

Rap Red Tape in U. S. Schools

National Survey Makes Charge That Politicians Hamper Efficiency of Education.

FINANCES ARE ANALYZED

Teachers' Salaries Aggregate 64 Per Cent of Total Current Expenses of Schools—377 Cities Covered by Survey.

New York.—Two prime causes of an alleged "deplorable" condition of American public schools are red tape and the handclapping of boards of education by politicians, according to a survey of public school boards and their receipts and expenditures, by the national committee for chamber of commerce co-operation with the public schools and the American city bureau. The survey, which covered 377 cities, said that in 47 per cent of cases where boards of education were "independent" or free from political manipulation the most efficient administrative and educational results are obtained. City officials hamper schools. "The best interests of the public schools," says the report, "cannot be served in a city where the budget of the board of education may be reduced and remodeled by city officials."

The survey shows that the school receipts in the 377 cities for the last fiscal year were \$353,200,000 and that the expenditures of these same cities during that period were about \$2,000,000 less than income.

The funds are from five sources and are applied in the following proportions: From the states, 11.6 per cent; the federal government, 1.3 per cent; the county, 5.7 per cent; local taxes, 63.4 per cent; nonrevenue or miscellaneous sources, including income from sale of bonds or short-time loans, 17 per cent. The survey shows that of all cities reporting 70 per cent do not receive a dollar from the federal government. Teachers' salaries aggregated \$180,000,000, or 64 per cent of the total of the current expenses of the school.

85 Per Cent for Buildings. The relation of capital outlay, aggregating \$51,727,554, to the total expenditures showed that nearly 85 per cent was utilized on sites and new buildings. A total of \$1,841,000 was expended for medical inspection and dental and nurse service in the 377 cities named. The part of the total expenditure spent for the alteration and equipment of old buildings was only 1.8 per cent. Commenting on this, the committee said:

"The smallness of this amount is of particular interest in connection with the findings of this committee in their report on school housing conditions in American cities. This report shows that a large percentage of the children in the public schools are continually menaced by the unsanitary conditions and fire hazards in many old school buildings now in use. In Eastern cities the conditions are particularly bad."

The basis for the committee's survey was an inquiry sent to the superintendents of schools in cities with populations in excess of 8,000.

CHINESE TO STUDY TANNERY

University of Pekin to Have Modern Machinery for Working Leather.

Pekin.—The Pekin university is about to introduce into its curriculum a course in tannery. Students taking up "leather" will be required to spend twelve hours a week in the practice laboratory, which is being equipped with modern leather working machinery from the United States and stocked with the latest chemicals and dyes and the most improved tanning compounds.

Dr. H. S. Vincent and John Wang will be in charge.

DECRIES EAGLE SLAUGHTER

T. Gilbert Pearson, Head of Audubon Societies, Would Repeal Alaskan Bounty.

New York.—Protest against the wholesale slaughter in Alaska of the bald eagle, symbol of American independence, was voiced here by T. Gilbert Pearson, president of the National Audubon Societies. He said that according to the last authentic information he had from Alaska, the territory had paid bounties on over 15,000 eagles.

"When I first discovered this law," said Mr. Pearson, "I at once began a campaign to try to get the bounty law repealed. It is my contention that the killing of these birds should be stopped until the eagle can have its day in court. The late Governor Riggs, I am informed, expressed himself as feeling that the time had perhaps come when the bounty might be taken off the eagle, but so far as I am aware nothing has as yet been done."

Pricks Tire Dirt Bubble; Explosion Blinds Farmer

Lancaster, Wis.—Hobart Doll, farmer, residing in Beetown, near here, was seriously hurt and probably will be permanently blind as the result of the explosion of an automobile tire. Doll is said to have scratched a dirt bubble on the tire and the explosion followed, shooting dirt and sand directly into his eyes at 70 pounds pressure.

CORNHUSKER ITEMS

News of All Kinds Gathered From Various Points Throughout Nebraska.

