

MORTON'S MEMORY IS KEPT IN MIND

School Children Plant Trees for Arbor Day Taught of Man Who Founded It.

Howard Kennedy and Miller Park Schools Get Real Trees —Society Programs.

Yesterday was arbor day the one day of all the year when every good and loyal citizen, and every good little boy and girl, should get out and plant a tree—perhaps several trees.

The court house and the city hall were closed so that the judges and county and city officials and their clerks might spend the day planting trees and setting the good example to their fellow citizens.

The banks were closed so that the millionaire officials and the prospectively millionaire clerks might spend the day communing with nature and a spade and several holes in the ground and trees to put in 'em.

But the ordinary citizen who works long hours anyhow must do his tree planting in the evening, if he didn't do it in the early morning, because it was no holiday for him.

In the schools, the spare time was spent talking about trees, and about J. Sterling Morton, the father of Arbor Day. At the Howard Kennedy and Miller Park schools, real tree planting was done. They are new schools, and they needed the trees. But at the other schools, the tree planting was a condition of mind only, because the Arbor days of the past have been so oft observed in a practical way that there was room for no more trees.

But it was review day for all of the grades for what they had learned this year about trees, and flowers, and vegetables, and birds. Each grade had one of each to study about each year—to learn everything possible about it. These are the lesson subjects for each grade.

First—The maple, the tulip, the bean, and the bluebird.

Second—The cottonwood, the morning glory, the potato, and the red-headed wood pecker.

Third—The elm, the sweet pea, the corn, and the blue jay.

Fourth—The ash, the poppy, the radish, and the wren.

Fifth—The willow, the geranium, the lettuce, and the flicker.

Sixth—The box elder, the sweet alysum, the tomato, and the cat bird.

Seventh—The black walnut, the carnation, the onion, and the rosebreasted grosbeak.

Eighth—The basswood, the rose, the squash, and the quail.

Like a Picture in City Hall.

Communication for the day between the schools and Superintendent Davidson's office in the city hall was slightly interrupted, because the city hall elevators were not running. The telephone service was all right, and so was walking, but for several of the principals slightly given to embonpoint, the climb to the fifth floor was a trifle fatiguing. Therefore Miss Belle Ryan of the super-

intendent's office had tied a heavy cord to the railing of the corridor outside of the office, and fastened it on the ground floor to a waste basket, on which were printed instructions to the principals to leave their reports in the basket and give shrill whistles that might be heard on the fifth floor. Thereupon Miss Ryan responded and in the picturesque pose of the oft seen paintings of the "Maiden at the Well," raised the basket to the fifth floor level.

Of course it was inconvenient, but since the elevator conductors were putting in the day planting trees, the lack of elevator service was excusable, because the world was crying for reforestation.

Woman's Club at Y. W. C. A.

The forestry committee of the Omaha Woman's club planted a white elm tree and Boston ivy at the north side of the Young Women's Christian association building in the afternoon. The tree is to take the place of the one planted last Arbor day by the committee but which died later in the year.

PLANT TREES IN PARK.

Arbor Day Exercises Were Held Friday at Magnolia Hall.

Arbor day exercises were held Friday afternoon at Magnolia hall, Twenty-fourth and Ames avenue, by the ladies of the Woman's Relief corps, auxiliary to the Grand Army posts of the city. Following the exercises, they planted trees in Fontenelle park, where a knoll has been set apart by the park board to be known as the Woman's Relief Corps knoll. Twelve trees were planted, each in memory of members of the organization who died during the past year. The roll of the dead for the year contained twelve names, each of the three post corps having four. Each tree was marked with an aluminum marker, bearing the name and death of the person in whose memory it was planted.

The exercises included several musical numbers, prayer and addresses, and a short sketch of the lives of the deceased members. The address of the day was delivered by Dean George T. Beecher.

Delegations from the Grand Army posts and from the Spanish war veterans organizations were present.

Dean Beecher in his address referred to the Christian women of America as the bulwark and strength and hope of the nation, and of the elevation of woman's character through the influence of the Man of Nazareth. He referred to the influence of Christian womanhood, motherhood and wifehood in the home life of the men who went to the front to defend the country, and said that while the husbands, fathers and older brothers were bearing arms in defense of the flag, they were given impetus and courage by the prayers, devotion and sacrifice of those at home, and spoke of the influence thus exerted. The speaker touched on the necessity of looking well to the home life of the country today, in order that the children may be worthy to maintain the principles for which their forefathers have fought and bled.

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