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Preliminary Announcement

Fifth Annual Summer Term 1908

Western State Normal School

Kalamazoo, Michigan

Six Weeks

June 29th - Aug. 7th
Summer Term
Western State Normal School

The fifth annual summer term of the Western State Normal School will open Monday morning, June 29 and continue six weeks, closing Friday noon, August 7. Students will be enrolled and classified on Monday, June 29, and recitations will begin on Tuesday morning, June 30. Nearly all of the regular instructors of the Normal School will remain in residence and will be assisted by a number of additional teachers, selected for their efficiency in special lines of work.

In continuation of the plan pursued by the department of Public Instruction in the summer sessions of 1906 and 1907, the counties adjacent to Kalamazoo will be affiliated with the Western Normal during the summer term of 1908. Ten or more counties will join in the affiliation. A large attendance of high school graduates, rural school, village and city teachers, commissioners and superintendents is expected and careful preparations are being made to afford the most efficient teaching service in all departments.

BUILDINGS

The classes in the regular certificate courses will meet as heretofore in the Normal building. In addition to the administration building, a new recitation room building has been completed and this structure, as well as the new gymnasium which will be open in the spring term, will be in use during the summer session. The classes in domestic science and domestic art will be transferred to the new quarters at the Normal School. The re-

The Normal railway cars will be in operation every morning and afternoon of the summer term.
view classes, including the students who are preparing for county examinations, will meet as heretofore in the High School and Vine Street buildings and the manual training classes will meet in the Manual Training building.

All work in physical training will be conducted in the new gymnasium and all students will have the privileges of floor work, shower baths and practice in the large swimming pool.

**THE NEW RAILROAD.**

Students having recitations at the Normal building will be afforded free transportation on the new two track railway belonging to the Normal School. Two cars will be in operation daily during the entire summer, thus removing all objections on the part of those who are averse to hill climbing.

**NEW EQUIPMENT.**

The library has developed rapidly during the past year and by the opening of the summer term will number 5000 volumes, constituting one of the best selected and best arranged libraries in the state.

In the department of physics and chemistry extensive additions of apparatus have been made during the year and the facilities for effective work in biology have been largely increased. The working equipment in the department of geography has also been greatly enlarged. Altogether an expenditure of $3000 has been made during the past year for material and apparatus in the departments of science.

The gymnasium, which is the best building of its kind among the normal schools and colleges of the state, will be provided with a splendid equipment of up-to-date apparatus for physical training.

Additional expenditures to the amount of $1500 have been made during the year in the 75 leading periodicals in the Library. 9 complete sets of leading periodicals added during the past year.
departments of manual training and domestic science.

COURSES.

(a) REGULAR CERTIFICATE COURSES

A large number of classes will be formed in the branches included in the regular certificate courses. Several of these classes in the Life Certificate and Graded Certificate groups will meet twice daily, thus enabling a student to cover the work of two twelve-week studies during the summer term. Classes will be formed in eighty subjects in the departments of Psychology and Education, English Language and Literature, Geography, Science, Mathematics, History and Civics, German and Latin, Drawing, Music, Manual Training, Domestic Art and Domestic Science, Physical Training, Oral Expression and Library Methods.

(b) REVIEW COURSES

Review classes will be formed in all of the common school branches. These classes will be of special benefit to students and teachers who are preparing for the county examinations to be held in August. Opportunity will be offered for reviewing subjects included in the first, second, and third grade examinations. There will be no summer schools or institutes this year in the counties of Western Michigan adjacent to Kalamazoo, and all teachers are urged to take advantage of the unusual privileges offered at the Western Normal. Credits earned during the six weeks' term are recorded, and in several subjects apply on certificate courses. There will be thorough reviews, and, in addition, courses will be so arranged in many subjects that students attending two or more summer terms may pursue work in a given study without duplicating subject matter. For example, a rural school teacher may study geography through three summer terms, the

Tuition free in the rural school course; in all other courses, $3.00 for the term.
work constituting a continuous course, with no duplications.