The loan of practically \$2,000,000 which the Nye-Schneider-Fowler Co. of Fremont requested of their creditors, consisting of bankers in Omaha, Chicago, New York City, Milwaukee and Kansas City, will be granted, according to a statement made by F. H. Davis, president of the First National bank, and representatives of the Omaha banks. The amount to be obtained from Omaha bankers is said to be practically \$1,500,000, the balance being furnished principally by Chicago banks. "With this loan the organization will be able to take care of the Nebraska harvest," declared President Davis. "It would have been a serious loss to the Nebraska farmers if this concern, with its 190 elevators in the state, had been forced to the wall."

An up-to-date radio station in charge of a competent operator will be one of the attractions at the Dodge county fair to be held August 30 to September 2. The management plans to send out the names of the prize winners in some of the leading exhibits by this means. The station will have a long range receiving apparatus with a telephone attachment. It is planned to give fair visitors a musical concert by wireless if possible. Market quotations and weather conditions will be received and posted for the benefit of the visitors.

Two ladies' ball teams have been organizing in Fairbury and are giving spectators the view of their lives. So far men have been used for the batteries as the ladies do not feel competent as yet to do in the pitching and catching. One of the teams is called the Blacks and the other the Reds. They are trying to arrange a game with the Plymouth Bloomer Girls at an early date.

The McDowell oil well southwest of Fairbury struck another vein of artesian water recently, making the second vein that has flowed over the top of the well. This water was struck at a depth of 980 feet. It was shut off with casing and drilling proceeded. A flow of artesian water was previously struck at 387 feet.

A small cyclone passed through a strip of country between Cortland and Pickrell, unroofing many of the farm buildings, and leveling telegraph and telephone wires to the ground. The storm was about half a mile in width. As far as known no fatalities occurred.

Three hundred and twenty-five Nebraska farmers had signed contracts with the United States Grain Growers Inc., at the close of the first two weeks' and half of the membership campaign according to an announcement made from the office of state headquarters at Lincoln.

All indications point to the fact that the sugar making campaign will commence early this year in the North Platte valley. So at least is the information given out by the Great Western Sugar company, who have factories at Scottsbluff, Gering, Bayard and Mitchell.

School district No. 35, a consolidation of three schools of Cheyenne, Deuel and Garden counties, has just voted \$25,000 bonds for the purpose of erecting a modern rural high school building to be located in Garden county.

Ground is being broken and work of construction on the new Lisco High school building will commence at an early date. Bonds in the sum of \$25,000 were voted at a special election recently.

The Alliance potash plant at Antioch, built in 1917 at a cost of approximately \$600,000, was sold at a sheriff's sale at Antioch to Herman J. Krause for \$32,000.

Beatrice citizens will vote on a proposition September 20 authorizing the city commissioners to issue \$150,000 bonds for the purpose of constructing a municipal electric light plant.

A new Methodist Church to cost \$90,000 will be erected in Fremont and it is expected to get the building well under way before cold weather.

The melon crop in Pawnee county and the surrounding country is a real bumper. Watermelons and cantaloupes are plentiful.

The new lighting system at Stratton has been completed and the change from direct to alternating current has been made.

Approximately \$77,000 taken from the Nebraska state guarantee fund, was received by Ben Saunders, receiver of the failed Hadar bank, and will be used to pay depositors whose deposits in the bank were guaranteed by the state.

Resolutions appealing to Congressmen Andrews, who has interested himself in the additional hospitalization by the nation for disabled war veterans, to request an appropriation for such a hospital at the state soldiers' home in Grand Island, were adopted by the disabled war veterans of Grand Island.

Reduced railroad fares for Ak-Sar-Ben visitors will be allowed by railroads running into Omaha. All of the roads entering Omaha will put into effect excursion rates of fare and one-half for round trips during the fall festival period, it has been announced.

Scott's caravan, a group of ninety persons who have given up their homes in Brooklyn, N. Y., and are traveling overland in automobiles to take up homesteads on the irrigated tracts of Idaho are scheduled to arrive in Omaha within a few days, and will travel across the state on the Lincoln highway.

