

URGES A \$1,500 MINIMUM SALARY TO THE TEACHERS

Increase in Pay Has Not Been in Keeping With Increase of Living Costs

MANY ARE LEAVING

Proposed Scale Would Attract Men and Women of Superior Ability and Training

Doubling the salaries of teachers within the next five years and then adding 50 per cent before another ten years have passed, so that the minimum average salary for teachers will be \$1,500—this is the program urged by Dr. P. P. Claxton, U. S. Commissioner of Education. Dr. Claxton says:

"It is only by very large increases in pay of teachers that we may hope to improve our schools appreciably. Small increases of 5, 10 or 20 per cent will not avail, for they will not be sufficient to hold in the schools men and women of superior ability.

"Teachers are now paid less for their work than any other class of workers, and the increase in their pay in the last few years has in no way been in keeping with the increase in pay of other workers, or with the increase in the cost of living. While the cost of living has increased approximately 80 per cent—food, 85 per cent; clothing, 106 per cent; drugs, 103 per cent; fuel, 75 per cent; house furnishing goods, 53 per cent—the salaries of teachers have increased only about 12 per cent. The purchasing power of the salary of the teacher in our public schools is, therefore, only about 63 per cent of what it was four years ago.

"Many of the better teachers are leaving the schools and their places are taken by men and women of less native ability, less education and culture, and less training and experience. Many of the places are not filled at all. As an inevitable result the character of the schools is being lowered just at a time when it ought to be raised to a much higher standard.

"Students now entering the normal schools to prepare for teaching are not of as good quality as they were formerly, which means that the standards of the schools must continue to fall. In some normal schools the enrollment is far less than in former years.

"The only remedy is larger pay for teachers. If school boards, legislators and county and city councils would immediately announce the policy of doubling the average salary of teachers within the next five years and of adding not less than 50 per cent more within the ten years following the expiration of this period, so that at the end of fifteen years the average salary of public school teachers would be not less than \$1,500—about one and a half times larger than they receive at present—and then take steps for carrying out this policy, much good would be accomplished thereby at once.

"Such a policy and such a prospect would attract to the schools more men and women of superior ability and would hold them, working contentedly and, therefore, profitably for the children and the public welfare. Such increase in salary should carry with it an increase of not less than 25 per cent in the average length of the school term, which is now less than 160 days.

"To those who are not acquainted with the past conditions and who have given the matter no intelligent thought, the increase recommended may seem large, but in fact it is not. It would in most states mean a range of salaries from \$1,000 to \$3,000. No person who is fit to take the time and money and opportunity of the children of this great democratic republic for the purpose of fitting them for life, for making a living, and for virtuous citizenship should be asked to work for less than \$1,000 a year in any community or in any state. No one who is unworthy of this minimum salary is fitted to do this work and no such person should be permitted to waste the time and money of the children and to fritter away their opportunity for education.

"It is not for the sake of the teachers that this policy is advocated. Schools are not maintained for the benefit of the teachers. If men and women of ability are not willing to teach for the pay offered them they can quit and do something else for a living, as hundreds of thousands of the best do. It is for the sake of the schools, the children and the prosperity of the people and the strength and safety of the nation that the policy is advocated."

Seed Corn Test Advisable
While it is believed most of the Nebraska seed corn is of normal quality this year, this fact may be definitely established by a general germination test, according to the University of Nebraska College of Agriculture. Seed corn selected early last fall may especially need testing in order to ascertain whether it has cured properly. Samples of seed tested at random which show 95 or even 90 per cent germination will be accepted by most farmers as proof of good seed. Little difficulty over seed corn is expected in Nebraska this year.

