puncture.

Danforth came in this morning & spent the day, leaving at 9:02 P.M.

Arthur and I took a walk over to Egandale & down on the beach where the people were enjoying themselves. Then we came home & in relays all of us had auto rides – all except Kittie who did not feel well enough.

Ice cream .40;

Monday, July 6

Warm but pleasant lake breeze.

Arthur & Lennie & Robert went to the city on the train and shopped.

I started my census work in earnest today. This evening I stayed at my desk until 11:00.

Mr Flinn & his assistant, Mr Hugill, met the representative of the Stoddard Construction Co – Mr. Holgate – and began laying off the site of our new building.

Ice cream .40; barber .15;

Tuesday, July 7

Moderately warm. A little threatening. A few drops late in the afternoon.

Lennie & Edith & the rest left in the machine at 7:00.

I worked all day at the school on my census books.

Silkworms have been spinning the last three days.

Ice cream .10;

Wednesday, July 8

Cool breeze blew up this A. M. Sunny and cool all day.

Wrote few par. about the new b'ld'g & the silkworm exhibit for the Press.

Worked on census all morning & afternoon. Also this evening

Men commenced to cut down trees on the site of the new building.
Barber .15;

Thursday, July 9

Fine day. Cool.
Spent all morning on the school grounds watching the pulling down of the trees. Cut a number of poles for use in rustic railing, etc. Conferred with Mr Hoban of Waukegan & Mr Morton about guttering and slating.

Most of afternoon in same way. Then went over part of Exmoor in census work.

All but two of silkworms have spun.

Barber .15; Mother 7⁰⁰;

Friday, July 10

Warm in the sun but pleasant in the shade

At the census work all day and most of the evening On the whole a great bore.

Regretted very much the necessity of cutting down two lindens at the school house. They were heavily loaded with blossoms and fragrant as one could wish.

Ice cream .10;

Saturday, July 11

A hot day but cool in the shade.

Rounded up my census work nearly but was at my desk until 10:30 P.M.

Conference with Mrs Clements today about the case of a sick woman, Mrs Enoch Swan

Gave Salvation Army for Woman's Home .40.

Ice cream .10; barber .15.

Sunday, July 12

Trace

Hotter still. Gray at first – then a few rain drops from 11:00 to 12:30. Then a hot sun and an atmosphere with no air currents

Thunderstorm – very local, probably in the night with scarcely any rainfall.

To church. Nap after lunch. Then footed up my census returns at the school house.

For some days have been reading from “Changing Conceptions of the Deity.”

Monday, July 13

Prec. “.32

A hot day, A.M., but with a cooling breeze. In the afternoon two splendid showers. Cooler in the evening.

At school house a while, A.M. Then to the Skokie west of Washington Ave to collect specimens. White-fringed orchis still in blossom. Cardinal flower coming on.

Various duties after noon. Mr. Greenslade and I got together data for completing annual report to Tp. treasurer Mr. G. at home ill.

School Board this P.M. I acted as Sec. Authorized bld'g committee to go on with work.

Ice cream, etc. .20; barber .75.

Tuesday, July 14

Delightfully cool.

At school most of day. Conferred with Mr Morton & Mr. Sullivan about sewer connections, etc.

Set up my camera at the school house this afternoon & experimented with little success.

Went to Dr Harkness and had superfluous wax removed from my ears. This had materially affected my hearing.

To supper at the Kempster Miller's this evening. Mr Miller's aged mother there. A delightful evening. The old lady very much interested in wild flowers. Came home in Mr M's machine Barber .15;

Wednesday, July 15

Warmer today but a pleasant breeze.

At the school house all morning. Spent part of it showing Mrs Miller, Madame Miller, & Ruth about. Showed them some of my flower slides.

This afternoon spent experimenting with my new Tessar lens, photographing details of milkweed blossom, pollen of fringed orchis, etc.

This evening did office work at school.

Thursday, July 16

Trace

Warm but overcast at times. Light showers this afternoon – but not much rain.

Developed a number of negatives this morning

W.E. Bersch drowned himself in Evanston drainage canal yesterday; his body found today. Had a lovely little family about whom we are much concerned. My silkworm exhibit was in his display windows.

Decided to spend tomorrow at summer session of State Normal – the last day of first term – to try to find a teacher. So I left on 4:50 for Chicago. Took 6:30 C & A. for Bloomington, arriving at 9:50.

Went to Illinois Hotel. (Chat with Geo Alfred Brown on train)

R.R. .26 + 2.56; supper .55; paper .10

Porters .20; barber, etc. .35; magazines .20.

Friday, July 17

Had rained heavily all along way from Chicago to Bloomington late yesterday.

A lovely summer day. Spent morning at Normal. Interview with Mr. Turner & Miss Foote.

Advised to offer our 3B position to Irene Jones whom I had met here a year ago & who has been teaching at Tuscola. Phoned her home (Bloomington) and found she was at Arnold's Park, Iowa. Wired her offer of \$750⁰⁰.

Went in to chapel exercises with Misses Foote & Barton. Mr Felmley gave a fine talk to the students.

After lunch I took interurban for Decatur. Ate supper at Clarence's. Heard Junior sing. His music master, Prof. Snyder, there to put him through his paces.

Took 7:25 trolley for Springfield. Went to Leland Hotel.

Hotel 2:00. Trolley to D. .90; Ice cream .10; Trolley to Spr. .75; Porter, etc. .20

Saturday, July 18

Fine day.

Spent morning at State House. A pleasant interview with Ass't Supt. U.J. Hoffman who gave me a box of shavings from walnut rail from Lincoln farm in Macon County.

Photographed Edwards House in which Lincoln was married.

Looked up material at State Historical Library and had talk with Mrs Jessie Palmer Webber.

After lunch visited with Prof. Crook at state museum. Told me about his researches at Cahokia Mound.

Then to Barker's Book Store & had fine talk with Mr. B. who is quite an authority on Lincolniana. Bo't a Salem Petersburg – album of views for \$3⁵⁰. Took 6:00 P.M. for Petersburg. Supper & room at The Eckman.

Breakfast .35; lunch .60; Hotel 2⁰⁰; R.R. .68; magazines, etc. .25; book of views \$3⁵⁰.

Sunday, July 19

Warm day but a good breeze stirring.

Walked out to site of "New Salem." Photog. Sangamon R. at site of dam and old mill. Climbed up on ridge – site of old town & explored it. Sat for some time in shade. Photog. site of Offut's store, a mullein-vervain group, etc. Then made my way back towards P., crossed wheat field & along a corn field to place along river where Bowlin Green cabin had been removed. A photo of it. -- Back to town, & in afternoon visited the Anne Rutledge grave in Oakland cemetery & took photo. Went to Presb. Church for evening service. - - Elijah Watkins, clerk of The Eckman, is a nephew of Mentor Graham, school master friend of L.

Gave country boy 25¢; ice cream .10.

Monday, July 20

Photo. of Petersburg Court House this A.M. (A warm but not uncomfortable day).

Called on Editor Watson of the Observer & got valuable information.

10:45 for Spr. & caught 1:00 P.M. interurban for Decatur. At 3:30 Mr. J.M. Willard & his daughter Ruth took Clarence, Junior & me to memorial stone on L. farm near Sangamon R. Interviewed Mrs F.M. Cameron who went to school in the L. cabin. Took three photographs.

At evening Clarence & I called on Mr Simpson who had photog. the cabin in 1865.

Got considerable data today.

Hotel 3.50; car fare .68 + .75; lunch .40 + .20; mag. .20; Junior .30;

Tuesday, July 21

A very warm day.

Decatur & vicinity the victim of a severe drouth. Looks sadly burned.

Visited around today. Took 4:00 P.M. Wabash for Chicago. Caught 10:02 for home.

Carfare 3.36; trolley, etc. .20; supper .45; ice cream .10; magazines .15.

Wednesday, July 22

Warmest day of year thus far in Chicago.

Another very warm day but a good breeze stirring.

Answered accumulated correspondence – 8 or 10 letters. One to Miss Irene Jones of Bloomington (who is now at Arnold's Park, Iowa) giving her information about the 3rd B position of which she had wired acceptance.

Analyzed Gerardia grandiflora for the Hopedale Nursery.

Most of silkworm moths had emerged from the cocoons in my absence. I had them in my room but took them up town and set the exhibit up again in the show window.

Developed 10 negatives of my late trip. Nearly all very good.

Worked at desk in my office a while this evening.

Barber .15; magazine .15;

Thursday, July 23

Prec. “.76

Very warm until 4:00 P.M. when thunder storm with a deluge of rain relieved things.

Did a "lot" of work on the place this A.M. Then to Waukegan by trolley to interview Co Supt Simpson about certificates for teachers. Called on Miss Bower in County Clerk's office for information about our school levy.

This afternoon worked at the school house. This evening, ditto.
Trolley .30; ice cream, etc .30;

Friday, July 24

Prec. ".53
" .12

Severe thunderstorm about 4:00 A.M & a precip. of ".53 Later on – about noon – ".12 more inches fell. Cooler this evening.

To city on 9:19 this A.M. Severe rainstorm about 11:00 & I was rain bound for a while.

To Remington Co to talk about new machine; to A.B. Dick Co to talk over rotary mimeographs; The Fair; Marshall Field & Co for camera supplies & shirts; City Club for Lunch; De Voe & Reynolds for fixtures; Shaw-Walker Co to look up filing units; Mandel Bro for soap; Mr. Gunther to try to learn fate of certain Lincoln cabins; H.B. Dodge for shades, etc.

This P.M. conferred with Mr Norcross & Mr. Mann about repairs to school. Then Mr N. and I had long chat about books, the classics, etc.

R.R. 52 + .25; lunch .50; toilet paper .55; books .75; type writer ribbon .75; fixtures .20; vases .75; sundries .70; umbrella .98;

Saturday, July 25

Fine summer day.

Worked at school house all morning and at home in the afternoon. Wrote a number of letters, analyzed a specimen sent from the Hopedale nursery, sorted out old magazines in the attic, etc

This evening went to Ravinia Park – Stock's last concert. He is to go abroad at once. Another conductor will have charge and grand opera will be given.

Met Miss Collins and two of her friends there & had a pleasant visit. We had a five minutes' chat with Mr Stock during intermission.

Trolley .10; concert .60; barber .15

Sunday, July 26

Fine day though warm in the sun.

Strolled over to Millard's this morning & finally stayed there until 2:00 P.M.

Then back home & Mother and I took trolley for Arden Shore camp. Here I helped the episcopal choir sing familiar hymns at vesper services. While there two southern women – assistants at the camp – showed us much courtesy.

Mrs Sampsell bro't us home in her machine

Mr & Mrs Clow called this evening.

Trolley .40;

Monday, July 27

Trace

Cloudy with occasional bursts of sunlight. Slight rainfall after 4:00 P.M.

Took camera & collecting can out into Skokie this A.M. but took only two photos – of arrowhead. Found 3 stalks of purple fringed orchis Bro't home various specimens.

Met Witten by appointment after lunch – at school and planned kalsomining work, etc.

Worked in my room at desk quite a little

Barber .15; ice cream .10;

Tuesday, July 28

Fine day. Cool breezes.

Photog. cardinal flower & purple fringed orchis, etc. this A.M. Went to school b'ld'g & not liking way concrete foundations were being made, called in Mr Morton, on his suggestion I called up the architect's office in the city.

Developed 11 negatives this afternoon. Also spent some time at school.

This ~~week~~ evening had conference with Mr. Mann over letting for guttering, etc.

Five people in an auto killed at Roger Williams Ave. crossing by the 8:37 last night.

Phoned Miss Gertrude Miller of Lake Villa and arranged for her to meet Mr Millard & I at Gray's Lake in an auto & show us around tomorrow.

Barber .15; groceries .20;

Wednesday, July 29

Fine day. Cool breeze blowing.

Had to postpone Lake Villa trip until Friday – on Mr. Millard's account.

Worked at school all day. Checked up all the supplementary books. Overhauled store of unused and out-of-date books and carried many arm loads to the basement. Directed the sorting out of a couple of wagon loads of old seats in the attic, to be disposed of. A hard days' work.

Heard with great misgiving of Austria's declaration of war upon Servia.

The army worm is making havoc in various gardens, far and wide. Haven't noticed it in my own, yet.

Barber .15;

Thursday, July 30

Another fine day.

My "tummie" out of order. - - Worked at school nearly all morning - - - Repeated the dose of arsenate of lead about roots of my asters & sprinkled water on them to wash the poison in.

At home most of the afternoon, overhauling old magazines – At 5:00 went to school house with agent for the Remington's to look over the old machine.

Read some from De Senectute this evening.

Because of my stomach trouble, I called off our proposed Lake Villa trip for tomorrow.

Friday, July 31

Still another. Gray at times. Warm in the sun. Cool at evening.

Rather "wilted" physically today. Did errands. Sorted articles out of magazines & bound them in manila covers. Wrote some letters.

This evening went down to Evanston at Patten Gymn to see graduating exercises of Summer School of Normal Methods. Beautiful music. Met Miss Collins, Mell, McCulloch, Farr, Buck, Miessner, Mrs Fryburger, et. al.

Wrote out transfer cards for the Bersch children today & called on Mrs Bersch. Delivered bundle of children's work to Fraulein Heine who sails soon.

Ghastly war threatens Europe

Barber .15; Brand 2.20; trolley .25; pills .10;

Saturday, August 1

Fine day. Warmer but not oppressive.

Better physically. Consulted with arch't Flinn & with foreman Holgate this A.M. & instructed latter on authority given me by Mr Mann to scaffold old b'ld'g to permit hanging new guttering.

