

School Head Says Present System of Taxes Is Diseased

Claims Trouble Is Not With Educational Finances— Asserts "Intangibles" Escape.

C. Ray Gates, superintendent of schools of Columbus, Neb., for the past four years, and who goes to Grand Island as superintendent next year, has written a practical article dealing with the financial problems of the schools of today. He says: "If a school has been operated upon a business basis, has not gone to seed on fads, and has added teachers and new departments to the system only as rapidly as the community was willing to appropriate and pay the bills, then I doubt if there is anything in the school system that can be eliminated without taking a backward step. I am not willing to concede that Nebraska communities generally, where these principles have been followed, are so hard hit financially that great and wholesome elimination is necessary."

"Whatever a community needs, it is going to pay for whether it gets it or not. I know a man with several decayed teeth in his mouth. He has not visited a dentist because of the expense and now the ill health which they cause has seriously interfered with his work and has cut down its earning power. A community may prefer bad roads to the expense of providing good roads, but when it takes twice as many horses to haul half the load on the poor road that it takes on a good one, the community is paying for it just the same."

"The question, after all, is not how high taxes are, so long as the figure is within reason, but whether the money raised is wisely and efficiently expended on enterprises which leave the community on a higher plane."

"I believe that, as we go through the schools in Nebraska we shall find less fads and frills than we find on the shelves of the stores of the town. I am willing to take any fair-minded man thru the Columbus schools, and then start with him in any store in the city."

"Less Fads in Schools." "I will stake my reputation upon the proposition that we will find infinitely more fads and useless things in the business houses than in the schools. Why do drug stores sell lip-sticks, face powder, and the like? Simply because there is a strong public demand that they sell these articles. Why do the schools supervise the health of the children, direct their physical education, teach them to take care of their automobiles, or operate a commercial department? For exactly the same reason—there is a strong public demand for this service."

"The whole trouble with school

Albion Girl Never Tardy for School



Miss Olga Loken.

Albion, Neb., June 11.—(Special.)—Miss Olga Loken, who recently graduated from the city schools here, has the unique record of making 12 grades without being either absent or tardy. During the last four years she has also presided at the organ in Rev. J. R. Keiger's church here, and her church and Sunday school record compares favorably with her public school record. Besides regular school, glee club, church, Sunday school and Luther league work, she has been taking a course in music and has also kept books for her father, who is in the hardware business.

finances today is not that we are spending too much money on the schools, but that we are tinkering with a diseased tax system. It does not reach all of the wealth of the community and therefore the people who own real estate and visible forms of property are compelled to pay more than their fair share of taxes."

Misner Summer School Has Record Enrollment

The Misner School of the Spoken Word opened its summer course with the largest enrollment it has ever had. On Monday evening the students were entertained by the Misner players in "It Pays to Advertise." This company left Omaha Tuesday morning for Minnesota, where they open a 12 weeks' engagement in Chautauque. The company is comprised of students of the school. Another company leaves next Monday on a southern tour and June 19 the "Peg o' My Heart" company will depart. The children's class, which is an eight-weeks' course with two lessons a week, will start this week.

Teachers of State Organize to Get Pension Enacted

Permanent Association Is Formed for Purpose of Obtaining Legislation to Help Profession.

Lincoln, Neb., June 11.—Revision of the state school laws, amendments to the school tax system, creation of a teachers' pension law and other pieces of legislation designed to benefit the teaching profession of Nebraska, probably will receive the consideration of school teachers who are now organizing for the first time into a permanent, year-round state teachers' association, according to E. M. Hosman, secretary.

"That the association may lead the way in calling for a revision of the school laws and suggest drastic changes in the school tax system is indicated in reports and recommendations made by many of our members," Mr. Hosman states. "No definite objectives have as yet been selected by the teachers, but the growing strength of the organization, together with the opportunity it is affording for expressions of opinion, has caused teachers everywhere to begin to inquire why Nebraska struggles along year after year with virtually the same statutes, while other states have revised, or are revising, to meet conditions."

"Other states have adopted laws whereby a portion of the school's budget is borne by the state, part by the county and part by the district. This, in the opinion of certain Nebraska prominent in the profession, would make a more equitable division of taxation, and also distribute the educational facilities more evenly."

Out of state has taken the lead in teacher pension laws, according to Mr. Hosman, but Nebraska teachers who are considering this legislation will insist that such a law should not be made as charity, but serve as a stabilizer in the profession lacking at this time. "No member or groups have expressed any pet theory for enactment but agree on matters of general interest to the profession should receive concentrated attention from the people," declares Mr. Hosman. Membership in the association has

Creighton University

Rev. William F. Whelan, S. J., rector of the college of medicine, gave the commencement address at the Ursuline academy of Nebraska City.

The calendar for the tenth session of the Creighton summer school has been announced as follows: June 21, registration; June 22, mass of the Holy Ghost in St. John's church, classes begin; July 4, holiday; August 1, classes close. Courses are offered in chemistry, education, English, French, history, Latin, mathematics, philosophy, physics, social science and Spanish, and all or nearly all of the courses will be of college grade. The degrees to which the studies lead are bachelor and master of arts, bachelor and master of science, bachelor of literature and bachelor of philosophy.

Last year the enrollment of the summer school was 221, and represented about half the state of the union besides Canada and Hawaii. Four hundred seventy-one of the students were from various religious communities from Vancouver in the northern boundary of Minnesota. The climate of Omaha and the conditions particularly favorable for a summer session, and this year the university will afford accommodations which were not available in years past.

