

# NEBRASKA PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION.

Library Day, October 20, 1905

The Friday nearest October 21 has, by common consent, been set aside by Nebraska schools, to be observed as Library day. Every school in Nebraska is urged to make Library day in 1905 count in the direction of more and better school libraries.

The general topic suggested for special attention this year is the Louisiana purchase, its exploration and development and present condition, with special reference to the Lewis and Clark story, and the settlement of the great northwest. Every Nebraska child of sufficient age should be familiar with the history and geography of the Lewis and Clark expedition. No more picturesque or thrilling incident of exploration adorns the pages of our history. Here was a band of men who carried an exceptionally perilous undertaking to a conscientious and successful finish, with no notion of extorting excessive reward or receiving honor or power from their fellow men. This page of our history is well worth re-reading by older people, in these days when newspapers and magazines flaunt tales of civic corruption forever before our eyes. The simple annals of these men who did their work well because they had agreed to do it should be told annually by our firesides. Let us use Library day to awaken new interest in this good, old story, and to increase our knowledge of the resources of the wonderful northwestern states.

The particular object of the day should be to add to the school library a few good books on the West, and to learn to use them. It is suggested that a few dollars be raised at once, and expended for the following books:

	List Price.	Net Price.	Postage.
Wheeler Trail Lewis and Clark, 2 vol.	\$6.00	\$4.75	\$.40
Lighton Lewis Clark .....	.50	.42	.07
Brooks First Cross the continent.....	1.50	1.20	.14
Kingsley Story Lewis and Clark .....	.25	.21	.04
Hitchcock Love's purchase.....	.60	.50	.10

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After her own be made was present at the will be willing to co it. A large wall or trace the Lewis and what the explorers d see if they should go be paid to the present to Seattle and Port of the northwest s gation should be school library, an

This list is a history of the Lewis and Clark expriptions of the country as it now is. The illustration in themselves, and it is hoped that all school pupils in Nebraska may have access to this books in this list are suited to the various lower es given above are the prices for which the St. ary Co., St. Paul, Minn., will sell these books to cists, the postage to be paid by the purchaser, with the order.

With material, the teacher should be able to make e story of Sacajawea, the "Bird woman" should he day. In many school districts, someone who eiling of the Sacajawea monument at Portland, to the school house and tell the children about ackboard map may be used for some pupil to ark trail, another pupil may tell something of and saw, and others may tell what they would he trail now. Particular attention should tion of the entire country from St. Louis ctures illustrating the scenery and industries e collected and used. The story of irri- Make the day count for interest in the lge of our country.

Magazines and newspapers for the past year should be searched for Lewis and Clark material, and a scrap book on the subject might be made by the pupils and added to the school library.

The Special day book issued by our State Superintendent for 1903-5 contains an excellent article on Lewis and Clark, with suggestions for a program. Copies of this book should be in the hands of all teachers. County superintendents probably have copies at their offices, which may be had upon application. Upon the receipt of 6 cents for postage, the State Superintendent's office will mail a copy of this Special day book, as long as the supply lasts. Other descriptive and historical material may be had by addressing the General passenger agent, Northern Pacific railroad, St. Paul, Minn. By sending to him, perhaps 50 cents for postage, and asking for such of the publications of that road as will give information on the Lewis and Clark country, past and present, some splendid material may be added to the school library.

Library day should add thousands of good books to the school libraries of Nebraska. Within a day or two afterward, it would greatly please this Commission to hear from teachers and pupils all over this state as to the way the day was observed, and the tangible results. Additional lists of books on Lewis and Clark and the West will be furnished from this office to all applicants. Let us hear from the schools on this and any related topics that suggest themselves.

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