Took 9:53 for city. Visited awhile at N W. station with Mr. Gilbert (en route for Ludington) & learned of recurrent illness of Mr Parson - - - To Miss Enk to leave some negatives - - Phoned Mrs Cade to secure Mr. C's services at lantern next week; at Fair; City Club; etc. 4:00 for home [War talk everywhere]

This eve heard three acts of Tales from Hoffman at Ravinia Park. Met Mrs Deming & Miss Harriet Gray on the trolley & they invited me to share their box.

A fine entertainment.

R. R. 52 + .25; lunch .70; sundries .75; envelopes .22; rubber bands .20; clips .05; book .25; frames .50 (Charge latter to Dist. 107); ice cream .30; papers .10;

Sunday, August 2

Beautiful day. Pleasant breezes.

Papers full of war news.

Went to church with Mother. Rev. Mr McMillin of Cincinnati preached.

A sound nap. Then miscellaneous reading.

This evening early called on Fraulein Heine and her brother and his wife and spent a pleasant hour with them. Das Fräulein hopes to sail for home on a Dutch steamer this week.

Monday, August 3

A lovely day and evening. - - - Hard to realize that a wicked war involves most of Europe! It rests heavy on the minds and hearts of all of us.

At the school house much of the morning. This afternoon went down to the Academy of Sciences to borrow a few bird slides from Mr Frank Woodruff. Pleasant visit with him and Dr. Baker. Home on the 5:10. Read editorial on Staats Zeitung to get German view of the war. Visited with Mr. Geer enroute

Mother & I went to Ravinia Park, this P.M. (Kittie too tired to go with us). Two acts from Martha, etc. Fine programs.

Began paying my July bills.

R.R. .66; Ravinia 2.20 + .30;

Tuesday, August 4

Beautiful day in every respect.

At school most of A.M. Unpacked new Remington (No.10) & tried it out.

Workmen erecting scaffolding for hanging new gutters.

Cement foundations of new building laid & boxing removed.

Phoned Mr. Simpson today about certificates of new teachers.

Banks began to check specie payments today to forestall withdrawals and hoarding of money. Will issue clearing-house certificates in place of specie.

Assembled slides for the talk I am to give tomorrow evening.

To Ravinia Park this evening. Earl Gsell & I sat together – close up to orchestra. Cavalleria Rusticana. Fine performance.

Pd various bills

Barber .15; Ravinia 1⁵⁵;

Wednesday, August 5

Fine day. A little warmer. Breeze from south. Sky often overcast.
Most of the day at school. This A.M. – McKenzie called to ask me to pledge myself to support him for Co. Sup't. This I could not do, and said so.
A man applied for janitorship, etc. etc.
This afternoon had Mrs Ristine, Mrs. Clements & Mrs Sampsell to pass judgment on mortar setting for brick work. Arranged to have Mr Norcross pass judgment likewise, this evening. - - -
Went to Arden Shore this evening & gave a flower talk with bird slides introduced. Mr Cade operated with gas lantern. – Mrs Williams and Mrs Munro took Mother, K. & me up in machine. - - Had a packed house – noisy but appreciative. Fine auto ride. (Miss Clow, Supt., & Miss Morrow, Sec. of Ass'n). Barber .15;
War talk everywhere.

Thursday, August 6

Trace

A very light shower before 7:00 A.M. Cleared off and was fairly pleasant all day.
Highland Park Day! - - I went down to the park after three this afternoon and stayed until six.
Pleasant time. Visited with the Ristines and the Munro's et. al.
This A.M. spent some time at school house. Then went to Ravinia Park & met for a while with the Ravinia Club to plan for the program of Aug. 13. Mrs Lobdell & Mr Hyatt (of New Trier) and I then went out to the stadium & planned evolutions.
This evening at my desk at school; then called at Clows awhile

Friday, August 7

Warm in sun but pleasant in shade. Beautiful evening.
Spent morning in the Skokie photographing prairie dock, golden rod & cardinal flower Had a "header" & rolled into a weedy ditch with my camera on my back.
This afternoon worked at clearing up the stock room at school.
This evening went down to Jens Jensens & met Prof. Wilhelm Miller & his wife (and two children). Everett & Mrs M. there also. We enjoyed the "players' green" and the camp fire. Mrs M. sang some old English ballads.
Barber .15; ice cream .20.
Trolley .05.

Saturday, August 8

A hot day. Still there was a breeze to help out.
Mowed the yard and scrubbed the porch, this A.M. At the school house a while.
This afternoon went down W. Park Ave. into the Skokie to get specimens of prairie dock. Photographed two. Then developed these and nine other negatives.
Barber .15; ice cream .25; oil .10;

Sunday, August 9

Prec ".09

A hot day. Did not go to church. Leonard Smith came in from Decatur about 10 A.M. Had ridden much of the night and slept little. Slept nearly all afternoon as did I. I read Two Gentlemen of Verona, etc. L and I had a walk late in the evening.
L. bro't the news of the death of Will Stouffer last Thursday evening, - appoplexy. Aged 47.
I analyzed a flower sent me by Mrs J L. Holbrook who is just now at Sewanee, Tennessee – Clitoria Mariana, Butterfly pea.
A brisk shower early in the afternoon – thunder in the distance.

Monday, August 10

Prec. “.53

Threatened rain & sprinkled a little A.M. Heavy rain this afternoon.

A little while at school this A.M. By direction of Mr Morton, had Mr. Holgate furnish a carpenter to help hang guttering.

Leonard & I took trolley for city. First to Lincoln Park to return slides Then L. & I looked over the collections; the animal houses, etc. Took boat for city. Lunch at The Hearth. Shopped at Field's; McClurg's; bo't "Memories of a Hundred Years" at Carson Pirie; bo't supplies at Library Bureau. Home on 5:44.

This P.M. L. & I heard Aida at Ravinia.

Quite cool this evening.

R.R. 30 + 20 + 10 + 10 + 30 + 10 + .52; lunch .65; book .85; Library Bureau 2.50; Ravinia 2.40; ice cream .40;

Tuesday, August 11

Fine. Cool – N.E. wind.

Leonard and I went to Waukegan to see Manager Chas. Ford (Chic. Tel Co) but did not find him in. Went down to harbor awhile before starting home

After lunch walked down to Ravine Drive – Millards' - & Central Ave Park. Rough sea; beautiful spectacle.

Leonard left for Chicago on the 3:34. I took my camera with the long distance lens to the beach to try to photo- the gulls dotting the piles of the old pier. Assisted by Oscar Larson & Roland Brand I set it up in tower of life saving station & took two pictures (of beach but not of birds)

Some time at school this evening.

Wauk. trip .60; barber .15;

Wednesday, August 12

Fine day. Warmer.

Met Mr. Mann at school bld'g this A.M. & went over things with him.

Then Everett Millard & I took 9:25 trolley for Area. Caught 10:21 Soo train for Lake Villa. There Gertrude Miller and her friend Olive Nelson, met us in auto and gave us a fine day: Visited pitcher plant bog east of Deep Lake; next a fine tamarack swamp north & east of Loon Lake. Ate our lunch at Jones school. Here we spent long time trying to get the spark to work. [The ignition didn't spark when the auto engine cranked. – ed.] Finally we got off again. To Antioch then over to Rother's place on Grass Lake. Took launch out to the lotus beds and back – Not one hundredth of what I saw there three years ago. – Then back & by auto through Lake Villa & Grays Lake to Libertyville. Here we all ate supper & Everett & I left girls to go back in their auto. We got home about 8:05. Splendid auto ride.

Thursday, August 13

Prec. “.72

Sultry at first. Then at 10:30 a sudden storm and a great downpour. Cleared off afternoon and cool this evening.

At school house most of this morning. Early this afternoon went down with the Boyntons & Millards to Ravinia Park where I helped Mr Davies of Winnetka, Mrs Lobdell & others manage the annual children's carnival. It was a circus parade this time & "stunts" were given on the stage of the music pavilion. Fine crowd and a fine show.

At school awhile this evening.

Trolley .05; barber .25; bread .05;

Friday, August 14

Fine day. Cool evening.

Some time spent at school as usual.

Margaret Nattinger came this A.M. This evening she and I heard La Boheme at Ravinia Park.

Kittie sick in the night and hardly able to be around today.

Analyzed some specimens (2) for the Hopedale nursery. Also some I had brought back from the trip of day before yesterday.

Pyrus melanocarpa

Woodwardia Virginica

Aspidium thelypteris

“ *spinulosum*

Asplenium filix-femina

The civilized world waits with dread the outcome of the terrible alignment of armies on the French frontier.

Barber .15; tailor 1⁰⁰; Ravinia Park .70 + .20 + 1.50 + .20

Saturday, August 15

Fine day.

At school until about 9:30. Then went with Mother and Margaret to the city. Saw them safely to the Grand Central station - - on their way to St. Joseph. Had a short chat with Dr Chas McMurry who was on his way to do some institute work in Indiana.

Went to Silver Burdett & Co., and had a chat with Miss Hiebler & Miss Collins about the new music books. To the Fair to get some tags & look up a typewriter stand. To Carson Pirie's where I bo't book on vegetable gardens. Lunch at The Hearth. To Evening Post to get back numbers in which editorials on the war are worth preserving. Home at 2:33. Worked at school until 5:00. Called on Wm Lowry who is fighting off tuberculosis. - - - At home most of evening.

Crowds watching war bulletins down town today.

R.R. 1.04 + .10; book .25; lunch .35; tags .06; tablets .05; barber .85; papers, etc. .27;

Sunday, August 16

Prec. “.02

A slight drizzle at times this A.M. A shower after lunch. Cleared awhile. Then clouded over.

Did not go to church. Read from E.E. Hale's Memories of a Hundred Years.

Late this afternoon had a walk down to Stipe's woods and bro't back helenium, lobelia s., etc.

This evening the Clows called.

Monday, August 17

Prec. “.35

Rain in the night. “.08. A hot wind from the south. Then heavy rain in the afternoon. “.27

At school most of day. Set up exhibit of wild flowers in Levin's show windows. [Samuel Levin, watchmaker and jeweler, had a business at 120 E. Central Avenue. - ed.]

Agent of Metrop. Supply Co took an hour or more of my time this A.M. Bo't chalk and 2 pencil sharpeners of him.

Worked a little on my Lincoln exhibit at school.

Called on Jens Jensen and family at Ravinia for an hour after supper – to get data from him for article I am to write for H.P. Press. Then went to Munro's where I spent a delightful evening – just Mr. & Mrs M. & myself.

Barber .15; trolley .10; ice cream .20;

Tuesday, August 18

A hot day. Very warm south wind. A squall came up over the lake about 6:30 P.M. and cooled the air in a very short time.

Spent most of the day working over an article for the Press on Jens Jensen and his ideas about conserving our native landscape here on the North Shore.

Wednesday, August 19

Prec. “.08

Rain in the night. Cloudy, more or less, all day. Breeze blowing. Tempered air.

Mr Metzel (A.J.) with Millard, Truman & Jeffrey M. picked me up in their machine at 7:15. We went to Half Day, L. Zurich, Barrington, Dundee & Elgin - - where we visited Wing Park & left the two boys behind (Looked over the Dundee Nursery). Then to St. Charles, Geneva, Batavia, & Aurora. Lunch here at the Downer Cafe. Then to Naperville, Downer's Grove where we visited a remarkable kindergarten, Hinsdale, La Grange, Western Springs (bird's-eye view of Vaughn's Nursery), Des Plaines, Wheeling, Deerfield, and home by 5:30 P.M.

Workmen came to our house today to begin wiring for electric lights. Am disturbed as to bestowal of my disarranged book sections.

Few rain drops after supper.

Expenses of trip .40; stamp book .97;

Thursday, August 20

Beat rugs & various other stunts at home. A warm day.

Met Mr. Mann at school & conferred about things. Ordered Sullivan to put in valve in engine room.

Our house torn up for the rewiring for electricity.

Ice cream .20;

Friday, August 21

Warm but were cool breezes.

Went to Skokie, Sweeny's, to collect specimens of August flowers. Set up several vase-fulls in Levin's windows as an educational exhibit. Put special labels thereon.

To the city this afternoon. Field's for collars, hypo, & to price typewriter stand. Iso plates at Sweet & W. At Orr & Lockett's for turnbuckles, to look up a "grommet," etc; Tribune for back files for my scrapbook; McClurg's for scrapbook, etc; to Douglas' art store to learn his whereabouts. (Last heard was in Rome with his "party").

At school this P.M. Gave dealers lists of books today.

Scrap book .75; ice cream .20; R.R. .52; papers, etc. .15; For Dist 107. – turnbuckles .40;

Saturday, August 22

Warm day but not oppressive.

Went down to Skokie on Sweeny's farm to photog. some compositae. There before 8:00 to try to anticipate the breeze that begins about that time. Took 6 photos including one each of lobelia s. & l. cardinalis in the woods. Bro't back some snails & duckweed for Mrs Bergen.

Met Dr. Maras & son Carl by appointment at 11:00. Wants to put lad (12 yr. old) in school. Dr. Gave me a copy (autographed) of autology. Pleasant interview. – Miss White “showed up”. Is to teach at Wauk. next week.

Developed 9 negatives this afternoon. Analyzed gerardia auriculata – new one to me.

At school awhile this P.M.

Barber .15; ice cream .10;

Sunday, August 23

Prec. “46

A dash of rain drops at 6:00. Then a hot morning. Heavy shower from 12:00 to 1:00. Then slow showers during afternoon.

To Baptist Church expecting to hear Mr Herbert Evans, the regular pastor. He, however, exchanged pulpits with Mr Hansen, a U. of C. student in charge of church at Area. Sermon showed that young man was alert to thought drift of today.

Went up to call on Mr Parratt late in the afternoon but he had gone.

Finished Hale’s Memories of a Hundred Years. Read from Life of James Martineau.

Church .25

Monday, August 24

Sunny at times, but mostly gray and cool.