HEREFORD SALE
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Disinfectants Defeat Potato Scab

Seed potatoes are treated with disinfectants for common scab, pin head scab and blackleg, which injure the quality of the potatoes produced and reduce the stand in the field by attacking the young plants. Formaldehyde and corrosive sublimate are usually used, preference being given the latter because it is effective against all the diseases, according to University of Nebraska extension workers. Corrosive sublimate is used at the rate of four ounces dissolved in hot water and diluted to 30 gallons. The standard length of time for treating potatoes is 1 1/2 hours. If there is considerable disease, the time should be close to two hours. As the solution weakens with use, it is necessary to increase the length of treatment about ten minutes for each additional time the solution is used. The seed should be spread out to dry after treating. When potatoes have been left in the solution a long time, it will be well to rinse them with clear water to remove the solution that collects in the eyes and which is liable to injure them. The treating should be done while the potatoes are dormant. It may be done any time in the winter providing the potatoes are stored in clean sacks in a clean place. If they have started to sprout the germination will be injured seriously if they are left in the solution more than thirty minutes. Very badly diseased tubers should always be thrown out. Corrosive sublimate is a deadly poison if taken internally, and care should be taken to keep it away from stock and children. It corrodes metal and must be used in wooden, glass, granite, stone or concrete vessels.

At a meeting of the city council at Bayard last week the bid of the Gordon Construction Company of Denver for the construction of the sewer and for water main extension was accepted. The contract calls for \$59,007. There were about a dozen bids and the one accepted was the lowest one of the number.

GIVES A BOGUS CHECK FOR TWENTY THOUSAND

Russian Beet Worker Bought Everything in Sight and Paid Purchases with Bogus Checks

David Wills, a Russian beet worker from the North river, did a big business in Kimball Monday. He met W. S. Rodman, president of the American bank, and stated that he wanted to deposit his money with him. Mr. Rodman being a business man was immediately interested and accepted the deposit of \$20,000, which was given by a check on the First National bank at Scottsbluff. Wills stated that he had sold his farm in Canada and was down here looking for land. As Mr. Rodman was in the real estate business it was necessary to look no further. He was taken out, and shown a half section which he later contracted for. In the meantime, the bank telephoned to Scottsbluff regarding the \$20,000 and it was found that Wills had no money there. When Wills returned from his trip to the country he went to the Farmers lumber yard and wanted to buy a house and barn for his new farm. During the afternoon before he signed the contract for the land he bought Daisy Robinson's Jackson automobile, tried to purchase the Maginnis cafe of Mr. Beasaw and in fact was doing a big business and would have owned the town and county in two days more. The happy feeling of being a millionaire came to an abrupt ending later in the afternoon when the Russian went to the American bank to receive the contract for the land. Mr. Rodman said nothing, but went ahead making out the contract, which he delivered to Wills and took a check on his own bank (part of the \$20,000) for the first payment. After he received the check the fun started, and finally the Russian confessed that he had no money in the Scottsbluff bank. The next scene was where Wills landed in the county jail, where he remained until yesterday. It was learned by some of the Russian people in Kimball that Wills was a farm laborer from near Mitchell; that he had a family and while he was not as bright as he might be, he bore a fair reputation so far as they knew. On account of the condition of members of his family he was allowed to return home, but will be brought back to Kimball when the matter comes up for hearing. The bank people have had considerable fun over the matter, but Daisy is down-hearted because her automobile deal fell through.—Observer, Kimball.

Care Saves Many Chicks
"First Care of Baby Chicks" is the name of a circular issued by the Bureau of Animal Industry, United States Department of Agriculture. It gives suggestions on keeping the baby chicks warm, care and control of the brooder, feeding, a model baby chick ration, and hot weather hints. This valuable little circular may be obtained for the asking from county agents or from the University Extension Service, University Farm, Lincoln.

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After a suspension of construction activities extending over several months the second new hotel at Scottsbluff is now to be completed, according to reports current. To foster confidence in the project the claim is made that a cash bond of \$20,000 has been put up guaranteeing the completion.

Five hundred and twelve acres of land in Richardson county was sold last week for \$123,000 or at the rate of \$237.50 per acre. A fractional eighty in Nemaha county brought \$13,500 and the seller feels well paid for his investment five years ago of \$8,000 for the same piece of land.

