

THE SCHOOL BOND MUDDLE

At the meeting of the school board last Monday night a petition was presented asking that the board cancel the bonds issued last spring, which are unsaleable owing to the low rate of interest they bear and the five-year option clause. The petition was referred to the finance committee.

The writer of this article signed the petition with the understanding that it was merely a proposition to cancel the old bonds and vote new ones at a higher rate of interest. Since signing the petition, however, we learn that it is proposed to give the South ward a \$10,000 building and expend the balance in building an addition to the North ward building. The plan naturally is distasteful to the residents of the First ward, and they will fight it with all their strength. Of course we all realize that a new school building is absolutely necessary, and while we are about it we might as well build a good one. So far as the school district is concerned, there should be no dividing line between north and south. This paper advocated the building of a large central school building in the South ward, as near to Fourth avenue as it was possible to secure a good location, and we are still in favor of this plan.

The proposition to expend \$10,000 or \$15,000 to build an addition to and patch up the old high school building looks like a waste of money. The proper thing to do is to build a large central grade school near the center of the city, and build it so that it can be used for high school purposes if it ever becomes necessary.

The idea is to centralize the teaching force and give better service at less cost than under the present system.

It has developed that one reason why the bonds have failed to sell is that parties here who were interested in giving the South ward only a small ward school and expending a large amount of money to patch up the old high school building, wrote to investors and told them they would buy a lawsuit if they bought the bonds. Such underhand work as this is contemptible, and it looks as though the parties who did this cared very little for the interests of the school children.

Many people signed the petition without reading it, and in order that they may know what they signed we publish it in full:

"To the Honorable Board of Education of School District No. 2, of Webster County, Nebraska:

"We, the undersigned electors, taxpayers and school patrons of said district, respectfully petition your honorable body to cancel the bonds in the sum of \$25,000, voted by said district on the 2nd day of April, 1907, for the following reasons:

"First—That it was the belief of the majority of persons who voted for said bonds that it was only for the purpose of building and equipping a ward school house, in the First ward of the city of Red Cloud, suited to the needs of the children of said ward below the high school (except such sum as was to be expended on the school house now in the Second ward of said city).

"Upon more mature thought we are convinced that the sum to be expended in said First ward is more than is needed for said First ward school house.

"Second—We learn it is the intention of your honorable body to erect a building, not only for a ward school, but in addition to provide rooms for the high school, including a large auditorium, and remove the high school from its present central location, both as to territory and school population, to a place far removed from the center of said district.

"We further represent to you that a very large majority (in fact nearly all) of the scholars who have heretofore and are now attending said high school, live north and most of them east of the place where it is proposed to locate said high school building.

"We respectfully submit that only the residents of the First ward should locate the ward school house for said

ward, but we most emphatically assert the right of all the lawful school voters of said district No. 2 to locate the high school. We also represent that a majority of us who voted for said bonds to build only, as we then supposed, a ward school house in said First ward, would not have voted for said bonds if we had then known it was the intention to remove the high school from its present central location to said First ward school house.

"Third—The bonds that were voted at said election bear four and a half (4½) per cent interest; and the law of this state plainly says that they shall be sold "to the highest bidder for not less than par." Said bonds have several times been offered for sale, and could not be sold at par, as the law provides, and it is our belief that they can not be lawfully sold in the near future. We learn on what we believe to be reliable information that your honorable body is now offering to pay a premium out of the funds of said school district to effect a sale of said bonds. To this proposition we do most emphatically and respectfully enter our protest, believing said act to be in direct violation of law, and we hereby declare our intention to oppose by all lawful means the payment of such premium, and will hold all members of the board personally liable for any such unlawful premium as may be paid from said district funds.

"We further say that it is our belief that this district will at any time vote bonds bearing a rate of interest at which they can be readily and lawfully sold, and in sufficient amount to build and equip a ward school house in said First ward, well suited both for their present and future needs."

And there you have it. The school bonds carried by an overwhelming majority, and it is safe to say that nine out of every ten persons who voted for the bonds fully understood that about \$20,000 was to be expended for a building in the South ward suitable to the needs of the district and one that would be a credit to the city, the balance of the money—\$5,000, more or less—to go toward building a heating plant for and refurbishing the old high school building.

How do you people who voted for the bonds like having such words as are contained in the foregoing petition put in your mouths by someone who probably has an ax to grind?

The petition is said to have contained 143 names—many of which were signed through a misunderstanding, and many others being those of persons who voted and worked against the bonds—yet the bonds carried by the overwhelming majority of 229 votes.

The columns of this paper are open for discussion of the matter. What do you think about it?

Same Here.

The Broken Bow Republican has this: "There will come a time some day when Broken Bow will get out of the village way of doing business—when business men will not hitch their delivery nags in front of the store and blockade the streets instead of taking the goods out at the rear door. Sometime—it may be in the dim and the distant—the merchants won't blockade the sidewalks with displays of goods and use the streets for business purposes, rent free. Neither will they sweep the litter and filth from their stores across the pavement onto the streets—to pollute the thoroughfare and scatter dirt and disease. Only the optimist, however, will see these things in the immediate future—perhaps."

Money for Rest Room.

Interest in the rest room has again been revived by the action of the Commercial club, which at its meeting Tuesday evening adopted a resolution pledging \$100 to the rest room, providing five or more other societies would contribute \$500. It is estimated that it will require about \$600 to install and operate the rest room for one year. L. P. Albright was selected by the club to confer with other societies.