Mrs Sampsell picked me up in her machine & took me over to her house to see the boys’ tomatoes, etc. Then all came back over town, leaving me at the school.

I worked all day there, off and on – at my Lincoln material, etc.

Barber .15; North Ave M.E. Church 1⁰⁰

Tuesday, August 25

Cool. Fine day.

Went to city today and did many small errands.

Banghart’s to consult him about mounts for my Lincolniana; Field’s for canvas & wash rags (Met Bob Stagg at work there); Copelin’s to inquire about photo of old state houses; J.W. Taylor’s on same errand; McClurg’s; Crane Co. to consult Mr Greenslade about mimeographs; Underwood’s to see their duplicator; to Newberry Library to look up a facsimile of the Emanc. Proc.; etc.

Lunch at The Hearth; supper at City Club. Came home on 8:00 P.M. train.

R.R. .52; lunch & supper 1¹⁵; street cars .30; oranges .15; lemonade .10;

Wednesday, August 26

Cool. Fine.

Went to Waukegan to County Inst. Heard three of Sup’t Elson’s classes; one of Miss White’s. Miss W. took me to dinner at Washburn Hotel and we ate at same table with Mr. Elson.

Had a visit with Miss Bower at the Court House.

Came home about 3:00. Mrs. Mihill on trolley talked to me about my article on Jensen’s work in recent Press; met Burns of Park Ridge, piano tuner.

Went to school house & packed up two of my Lincoln mounts & caught 3:34 for Chicago. To Banghart’s to get paper, etc. Then took my mounts to Muellers

Supper at City Club. Home on the 8:00. Found Mother at home from St. Joe.

Trolley .30; Institute fee 1⁰⁰; R. R. .50 + .20; supper .50;

Thursday, August 27

This A.M. had a letter from Elizabeth Knapp offering her resignation. She wishes to be a companion to a wealthy relative of hers whose husband has lately died.

So I went to the city and got Searles & Mr. A.J. Albert to rummage their files for a candidate for me. Met Miss Coggeshall.

Stayed down until the 9:10 train
R.R. .52; lunch .25; supper .25.

Friday, August 28

Prec. “.35

~~Cleared off. Pleasant.~~

~~Busy at school until 9:53.~~

Then to Chicago. Got paper at Banghart's & took it over to Muellers. Began to rain when I was calling at McCullough's agency & Palmer loaned me an umbrella. Rained more or less all afternoon

To Adams' Agency to talk over teacher situation.

Am preparing a scrap book of significant editorials bearing upon the war. Thus far the secular editorials have had more of the Hebrew indignation against unrighteousness than have those of the religious press.

R.R. .52 + .30;

Saturday, August 29

Gray at times but cleared off warm late in day. Cool again after night.

8:09 to Chicago. To Geo. B. Carpenter's to look up a flag and wire rope.

At Adams' agency to confer about teachers. To McCullough's agency where I chatted with Miss Beckwith, formerly teacher in Hoboken, N.J. Then to Albert's ~~Reeds~~ Agency where I interviewed Anna Lau of Ypsilanti & Beulah Reed of West Chicago. — Came home on 1:30.

Worked at school in afternoon. Began to stain the new book sections I had ordered from W.H. Dow & Co. of Waukegan

At school again after supper and worked there until late, planning programs, etc.

R.R. .52 + .20; lunch .28; barber .25;

Sunday, August 30

Rather warm day. This A.M. I went down to Munro's and then Mrs M. and I took a long walk into the Skokie. Bro't home bundle of fruit — gray dogwood, bittersweet, waahoo, etc

Slept in afternoon. Visited Mrs Dyke at the Clow's in the evening.

Am re-reading carefully Youtz's The Enlarging Conception of God.

Bricks for wall of new bld'g came today yesterday. Their shortage had delayed mason work a week. Walls only up to lower window sills half-way around b'ld'g.

Monday, August 31

Warm. Very humid (Began to storm about 9:00 P.M.).

As school until noon. Stained the six sections of my new book shelves.

Mr. Stoll representing the Underwood people bro't my new duplicator and spent some time showing me how to run it.

Took 12:56 for city. To Adams' agency to talk over teacher situation. Then to Albert's where I talked with Searles. (At Adams' met Mr Heiney of Prang's who has a daughter at Warsaw, Ind.; anxious for a job).

Home on 5:44. Visit with Henry K. Coale enroute.

Conferred with Mr. Greenslade and got authority to offer place to E. Gertrude Beasley at Keriwood Ave. Wrote seven letters at school.

R.R. .52 + .15; scrap book .75; note book .10;

Tuesday, September 1 "1.72

Very heavy rain with severe thunderstorms in the night. Sultry - & humid today. Cooled rapidly after night fall.

Called Miss E.G. Beasley on phone & secured her acceptance of our fifth grade position.

At school house this A.M. Conferred with "Colonel" Rogers of Lewis & Capron about our furnaces at school.

Got ready to spend a few days at B.H. & St. Joe. Took 2:34 for city. To Mueller's to leave two damaged mounts to be remounted. To Crane Co to see Mr. Greenslade about furnace repairs & then to Lewis & Capron to consult them further. Took 5:00 P.M. for St. Joe. Arrived at 7:26. Supper at restaurant. Then to Danforth's for the night. Margaret Nattinger there.

R.R. 26 + .20; 1⁸⁰; supper .35; check room .30;

Wednesday, September 2 Rained in night at H.P. ".18

Cool. Windy. Saw Margaret N. off on the 10:00 for Omaha.

Edith & I walked to Benton H. Met Eva Crooks on street. Found all well at Enders. Robert in H.S. – not over happy at prospect.

Long auto ride in afternoon. To Fred Ashman farm - - Tommie Ryan farm. Heavy crops of peaches, pears, grapes.

Supper at Edith's & to bed there.

Thursday, September 3

Bright. Cool wind. Took tramp along beach to Higman Park & then up to Lennie's for dinner. Visited some at the Crooks.

Rob't came home early from H.S. and we rode for an hour or two in the machine. Took Gail King along – he is boarding at Crooks & going to H.S. – a boy in delicate health.

Late in afternoon Arthur & R., the baby & I went out beyond Ashman's to get a bushel of cucumbers from a farmer. After supper Robert took me to Edith's where I picked up my baggage & was taken to the station. Caught 7:52 for Chicago and the 11:30 for home.

R.R. 1⁸⁰ + .05 + .26. Papers .10. Cucumbers 1⁰⁰

Friday, September 4

Fine day. Cool.

Found Mother confined to her room with sprained instep – lost her footing while trying to close cellar door.

Worked at school this A.M. Am being phoned to numerous these days.

Took 12:56 for Chic. but found had left pocket book at home. So hopped off at Ravinia & came back on trolley. Wrote checks for monthly bills, etc. Then took 2:34 for Chicago. To Whitall Tatum for quotations on glass jars; Bradner Smith for heavy manila; Dietzgen's for blueprint paper; Denison's for sundries; Siegel Cooper for sponges, glycerine, etc; Multiplex people to figure on display frames, etc. Home at 6:32.

This evening at my office

Much depressed at the war news.

Barber .15; household 7⁵⁰; R R .52 + .10; Dietzgens 1¹⁰; Bradner S. .50; Dennison 1²⁰;

Saturday, September 5 Trace

Warm after noon. Storm came up after 8:00 P.M.

Some work at home today, including a strenuous two hours re-setting our madonna lilies in a bed I prepared by digging out the top soil, putting in a layer of sand, replacing top, manuring, etc.

Miss Irene Jones & her mother came in this A.M. & I showed them around. Even gave them an hour's ride around town.

A school part of this afternoon. Miss Grunewald was there and helped me prepare guides for Victor record boxes.

This P.M., Mr. Leonard of Ravinia called to try to get his son into our schools.

At school house a while.

Set up my six new book case sections.

Subscribed to Anti-Saloon League funds - \$5⁰⁰.

Barber .25;

Sunday, September 6 ".04

Rain with much sheet lightning last evening.

Fine day. Cool.

To S.S. this A.M., and much conference over S.S. matters. Then to Baptist Church to hear Rev. Herbert Evans. Fine sermon. Met Fayette Munro there and Mrs Henry Atwater, et. al.

Nap after dinner. Read Eclogue IV of Virgil. (Referred to in sermon).

Neighbor Decker had offered loan of horse and rig. So when to my delight Lee Knight came to call, I got out the rig & we went out over the Skokie, down west of Glencoe, then back to Co. Line, east to the Lake, etc – a splendid ride. Came in after dark. Lee visited with us until nearly 10:00 P.M.

Mother's foot better today.

Church .25.

Monday, September 7 Trace

Cold. Gray. Threatening. Drizzle after 3:30. Continued late in evening

Miss Beasley & I went to Waukegan this A.M. to meet the Co Supt & get her a certificate.

Teachers' meeting this afternoon at 2:00 All present & a good time "had." Conferences with various teachers consumed the afternoon. This evening I worked at the school house

Esther White 1.	Katherine Hourigan 6
Louise Boswell 2	Gertrude Miller 6
Lula Behrens 2	Ruby White 7
Irene Jones 3	Etta Grunewald 7
Kate Schermerhorn 3	Alice Davis 8
Wm S. Parks 4	Ellen M Guiney 8
Laura Murray 4	Eva Giffin – Drawing
Gertrude Beasley 5	Wilbur Kensler – Mn'l Tr
Bertha Cramer 5	Winifred Shumway – Music
	S.L. Smith Drawing.

Saw labor day parade at Waukegan

Barber .15; trolley .80;

Tuesday, September 8 ".04

Cool. Clearing. Furnace fires to take away chill. Ran fan all morning at school.

First day!! 36 new pupils entered first grade.

Fine time at morning exercises. Kittie played for us.
Teachers' meeting at 2:00. Principal topic – discussion of the Springfield Survey
Mr. Davis and I set up my new “sectionets” for the office.
Worked at my office this evening. Mrs Hicks brought Lloyd to secure a labor certificate. Miss Murray came to confer about some of the tutored pupils.
Family of 3 young rabbits caged in my office now for three days.

Wednesday, September 9

Cool. Pleasant.
Busy day. Taught 3 classes in geog. in 5th grade.
Field trip with 4B's to lake front to prepare map of “north shore.”
Conference with four upper grade teachers after school.
Helped plan Miss Parks' work in 4B.
Mowed back yard at home.
Worked at desk at school this P.M. Wrote several letters
Barber .25;

Thursday, September 10 Prec. “.20

Threatening. Began drizzling by 11:30 A.M. Real rain at 3:15 P.M.
Field trip with 4B's to collect several kinds of soil. Then one with 4A's to Sheahen's pond to study pond, etc.
Various conferences after school.
This evening as usual at desk at school.
Candy .20; paper .05;

Friday, September 11

Gray & threatening with occasional bursts of sunshine.
Mother's heel & instep not improving well enough so we took her up to Dr. Bergen's & had x ray taken of her foot.
Aster contest today. Had 59 exhibitors. Joe Sullivan, Mrs Clements & Mr. Francis (Mr Egan's gardner) acted as judges. Awarded “prizes” for asters, marigolds, zinnias, calendulas, tomatoes, etc.
A Miss Lanagan called to apply for kindergarten assistantship.
Conference with Mrs Schumacher.
Committee of P.T.A's met in my office
Conference with Bergen & Roberts about a case of infantile paralysis.
Barber .15;

Saturday, September 12

A beautiful day. Cool.
8:09 for Chicago. To Trib. bld'g to try to get Trib. for Aug. 2; B'd of Ed rooms to try to meet Mr. Bright; McClurg's to look over books for beginners in German. Spent quite a lot of time there. Bo't Herder's Stritt für Strift; Davy's Tree Doctor; Rauschenbusch's Prayers of the Social Awakening; Pammel's A Talk on Weeds; Hunt's Speller. To Amer Seating Co. to get quotation on folding chairs. Fine chat with Mr. Hambrook there.
To Francis Parker school where I met Mr Hendry & chatted with Miss Hefter about their German course. Met Miss Cook for a few minutes just as I was leaving. To Underwood's for help in using

Duplicator. Lunch at Hearth. Home at 2:21. Finished mowing yard - - Buried waste cucumbers in a pit. -
- Called on Mrs Schultze & discussed quarantining for infantile paralysis.

Had "honorable mention" cards printed at H.P. Press

Raymond Zehren died last night – near 16th birthday. Went to the house this P.M.

Worked on examination of spelling books this evening.

R.R. .25 + .10; lunch .30; book .20 + .50; ink .15 (Dist 107); barber .75;

Sunday, September 13

Gray with sunshine at times A few rain drops at 4:00 P.M.

To church and afterwards conferred with Mr. Dobson & Mr Faxon & Mr. Metzel about
blackboards for the basement S.S. room.

Mounted more clippings in my war album.

To school house this afternoon to take food to the young rabbits & found two of them dead!

Trolley to County Line and then tramped down into the Skokie. Bro't back flowers, bittersweet,
& a puff ball.

Went to Wilmette this evening to visit with the Wilsons' who are packing to leave for Los Angeles.
We all went over to a neighbors – Pfickers, I believe, & had a fine time.

Trolley .40;

Monday, September 14

Grew quite sultry – with a warm s.w. wind. Rather disagreeable. Blew up a stiff shower at 7:40
P.M. High wind later on.

Celebrated 100th anniversary of Star Spangled Banner (Battle Sept. 12; poem written Sept 13;
published Sept. 14) at morning exercises.

Taught 4B Geog. on soil; 4A's on ponds. Made maps on floors in hall.

Miss Shumway – new music teacher – came and had her first day's work.

Wrote up bills for Board meeting. Interesting meeting.

Barber .15; ice cream .10;

Tuesday, September 15 Prec. "17

Clear most of day. Cooler but still warm.

Busy as usual. A new boy, Peter Marchi.

