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ILLINOIS EDITORS MEET

Enjoyable Gathering of Newspaper Men. Points of Interest Visited.

The forty-fourth annual convention of the Illinois Press association was held at Ottawa, June 16, 17 and 18. Every part of the state was well represented by the fraternity, there being about 175 members of the association present, and among whom were many of the leading newspaper men of the state, who, as usual, took a most active part in the proceedings. Many were accompanied by their wives and daughters, and the meeting was one of the largest, most interesting and successful conventions ever held in Illinois.

It was evident from the opening of the session to the close that the members did not merely assemble for pleasure, but they were intent in getting all the benefit from the convention and many

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tion that was possible. Many questions of importance to the craft were taken up and thoroughly discussed, thus making each session valuable to them in many ways.

The first session was held Wednesday forenoon and was called to order by the president, S. K. Strother, of the Courier, Taylorville. The invocation was given by Rev J. L. Albright, D. D., pastor of the First M. E. church of Ottawa. An address of welcome was given by Mayor James F. Farrell of Ottawa. The response was given in a very happy frame by Charles W. Bliss of the Hillsboro News.

On Wednesday afternoon President Strother gave the address which was greatly appreciated and elicited much comment from the craft, as it was a very able and interesting effort.

"Printing Government Envelopes" was a topic discussed by Charles W. Warner of the Hoopeston Chronicle.

A business session took up the remainder of the afternoon, at which time many important questions were disposed of. Every day there arose numerous questions which brought out considerable discussion.

Wednesday evening the Ottawa theater was crowded with an enthusiastic audience to hear the annual address given by Alfred Grant Wilhiam H Stead his subject being "The Trail of the Yankee." The address of Mr. Stead's was very interesting and was greatly enjoyed by the citizens here as well as by the newspaper fraternity of the state, whom the address was well known. The address was an monthly informative and was well received by the entire audi ce.

Thursday morning the members of the association boarded the street cars and were taken out to the Ottawa Pipe Glass works where they had an opportunity to witness the process of making pipe glass. And, by the way there is no glass factory in the United States which has better quality of pipe glass or is under than right here in Ottawa. In fact, expert judges claim that no superior glass is made anywhere. The visitors were taken through the entire works and the process of glass making was witnessed, the kinds of sand used the machinery, etc. This visit to the factory proved one of the most interesting features of the day to the newspaper men. Returning to the city again they lined up in front of the Ottawa theater and a photograph was taken of the group.

The program was again resumed by George W. Hughes of the Clinton Register, who is a very humorous writer and discussed the "Real Country Editor." Mr Hughes is well qualified to discuss this subject, and his dry humor made the address doubly interesting.

Thursday afternoon the members of the association boarded a special interurban car and were taken out to the Marmatan Country club where a reception was held and refreshments served with a buffet lunch.

An address of welcome was made and responded to by a member of the association. An inspection of the club was made and then the visitors were escorted to some of the industries of that city.

Returning from Marseilles to Ottawa they were escorted to the Attatoi tent colony, where a banquet was served and they were shown over the beautiful grounds of the colony, which company has been organized for the treatment of tuberculosis.

Returning from the tent colony they became the guests of the Boat club, where they were treated to a stereopticon lecture on "Starved Rock," by Horace Hull of Ottawa. His lecture is unusually interesting and was great. Ir enjoyed by the newspaper men. Mr. Hull being an excellent and entertaining speaker and has a happy faculty of presenting his subject in a very realistic style.

This was followed by a reception and ball which was largely attended and proved a most interesting and enjoyable affair.

Friday morning was taken up with the memorial exercises and reports of committees. This was followed by a business session and the election of officers, after which the convention adjourned.

W. T. Bedford, editor of the La Salle Tribune, was the choice of the convention for the presidency of the association, succeeding S. K. Strother of the Taylorville Courier.

The excellent work done for, and the self-sacrifice displayed in the interests of the association by its able secretary, J. M. Page of the Jerseyville Democrat, was recognized by his reelection.

Milford again has the honor of holding the home town of the treasurer of the organization, Eugene Elliott of the Milford Herald being the worthy choice of the convention for reelection to that high office.

The finale to the convention was Friday afternoon when a trip was made to the historic and most famous Starved Rock and was the most enjoyable trip made during the convention. The trip was made down the Illinois river on boats and as they moved down the stream the citizens of Illinois were given the opportunity of seeing the most beautiful river scenes in the state. It is a fact that at this point the Illinois valley has more beautiful and varied scenery than in any other portion of the state. The bluffs near or Ottawa are of all sizes and in places containing sulphide of magnesia a picture fixed a good shel is quickly convinced in the presence of moisture. The consequence is that the rocky walls present a coating of white crystals which look like a gorgeous of polishing varnish. In the cool, damp the ribs of some caverns and mammoth caves, the work of ages rather than a day.

Matthew Park, at the point of great interest, is a brother of Dr. Dwight Park in the national and scenic beauty of Illinois point. It has been conserved in a pleasure resort with the Park hotel one of the most famous in the state. Starved Rock park is a place then be here arriving at Starved Rock after starting the same points of interest. Many of the visitors boarded a special interurban car that had been placed at their disposal and returned to the city, all having thoroughly enjoyed the day's outing. Some time they boarded the outgoing trains and moved from home to their homes all having enjoyed the visit to Ottawa and agreeing that it had been pleasantly and royally entertained.

PARK FOR BARRINGTON.

A Place for Picnics and Parties Will You Help?

Barrington greatly needs a public park for the accommodation of picnics and gatherings in the summer. It is of the place and is accessible from the central portion of the city. Such a place would serve for Decoration Day and Fourth of July services, and for holding of Sunday afternoon church services, as well as for other gatherings.

It would take but a very short time to get shade trees to growing, which is the main thing.

Such a park need not be large, equal church. The program will be given at the hours of 1:15, 2:30 and 3:45 p. m. and will consist of entertainments of two places violin, piano and cornet solos and eight hand selections, by the pupils of the music school and readings by the pupils of the oratory department, which is under the direction of Mrs. Mae Lane Spunner. Music will also be furnished by the Crystal Lake orchestra.

CHARLES MILLER DEAD

Away at His Home in Maine Monday

Monday morning, June 21, at his home in Maine, Charles Miller, aged 81 years, 1 month and 21 days, passed away. Charles Miller was born in Cortland, Ill., DeKalb county, Illinois, on May 22 of this year he was [illegible] to abandon all work on account of pain and weakness.

The deceased was born in Cortland, Ill., DeKalb county, Illinois, on May 22, 1849, and lived there with his parents until he was about 20 years of age. The deceased spent his childhood days on the farm and attended the district school near Cortland and also attended the Cortland Seminary and graduated from the Cortland Seminary. He also attended Dunlap Seminary and graduated from the Dunlap Seminary. He then went to Algonquin, Ill., where he spent a year in the hardware business. He then came to Barrington and lived on the farm of his father, Jacob Miller, in Barrington township.

In March, 1876, he moved to Barrington and helped to build the Methodist church, then he moved to Barrington and helped to build the Congregational church, then he moved to Barrington and helped to build the Catholic church, then he moved to Barrington and helped to build the Lutheran church, then he moved to Barrington and helped to build the Presbyterian church, then he moved to Barrington and helped to build the Baptist church, then he moved to Barrington and helped to build the Christian church, then