

The Franklin Sentinel thinks that Burkett could hit the ball that Congressman Hitchcock will pitch at the beginning game of the season here. In our opinion Senator Burkett is too much of a stand patter to hit any thing that moves.

Superior is a little down in the mouth owing to the fact that they are takers in the Nebraska League. Cheer up, Superior, this league may be like Halley's Comet, begins with the tail behind but finishes with the tail ahead.

The Riverton Review rather insinuates that we handle the truth a little recklessly or as he more bluntly states the position, we are liars. The good book says this "I said in my wrath all men are liars." Bro. Matthews was evidently wrathful and lost the remainder of his head. The Chief is not in whitewashing business and Col. Besse is perfectly able to defend his legislative record. We would not have mentioned the matter again but people who are unacquainted with the editor of the Review might take him seriously. But to the newspaper fraternity his antics are amusing. Requiescat in pace.

Owing to a conflict between Principal Perrigo, the Graduating Class and the Board of School Directors, both the graduating exercises and the Baccalaureate sermon have been called off. It seems that Principal Perrigo has ignored the wishes of the school board in setting the date for Thursday when the board desired the exercises to be held on Friday night. The board instructed the Class after their invitations were issued that they would not be allowed to hold their exercises on Thursday night and the Class retaliated by refusing to appear on Friday night. The affair is certainly a discredit to the school and we sincerely hope that such a complication of affairs will never again occur during the history of the Guide Rock schools.—Guide Rock Signal.

County Clerk Elmer Ross gave us some interesting information in regard to the amount of business being transacted in the county during the first four months of this year. For instance the real estate mortgages amounted to \$361,237.90 and the Chattel mortgages for the same time amounted to \$78,256.81 or a total of \$439,494.71.

Mortgages released on real estate amounted to 128,990.34 and releases on chattels \$48072.89 or a total of \$177,063.23. An examination of these figures will show that there was considerable over a half a million dollars of business transacted in the county in four months. Should the same ratio hold good for the remainder of the year Webster county transactions in mortgages and releases alone will amount to about two million dollars. Thus it seems we are fast entering the class of plutocracy.

Blessings sometimes appear in a sort of incognito manner. Up at Bloomington they are carrying on a liquor fight and the legal lights needing some information in regard to the act of incorporation searched in vain for any record showing that the city was incorporated. Behold a city purporting to be the metropolis of a whole county conducting business on the theory that at some time it was authorized to walk alone, behold a city that has all the advantages and none of the drawbacks of a country post office, behold a city big enough on the map to be the county seat yet too small to comply with the requirements of law, behold a city existing still upon the dreams of by gone boom days and acting like a really truly sure enough town, collecting taxes and selling whiskey more openly than the most daring moon shiner of any mountain district, behold, but we gasp for breath.

We have always imagined that we were heartily in favor of base ball but lately we find that from now on we must place that pastime upon the prohibited list. We enjoy a good game and delight in reading the records of the games played by all good teams every where but the trouble is that every paper one picks up these days has the thrilling accounts of the games played by all professional and amateur teams from Boston to San Francisco and our devil reads them. He is an enthusiast. He reads the base ball dope with the same recklessness as our sporting editor and can tell the batting average, the record and everything connected with all the players anywhere. He has reading matter enough and to spare and that is the reason why we are compelled to pass up base ball. Otherwise he is a pretty good devil and works while he is not reading.

There are two factions in the public school educational system of this country.

One is in favor of the academic high school as opposed to the manual training high school, and the other is in favor of manual training as opposed to the academic high school.

The opposition to manual training is within the teachers in the academic high school rather than on the part of the people.

All the politics in the educational departments of our American public schools centers around the favoring or opposing of one or the other of these systems of education.

The academic high school is the older system and is naturally hardest to eliminate. It contemplates that the primary grades are a preparation for the grammar grades, that the grammar grades are preparation for the high school course and that the high school course is a preparation for the university.

Now this older system of education seems to assume that education consists in mere culture—that is, general knowledge rather than specific knowledge or that which can be applied to economic necessity.

In our own city where the conditions are perhaps typical of most cities, only about five per cent of the high school pupils enter a university. Most of them go to work at something after leaving high school. In other words all this system is maintained for five per cent of the possible pupils who enter the universities.

The opposition to the idea of practical education is naturally personal with the teachers in the academic high school; for with the growth of the new idea they will be left without positions.

The older a system is built on a wrong principle the harder the reform; for the system builds up a machine within itself for its maintenance.

The opposition is not alone to the manual training school but it extends to the commercial high school idea, which is growing all over the country, and which is doing in a public way what the business college has been in a private way.

The chances are that these people who now comprise the academic system of education will never be thrown out of jobs; for academic education will never fall below the present point. There will be more education and more people educated as the demand for practical education is supplied. That this demand is indicated by the fact that where pupils are given their choice between one form of high school or the other invariably take that with a practical course. This fact is also proven by the fact that business colleges have all prospered and many large fortunes have been made out of them.

The situation in the educational world is about that of the newspaper world 15 years ago. At that time all newspapers were academic in their construction. They were educational literary, and catered to the cultured element in the community in which they were circulated, and all had small circulations.