Sent truant officer to warn Lake Shore Country Club about employing school children.

Agent of Newsom Co. made me a visit.

Teachers' meeting this afternoon. Discussed spelling. Appointed a committee to examine spelling
books.

At office this evening. Talked with Supt. Rowell, Nichols, Thompson, & Nida on phone about
blackboards. Notified Mr. Flinn that I favor slated wall as blackboard.

Mother rec'd check for \$148⁰⁰ from conference today

Barber .15; ice cream .10.

Wednesday, September 16

Rather warm day

Conferred with Mr Metzel & Mr Norcross about linoleum & blackboard. With Roberts about cases
of infantile paralysis – Schultze's & a Swedish home quarantined yesterday.

Taught two geog. classes. Sent 15 8A's to H.S. to take part work.

Miss Stone of Ravinia school came to talk stereopticon, etc., with me.

Spent some time hunting up material on migration – for a talk I am to give at Lake Bluff tomorrow.
A little while this P.M. at prayer meeting at the Presb. Church.

Thursday, September 17

A little warm again but cooler this evening.

This afternoon I went to Lake Bluff by trolley and gave a “bird talk” on their annual harvest festival program. The children gave several beautiful numbers. Came home in Mrs McGregor Adams limousine. Delightful ride.

This evening Decker & his wife & two friends picked me up while I was up town & gave me a pleasant auto ride.

“Professor Potter” called to try to sell a number device.

Barber .25; trolley .15; pills for mother .35.

Friday, September 18

Heavy fog at dawn & the trees dripped rain. Cleared and cool breeze prevailed.

Conference with Mr Metzel & Mr Mann over wiring of new b’ld’g, etc – this A. M.

Matheny of Thos Charles called & talked supplies with us.

Taught three nature lessons and one geog. (4B) today.

Had Miss Nora Behrens prepare copy of directory of patrons.

Misses White, Grunewald, Boswell & Cramer & I went down West Park Ave to get minnows etc. this evening. Pool dried up. Bro’t back water plants, closed gentians, etc.

Mr Sandwick entertained men of H.S. staff & Messrs Kensler, Hudson, Wright & myself this evening. Fine time. Mr Dietsch played beautifully.

Charge Dist 107 - 25¢ for carbon paper.

Barber .15; household \$7⁰⁰;

Saturday, September 19

Beautiful day. Ash trees coloring. Red flushing up the sumachs.

Consulted architect Flinn about carving a bambino on the stone medallion on the new school b’ld’g. To city on 9:19. To Badische Co to get 1# Agalma Black T.G. Got last pound pkg in warehouse. Are moving all their remaining stock to N.Y. War has raised price of some of it 1000% - - To Beckley-Cardy’s. Visited Fred & ordered some paper. - - - Tried to get picture cards showing Della Robbia’s bambinos but failed (Field’s, Morris Book shop, McClurg’s, K & Klappenbach). - - At McClurg’s bo’t stamp pad & ink. - - Field’s – Left panama to be cleaned. Bo’t small jardenieres for prizes in aster contest. Did same at Fair. Also bo’t 6 small flower baskets. Bo’t Mother Goose melodies at Lyon & Healey.

Tramped myself heartily tired. Home at 5:44.

Got copy of Chic. speller at Mr. Bright’s desk. Chat with Mr. B.

10 small jard. at Fair 1⁰⁰. Hooks .18

2 larger “ “ “ .40

6 baskets “ “ “ 1⁵⁰

5 jard. at Fields .75 Pict. frame .15.

Turnbuckle at Boston Store .33

Ink .25; pad .25;

R.R. 52 + .10; lunch .35; papers .38; barber .25;

Sunday, September 20

A warm day.

Took 10:15 trolley for Evanston. Heard Rev. Timothy Frost preach an excellent sermon at the First M.E. Church. Met Prof. Atwell after church. Home at one.

Nap this afternoon. Read from James "Great Men & Their Environment." Am rereading Ropes "The Apostolic Age."

Late this P.M. went up to Sixth Ravine. Walked through to the lake. Then walked down lake shore to Everhart place where I climbed to the street above.

Trolley .25 + 5; church .10;

Monday, September 21 Trace.

Very warm today. My office almost unbearable.

Closed school at 2:30.

Four cases of infantile paralysis now and much inquiry on part of patrons.

This P.M. I conferred with Mr Norcross about the situation. Then went to work at my desk at school. Later, Mr Metzel came in, and we went over various items of improvements needed. He bro't me home in his run-a-bout.

"Col." Rogers & one assistant began to repair a furnace today

Tuesday, September 22

Threatened in the night. Gray much of today and much cooler. Almost cold this evening.

Great apprehension everywhere over the threatened infantile paralysis. Had Dr. Bergen inspect all pupils

Surgeon at Ft Sheridan has quarantined against us for two weeks.

Very busy. Conferred with electricians, architect, et. al.

This evening Mr & Mrs Norcross and I met at Dr. Bergen's house & talked things over.

Barber .15.

Wednesday, September 23

Beautiful day. Quite cool this evening.

A day spent to a large extent in answering inquiries about infantile paralysis cases. Many children withdrawn from school.

Conferred with architect Flinn about outside lights on new b'ld'g. Also with S.R. Lewis about an incinerator for basement.

With Mrs Schumacher about situation, etc. With Drake about grading new grounds.

Teachers' meeting after school to plan work for our reduced staff of pupils

Worked at my desk at school until late.

Released a bat that we had detained as a visitor.

Barber .25; stamps \$1.09

Thursday, September 24

Another very beautiful day. No new developments in the i.p. cases. Increasing no. of children withdrawn from school. Many, many questions answered.

Brick came today and after 8 days' delay the masons worked in earnest.

Had Miss Nora Behrens begin work in my office. Previously she did over a day's work at making a directory of patrons.

Paul Newman of Little, Brown & Co. called.

Last half hour of day I went to Skokie pool on Half Day road & collected duckweed for our aquarium.

At desk at office a while this evening.

Friday, September 25

Fine. Cool. Almost needed an overcoat after night.

Nothing new in i.p. cases. Half or more of pupils out of school.

Conference with Flinn and Hugill & Mr Morton over grading, etc., this A.M.

Miss Smedley visited a little while to ask me what I know about pension question.

Supt Rhodes came to urge Miss Davis to prepare a paper for coming teachers' ass'n at Elgin.

I left on 2:34 for Chicago. Called at N.Y. Life b'ld'g for Mrs. Johnson. Then at B'd of Ed'n rooms to secure copy of Mrs Young's report.

Meeting of Directors of Geog Soc. at 4:00. Pres. H.J. Patten presided.

Went home with Mr. Schantz to Morton Park. After supper we went over to Riverside & spent an hour with Catherine Mitchell. Talked over conservation work. 9:41 for Chic., & 10:40 for H.P.

R.R. .52 + .10 + .16 + .23; barber .15;

Saturday, September 26

Beautiful in every way.

Took 8:09 for Chicago. Conferred with Mr. Flinn on way in. Had a walk across town with Mr. Kempster Miller

To Mueller's to see about some Lincoln mounts; Miss Ingersoll's; Art Institute to borrow Bambino pictures; Public Drug Co; Underwood's to inquire about duplicator work; etc.

Very, very tired when I caught 12:35 home. Went to bed for the afternoon.

At 5:00 met Mr O L. Oleson by appointment at school and conferred with him about building a rustic bridge there.

School errand or two this evening.

At Newson's to arrange for exchange of grammars; [Mr. Smith drew a line from the list of errands in Chicago at the top of the page down to this added errand. — ed.]

R R. .52 + .15; lunch .30; papers .12; barber 25; drugs .85;

Sunday, September 27

Another very beautiful day.

Mr Metzel and I met by appointment at 8:30 at the school house & spent about two hours going over the situation. I then came home without going to church.

This afternoon we went riding as the guests of Miss White and Miss Grunewald. Down Kopp's Lane, across the Skokie — Clavey's, west of Glencoe, etc. A fine ride. Bro't back bittersweet and waahoo.

The girls had tea with us.

Read from The Egoist, the Oct. Atlantic, etc.

Ice cream .40;

Monday, September 28

Fine day. Some warmer.

No morning exercises. Dr Bergen examined all the pupils and found everyone well.

More than half of the pupils gone.

Conferred with Mr Hugill (ass't architect) — Also with Menoni — about cinders & crushed stone.

Miss Cramer & Miss Boswell and I and 15 or more of the 5th graders went down in the bus after school to Mooney's pond & seined out a lot of minnows & picked up some mussels. A fine trip.

Barber .25;

Tuesday, September 29

Fine day – but rather sultry afternoon.

Stocked up aquarium jars. Dr. Bergen gave us his office aquarium.

Executive committee of P.T.A. met in aud. this afternoon. Deerfield, Lincoln Ave & Ravinia, Highwood, & the H.S. represented.

Principal Hudson & Princ. Wright visited with me a while afterwards.

Board met this evening to act on building projects.

I presented request for proposition to set up bambino casts on front of b'ld'g. No action but favorable comment.

Barber 15;

Wednesday, September 30

Blew up a little cooler in night. A beautiful day.

Went to Evanston this A.M. Called on Mr Nichols at Central School. Then walked to Oakton School & inspected blackboards and interior finish. A beautiful b'ld'g. Took trolley to Davis St and ate lunch at Jones' Cafe. Then trolley to Kenilworth and visited the school bld'g. Home to H.P. & worked at my desk preparing article on infantile paralysis for local paper.

Representation of Caxton people called.

This evening called at Mr Norcross' & had an hour or so chat.

Studied plans of b'ld'g.

Trolley .20 + .10 + ; lunch .45;

Thursday, October 1

Beautiful weather. The maples colored as well as the dry weather permits. Oaks turning. Ash trees passing their prime

Sent Miss Beasley to the Francis Parker School today to study methods, and I substituted in part for her. Gave 5B's a field trip in the afternoon.

Spent some time with Mr. Metzler this A.M. with reference to new bld'g. Later on with Mr. Flinn, et. al.

We teachers had a beach party to Gad's Hill Beach this evening. Fine time. I left at 7:00 & caught 7:33 for Chicago To Art Inst. to hear Jens Jensen lecture on the Dunes. Then met Catherine Mitchell by appointment to talk over plans for Outer Belt Park campaign.

10:02 for home

R. R. .52 + .10; lunch, etc. .25;

Friday, October 2

Still more fine weather.

Good progress on the b'ld'g today. Skylight men showed up afternoon.

Ethel Goddard came up this afternoon to confer with me about lantern slides, nature study, etc

Worked at my desk at home this evening. Wrote out monthly checks.

Barber .15;

Saturday, October 3

A fine day. Hazy and a little gray at times.

At school house all morning. Helped plan grading about b'ld'g. Worked at my desk. Gave some consideration to the Lincoln mounts.

Ate lunch at Victoria Restaurant since Mother & K were in the city.

This afternoon went on my wheel out to the Des Plaines R. Very dusty. Fine clump of (yellow and green leaf masses) cottonwoods at bend of R. above bridge. The mussel and his curved furrow in the mud; the three ducks afloat on the river;

This evening at desk at home.

Barber 15; lunch .35;

Sunday, October 4

Bright this A.M. but clouded over in the afternoon.

Went to First M E at Evanston to hear Rev. Mr. Frost and his peace sermon. This was the day of nation-wide prayers for peace as recommended by Pres. Wilson. Ate lunch at Jones' restaurant, then took elevated to the city to go to the great peace meeting in the auditorium. Crowd there before me. I got in line at 1:30 and 2:45 had reached entrance only to find no vacant seats. Vast crowds unable to get in. Listened for a while to a band concert on lake front. Then spent some time at the Art Institute.

This evening M, K, & I went to Evang. Church to hear Dr Mott preach.

Trolley, etc. .15 + .10 + .05 + .26; church .20; dinner .65;

Monday, October 5

Gray most of the day. Mild. Landscape beautiful.

Roofers got tarred paper over roof of new b'ld'g.

Most of absentee pupils came back to school today. Dr Bergen examined everybody today.

Mrs Behrens here visiting her daughters

Field trip with 4B's to study slope, drainage, etc.

Taught 5B Geog.

Gave demonstrations with fire extinguisher today.

This evening Virgil Hart came to my office to talk over plans for his getting "a job."

Barber .15; ice cream .10

Pd Miss Giffen 1²⁰ on art books

Tuesday, October 6

Fine. Hazy. Mild. Warmer than yesterday.

Painter stained wood work on front of b'ld'g today.

One geog. lesson and two science lessons today.

Short teachers' meeting after school. Talked over spelling books, etc

Worked at school awhile this evening.

Barber .25;

Wednesday, October 7

Hazy. Quite sultry

Before school made a reconnaissance on my wheel to spy out autumn colors. Got a Russian thistle on the beach.

Conferred with Mr Flinn about blackboard on the new building. With Rob. Greenslade about the wiring.

Wrote an autumn article for H.P. Press and had my secretary Miss Behrens, write it out for printer. Prepared a letter to parents inviting interest in a plan to study German.

Some of the staff and I went down to Mr. Jensen's place at Ravinia & rambled all over it – the Jensens not being at home.

This evening Mother, K. & I went to Baptist Church to hear Ex. Gov Patterson of Tennessee & Rev Mr Banks talk on nat'l prohibition. Fine evening.

We got new gas stove today (\$35⁰⁰).
Trolley .10;

Thursday, October 8 T. “.18

A light shower before daylight. Cleared off warm

Routine work. Busy. Informal conferences with teachers.

This evening Hon Lafe Young of Des Moines talked on the commission plan of gov't at the school aud. I ushered. I slipped away for a half hour & attended Mr Booth's chorus at Presb. Church.

Pd Express bill of .83 for Dist 107.