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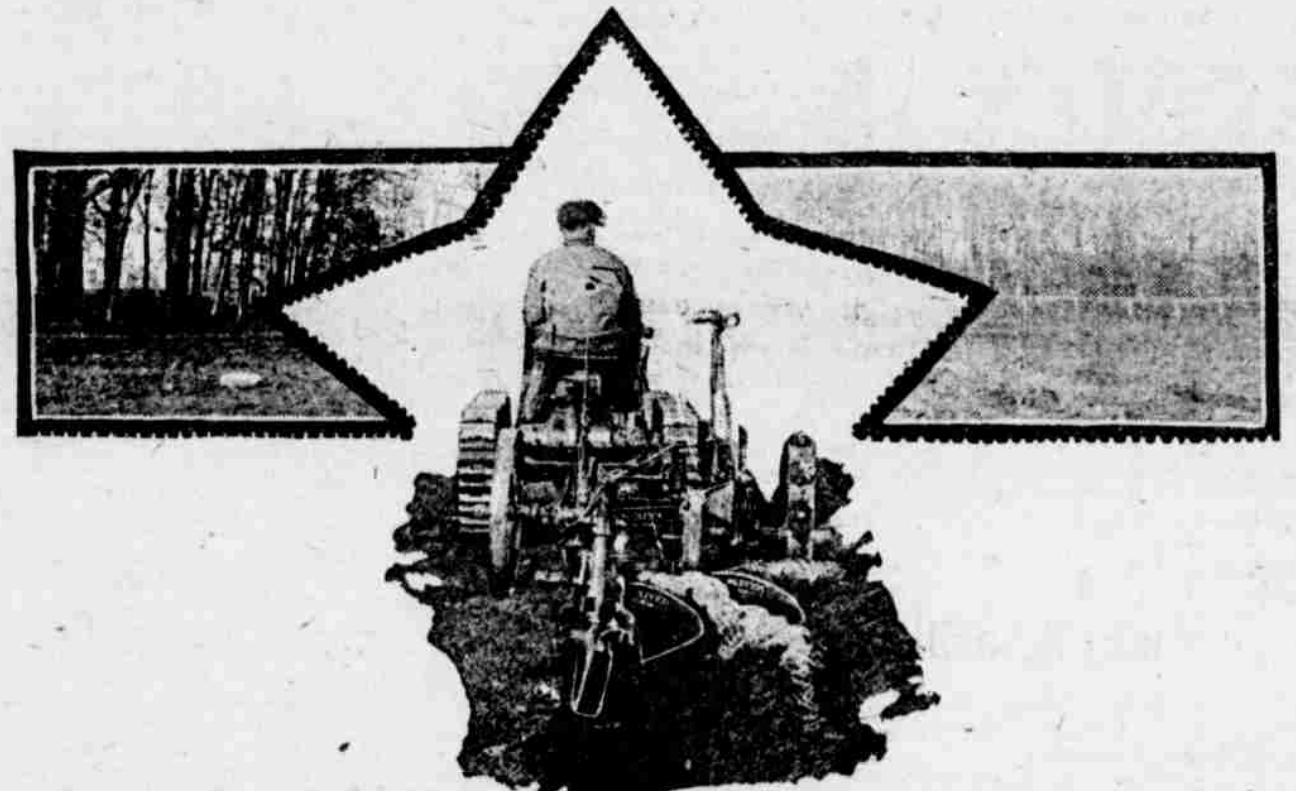
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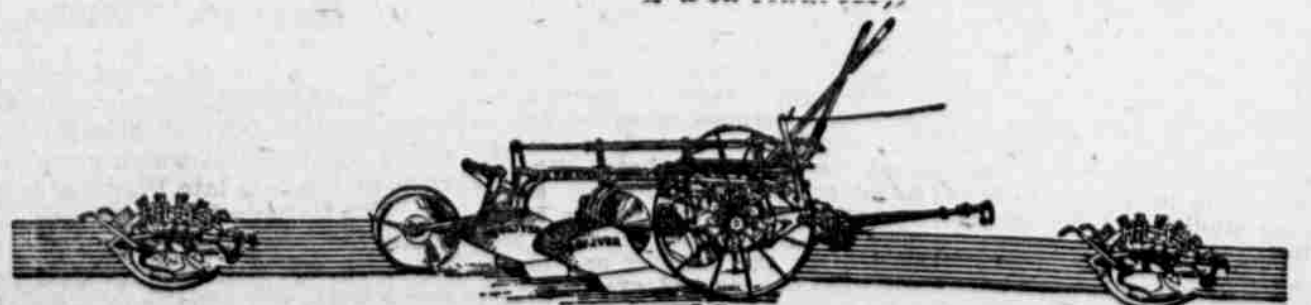
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