As it is the intention of the instructors of the Normal to offer the highest possible grade of instruction, a sufficient number of sections will be formed in Arithmetic, Grammar, Physiology, Civics, United States History and the other common branches to reduce the number of students in each class to thirty, or thereabouts.

(c). LECTURE COURSES

As heretofore the Normal will offer unusual privileges this summer in the way of lecture courses by distinguished educators. One prominent lecturer will be at the school during each week of the term, and the discussions will be along the lines that are of interest to progressive teachers.

It has been decided to limit the number of lecture days each week to two, thereby leaving three or four afternoons open for field work and recreation, including tennis and baseball. The following persons have already been engaged to lecture. Additional announcements will be made in the final bulletin which will be issued April 10.

1. President E. B. Bryan of Franklin College and author of "Basis of Practical Teaching" will deliver two lectures on educational topics early in the term. President Bryan is one of the most interesting and forceful speakers now appearing on the institute platform.

2. Superintendent E. C. Warriner of Saginaw, Michigan, will deliver two illustrated lectures on "The Continuation Schools of Germany" and "Some German Industrial Schools". Superintendent Warriner has recently been in Germany and is one of the most thoroughly informed American educators on the subject he is to discuss.

3. Hon. F. G. Blair, Superintendent of Public Instruction in Illinois, will deliver two ad-

Credits earned in summer term apply on certificate courses.
addresses of interest to teachers. Superintendent Blair is a strong, effective speaker and will be greatly enjoyed.

4. Professor James R. Angell of the University of Chicago, with whose lectures all were delighted last summer, will return this year to deliver three new addresses.

(d) NORMAL EXTENSION COURSE

The Western Normal offers an Extension Course for experienced teachers who are unable to attend the institution during the regular school year. This course has been in operation during the past two years, and is open to selected teachers who have taught successfully for a term of six years or more and who have previously graduated from an approved twelve-grade school. For teachers planning to secure the Extension Certificate, residence will be required at the Normal during three summer terms. The course also includes work to be done in absentia under direction of members of the Normal School faculty, during a minimum period of two years. The Extension Course is open to a limited number of mature persons, and, as we are assured, has proved of great service in promoting the growth of the teachers for whom it is intended.

RURAL SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

As heretofore, all possible care will be exercised to give wise direction to the work of rural teachers. The teaching force in this department will include a number of skillful instructors experienced in the problems and needs of the country teacher. Classes will be formed in all of the subjects of the third grade, second grade, and first grade certificate groups. These classes will be divided into sections numbering about thirty students each. If there is a demand, classes will be formed in the Elements of Agriculture, the Course of Study outlined in the State Manual, School Law, and Management of Country Schools. From the Kindergarten and grades of training school in session during first four weeks.
beginning, the Western Normal has emphasized the importance of meeting the real needs of teachers in the rural schools.

It is expected that the number of Rural School teachers will exceed the large attendance during the summer term, 1907, and most careful plans are being made to provide the highest possible degree of teaching efficiency in all classes made up of country teachers. The hearty co-operation of the county commissioners of Western Michigan during the summer session of 1906 and 1907 has been a source if inspiration and gratification and the cordial support of these officials in the future is assured.

**COURSE IN LIBRARY METHODS**

The course in Library Methods arranged by the Board of Library Commissioners, which proved so successful last summer, will be conducted by Miss Braley, the librarian of the Normal. This course will include discussions on book selection for school libraries, children's reading, the use of reference books and practice work by the students in such methods of library administration as are necessary for the most effectual use of the materials the school library should afford. Additional lectures by specialists in the various branches of library work are to be arranged.

**TRAINING SCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN**

The Training School will be in session during the summer term. The regular critic teachers of the training department will have charge of the classes which will meet for morning sessions. Students in attendance during the summer term are urged to avail themselves of the opportunity to observe efficient grade teaching in the Training School. All of the classes for observation work will be conducted in the Vine Street building, the session con-

Library of 5000 volumes is one of the best selected in Michigan.
tinuing from nine until eleven, daily, during the first four weeks of the term.