Ice cream .20; + .20;

Friday, October 9

Another warm day but not so sultry as yesterday. At 6:30 P.M. thunder heard, & rain fall.

Had “fire-day” exercises in the aud. this A.M. followed by two fire drills.

Sent out note to patrons of grades 6 – 7 – 8 inviting their interest in a scheme to introduce German in those grades.

Mrs Schumacher and I had a conference this afternoon.

Took 6:56 for Chicago & to Art Institute. Opening meeting of Geog. Soc. Prof. Grant presided. Jens Jensen spoke on outer park belt.

Heavy rains in Evanston & elsewhere as train passed through.

R.R. .52 + .10;

Saturday, October 10 “1.53

A light rain last evening followed up by a heavy rain which lasted all morning.

I worked in the attic until noon, sorting over magazines and rearranging old texts, etc. upon shelving.

Took 2:34 for Chicago. To Miss Ingersoll's to leave some negatives. To Art Inst. to return some photographs of D. R's Bambinos. To Mueller's to inquire about some mounts.

To Orr & L's for thumb tacks and a camp hatchet. To Vaughn's & Field's.

Stayed down. Supper at Henrici's. Read OShea & Cooke on Teaching Spelling at City Club. Then to the Blackstone to hear Forbes-Robertson in “The Light that failed” Fine. Wholesome.

Barber .15; R R 52 + .15; supper .40; theater 1.50; books .65; mag. 10;

[Pasted to the page is a clipping from the playbill. It was headlined **Farewell of Forbes-Robertson (Positively His Last Appearance in Chicago)** followed by a cast of characters and a synopsis of scenery. – ed.]

Sunday, October 11

Clear. Sunny. Cool.

Didn't go to church A.M. Walked down to Millard's awhile. Nap after dinner. Then Mother, K. & I drove out to Deerfield & north, then home on the Half day road.

Sumacs mostly demolished by rain. Many of the maples stripped. Asters nearly all gone.

This evening we went to hear Bishop Heil preach.

Church .10.

Monday, October 12 "07

Gray. Threatening. Finally rained after 3:30 until before 6:00.

Had general exercises with a Columbus celebration theme this A.M.

Mc McKay called to set forth the virtues of Florida lands.

Loaned Miss Barlow a lot of Williamsburg and other pictures.

At school a little while this evening.

Barber .15;

Tuesday, October 13 T.

Gray. Windy. Like late autumn

Very, very hoarse. Found that I could not hear a class. So took 10:33 for Chicago

To Johnson Service Co. for repairs for pump; Underwood's for duplicator supplies; Lyon & Healey's.

To City Club & luncheon with directors of Friends of O N.L. – Jensen, Millard, McVeagh, & Mrs Blocki.

Then again to Lyon & H. where I bo't a record.

To Chic Kg. College, 2944 Mich Ave. to call on Miss Elizabeth Harrison about a kg. teacher Home on 4:45.

At school a little while this evening. Had Dr Bergen prescribe for me this evening.

R R. .52 + .25; tickets 4⁰⁰; duplicator supplies 2⁷⁵; record .75; magazines .10 + 4; tablets at drug store .50

Wednesday, October 14 R.

Gray. Cool. Threatening. Rain began fitfully about 4:00 P.M. Ceased & began again – about 8:50 – more steadily

My hoarseness no better Feeling rather used up. Took an extra hour off at noon and had a nap.

We organized a German class for sixth graders and one for seventh – eighth graders, & were swamped by the number who wanted to join the classes

Architect today served an ultimatum on the skylight men to secure immediate completion of their work.

Leonard Smith came in on us unexpectedly this evening.

Barber .15;

Thursday, October 15 R

Gray again & threatening. Then rain began after 6:00 P.M. Still at it at midnight.

Office work, mostly, today. Still very hoarse

Went in on 4:58 to 6 o'clock dinner of Committee on Forest Preserve Act at City Club. Miss Mitchell, Mrs Blocki, Mr Schapper, & Huron H. Smith and I sat together at the table. Mr. Moody of the "Chicago Plan" and wife sat next to me & were very agreeable. I had to leave before 8:00 because I had a ticket to "Caesar & Cleopatra" by Forbes-Robertson at the Blackstone. Very interesting performance. I would not care for a steady diet of Shaw. Saw Harriet Monroe & Nicholas Vachel Lindsey there.

Leonard back this evening.

Banquet 2⁰⁰; R R. .52 + .20; magazines .12; barber .15;

[Pasted at this page is a clipping from the playbill for "Caesar and Cleopatra" A History in Five Acts by George Bernard Shaw giving a synopsis of the plot and the cast of characters. – ed.]

Friday, October 16 "1.62 .50 R

Rained more or less all day.
My cold much better.
Blackboard man came to see me this A.M. and planned boards for new b'ld'g.
Worked on speller problems today. Heard one science lesson.
Leonard went in again on the 8:09. Came out late this afternoon.
Gold crowned tooth gave away today – was 15 or so years old. Went to Dr Hamilton who found nothing of tooth left but the roots. Pulled these out.
Miss Krüger of the H.S. came to our b'ld'g on an errand after school & I consulted with her about teaching of elementary German.
Barber .15;

Saturday, October 17 “.03

Gray most of the day and slow rain in late afternoon.
Grippe seemed to get hold of me in the night and this day I have laid low by the doctor's advice.
Pottered over old magazines; mounted clippings in my war album; finished reading (2nd) Kipling's "The Light that Failed";
This afternoon went to the school b'ld'g to confer with architect Flinn.
Leonard went in to the city this A.M. to apply for a position as a Pullman conductor and found that he was five years short of the age requirements.
Capsules .50;

Sunday, October 18

A beautiful day. Most of foliage of maples and trees of that kind gone, but still very beautiful masses left.
Yesterday the myrtle warblers busy in our trees.
Did not go to church this A.M.
Re-reading Ropes' The Apostolic Age.
Felt almost well of my cold
Mother, K., Leonard, & I went riding this afternoon – Lake Forest, Ft. Sheridan, etc.

Monday, October 19

Fine day. Almost warm at times. South wind.
Mr Metzel and I went in his machine to N. Chicago this A.M. to the Sager Lock Co to see the panic bolts for school room doors. Fine auto ride.
Van Everen & Perrino came out to see me about blackboard work.
Agent for McMillan's called to talk Elson's History with me.
I got together the bills & other data for the Board meeting.
A busy day.
Board met this evening. Long session. Were very conservative about some items that came up.
Plastering began on new building.
Barber .15; Pd Miss Murry \$2²⁵ for Victor records. Stamp book .97

Tuesday, October 20

A beautiful day
Conference with Mr Noerenberg about plastering & with Hugill, as a result of which I was left free to have Perino do all plastering for blackboards. Notified latter at noon.
Glass for sky lights & windows came. Much activity on new b'ld'g.

Trip to Arcady Dairy with Miss Shermerhorn's 3A's this afternoon. Went in livery bus. Saw milking machines for first time.

Leonard went down and interviewed Mort Clark today.

Agent for Cran's Atlas sold me one for school today. (5⁷⁵)

Taught 5B Geog. today.

Wednesday, October 21

Beautiful day.

Work progressing well on new b'ld'g.

A very busy day. Before school I went up to Orchard Lane and gathered some belated asters for bouquets.

Had festival of aster & witch hazel this afternoon. Parade of all pupils through the woods and into the ravine. First fac-simile of first Amer. flag; then a vase of witch hazel; then two by two children carrying the prizes – small jardineres and Japanese baskets decorated with asters, six pepper plants donated by Bahr, etc. Then room after room with its flag, etc. Children recited Fringed gentian; water fowl; October's bright blue weather, etc. Folk dance; songs, etc; & 4A's dramatized Horatius at the Bridge. Then I announced flower contest prizes. Fine time.

We teachers went up to McCormick's after school & had beach party opposite mouth of sixth ravine. Delightful time.

Trolley .10; barber.15;

Thursday, October 22

Yet another!!

Dr. B. examined 3rd graders for "nits" and found several suspicious cases. Miss J. has "em."

One skylight practically finished today.

Field trip with 4B's today. A ravine trip.

Got a supply of bulbs from Bahr and began their sale today.

To the city this P.M. to see Forbes-Robertson in Hamlet. A wonderful performance. Miss Cowie's Ophelia was strikingly good.

Met W.R. Hatfield between acts. Also Mrs Collins & Mrs Maher on the street car.

Miss Shumway, our music teacher, resigned yesterday, this to go into effect next week.

Matrimony contemplated. Leonard went home today.

Barber .25; R.R. .52 + .15; lunch .10;

[Pasted to the page is a clipping from the Blackstone Theatre playbill for "Hamlet." – ed.]

Friday, October 23

Beautiful day in every respect.

Was desperately busy.

Took 3B's on farm trip – in Ringdahl's bus this A.M – to brickyard, several little farms, Clavey's nursery, etc.

Taught two classes this afternoon.

Two of my boys and I got our stereopticon, curtain, signal & reading lamps ready, and had them hauled to the Moraine where we set them up in the dining room. This for Mrs Gregory & the Arden Shore benefit – Miss Humphrey, the lecturer.

I got into my dress suit & went to the Geog. Soc. at Fullerton. Our new President – Henry J. Patten, gave a good illustrated talk on his travels in the south seas. A great crowd. Had a fine time.

Pd 20¢ for paper bags (Dist. 107)

Barber .25; flash light .25; lunch .15; R.R. 52 + .10; magaz. .10;

Saturday, October 24 “.20

Storm blew up about 1:00 A.M. and some rain fell. Threatening all morning. Windy and the clouds blown about across the sky. Quite chilly.

At school much of morning and all afternoon. Also for two hours this P.M.

Overhauled my office shelving, etc.

Was to have gone to Allendale this P.M. but Capt. Bradley had to be away, so I deferred my trip. Pd Brand 2²⁵ for 3 enlargements for the Lincoln frames; and 70¢ for prints Charge 2⁶⁰ to Lincoln fund.

Barber .85; sweet potatoes .25;

Sunday, October 25

Clear. Cool. Sunny.

Went to school house to feed my two small alligators & met Mr. Morton & Mr. Metzler there. Inspected new building. The skylight men were at work today!

This afternoon I went with the Munros and the Misses Edith & Ethel Mason of Winnetka & Mr Maurice M. Darling down into Kopf's woods where we built a fire, had coffee, etc., & stayed there until nearly nine P.M.

Re-reading Ropes' The Apostolic Age.

Monday, October 26 T.

Gray mostly. Cold. Nearly freezing as it cleared by nightfall. A trace of sleet for a short time before noon. (Light snow fall in Chicago).

Talked on peace in aud. this A.M. Spoke of the Junior Peace League of America.

Short conference with teachers after school.

This P.M. at school building a while. Looked over Miss Grunewald's paper she is to read at Elgin next week.

Got some vinca, wandering jew, & geraniums at Mr. Clow's at noon which would otherwise been left to freeze.

Tuesday, October 27

Bright. Milder than yesterday. Hard frost last night – first of season

Very busy at a number of things. Bulb sale continues well, but Miss Nora Behrens, my secretary, handles that.

Taught three classes today. Sent children with lousy heads home.

Mrs Clements & Mrs Bacon spent an hour in my office conferring over program for P.T.A.

Worked at desk at school this P.M.

Barber .15;

Wednesday, October 28 “.06

Passed from threatening in the A.M. to an occasional drizzle, P.M.

Misses Reat, Steele, & Stevenson visited us this P.M. and we had a very pleasant time.

Miss Jewett of Chicago came out this A.M. to confer with me about taking Miss Shumway's place as music supervisor.

Got letter from Mrs Dement of Lexington and a paper relating to her candidacy for the county superintendency of schools.

Had a conference with Messrs Greenslade & Metzel this evening at the school. They checked up my tuition ledger for the past five years and balanced the accounts
Mother stored away her dahlias & tigridas today. I helped.

Thursday, October 29 “.03

Cleared during the night. Moderately cool.

Plasterers on the b'ld'g today; other trades active.

Mr Rhodes of Winnetka and three of his staff visited us today. I loaned him E. & W's "School Garden Book".

I attended Mr Booth's choral society this evening at the Presb. Church.

Barber .25; Magaz. 15;

Friday, October 30

Beautiful day.

Got some little work done in the plant house today. Got the second finger of my right hand on glass today and because of the bandage which Dr Bergen put on, I write with difficulty.

Looked up data this evening relating to St Peters' sandstone, etc., since I have to talk on Starved Rock at Ossoli soon

Halloween parties at school today.

Barber .15.

Saturday, October 31

Very beautiful day.

Six of my staff and I took 7:01 for Chicago and the 8:27 Lake Shore for Chesterton. Here we got together bacon, cream, etc. & set out in wagon for the dunes. (I had a little visit with the Wilson's beforehand). Lislebert went with us. We ascended "Mt. Tom" and ate our dinner on the beach a half mile west. Late afternoon we made our way to the tamarack swamp & quaking bog. Sent our wagon back at 5:00 & at 5:30 walked over to Mineral Springs trolley station. Had obtained permission for the 5:45 through train to pick us up there, but it ran by at a great speed. Were obliged to walk to Porter & take 8:50 back to Chicago (Lake Shore).

Very enjoyable day.

Found two fringed gentians in bloom at the quaking bog.

Expenses about 3.05 + .10 + .10.

Sunday, November 1

A very beautiful day.

Went up to school bld'g this A.M, then came home and had a nap. At 12:00 I met at Dr. Bergen's office the Doctor and Miss Young who is to be our visiting nurse. Conferred about our record cards, etc.

Slept much of afternoon. Then went out into Sheahen's pasture & watched sun go down and darkness come on.

Reading from Eastman's Enjoyment of Poetry (loaned me by Mrs Munro) and from Walden. Each day I work over some pages from Rope's Apostolic Age.