J. K. CHANEY INJURED.

Three Hundred-Pound Packing Case Fell Upon Him.

J. K. Chaney, of the firm of Amack & Chaney, was severely injured Wednesday morning. It seems that Mr. Chaney, who was alone in the store at the time, had taken some screws from a casket case which had been unloaded at the rear of the store and left standing upright. The case and contents weighed about 300 pounds, and when Mr. Chaney attempted to lower it to a horizontal position he stepped backward into the cellarway, the door of which had been left open. The heavy case struck him on the left leg, severely injuring it, and in falling his left arm and side were also badly hurt, and it is thought he may be injured internally. He was rendered unconscious for a time, just how long he does not know, and when he finally regained his senses he crawled out of the cellar and into the office of his partner, Ed Amack, by telephone. He was taken to his home, where his injuries were attended to by a physician.

Grand Worthy Matron Here.

Mrs. Ellen Dobson of Lincoln, grand worthy chief matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, was in Red Cloud Monday on official business, and while here was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George J. Warren. After the business of the lodge was finished Monday evening an elaborate banquet was served in honor of the visiting grand officer. A delightful time was had. Tuesday morning Mrs. Dobson, accompanied by Mrs. L. H. Blackledge and Mrs. John G. Potter, went to Bloomington on official business. Mrs. Dobson was called back to Lincoln by the death of her sister-in-law, and Mrs. Blackledge filled her date at Beaver City.

Public Sale of Hereford Cattle.

Tuesday, October 15, 1907, beginning at 10:30 o'clock a. m. sharp.

This is the white face herd formerly owned by J. M. Carnahan and fully two-thirds of all these cattle are thoroughbred and eligible to registry, but having lost their tag number they can not be registered, but will give papers on 41 head.

MRS. J. M. CARNAHAN, OWNER.

Special Called Meeting.

All members and officers of the W. R. C. are requested to meet at G. A. R. hall at half past 2, Saturday, October 12, for important business. By order of the president.

Deaths and Funerals.

Mrs. John A. Barber.

Mrs. John A. Barber, who with her husband was one of the earliest settlers of Webster county, died yesterday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Motter, in Garfield township, after a prolonged siege of la grippe which finally developed symptoms of pneumonia. Funeral services were held at the Baptist church in this city this afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. G. W. Hummel, and interment was in the Red Cloud cemetery.

Laura L. Bills was born in Monterey, Mass., November 17, 1830. She was married to John A. Barber September 30, 1853. In 1855 they moved to Sterling, Ill., where they resided until they came to Webster county, Nebraska, in 1871. She was the mother of six children, as follows: Charles Barber, Almena, Kan.; Fred Barber, living near Cowles; Herbert Barber, of Walnut Creek; Will Barber, of Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. Fannie McCune of Red Cloud, and Mrs. Lulu Motter of Garfield precinct, the latter of whom bears the distinction of having been the first white child born in Webster county. She was greatly beloved by all who knew her, and her death is severe blow to her family and friends.

G. W. Hoover.

G. W. Hoover died at Guide Rock Sunday morning from an abscess of the lungs and dropsy. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the family home, under the auspices of the Odd Fellows and Woodmen. The sermon was preached by the pastor of the Christian church. Mr. Hoover had just returned from Kansas City, where he had been under treatment. Saturday night he had a relapse and death came to his relief Sunday morning. Deceased was about 51 years of age and leaves a wife and two daughters to mourn his death.

Letter List.

List of letters remaining uncalled for at postoffice at Red Cloud, Neb., for the week ending October 10, '07. Am Conyncting Co Davis, A W Fisher, F C Hudelson, H R Mosier, Wm Newton, Harry M Nelson, Hulda Pettis, Ewin Smith, Jos E Tilton, Mrs Fannie Welch, Geo D

These will be sent to the dead letter office October 24, 1907, if not called for before. When calling for above please say "advertised."

FOOTBALL TO-DAY.

Franklin Backs Down and High School Fills the Date.

After putting the management of the business college to the expense of advertising a game of football for today, the Franklin academy team backed down and refused to play, and the high school team is filling the date with the business college. The members of the college team are bona fide students of the college, none of them taking less than three studies. The line-up of the team is as follows:

Smith, quarterback.
Burrroughs, left halfback.
Nelson, right halfback.
Henderson, center.
Lain, right tackle.
Buehnan, left end.
Garber, fullback.
Marsh, right end.
Burden, left guard.
Johnston, left tackle.
E. Walter, right guard.
Anderson, substitute.

THE HIGH SCHOOL TEAM.

Jernberg, center.
Teel, right guard.
Ryan, right tackle.
B. Robinson, right end.
Beekwith, left guard.
P. Sherwood, left tackle.
Johnston, left end.
Hedge, fullback.
S. Phares, left halfback.
Smelser, right halfback.
H. Phares, quarterback.
Substitute, Roy Robinson.

The game this afternoon will be called at 3:15 and will be worth going to see.

MARRIAGES.

Lane—James.

Mr. Lloyd James of Bloomington and Miss Pearl Lane of Hebron were married at the Christian parsonage in this city Tuesday evening at 4 o'clock. Rev. F. M. Branie, pastor of the church, officiating.

Dealey—Kennedy.

Miss Stella Dealey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dealey of Inavale, and Mr. Stephen P. Kennedy were married Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, at the Catholic church in this city. Rev. Father Fitzgerald officiating.

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