Instruction in kindergarten principles and methods will be offered to those desiring to take the regular kindergarten course and special courses formed for teachers in the lower grades who desire additional knowledge of kindergarten work and methods. In the morning the kindergarten will be open for observation the same as the grades in the training school.

CREDITS

Credits earned during the summer term in subjects which are included in any of the regular courses offered by the Normal will apply toward the certificates granted by the school. The studies are so arranged that the work of two summer terms is equivalent to the work of one term of twelve weeks, and students carrying summer work are thereby enabled to shorten the term of residence required during the regular teaching year.

FEES AND LIVING EXPENSES

No fee will be charged those students whose work consists entirely of Rural School subjects.

Students and teachers in the Graded School Course, Life Certificate Course and all Special Courses, will pay a fee of $3.00 for the term. This fee admits to all classes. There is also a fee of twenty-five cents due from all students for the support of athletics.

No charge is made for the special lecture courses offered during the summer term.

Board in clubs cost from $2.15 to $2.50 per week, and rooms conveniently located and suitably furnished may be obtained at a cost ranging in price from $.50 to $1.00 per week for each student. The total expense for the summer term should not exceed $25.00.

1000 students can be located in homes near the Normal on opening day of summer term.
RECREATION AND SOCIAL LIFE

Due attention will be given to recreation, physical and social. During the summer term the physical training director will have charge of outdoor and indoor athletics for men. A strong base-ball team is assured and games will be played each week.

The physical training director for women will have charge of all other physical education including outdoor athletics. Five tennis courts have been completed and by the opening of the summer term two additional courts will be ready for use. All indoor work will be given in the new gymnasium.

In continuation of the policy of preceding summers a social committee will provide special features of entertainment with a view to securing a variety of interests and affording opportunities for extending acquaintanceship among the students.

THE NEW GYMNASIUM

The new gymnasium, which will be dedicated early in the spring term, is one of the best planned and best equipped structures of its kind to be found among the normal schools and colleges of the Northwest Territory. The main room is 119 feet long and 68 feet wide, the floor being entirely clear of posts or obstructions of any kind. The running track, 12 feet above the main floor, is suspended from the structural steel supporting the roof. The track is 9½ feet in width and has sloping sides and ends as well as raised corners. In the basement are shower baths for both men and women and a swimming pool 52 feet long. It has also a baseball cage for use in cold and stormy weather. All classes in public school gymnastics will meet in the gymnasium.

ADVANTAGES IN SUMMER TERM AT THE WESTERN NORMAL

1. Thoroughly efficient instructors selected

Instructors of highest efficiency; no overcrowded classes.
with a view to meeting special needs of the summer school students.

2. Splendid buildings with excellent equipments in all departments. Two new buildings have been completed since last summer.

3. All summer term classes divided into sections of working size.

4. A series of scholarly lectures on subjects of value and interest to all teachers.

5. Emphasis laid upon the importance of recreation and social gatherings.

6. Kalamazoo affords unusual advantages as an attractive city. It is noted for its manufactures, its homes, its churches and libraries, its schools and general attractiveness as a residence city.

7. Expenses are reasonable. Living accommodations are good.

8. There are many opportunities for remunerative labor in Kalamazoo. Many of the young men and young women of the Normal School are enabled to pay their expenses in part or in whole. The demand for student labor constantly exceeds the supply.

ATTENDANCE DURING SUMMER SESSIONS

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CALENDAR

Monday, April 6 ........ Spring term begins
Sunday, June 21 ....... Baccalaurate address
Monday, June 22 ....... Ben Greet players
Tuesday, June 23 ....... Commencement address
Monday, June 29 ....... Summer term begins
Friday, August 7 ....... Summer term closes

Full announcement of the summer school will be made in the regular bulletin which will be issued April 10. For additional information address

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