Geese began to fly over early last week. Blackbirds in flocks today. A mosquito hummed about my ears as I sat on the grass in the pasture.

Sent Illinois Anti Saloon League \$5⁰⁰

Monday, November 2

Fine day. Hazy sky at evening. Rising wind late. Dash of rain at 11:00 P.M.
Miss Jewett began work as music supervisor today. We had a long conference after school today.
Miss Parks has had a special tutoring offer & wants me to help decide her plans!
Much of grading at school done today.
Mrs Bacon conferred with me at length over the kindergarten situation, etc.
Mr Neff representing D. Appleton called today.

Barber 15;

Tuesday, November 3 “.14

Rain before midnight last night. Bright, clear day.
Conference with Messrs Metzler, & Flinn over grading – early this A.M.
Representative of Macmillan called this A.M.
Voted today – Robins for Senator, Thomson for Congress, Munro for legislature – all Progressives.
Divided my vote for other offices.
Miss Hardman, nature study teacher from Winnetka, spent afternoon with me. Miss Reese also.
P.T.A. reception tonight. Mr. Carl Booth sang. Miss Laura Kennedy recited. Mr. Norcross &
Mrs Clements spoke. Fine crowd & delightful time.
Paid rent today.
Began sale of “Peace” pins yesterday.
Barber 15;

Wednesday, November 4

Another fine day. Cooler.
Very busy. – Conference with Mr Metzler, with Minoni, with Perino’s foreman (plasterer) Miss
Helen Young, trained nurse, with us this afternoon.
Miss Jewett called teachers of first five grades into a fruitful conference this afternoon
Bulb planting in some of the rooms.
Got more bulbs at Bahr’s.
Representative of moving picture films called.
Jacob Cohen, peddler, sold me floor mop for school.
To city on 5:50. Dinner at City Club. Audubon meeting in Room 5C. Good spirit prevailed.
The Pattees and I caught 10:02.
Sore over the results of the election.
Barber .15; Mop 1⁵⁰ (Dist 107) R.R. .52; supper .75; candy .05

Thursday, November 5

Another fine day. A busy one, too.
Stored many pots & flats planted with bulbs under floor of new building.
Clothing, etc, for needy children already being stored at school. Provided one child with shoes
today. Not the first we have done this fall.
Banquet for parents & teachers of Presb. S.S. tonight which I attended. Good program.
Barber .15; bananas .10;

Friday, November 6 At Elgin

Fine day.

Took 7:01 for Chicago with my entire staff. Took 8:15 Aurora Elgin Electric for Elgin Great day. Lunch at Universalist Church with Dr. McMurry, Mr. Richardson, Mrs Lida McMurry, et. al. At section meeting in the afternoon our Miss Grunewald gave a fine paper.

Supper at Y.M.C.A. where I spent the night. I was chairman of com. on resolutions with R.S. Stoops (Joliet), H.A. Deane (Crystal Lake), H.A. Bone, Batavia.

At evening session Prof. Steiner's lecture on The Challenge of the Amer. Spirit was inspiring. R.R. .26 + Trolley .65; lunch .35; supper .33; [Pasted to the page is a clipping from the conference program listing the agenda for Friday morning and evening and Saturday morning, and the section meeting agenda for Grade Eight. Among other events, it lists the following lectures:

The Relation of the Home and School to the Responsibility of Social and Recreational Training. Supt. A.S. Kingsford, West Aurora Schools.

The Social and Educational Value of Athletics. Dr. Henry F. Kallenberg, Dean of the School of Physical Education of the Young Men's Christian Association College of Chicago.

The Challenge of the American Spirit. Prof. Edward A. Steiner, Professor of Applied Christianity, Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa.

The Woman's Vote in Relation to Child's Welfare. Mrs. Lucy C. Owen, Chicago.

The Home and the Boy. Prof. Lloyd Elmo Peddicord, Oak Park

The discussions for the Grade Eight section were:

Suggestions for Making History Concrete. Etta B. Grunewald, Highland Park.

Illustrations of Practical Problems taken from the Experiences and Interests of the Pupils. Myrtle Kaufman, DeKalb.

Elementary Science. C.W. Whitten, DeKalb Normal.

An Experiment in the Teaching of English. Eleanor M. Lally, School of Education. — ed.]

Saturday, November 7

At Elgin

Made my report on resolutions. Wrote on typewriter copies for the press & the secretary.

Came away on the C. & N.W. 11:07. With Mr & Mrs Blood on the train.

Lunch at City Club. Called in on Miss Ingersoll & Miss Enk where some of my new slides are partly finished. They were very busy finishing a set for Dr R.A. White.

To Art Institute for a short time to see new exhibition, including Mr. Clute's painting. Met Miss & Mrs Collins & Mrs Maher there.

To McClurg's where I bo't Steiner's — From Alien to Citizen; Usher's — The Rise of the Amer. People Mills — Story of a Thousand Year Pine Coit — The Soul of America.

Home by 4:30.

This evening spent some time at school making map to be used for my talk at the Ossoli.

R.R. .74 + .26; mag. 20 + 10; books 5.93; lunch .40; street car .10; cabbage .10.

Barber .35; hotel .75; breakfast .23

Sunday, November 8

T.

Slight sprinkle in the night. Mostly clear and cool today.

To church this A.M. Slept all afternoon. We walked up to the new school bld'g at dusk

Begain Coit's The Soul of America.

Sent Prof. Wilhelm Miller a photog. of aster laevis.

Monday, November 9

Cool. Gray much of time.

Very busy. Three new pupils, two of whom (orphans) I supplied with school books.

Mrs Shannon came & met the new nurse (Helen Young) and we talked things over.
Got another grist of buttons (Peace) to distribute.
Representative of moving picture machine called and I gave him a good hearing.
Miss Hartman, reporter, called to get data for her (Evanston) paper.
To Evanston on an errand this evening. Failed to get Prof. Grant. Talked with Prof. James about Starved Rock, Pine Woods, Fort Chartres, etc.
Worked over my notes on Starved Rock, etc.
R.R. .26 + .15; barber .15; grapes .10; telephone .20;

Tuesday, November 10

Cool. Sunny much of time. Very busy day.
Talked before nature study group of Ossoli on Starved Rock and the Pine Woods of Ogle Co – at 10:30. Good time.
This afternoon heard two science lessons and gave a lot of time to Mr. Roberts who operated a Victor animatograph in our auditorium – aim, to sell us one.
Board meeting this evening. All went well. Authorized my pet scheme of bambino panels for the front of the new b'ld'g.

Wednesday, November 11

Another hazy day. Milder than yesterday.
Mrs Bacon & Mrs Clements representing kindergarten work & the P.T.A work, etc., met as a committee with me this A.M
Mr. Metzel, Minoni, & I had a caucus about the grading at 8:00 A.M. Minoni and I spent an hour this afternoon making measurements and estimates.
Mr. Roberts & a friend again appeared to demonstrate the moving picture apparatus at 3:30. Did not make good.
Went to N. Evanston to take dinner with the Pattees We spent the evening going over two of the traveling lectures with slides, of the Illinois Audubon Society.
R.R. 26 + 20; barber, etc .25;

Thursday, November 12

Gray. Mild. Threatening.
Very busy day. - - - Got ready notices to parents requesting medical examination for each child.
Wrote out some music for Miss Jewett.
Miss Beasley went home ill this A.M.
Mrs Schumacher called & we had a conference
Mr Flinn & I had a conference this A.M.
This evening John & Mrs Bodner met me at my office to consult about John's work. Then when I got home Mrs Alvord-Koon was there to have some Michigan specimens identified.
Bananas .05;

Friday, November 13

Still mild. Threatening.
Tile on roof on new b'ld'g laid. Miss Beasley unable to be at school. Three of the teachers "helped out."
Miss Holbrook visited our school with Mrs Shannon this A.M. We had a special assembly this afternoon when she talked on Peace.

Field trip with 4B's to Moraine ravine.

To the city on 4:58. Dinner at Stratford with excursion committee – Jas N. Smith, Mr. Schantz, Miss Sykes.

Then we went to Art Institute to hear Herbert Gleason on Scenic Alaska. Fine. Unusually fine views

Lewis Weld & I came back on C & N W. He got off at Evanston
R.R. .52 + .10; hotel 1.25; barber 15;

Saturday, November 14 T.

Went to city on 9:19. Talked with Mr Metzler & walked over to State St. with him. Went to Miss Ingersoll's to have a slide made for Prof Miller of the U. of I. To Field's to buy underwear; also a medicine cabinet for the school. To Amer. Seating Co. where I bo't of Mr. Hambrook a desk for the nurse's office
Talked with Hatfield over the phone about coming meetings to discuss school legislation.

Felt disagreeable because of a cold. Came home on the 1:55. Lay down & had a nap. Went up town later & met the Geog Soc's excursion party that had been up to Everhart's bluffs under Prof. Grant's leadership.

Quite a talk with Mr. Booth on train coming out.
R.R. 52 + .10; lunch .35; bread .05;

Sunday, November 15 T.

Slight rain today & it turned decidedly colder. Heavier underwear seemed good.

Did not go to church this A.M. Had sound sleep.

This afternoon went to Munro's & had a fine walk with them & Mr & Mrs Mallory of the U of C & Mrs Freeman. We went up to Sweeney's and down into the Skokie, etc. Bro't back sprays of high bush cranberry, stalks (fruiting) of sensitive fern, etc.

Dr & Mrs Caldwell who were visiting Mrs Tremain came with the latter to Munro's for supper & we had a fine time. Dr C's 13 year old daughter, Esther, was with them.

Monday, November 16

Cold wind all day that went through one's clothing. Thermometer 8 or 10 degrees below freezing.

Usual busy Monday. Have had fire up in new b'ld'g since Friday.

General meeting of P.T.A. this evening at the aud.

Mrs C.J. Alexander sang, as did Mr Weeks. Mr. Dennis of N.W.U. recited well from Kipling et al.

Had punch etc afterwards.

Barber .15;

[Pasted to this page is a clipping from the program of the Joint Session City Superintendents' and State School Boards' Associations scheduled at Urbana-Champaign, November 18-19, 1914. The agenda included the following addresses:

“Educational Diagnosis” by S.A. Curtis, of Detroit, of Curtis Test Fame.

The Rating of Teachers – Supt. R.G. Jones, Rockford.

The Nature and Scope of School Supervision, Dr L.D. Coffman.

Supervisory control by means of educational standards, S.A. Courtis.- ed.]

Tuesday, November 17

Still Cold. Wind searches out weak place in one's clothes.

Mr. Morton came over and he and I and Menoni went over the question of grading rather fully.

Mr. Wright of Lincoln Ave. School called to talk over lantern slides with me.
Heard three recitations today.
Teachers' meeting after school.
Planted a dozen + one hyacinths for myself tonight at school. Got them of Dreer.
Took back the bags of unsold bulbs to Bahr's this evening

Barber .15;

Wednesday, November 18 Tr. Snow

Cold! A few flakes of snow in crevices

Took 8:09 for Chicago and the 9:10 I.C.R.R. for Champaign. A number of my friends on board – Hatch, Kingsley, Nida, Fisher, Jones, et. al. Pleasant ride.

Put up at Beardsley Hotel. Afternoon session addressed by Curtis very good. Called Harold Oleson's boarding house & had him come to hotel for supper with me.

Interesting evening session

R.R. 26 + .05 + 2.52. Dinner .30; dues .50.

Thursday, November 19

Icy cold blasts. Down to 10° or 12° above.

Sessions very valuable today. I presented report of committee on nominations

Harold O. looked up Prof. Frank Smith, the "bird man," & made a date with him for me at four o'clock. Spent nearly an hour pleasantly with him. Talked over Audubon work with him, and got his promise to do some lecturing for us.

We left at 6:40 for Chicago The Illinois football team was leaving likewise for the Wisconsin game & several hundred students saw them (and us) off. A wreck ahead of us, & later an engine accident, delayed our arrival into Chicago Got in at 1:30. Went to the La Salle & to bed. A bad cold had me in trouble all afternoon & evening

Hotel 3.75; R.R. 2.52; barber .35; Trolley .20;

Friday, November 20

Still cold.

Caught 7:00 for home & had breakfast there.

My cold somewhat better

At school as usual. Two St. Charles teachers visited me.

Perrino finished blackboards in new bld'g today.

Lewis & C. set up more radiators.

Turned out a great deal of routine work.

Shave .15.

Saturday, November 21

Took 8:09 for city.

(Milder today. Sun shone).

To Devoe Reynolds for India ink; Thos Charles for tracing paper, etc. To the Florentine room at Hotel Annex to attend Chicago section of Illinois S.T. Ass'n.

Lunch at City Club. To Miss Ingersoll's to get some of R.A. White's slides for Thanksgiving exercises. Also brot away 14 new colored slides.

Looked over back files at Daily News office.

Wrote letters, etc., at my desk until 12:15 tonight.

R.R. .52 + .10; lunch .40; DeVoe R. .40 (Dist. 107); phone .05;
[Pasted to this page is a newspaper clipping of the Chicago Division of the Illinois State Teachers' Association meeting. The program contained the following presentations:
The State Constitution and the City Charter Alderman Charles E. Merriam
The State and Its Educational Responsibilities Prof. Lotus D. Coffman
The State Pension Law Miss Kate Flanagan
Some of the Principles That Should Govern Education as a Public Enterprise in a Democracy Prof. W.C. Bagley – ed.]

Sunday, November 22

A little milder.

Met Mr Metzel at school with Messrs Morton & Bahr & discussed grading of school grounds.

To church where I heard Rev. Edgar Hill on the work of the Presb. church extension society in Chicago. Fine talk. Introduced a fine looking man who told how the work of this sort had bro't him up from the street.

This afternoon Everett M. & I had a conference at school over landscaping, etc.