Money appropriated by the last legislature for the relief of ex-service men will be released immediately, according to a decision reached by officers of the American Legion, department of Nebraska, and the board of educational lands and funds. The legislature appropriated \$2,000,000 and provided that the interest from the fund should be given to disabled ex-service men or their dependents. It also appropriated \$50,000 to be used immediately pending the placing of the \$2,000,000 on interest. There will be \$6,250 given away quarterly for the relief of ex-service men and their dependents in the state. It was provided under rules adopted that application for relief should be made to the local commander of the American Legion post and then sent to the state headquarters where a special committee to be appointed will decide whether the application has merit. Under the law, the American Legion is entrusted with the distribution of the fund.

One thousand five hundred and sixty-one feet of strong wire fence, ten feet tall, with six sloping strands of the worst kind of barbed wire known to the wild animal trade, is to be erected by the board of control around the men's reformatory at Lincoln. It will be strong enough to keep chickens in and also out, according to the belief of a member of the board.

"The finest oil drilling rig ever brought into Nebraska" is the report of oil men who have visited the location of the outfit being erected by the Lakeside Development company at a point a short distance west of the town of Lakeside, on the Burlington railroad and Potash highway, about twenty-five miles east of Alliance.

The members of the Evangelical church at Dawson held a meeting Sunday and raised \$21,000, with which to build a new church to replace the one which was destroyed by lightning a few weeks ago. It was voted to build a \$30,000 structure on the present site.

Twenty per cent of the telephone subscribers of Monroe will order their phones out when the increase in telephone rates granted by the state railway commission goes into effect, it was stated here this morning. As yet no definite action has been taken.

The first sixteen days of August in Omaha were the coolest in forty years of observation with the exception of 1915, according to unofficial statement by Meteorologist Robins, who is compiling figures on that subject.

Big Springs elevators have shipped out 102 cars of grain in the last four weeks, representing 165,000 bushels. This is only about one-third of what will be shipped from here. Most of the grain is going to Omaha elevators.

Free scholarships in the University of Nebraska Agriculture college will be awarded by the Union Pacific to each 29 boys ranking highest in their counties for boys' and girls' club work, it was announced.

Nearly all of the talent of Cheyenne's frontier days' celebration will appear at Seward August 30 to September 2 in the first show of this kind ever to be produced in this section of Nebraska.

Albert Miller, a farmer living southwest of Callaway, was fatally injured when he was caught under a steel road drag. His head was so bruised that he was paralyzed. He died a few hours later.

Secretary Trimble is receiving a long list of entries for the horse races that are scheduled for Ak-Sar-Ben track, September 13-17. Some of the fastest horses in the country will be entered.

The city council of Plattsmouth is arranging to purchase additional acreage adjoining its undeveloped park, and provide a camping ground as well as a municipal children's playground.

The best yield of wheat reported in the vicinity of Callaway is on the Willis Gilmore farm in Redfern table. Fifty-five acres threshed out twenty-seven bushels per acre.

The McCook Electric company has put in operation the newly installed 200 horsepower oil burning engine, which will increase the capacity 40 per cent.

Fire at Hardy destroyed three buildings and the entire stock of the Fair & Bryan Hardware Store. The loss is estimated at \$20,000.

Andrew Haas, 54, farmhand on the Philip Lindstrom place, north of Ames, fell from a haystack and was dead when picked up.

Grain from Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota and Kansas is moving to the Omaha grain market in large quantities.

Approximately 400 representatives of the Evangelical Lutheran church will meet at Lincoln to discuss the establishment of a college or university at Lincoln through the consolidation of five or six institutions already existing in the district.

Reunited for the first time since they were mustered out of service in 1865, F. Williams of Scandia, Kas., and F. Gates of Phillipsburg, passed a few hours together at the Interstate G. A. R. reunion held at Superior in connection with the historical pageant. They were "buddies" in the northern forces for two years.

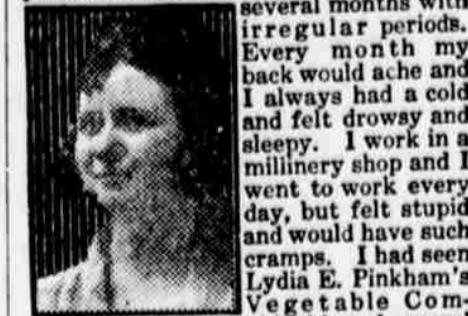
Siebold and Henry Ideus, 14 and 16, respectively, were seriously injured and four horses and four mules were killed when lightning struck a corn crib on the farm of John Ideus, their father, five miles north of Filley. A mule fell across the body of Siebold badly crushing his lower limbs. Both boys will recover, doctors said.

