

ON THIS DAY IN WEST VIRGINIA HISTORY SEPTEMBER 2



Agricultural Experiment Station at WVU, ca. 1895

Labor leader Walter Reuther was born in Wheeling on September 1, 1907.

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Investigate the Document: (1868 WVU Catalog. Xwv 1. 1:1868)

1. The Constitution of the State of West Virginia made it the duty of the Legislature to foster and encourage _____, _____, _____, and _____ improvement.
2. If you were an incoming freshman at the West Virginia Agricultural College (now West Virginia University) in 1868, how much would your tuition have been if you were taking a schedule consisting of your primary classes?

Think Critically: The West Virginia Agricultural College was renamed West Virginia University in December 1868, representing the transition to a more encompassing field of higher education, in lieu of purely agricultural-based curricula. This transition coincides with transformation from one type of society to another in our country. Describe that transformation to include agrarian versus industry, technological advancements, transportation, and how the Gilded Age transformed the country with economic growth.

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ANNUAL CATALOGUE
OF THE
OFFICERS AND STUDENTS
IN
West Virginia Ag. College,
WITH A STATEMENT OF THE
COURSE OF INSTRUCTION
IN THE
VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS.
1867-68.

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WEST VIRGINIA AG. COLLEGE.

THIRD YEAR.

FIRST TERM.—Theoretical and Practical Instruction in Infantry Tactics; Military Engineering and the Science of War; Military Organizations, Campaigning, and Strategy.

SECOND TERM.—Theoretical and Practical Instruction in Cavalry Tactics; Evolutions of the Regiment; Charge and Scout; together with the art of self-defense mounted and dismounted.

THIRD TERM.—Theory and Practice of Gunnery; Review of the laws of motion of projectiles; Construction and adaptation of projectiles according to the distance and character of the object of attack.

Dress Parades are held daily as often as the weather will permit. *Inspections and Reviews* are held weekly, or by Special Order as often as thought necessary.

SCOPE OF THE COLLEGE.

The Constitution of the State makes it the duty of the Legislature to "foster and encourage Moral, Intellectual, Scientific, and Agricultural improvement; and to make provision for the organization of such Institutions of Learning as the best interests of general Education may demand." The Act of Congress which, in part, endowed the College declares that its object is "to promote the liberal and practical Education of the industrial classes in the several pursuits and professions of life." The Board of Visitors appointed by the Legislature to organize the College were instructed to "establish such Departments of Education in Literature, Science, Art, Agriculture, and Military Tactics, (including a Preparatory Department), as they may deem expedient and as the funds placed under their control may warrant."

DEPARTMENTS.

There are five of these, already, in operation. The Course of Instruction is necessarily modified by the condition of our schools. If all the children of the State had the advantage of good High School or Academic training the Studies of the College would be in advance of what they now are. The standard will be raised just as rapidly as it can be done without shutting out from the College those who most need its advantages.

The *Preparatory Course* is designed to meet the wants of those who are too young, or who are not sufficiently advanced to enter the other Departments. The *Literary Course*, in extent and exactness, corresponds to that of our best American Colleges. The *Scientific Course* affords a general preparation for those pursuits which require extensive acquaintance with the Sciences. In the *Agricultural Course* special attention will be given to Agriculture, Horticulture, Rural Economy, and the Mechanic Arts. The *Military Course* complies with the demands of the Act of Congress, and is arranged so as not only not to interfere with but to promote instruction and discipline in other studies. An *Optional Course* is allowed those students whose special tastes or necessities prevents them from graduating in any of the regular Departments. On its completion a certificate, showing the extent of the course pursued, will be granted.

A *Normal Class* for the special advantage of Teachers is formed during the Spring Term.

WEST VIRGINIA AG. COLLEGE.

TERMS OF ADMISSION.

Applicants for admission to any Department must present satisfactory evidence of being morally, mentally and physically qualified to pursue to advantage the Course of Study to which they propose to give their attention. If coming from other Colleges or High Schools, they must present certificates of honorable dismission. All Students pledge themselves to obey the Rules and Regulations of the College.

EXAMINATIONS.

Public Examinations, at which all the Students are required to be present, are held at the close of each Term. Also, in the regular College Classes, at the close of each year, upon all the studies of that year.

CALENDAR.

The College Year consists of thirty-nine weeks, divided into three Terms of thirteen weeks each. An interval of about one week occurs between the first and second, and between the second and third Terms. Also a recess of one week at Christmas. Students are received at any time, but it is exceedingly desirable that they be present at the opening of the Term, as the exercises begin promptly on the day appointed, and any time lost affects the standing of the Student. Terms and vacations for the College Year 1868-69, begin and end as follows, viz:

- September 1, Fall Term begins.
- November 27, " " ends.
- December 7, Winter Term begins.
- March 6, 1869, " " ends.
- March 15, " Spring Term begins.
- June 15, " Annual Meeting of Board of Visitors.
- June 16, " Spring Term ends.

TERMS OF TUITION.

Primary Classes, payable in advance,.....	\$3.00
Preparatory " " "	5.00
Collegiate " " "	8.00

Students in the Preparatory Department pay one dollar, in the other Departments two dollars per term Contingent fee. Two Cadets may be appointed by each Visitor from his District free of charge for tuition, books, or stationery.

BOARDING,

including everything except lights and washing, can be had in the College for \$3.50 per week. Some of the Teachers, also, occupy part of the building. Boarding in town varies from \$3.00 to \$4.00 per week.

DISCIPLINE.

A record is kept by the Faculty, in which are entered the grade of Scholarship of each Student, his absence from the exercises of the Institution, and such other facts as are worthy of notice with respect to his general deportment. An abstract from this record is sent at the close of each Term to parents and