Wrote up criticism of some points for Mr Egan – botanical points – this P.M.

Monday, November 23

Still milder. Fine day.

My birthday!!

Miss Jewett rehearsed pupils for Thanksgiving day (Music). Effective work.

Agent for Underwood's stereographs called.

Carpenters laying floor in new bld'g. Electricians set up the motor

Menoni and I figured up the work he has done in spreading cinders, etc.

Wrote an news article for the H.P. Press.

My stenographer is proving of great service

Conference with various persons about landscaping front of grounds.

Spent an hour or so at Choral society at Presb. Church, this evening.

Phoned Lennie this P.M that I would be over for Thanksg'v'g dinner. Kittie & Mother can not go.

I am to have Arthur examine a tooth.

Barber .15; stamps .40; Ginn & Co .38 (Dist 107); Exp. .30;

Tuesday, November 24

Trace. R.

A dash of rain at 5:00 A.M. surprised one. Walks a little icy after sunrise, but all melted; sun came out, and we had a mild day.

Conferred with Messrs Metzel and Morton, & so we set Bahr's men to grading the school grounds.

Took 10:38 for city. To the Amer. Terra Cotta Co. to see Mr Neil Gates about having bambinoes made To City Club where we had a council over the Dunes. I presided, & Jensen, Roper, Monroe, McVeagh, Millard, Cowles, Hooker, Allison & Mrs Worthy made up group. Named a committee, Dr Cowles chairman, to investigate ownership, etc., & report. To Orr & Lockett's for blank keys.

Home on 3:31. Got aud. ready for program tomorrow.

This P.M at my desk in the b'ld'g.

Dist. 107 – key blanks. 24;

R.R. 52 + .10; barber .75; ice cream .10; mag .10; book .35; dinner .75

Wednesday, November 25

Very busy getting up program for Thanksgiving.
Miss Jewett had charge of the music at the assembly in the aud. It was the best we have had in some time.

Thanksgiving proc. was read. We recited the Peace creed. Some pupils read original stories – one had a poem.

I took the 3:34 for Chic. & the 5:05 Mich. Central for Benton H. Got there at 8:00 Visited a while at Lennie's & then went over to Edith's for the night.

R.R. .26 + .05 + 1.80; lunch .15; mag. .05;

Thursday, November 26

A mild – beautiful day.

Edith & I walked over to Lennie's this A.M. Then I went to Arthur's office where he examined my teeth. We then took a short auto ride & drew up at Lennie's. Loaded up every one, including Edith & Clarence D. & went to the hotel Divan for dinner

After dinner I visited with the Crooks for a time, then some of us went out in the auto to Stevensville and its "Grand Marais" Gathered mountain holly, wintergreen leaves, etc., & saw the sun slide down over the shoulder of a fine wooded dune.

All ate supper at Lennie's. I took 7:48 P.M. at St Joe. Got home at 1:06.

Ruth Ann held the center of the stage all day. A lively "proposition."

R.R. 1.80 + .05 + .26;

Friday, November 27

Gray but not much colder

To Bahr's after breakfast and took Kelley over to Sheahen site to have him spade & clear up ground. To school grounds where I watched grading from time to time - - - Ralph and I watered bulbs which we had in pots under floor of new b'ld'g.

This afternoon went to Waukegan & interviewed Co Sup't Simpson and Miss Bower in Co. Clerk's office about our school finances.

This P.M. at my desk at school for a while.

Dist. 107 - .40 – Wauk. trip

Barber .25;

Saturday, November 28

Beautiful day.

Mother left this A M to visit Clarence's at Decatur.

I took 7:31 for Chic. & went down to Hyde Park High School to attend session of Science and Mathematics Teachers.

Met Eikenberry, Millis, J.H. Smith, Harold Shinn, Whitney, et. al. Among other things an exhibition of lantern slides.

This afternoon spent at Field Museum. Mr. Gerhart of Zoology dep't took us through studio of the taxidermist, & Mr E.A. Ayers who chanced to come in spent an hour with us, giving us the history of various collections, etc.

This P.M. spent in part writing article for the press on proposed legislation.

R R .52 + .24 + .10; lunch .35; Dues. 2.50; pictures .50; bread .20; candy .10; barber .15;

Sunday, November 29

T.

Mist much of the day but little rain fell.

Went to school this A. M. a while. Cleaned up my alligator cage and an aquarium. Met Mr Metzel & Mr Morton there and inspected things with them. Then went down to Millards and looked over a water color sketch of the front of the b'ld'g which Mrs M. had. Then they came back up to b'ld'g with me to talk over decorations, etc.

Had a nap this afternoon, then a tramp into the Skokie.

This evening I went to the practice of the choral society at the Presb. Church.

Monday, November 30 Prec. “.08

Drizzle in the night. A little misty and then clearing during the day. Almost warm.

Grading resumed about new b'ld'g. —

At morning exercises we showed 20 of Rev. R.A. White's slides on Plymouth, the 6A's "explaining" them.

Finished up & sent away to North Shore Review of Evanston (for Miss Zoe Hartman, reporter) an article on proposed educational legislation.

Mrs Millard and I conferred further about color scheme for front of new b'ld'g. She bro't water color studies of same.

This afternoon the 8A's planted 100 Kaiserkroons, 50 Bouton d'Or, 50 Gesneriana, and 50 Pride of Harlem along school bld'g.

Miss Guiney's Mother ill with pneumonia & so she left for Charleston this P.M.

Loaned Miss G. \$10⁰⁰ late this afternoon.

Barber .15; ice cream .10;

Tuesday, December 1

Mild. Foggy.

To school at 7:15 to get some lessons on the board. Then to Bahr's and before 8:00 rode out in wagon with two men to Muzik's place in Skokie. Scouted around and selected shrubbery to be dug up. Left men there to do the work. Then drove back. Hurried to school and at 9:30 heard my first class for Miss Guiney. Heard classes most of day. At intervals had visitors — blackboard man, prospective patron, et. al.

Workmen quite active at school. This evening went down to Community House at Winnetka to attend meeting of Juvenile Protective Ass'n. Met Mr. & Mrs Pope, Mrs Greeley, Mrs Whitman, Mr. Lounsbury, Mr. Lackner, Mr Moore.

Juvenile Protective League 2⁰⁰

Barber .25; trolley .20;

Wednesday, December 2

Cooler but not very cold. Gray.

Bahr's men hauled in two wagon loads of shrubs from the Muzik farm.

Mrs George Taylor came in to help fill Miss Guiney's place and heard some of the classes.

Conference with Mr. Flinn over the bambinoes today. Also with Bahr, et. alteri!

Mrs Millard took Miss White to Evanston to see the mural work in the Washington school. Also visited Oakton School.

Wrote a lot of letters in behalf of the Audubon Soc. Trying to get fresh material for bird slides.

Wrote out number of checks today.

Express for Dist. 107 — 1⁰⁴;

Thursday, December 3

Cool. Yet not freezing.

Spent much time superintending the planting of our shrubbery. Everett Millard met me on grounds before eight & advised with me.

Building interior begins to appear lovely.

Mr Buck of Silver Burdette called today.

Spent a little time thinking over plans for annual Christmas play.

Had hyacinths and tulips bro't out from under building as it was too warm. Set them in cold frame under leaves.

Phoned Mrs Pattee (Ev.) and Mr. Deane (Chicago) this evening about lantern slides.

Miss White & Miss Grunewald called on Kittie this evening.

Candy .05;

Friday, December 4

On the whole a fine day.

A busy one. Watching the grading and the planting on the grounds. Conferring about chalk rails, height of doors, etc. Met Mrs. Shannon and Mrs Schumacher in committee at the b'ld'g. Discussed desks, seats, etc. etc. Relief and aid work I talked over with Mrs Shannon.

Conferences with Mr. Spicker, Mr. Wyles, et. al.

Dinner at Mr E.B. Metzel's. Misses Schermerhorn and Jones present. Then we all went to the H.P. Club to see the moving pictures.

Conferred with Mr Faxon about Christmas program of the S.S.

Barber .25;

Saturday, December 5

Trace.

Slight drizzle here twice today. A little rain in Chicago.

To school b'ld'g early. Over to H.S. with teamster to borrow a roller. Met Everett M. at grammar school to talk over planting. Then we went in to Chicago on same train. - - To Moore & Hubbel to look for lantern slides; Field's for underwear; to meeting of Round Table at Barret's. Dr. Lotus D Coffman spoke on statistics of practice relating to the course of study. - - To McClurg's to look up a book. - - Bo't Cable's Strong Hearts - Lyon & Healey's for Christmas music for Dist. 107 - - To Miss Ingersoll's to look over lantern slides for Christmas; Then took I.C R.R. for School of Ed - - to look over some negatives of bird life owned by Dr. Caldwell, all this for the Audubon Society. - - Met Miss Gahan and had good chat. - - Back to city by 5:40. Ate at Kohlsaats. Caught 6;15 for home.

Dist. 107 - \$1⁰⁵ for music;

R.R. .52 + .05 + .29; meals .35 + .25; Mag. .05; candy .05; barber .25; Book at McC. 1⁰⁰;

Sunday, December 6

Prec. "21

Wind blew strong in the night. Fitful rain more or less all day.

To S.S. to look up slides for Christmas program. Over to new school with Mr. Metzel a while

Had a nap before noon. Met Mr. Norcross by appointment at 2:00 and we went all over b'ld'g and grounds. Then we were overtaken by Mr & Mrs Millard in their auto. We examined a lot owned by Mr. N., then went out over Skokie to the Muzik farm to look over shrubs. Auto went back & we three men walked home across country.

Read "The Taxidermist" by Cable.

Monday, December 7

S. Prec. "17

Drizzled now and then much of day. Rained in the afternoon. Snowing late this P.M.

Men resumed work on grounds.

Began examination (physical) of pupils this afternoon. About 300 had sent in their cards filled out by the various doctors in their offices. Those not doing so are being examined at school, free of charge. Dr. Sheldon came from one to three; Dr. Roberts from 3:00 to 5:00, 23 were examined. Miss Young, the nurse, was present.

Went to Evanston on the 6:25 P.M. & interviewed Prof James A. James on work of state park commission Got home at 8:28. Then worked on the Christmas play.

Mother got home today from her Decatur visit.

Trolley .30;

Tuesday, December 8

Snow. $\frac{1}{4}$ " Prec. ".13

A little crust on the grass and here & there on the sidewalk marked the remains of the snowfall in the night. Today gray but not cold.

Mr Metzel spent an hour or so with me this A.M.

Medical ex. continued this afternoon. Dr. Ingalls examined 14 boys & Dr. Bergen 13 girls.

Hugill called & we conferred about color schemes, etc

Shirley representing Scribners came for a while

Men began laying tile at entrances of b'ld'g.

Surfacing of stone on the grounds accomplished.

Worked this evening for a while on Christmas play.

Have received some favorable answers to my inquiries about new bird slides.

Charge Dist. 107 with 2⁰⁰ sent to Nat'l Geog. Soc. for "Scenes fr. every land."

Barber .25;

Wednesday, December 9

Sleet and snow in little dashes all day, but snow in earnest after night set in.

Finished writing up Christmas play this A.M. Set my secretary to writing out copies of it.

Medical ex. continued. Dr. Ullman & Dr. Haskins.

My "tummy" wrong today. Ate little breakfast; some dinner. More healthy at night

Went down to Audubon meeting tonight. I reported results of inquiry for bird pictures (slides) and was authorized to invest \$150⁰⁰ in new slides.

Came home at 11:00. Mr. Pattee rode with me to Evanston & Mr. Wolf of Lake Forest the remainder of the way. Snow three or more inches deep.

R.R. .52 + .05; meals .50;

Thursday, December 10

Snow "3 Prec. ".27

Three inches on the ground this A.M. A little more blew out of the air during the day. First snow shoveling of the season.

Bahr's men finished setting our shrubs today.

Mrs Schumacher, Mrs Shannon, Mr Metzel, the architect, and I conferred over color schemes for the new b'ld'g this morning.

Mrs Rioux and Mrs Berube bro't their spinning wheel over and preformed for grades three and four

Drs Sheldon and Roberts continued the examinations.

A Christian scientist protested at "inspection" today.

Board meeting this evening. All the big bills for grading, etc., cleaned up. Board authorized everything I asked for except a piano. Very amicable performance!

Mother had Dr Bergen in last night, who pronounced her trouble a cold, not the grippe. She spent today in bed.

Barber .15; lunch .20;

Friday, December 11 ~~Snow~~ Prec. “.27”

Fine clear day. Moderately cold. Thawed little.

Children enjoying their slides.

Mrs Millard came to confer with me about bambinoes, etc. Mr Kensler prepared good color studies of them.

Dr. Ullman examined pupils all afternoon.

Miss Murray's 4A's had an old-time feast this A.M. – their “spread” included hominy, parched corn, popcorn, apples, raisins, raisin puddings, etc. Were in costume. Danced minuet, etc.

I had a group of boys at school this evening practicing for Christmas play.

Science lesson in 7B & 8B.

Saturday, December 12 T. Snow.

Gray. Snow flurry this A. M. Snow fall after night began.

To school house first. Looked over walls that had rec'd first coat of paint - - To Mr. Morton to get lumber for box for potted evergreens. – Got ready color sketches of b'ld'g to take to city. Took 9:19.

Rode with Mr. Mann. - - To Miss Ingersoll's to try to get some pictures of cathedrals. - - To Mr. Metzel's store. He and I went to Amer. Seat. Co. to close deal for 100 folding chairs; to Revell's to do same for 6 desks, 24 chairs, & 6 tables. - - Lunch at The Hearth. – To Pub. Drug Co for arnica jelly - - Anderson's to order a suit. Caught 1:55 for home. To school house where we had practice with the boys for Christmas play. Kittie helped. - - Then some of the boys set up the stage furniture. Others helped me throw more covering on our pitfull of bulbs for forcing. Then made one box for greenery.