Rear Admiral Moffitt, chief of the navy, advised Representative Jefferies that he would keep in mind Z-R 2, America's greatest dirigible, to the aero congress in Omaha in October, but that conditions were too indefinite to permit of present acceptance.

YOUNG GIRL FINDS RELIEF

Wants to Tell Other Girls All About It

Evansville, Ind.—"I am eighteen years old and have been bothered for several months with irregular periods. Every month my back would ache and I would have such cramps. I had seen Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound advertised and had heard several women talk of it, so mother got me some. This Vegetable Compound is wonderful and it helped me very much, so that during my periods I am not now sick or drowsy. I have told many girls about your medicine and would be glad to help anyone who is troubled with similar ailments. You may use my testimonial as you like."



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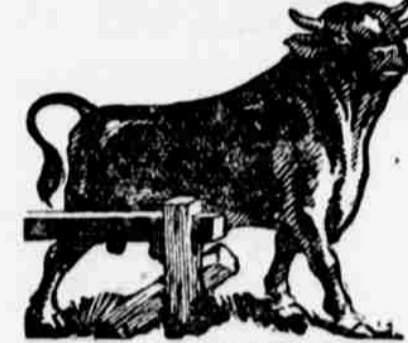


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Frank Morris is here seen operating a movie camera from an airplane with his invention—the addition of a small motor driven by an 8-volt, 60-ampere battery which does away with the three cranks that the movie operator has to use and makes aerial movie photography steady and easy.

WHEN DID MAN DIE IS PUZZLE

Stops Breathing, but Heart Beats on for Eight Hours.

Extraordinary Case in London Has Aroused Considerable Interest in Medical Profession.

London.—Much interest has been aroused in medical circles here by the extraordinary case of a man whose heart continued to beat for nearly eight hours after breathing had ceased. The question arises: When did death occur?

The man in question, a dustman, apparently had been in good health until Whitsun, when he became drowsy and often would have fallen asleep but for a severe pain in his head. He was admitted to a hospital suffering from drowsiness, stiffness of the neck muscles and headache, but there were no other prominent symptoms. It was decided to test the spinal

fluid, and accordingly at 11:20 o'clock in the morning the man's heart was sounded and tested, after which chloroform and ether were administered. The operation took only half a minute, but on being turned over on his back again he ceased to breathe, although the heart was beating well.

Artificial respiration was tried, and at 5:30 o'clock a tracing of the beats was taken. At 7:30 the heart ceased to beat.

At the post-mortem examination it was found that death was caused by a tumor on the right side of the brain and that this would have nothing to do with respiration ceasing while the heart remained beating.

An eminent specialist has given his opinion that so long as his heart beats a man is not dead, and says that in sleeping sickness (from which the dustman was suffering), as in all brain disturbances, breathing may cease, though the heart continues to beat, a different nerve center being involved.

But no explanation of how it could continue to beat for more than seven and a half hours after respiration had ceased is forthcoming.

OPERATED AT SEA BY RADIO

Captain of Ship, Directed by Wireless, Successfully Used Knife on Seaman's Hand.

Brooklyn.—A surgical operation 200 miles at sea, directed by wireless from Brooklyn, N. Y., was "performed" by Dr. Raymond Barrett. The captain of the tanker Vesta did the real work, under Doctor Barrett's directions, transmitted by a radio operator.

The operator heard the Vesta calling for aid for a man who had an infected hand. He telephoned to Doctor Barrett, who feared from the description that the man's whole arm would become infected.

Under the doctor's direction the captain used a kitchen knife for a scalpel and pieces of rubber for drainage tubes after anesthetic treatment. The operation was a success.

Looses Wooden Leg, But Swims Ashore. Gilbert, Minn.—While Harry Woodard, a good swimmer, was drowning, Roy Rhodda, minus his two wooden legs, which became loosened when a boat occupied by five men overturned, swam 300 yards to shore. Rhodda told friends that two of his companions utilized the wooden legs to aid them to reach shore.