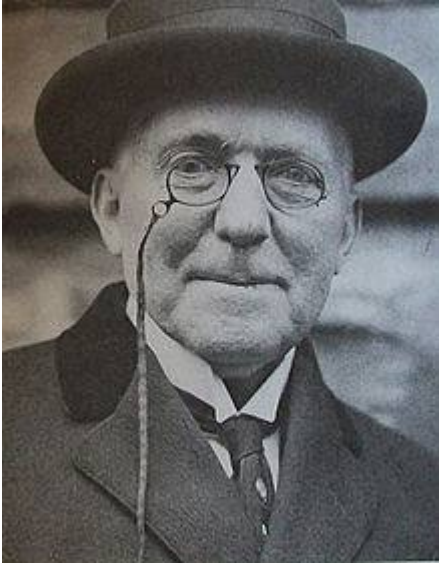


JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY



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James Whitcomb Riley appeared before a Crawfordsville audience for the third time on Thursday night. The auditorium of the First Presbyterian church was filled to repletion and many seats were occupied in the lecture room. The increased number in attendance over former visits was certainly a fine compliment to Mr. Riley. The lecture which is mainly recitations of his own dialect poetry was thoroughly enjoyed and fully appreciated in every respect. His reputation is made in Crawfordsville, and he can rest assured that a good house will greet him when he chooses to return. - thanks Kim H

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The Historical Department of the State Library is compiling a Ryleyana. They have written to all the librarians of the state for material. The Waveland Library has none. We have only some traditions as to the time Riley was in Waveland to give "Readings" and the long walk it was necessary to take him before he could appear on the platform. One of the early "literary societies" brought him. Many prominent people have talked and walked in our town. As mentioned previously Dr. JN HURTY made one of his first lecture trips to Waveland. He came under the auspices of the Auxiliary to the Farmers' Institute. I have been asked when the Auxiliary became the Home Economics. Under the advice of Purdue, it was changed in Jan 1916. Mrs. JD RANKIN was president that year and Mrs. IC DEERE was sec. The club disbanded in 1917 to sew for the Red Cross and devote our activities to WW work. Mrs. OLDSHUE was again president and Mrs. UG VAIL secretary. Following the war the Department Club was organized and Home Economics was incorporated with it. Through it and earlier clubs many speakers were heard. Mrs. Juliet STROUSE was heard on a guest day at the home of Misses Dorcas and Nancy Belle DURHAM. Miss Lelia GADDIS made several trips here. Mrs. Charles Sewell; Mrs. Fannie WINGERT; Prof. Ralph CHITTY; Dean Skinner and many others. - kbz