Nebraska Wesleyan

Bennett M. Hollowell was elected by the board of trustees of Nebraska Wesleyan university to the position of head of the department of English for the coming year. He holds the degree of Ph. D. from Harvard and received the degree of M. A. at Harvard and at the same institution he is a candidate for the degree of Ph. D. this year. His work at Harvard has covered courses in English, Greek, Romance philology, German, Italian, comparative literature and philosophy. Professor Hollowell taught English in the high school at Holla, F. I. B. from Oberlin which was there given him in 1917. Six years later he received the degree of M. A. at Harvard and at the same institution he is a candidate for the degree of Ph. D. this year. His work at Harvard has covered courses in English, Greek, Romance philology, German, Italian, comparative literature and philosophy. Professor Hollowell will return to Nebraska Wesleyan next year as head of the department of English.

Miss Louise Edith Kennedy was promoted by the board of trustees of Nebraska Wesleyan in 1916 and held the position of instructor in the department of English.

Dr. N. A. Martin, director of the school of chiropractic which has been opened at Nebraska Wesleyan this week, has announced that the registration has more than doubled over the last year. Dr. A. B. Buell of Trinity Methodist church is chairman of the board of the instructors in the school.

American Business College Will Move

This week the American Business college, now located on the second floor of the Odd Fellows building, will move to the second floor of the Commercial building, located at 1008-10-12-14-16 Farnam street. The remodeling of the new quarters is almost complete and Professor Youngstrom says that Friday and Saturday will be used for moving and school will be in regular session Monday morning again, and continue both the shorthand and bookkeeping department in session all summer.

This business college was organized in 1917 and has made continual progress. It started business in the Baird building, and in order to get larger quarters two years ago, moved to the second floor of the Odd Fellows hall, and now again moves to larger and completely modern quarters. The school room will be one of the best in the city, being perfectly lighted, both for day and night school use.

Tri-County Institute Held at Pawnee City

Pawnee City.—The Tri-county Teachers' institute, which has been in session here for three days, closed. The institute was composed of the rural and village teachers of the counties of Pawnee, Johnson and Nemaha. The sessions were held in the First Methodist church because of closer proximity to the central portion of town. Over 300 teachers attended. The feature of the convention was the speech given by Fred Veiland, a business man of Topeka, Kan. He spoke on "Americanism," emphasizing the possibility of the teacher promoting Americanism.

Fifty-seven years after our civil war it is costing the nation for pensions as much if not more than it cost of war never ceases with the cost of war never ceases with the signing of the peace treaty or the winning of victory.

Dean Parvin Witte of Nebraska Wesleyan University will sing for the Garden Party of the Ladies' Aid of the Omaha First M. E. Church at 2218 North 56th St., June 15.

University of Omaha Opens Summer School

The sixth annual summer session of the University of Omaha will begin June 12 and June 19. Laboratory, science and preparatory courses will begin June 12 and run for a period of eight weeks; the regular college and teachers' courses will open June 19 and extend through a period of six weeks.

These courses of instruction are open to all classes and purposes, teachers, students making up work, business and professional men and any person wishing to advance his general knowledge. The following specialists will offer courses: Dr. W. S. Miller, University of Minnesota, mental diagnosis; Dr. Charles H. Brady, Ohio State university, psychology, school administration and elementary education; Prof. Grace Woolworth, University of Chicago, child psychology, kindergarten and primary subjects; Dr. Fred Fling, University of Nebraska, American and world politics; Dr. R. L. Finney, University of Minnesota, educational sociology. All other courses will be conducted by the regular university faculty.

Individual Instruction School Will Open Today

Registration for the summer session of the School of Individual Instruction begins today with prospects for a large summer school attendance. Registration will be open for one week. Mrs. C. F. Pratt, president of the school, stated that last September classes opened with 29 students and this spring the number totaled 79. The School of Individual Instruction offers preparatory work for high school and college and features intensive study, small classes with one teacher for 10 students, short hours and constant supervision. Careful explanation of assignments is made in order to eliminate mistakes and waste of time.

Vacation School Plan of Boyles

Omaha Educator Will Conduct Summer Session to Fill Office Help Demand.

How often we hear the expression, "This was actually the best vacation I ever spent." Generally considered, that's what a vacation is for—to spend money, to spend time and often to expend more effort than if one stayed at home and continued working.

According to Mr. Boyles, head of Boyles college, a person can "invest" a vacation in a way that will show profit and provide money for enjoyment throughout a lifetime. Then he tells how young people take to commercial training during the summer months without suffering a single hardship, because the work is such a distinct change that it affords a real diversion that is far more beneficial than any three months of idling could be. And of all summers this is not the one to fritter away because the demand for office workers is increasing daily and the new material must be prepared quickly. This is why Boyles college will continue its classes without letup during the summer in both the day and night school, in Omaha and Council Bluffs.

Adelaide Fogg Instructor of Dancing BLACKSTONE HOTEL Opens October 2

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Record Enrollment Made at Kearney Normal

With more than 1,700 students already enrolled for the summer session of the State Teachers college, Kearney will probably maintain the record which it has held for several years for the largest summer school in the state. This is an increase of 400 over last summer's enrollment. The larger number of students has caused an acute shortage of rooms, while several men have been housed in tents. Many additions have been made to the faculty.

Grows Big Berries

Pawnee City.—Earl Ryerson, druggist, claims the prize strawberry patch of the county. He picked eight berries from the patch which averaged eight ounces each.

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