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TO PASSENGER AGENTS AND TRAFFIC MANAGERS:

Gentlemen: It is the hope of the Local Executive Committee of the Forty-Third Annual Convention of the National Educational Association, to be held in St. Louis from June 27 to July 1, that at least 50,000 persons will be attracted by the good things provided.

Passenger Agents and Traffic Managers may do very much to aid in swelling attendance by giving the widest publicity to facts connected with the convention. They should especially emphasize the plentiful supply of good rooms, at reasonable prices, to be had if reserved in time.

The World's Fair management has made arrangements for issuing, through State Directors of the N. E. A., ten-coupon admission tickets to the Fair and a certificate of membership in the N. E. A. for a total of $5.00. The N. E. A. membership charge is $2.00, and the regular price of the tickets alone is $3.00. They will be good for use any time within fifteen days after the date of their validation at the Model Town Hall within the World's Fair grounds. One coupon will admit to the grounds without validation. Where persons neglect to get these coupon tickets until their arrival in St. Louis, they may obtain them at the registration office of the N. E. A. in the Music Hall building, 14th and Olive Streets, or at N. E. A. ticket booths at Exposition entrances.

Reductions from regular rates to large parties have been made by many hotels adjoining the Fair grounds, or on car lines leading thereto. These reductions range from ten to fifty per cent. Accommodations for at least 8,000 persons have thus been reserved by the Local N. E. A. Committee.

Inspected rooms in private dwellings in which fully 10,000 persons may be housed, have been listed for occupancy by N. E. A. folk. Special rates have been obtained and good rooms may be had without meals for from 75c to $1.00 a day, and with breakfast for from $1.00 to $1.50, or with breakfast and supper for from $1.50 to $2.00.

Some hotels give a flat rate for rooms alone of $1.00, where from two to four persons occupy the same apartment. Several private school buildings will be set aside during the convention period for the entertainment of guests. They have made special rates for the teachers who will come to the N. E. A. Convention.

All the general sessions as well as the sectional sessions will be held in World’s Fair buildings. The headquarters hotel of the N. E. A. is the Inside Inn, located within the grounds. It adjoins the State buildings which are to be the State headquarters of the N. E. A. The Missouri Commission has set aside a wing of its magnificent State building for use of N. E. A. executives. On the night of June 28 the Missouri Commission will give a reception to the N. E. A. Other State Commissions will give similar receptions during the Convention week.

The Convention Badge is expected to be recognized in many desirable ways. None may gain admission to any of the sessions without it.

Managers of the Missouri Botanical Garden have invited N. E. A. members to visit the gardens. It is likely that other invitations will be extended.

Inquiries are coming from all parts of the United States and even from Canada. I have no doubt that if you will use the columns of the newspapers in exploiting the Forty-third N. E. A. Convention it will be profitable to you and helpful to us.

I shall be pleased to furnish information relative to hotels, rooms in private houses, or of any other matter of interest to probable Convention members.

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