At home after supper. Worked a little on Christmas program for the S.S.

Pd 90¢ rental on 18 slides for Presb. S.S.

R.R. .52 + .10; lunch .35; mag .20;

Sunday, December 13 ½” snow Prec. “.06

A little snow on the walks this A.M. A rather cold day Flurries now and then.

To Church at S.S. time to confer with Mr Faxon and others about Christmas exercises & to get Christmas slides. To school house a while. Then to Everett Millard's to look over his little cedars, etc

To S.S. meeting at 3:30 which lasted two hours. Then at home began copy of Christmas exercises.

Took 7:40 for Evanston. Spent an hour with the Pattees. Then home by 10:00

R.R. .46;

Monday, December 14

Anywhere from two to four or so below this A.M. Cold day! Trouble getting school b'ld'g warm. Spent quite a little time with the hygrometer.

Practiced with boys after school.

Medical ex. this afternoon. Dr Sheldon present.

Set up two concrete urns on balustrade before new b'ld'g to try effect.

Went to Presb. Church this evening to rehearsal of choral society.

Barber .15;

Tuesday, December 15

Not quite so cold, but still sharp.

No medical ex. this afternoon. I begged off.

Took 11:44 for city & had lunch at City Club with Friends of O.N.L. Came back on the 2:34.

Heard boys practice Christmas play after school. Drilled some of the singers this evening. Kittie helped.

Dist 107 – Sponge .10; phone .05

R.R. .52 + .10; lunch .75.

Wednesday, December 16

Still sharply cold.

Conf. with Mrs Shannon, Mrs Millard & others about tone of wall decoration this A.M.

Various small duties this A.M. This P.M. do.

Mrs Bacon and I worked over the proposed kg. idea, a while.

Practiced with boys this A.M. & this P.M. after supper. Kittie played for us part of the time.

Thursday, December 17

Trace of snow

Severe and sharp at day break. Moderated a little during the day.

Very busy getting the Christmas play ready Miss Jewett invaluable as a helper. Her choruses are the best we have had for years.

Miss Shannon again conferred with us about distribution of clothing, etc. We have a great table in the attic with such things spread over it.

This evening Mr Kensler and I arranged the chairs in the aud. for tomorrow.

Barber .15;

Friday, December 18

Much milder. Gray. Thawed a little late in the day. Snowing briskly by 9:00 P.M.

Sang our Christmas music at general exercises this A.M. I told the story of the Christ child and used lantern slides. A beautiful service – songs & pictures.

Then I busied myself getting together costumes for the boys in the play. This came off at 2:00 in the afternoon. Preceding it four of the pupils in the 7th grade German class gave a scene from Das Rothkapchen, & some little girls read poems they had made up.

Our play went off in fine style & all went away happy.

I got in an hour's rest before supper and then spent all this P.M. with the choral society at Presb. Church.

Mrs Hill (Pearl McCord) visited us today.

Barber .25

Pins .20 – Dist. 107

Saturday, December 19

About ½" fall. 3" on ground

First – errands at school. Then caught 8:49 for Chicago. Walked over with Mr. Metzler. To Fields to return parcel and to confer with man about measuring new bld'g for shades.

To Carson Pirie's where I bo't 4 gift books; to Am. Terra cotta Co. to confer with Mr. Gates about the bambinos. To Mr. Schantz to get Aud. Society letter heads, etc To Anderson's to have a "fitting". McClurg's for books. To Miss Ingersoll's for slides. Had to wait for them & so went to City Club where I fell asleep in chair & woke up at 4:30 - - - Caught 5:10. After supper to church. Raymond Geer & I set up the lantern and tried out some of our slides. Then I practiced with the choral society until 10:30 At home - - worked on my lantern slides, etc. until about 1:00 A.M.

McClurg's 5.13; Carson Pirie 1⁰⁰; Lunch .36; gloves 2.50; R.R. .52 + .20;

Sunday, December 20

Sn. “.5

Mild. Gray. Began snowing late afternoon.

Got up at 6:00. Shaved, etc. Worked over my notes, etc. To S.S. where I conducted the stereopt. story of Christ child. Furnished introduction – pictures of cathedrals - - - slums, etc Program went well.

At church. Choral society sang one carol. At close of services waited to see Mrs Knapp's adopted baby christened.

Nap after dinner. Then to practice at church. This P.M. choral society gave Christmas cantata – full house. Very successful.

Church .10; Present .50

Monday, December 21

Snow “2.5 Prec. “.52 (for 19th & 21st)

Snow shoveling again. Thawed a little then grew colder. An icy blast after night.

At school bldg most of morning & of afternoon.

Packed big bundle of my old clothes and sent to Chic. Indust. League.

Wrote out in continuous form the stereopticon talk on the Life of Christ. Made two copies & annotated them to show where the slides come in. Mailed one copy to Miss Davis at St. Charles. Then gave one with the box of slides to Mr. O.B. Brand to use on Wed. evening

Barber .15; express .30;

Tuesday, December 22

Moderated a little in the night. Beautiful day.

A school most of day. Carried Mother's packages to be mailed - - - Met Field's man and Mr Hugill and went over matter of window shades - - -

Took Axel Norrlen with his horse & sleigh and went to Millard's this afternoon and dug up arbor vitae & cedar for outdoor boxes at new b'ld'g. Hard job in deep snow and with frozen ground.

Wrote a number of letters for the Audubon Society.

Large house next to Brand's studio burned down this evening.

Telegram to L. & Fowler .51 (Dist 107)

“ “ Van Everen (not pd)

Dates .15.

Wednesday, December 23

Tr. Snow

Rather cold day

Was under the weather. Rather “grippy”.

At school house some of morning. Met Mr Van Everen, the blackboard man, for an hour.

Put suet up on tree in front of our house and on two trees near the school house.

Lay on the bed a good deal.

Mr & Mrs Clow called this evening.

Rec'd number of Christmas cards – a tie – a tie holder – etc.

Sent 4²⁷ for Courtis Arith tests. Charge to Dist 107.

Barber .40; stamps 1.25;

Thursday, December 24

Snow Trace

Moderately cold. Threatening snow.

Got ready to go with Mother & Kittie to Benton H. Wrote business letters. To school house to get specimen of wood finish to send to seating firm at Rochester

Took 9:19. Went to Mr Metzel's store to leave Christmas slides for Miss Davis to take to St. Charles. To Field's for pajamas. To the tailors. Met Mother & K. at Pere M. station and we took 12:00 for B.H. Arrived at 2:25. To Lennies. All well. I had a walk in the snowfall. Then spent a while at Crooks' greenhouse.

Edith came over. Supper at Lennie's. Ruth Ann much admired

Edith & I came over to St Joe after supper. She had dizzy spells. I had a crazy back. (Pd Bahr \$45⁰⁰ – bulb account).

R R. 2.29 + .26 + .10; pajamas 1⁵⁰; book .50; street car .20;

Friday, December 25

Snowed intermittently at B.H. during the day.

Late breakfast at Edith's. Then she & C. and I started for B.H., first stopping in at Father Danforth's for a few minutes

We had a delightful day at Lennie's. Had dinner at 3:00 so the Crooks could get their work done and come, too.

After dinner we had our Christmas tree – which had been set up in due form, illuminated, etc.

We all got presents, Ruth receiving a small wagon load. Neighbors – two families – came in later and contributed to the pleasure, one little girl coming dressed as an angel, etc The “canned music” from Arthur's machine helped the good time along.

I went back to St. Joe with Edith & C. for the night. There was an open air Christmas tree off Pipestone in B. H., & one in the streets at St. Joe.

Saturday, December 26

Chicago weather report showed last night the coldest thus far. 4° below in C. More here.

Breakfast at Edith's. Went over to Arthur's office at ten to talk over possibility of his doing some dental work for me. Decided to defer it. Stayed there until noon; then we went up to dinner

Had a nap afterwards. Then Robert took Lennie and me in the car to Higman Park to call on the Wonzer's. Climbed hill and waded drifts to get there. Pleasant call.

Edith came over & she and I and Baby Ruth went over to Crooks a while

Supper at Lennies. Then Edith and I left for St. Joe. I got my bag at Edith's, went down to store to say good by to Clarence D., then took 7:50 for Chicago Train very late. Got into G.C. station at 11:30.

Caught 12:15 for home

Trolley .25; R.R. 2.29 + .26;

Sunday, December 27

Milder today. Gray.

Slept very late. Breakfast at Victoria Restaurant. To new school b'ld'g where I spent some time with Mr. Metzel. Then as he left Mr Morton came and I spent some more time with him.

Came home & went to bed. Fine nap. Did not go out for dinner.

At 4:26 I went to Chicago. Got something to eat then took 6:40 for Park Ridge. Visited with Mr Huntington of Edison P & Roger, now a young dentist.

Went to Collinses, and learning that Mr Clute is dangerously ill I called there Mrs Clute took up to Mr Clute's room where we had a pleasant chat. Both Mr & Mrs Clute are brave and hopeful. They plan to leave for Calif soon.

Spent evening with the Collinses Caught 10:22 for Chic. & 11:30 home. (Visited with Mr. Deane going in)
R.R. .52 + .52; supper .35; breakf. 35

Monday, December 28

At school house until 11:00 A.M.

Winthrop Case of Hubbard Woods met me there, bringing some negatives to loan me for use of Audubon Soc.

Then I went up to Wauk. Ate lunch, then met Co. Sup't Simpson at his office and had a talk on school legislation, finance, etc.

Home by 2:45. Went in to city on 3:34. To Field's to buy a new hat. To Anderson's when I got my new suit of clothes.

Stayed down for supper. Wrote up some notes at the City Club.

Home by 10:02-11:01.

Trolley .30; lunch 35; R.R. .52 + .10; supper .50; hat 3.50; suit 55.00.

[Pasted to this page is a clipping from the program for the Illinois State Teachers Association meeting in Springfield, held on December 29, 30, and 31, 1914. This clipping contains a list of officers and directors of the Association.

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Tuesday, December 29

Hasty visit to school bld'g; then caught 8:09 for Chicago (Breakfast at Mrs Tipton's). 9:00 A.M. Alton for Springfield. Visited enroute with Asa Goddard, Ed Johnson, Bock, Simpson, et. al. Lunch on diner. Springfield at 2:45. Left bag at St. Nick & hurried over to Leland - & to Bd of Ed rooms near by where legislation committee was in session – Hatfield, McManus, Randle, Wham, Elwood – visitor Sanford. Then at 5:30 we went to St. Nick, to banquet of Sup'ts Assn. I was on for a talk but gave my time to Mr Hatfield. From there we went to evening session at state house. Gov. Dunne injected his (favoring) ideas on simp. spelling in his address. Shryock gave a very eloquent address.

Walked over to hotel with Mrs Bright & Mrs Langworthy. Also Miss Smedley.

Bunked with Mr Sanford & with Mr Richardson at St. Nick. A cold night. Icy at Springfield.
R.R. .26 + 3.70; breakfast .30; lunch .50; supper .75; porter .10

[Pasted to this page are two clippings from the program for the Illinois State Teachers Association meeting containing session agenda items. The address by Henry W. Shryock was on "Education and International Peace." The clipping lists a legislative proposition on "Why Vocational Schools Should be Part of the Present Public School System" presented by Dean Eugene Davenport, University of Illinois. The second clipping pasted to this page is an agenda for the Illinois School Garden Association. It contains the following information:

President Prin. George A. Brennan, Chicago

Vice-President. .Supt. Edward J. Tobin, Chicago

Secretary Dr. Grant Smith, Chicago

"The Value of School Gardens" Prin. George A. Brennan

"The New Education" Supt. Edward J. Tobin

"Experiences in School Gardening" R.A. Stoops, Supt of Schools, Joliet

"Birds and Their Value to the Community" Albert L. Stevenson, Princ. Lincoln School, Chicago

"School and Home Gardens" J.K. Stableton, Supt. of Schools, Bloomington – ed.]

Wednesday, December 30

Breakfast a little late. We were cold in the night and had to blanket ourselves with overcoats. Walks icy.

Morning session so full we had to defer some of it until evening. I attended school garden ass'n in the afternoon & had quite a visit with Mr Stableton & with Miss Kelley – one of his principals. Then we went to a caucus on pensions at the Leland which lasted until 6:30.

The deferred part of the program held sway until 9:30 this evening. Lively tussle over "simp. spelling."

At 11:30 at the Leland I went into the committee meeting of the legislative com. of the Supt. Ass'n. This lasted until 12:30.

Richardson & I had the same room at the St. Nick. Mr Sanford went away today.
Meals .30 + .40 + .35; barber 25;

Thursday, December 31

11:30 P.M. Just in from Springfield – Decatur

Breakfast at Thompson's. Conferences with Hatfield and others at Leland. At State House got directories in Sup't Blair's office; names of State Park Commission in Gov's office; called on Mrs Webber at State Library (Hist.). Attended part of morning session. Then took 11:00 A M trolley for Decatur. Visited with Archie Norton, en route. Also Mr Ehrman, et. al.

Found Ella's sister, Mrs Hogue, at Clarence's. Dinner there. Leonard now a "trouble shooter" for the Phone Co.

Spent afternoon with Clarence – then caught 4:00 Wab for Chic. Got in at 9:00. Walked over town a bit to see the crowds, then took 10:02 train home.

Spent quite a little time today studying my map & list of legislators in the 11 counties I am to help stir up.

A beautiful night. Rather mild. Snow on roofs & trees. An ideal time & scene in which the old year dies.

Ring out wild bells & let it die!

R.R. .26 + 3.64 + .75; hotel 3⁰⁰; meals .25 + .90; papers .20; barber .25
porter .10; phone .31;