

MERGING RURAL SCHOOLS

Superintendent Fowler Tells Why He Advises Consolidation.

SAVAGE SAYS PROUT NEEDN'T HURRY

Lyle's Sentence Commuted, but Other Petitioners for Executive Clemency Are Denied—General News of Nebraska.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Dec. 26.—(Special.)—In a communication addressed to school people, State Superintendent Fowler discusses the advantages of centralizing rural schools.

"Will our state school laws permit several of all the districts in a township unite for the purpose of forming a central high school?"

Superintendent Fowler discusses the advantages of centralizing rural schools. He points out that the present system of small schools is inefficient and costly, and that consolidation would save money and improve the quality of education.

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There are hundreds of rural schools in Nebraska, the majority of which are one-teacher schools. These schools are inefficient and costly to maintain.

By consolidating these schools into larger units, we can save money and provide a better education for our rural children.

Consolidation will also allow us to employ better teachers and provide more modern facilities for our schools.

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CONVENTION AT SIOUX FALLS

South Dakota Educational Association and Kindred Organizations

ATTENDANCE IS VERY LARGE THIS YEAR

Instructors and Supervisors from All Parts of the State Are Present and an Extensive Program is Prepared.

(Special.)

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—The annual state convention of the South Dakota Educational Association and auxiliary organizations began this evening at Madison.

The teachers were welcomed to the city by C. J. Porter, mayor of Madison, in an address delivered this evening at the opening exercises.

The program for the remainder of the convention is as follows: December 27, after a business session and piano solo, Dr. C. M. Young of Vermillion will deliver an address on "Moral and Religious Training in the Schools."

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On Wednesday morning, January 2, after a business session and piano solo, Dr. C. M. Young of Vermillion will deliver an address on "Moral and Religious Training in the Schools."

On Thursday morning, January 3, after a business session and piano solo, Dr. C. M. Young of Vermillion will deliver an address on "Moral and Religious Training in the Schools."

On Friday morning, January 4, after a business session and piano solo, Dr. C. M. Young of Vermillion will deliver an address on "Moral and Religious Training in the Schools."

On Saturday morning, January 5, after a business session and piano solo, Dr. C. M. Young of Vermillion will deliver an address on "Moral and Religious Training in the Schools."

On Sunday morning, January 6, after a business session and piano solo, Dr. C. M. Young of Vermillion will deliver an address on "Moral and Religious Training in the Schools."

On Monday morning, January 7, after a business session and piano solo, Dr. C. M. Young of Vermillion will deliver an address on "Moral and Religious Training in the Schools."

On Tuesday morning, January 8, after a business session and piano solo, Dr. C. M. Young of Vermillion will deliver an address on "Moral and Religious Training in the Schools."

On Wednesday morning, January 9, after a business session and piano solo, Dr. C. M. Young of Vermillion will deliver an address on "Moral and Religious Training in the Schools."

ADOPT NEW CONSTITUTION

Methodist Conference Accepts the Revised Laws of the Church.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—The announcement was made today that the new constitution of the Methodist Episcopal church, which was adopted at the last general conference of that denomination held at the Auditorium in 1900 and referred to the various conferences throughout the country, has finally been approved by the three-quarters vote required. The vote is as follows: Ayes, 8,184; nays, 2,513.

The element which opposed the new organic law of the church because it provided for the admission of women as delegates to the general conference made war in the new constitution all along the line, but met with defeat.

It gives laymen's electoral meetings authority to vote on constitutional questions. It changes the vote necessary in the general conference to amend the constitution from three-fourths to two-thirds.

Among the features for the Friday evening session will be a paper on "The Key to the Twentieth Century" by Dr. Thomas E. Green of Cedar Rapids, Ia.

On Saturday afternoon, December 28, the program will consist of a presentation of a paper by Superintendent C. W. Martindale of Yankton, Miss K. G. Smart of Sioux Falls on "The Teaching of Temperance in the Public Schools," and Relation of School Training to Life Activities" by Superintendent E. G. Evers of Yankton.

At the meeting of the department of high schools and colleges to be held Friday morning President C. H. French of Huron college will deliver an address on "The College and the Public School."

At a meeting of the Department of County Supervisors, to be held Friday afternoon, C. B. Foy of Redfield, president of the department, will deliver his annual address. Under the subject of "County Institutions" the gathering will be addressed by Superintendent Z. F. Williams of Yankton county, Superintendent E. E. Boyden of Lincoln county, Superintendent Albert Williamson of Lyman county and Superintendent Melan M. Bennett of Lawrence county.

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FREMONT POSTOFFICE FIGHT

Lively Contest Has Been Waxing Steadily Warmer and Warmer.

WHO HAS SAY—SCHNEIDER OR RICHARDS

Interesting Personalities that Are Being Freely Indulged by the Principal Figures in the Competition.

(Special.)

FREMONT, Neb., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Although the postoffice appointment is not due for a month yet, the fight for control of the Fremont mail distribution is waxing decidedly warm.

While these two rival candidates have personal interests at stake, the contest has resolved itself into one to determine whether L. D. Richards, treasurer of the republican state committee and once the republican nominee for governor, or National Committeeman Schneider has the longest pole in politics.

For years Richards, Schneider and Hammond have constituted a political triad which dominated affairs in this section. When the present fight started Hammond, as a candidate for reappointment as postmaster, was in the position of a principal combatant.

The real trouble dates back to the legislative session of last winter and centers about the senatorial deadlock and the hopes of L. D. Richards, that it would be broken by his election to one of the seats in the upper house of congress.

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FILES LARGE DEED OF TRUST

El Paso Electric Company Secures Deed with Million-Dollar Mortgage.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The El Paso Electric company filed a deed of trust for \$1,000,000 to the State Trust company of Boston, Mass., at Newark, N. J., today. The deed is secured for a mortgage of like amount to cover underlying securities of certain corporations subsidiary to the El Paso company. The latter owns or controls all of the electric lighting and power plants centering in El Paso, Tex.

Children Like It.

"My little boy took the cough one night," says F. D. Reynolds of Mansfield, O., "and grew so bad you could hear him breathe all over the house. I thought he would die, but a few doses of One Minute Cough Cure gave him relief and sent him to sleep. That's what we heard of the group. One Minute Cough Cure is absolutely safe and acts at once. For coughs, colds, croup, grip, asthma and bronchitis."

Supervisors Meet on Friday.

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MRS. BERGER SEEKS ALIMONY

Wife of a Lawyer Sues for Support of Herself and Children.

PLATTSBURGH, Neb., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Mrs. Isabel Berger, daughter of L. C. W. Murray, through her attorney, A. N. Sullivan, has brought suit in district court to compel her husband to support her and their two children. The petition alleges that he fraudulently transferred his property to his mother and the Bank of Murray previous to his leaving the state.

Kearney Youths Charged with Theft.

KEARNEY, Neb., Dec. 26.—(Special Telegram.)—Art Snowden and Fred Nash, young men, were arrested today on the charge of burglary and were bound over to the district court in \$500 each, which the boys were unable to give and they are in the county jail. There has been much petty thieving about the city the last month.

Writes Book on Nebraska Law.

FREMONT, Neb., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—The Keefe-Davidson Law Book company of St. Paul have in preparation and will soon publish a book on probate law and practice in Nebraska by Arthur E. Dams of the Dodge county bar. There has been no special Nebraska book on this subject.

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