With the coming of the flash newspapers, or those commonly known as yellow journals, they grew so rapidly in circulation that the publishers of the old newspapers became frightened, yet they could not find where their circulations were effected in the least. It was simply the fact that the flash newspapers were supplying a demand among a class that had not heretofore been supplied.

It has been discovered that the flash newspapers have actually made readers for the better newspapers; that on the lower east side of New York the foreigners buy the yellow papers, look at the pictures, spell out the head lines and by a natural evolution learn to read. And these in time become readers of better newspapers.

It was simply that the flash newspapers supplied a demand in a market that had not previously been supplied. So it is with practical education. More pupils will enter high schools if they can get that which they can turn to immediate profit.

The coming of cheaper magazines did not injure the sale of the better magazines—they simply sought their own market. The Century Magazine is a more profitable publication today than before the coming of Frank Munsey and S. S. McClure with their 10 and 15 cent magazines—in fact it pays a larger percentage of profit on the investment than any magazine. Munsey and McClure make readers for the Century.

We are a nation of commercialists, not culturists—we are not what those who have designed our educational system have assumed.

About time a young boy leaves the grammar school he begins to think about getting busy. He hears and reads stories of success by men who left school when they were 14 years old. Most men who have succeeded in spite of the lack of formal education are proud of the fact and it is usually the first thing they tell an interviewer.

The grammar boy knows in a general way of what his high school course will consist and he doesn't see that it will be of any immediate value to him

in getting a little quick money. He continues his education in a business college or goes into an office or shop for his employer to finish his education to profit.

Then there is another general tendency to decrease the number of school years, and that is the increased economic demands, the higher cost of living.

It all resolves itself into an economic question and not one of culture. A system of education should be supplied that will give the most marketable knowledge during the school years. We must economize the boys' time in school in useful and profitable pursuits to education just as we of business life economize our time in the office and shop.

The demand for academic education will increase naturally after we have felt the economic efforts of practical education.

Woman, and What She is Doing to Bless the World

What have the women contributed toward our town?

Many, many things—aye, more than can be enumerated in the brief space at command.

There was a time in the history of the world, way back in Paul's day, when woman was looked upon with something of disfavor. That was an unchristian era. Today the situation is vastly different, and instead of woman being inferior to man, she has proven herself to be his equal, if not his superior, in many of the virtues that make for good citizenship.

The women of our town have labored earnestly and long in an endeavor to maintain truth and sobriety in the home, teaching their sons and daughters that there are cardinal virtues, which are to be prized far greater than rubies. They have recognized the fact that home life is the foundation of all life, and that municipal, state and national existence is pure only as the home-life is pure.

The women of this city have been the silent force, the under current, that has been working so effectively through the years, the result of which has meant the ushering in of social conditions that are extremely wholesome.

While it is true that woman is not always seen, and is counted out when credit is being placed because of some conquest, it is nevertheless true that her influence, like a guardian angel, has hovered over the destiny of the people until she has made for herself a place in the world that none other can fill.

The different clubs of the city, literary and otherwise, are living examples of what woman is doing to broaden the mind of her sex, and in broadening touch other lives and cause them at least to form some conception of what their mission is in the world.

If there is any great question pressing for solution, the influence of which is to affect the home-life, the women of our town are ever on the alert to see that it is correctly solved. Thus working, they've formed a nucleus around which have been erected institutions that stand as a living monument in their defense of the home. All hail, then, to the queenly, white souled women of this community?

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Seward.....	4	2	2	.500
Kearney.....	4	2	2	.500
Hastings.....	4	1	3	.250
Superior.....	4	1	3	.250

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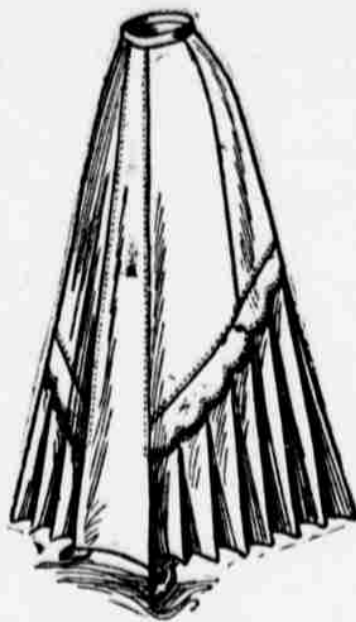
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Richard A. Turner.

Died, at his home south of this city Monday, May 16th., 1910, Richard A. Turner aged 64 years, 5 months and 3 days. For the past two years Mr. Turner has been suffering from heart trouble and other complications and at times has been very near death's door but his vigorous constitution withstood the ravages of disease until Monday when tired nature gave up the struggle and he passed into the great beyond. He was born December 13, 1845. He was among the first to respond to the call of his country at the beginning of the Civil War. He enlisted early and served during the entire war with valor and distinction. The people of this generation are just commencing to appreciate the magnificent service of the "boys in blue," their deeds of heroism will forever adorn the pages of history and the influence of their lives after the great struggle was over will continue to effect the minds of youth for years to come.

Uncle Dick, as he was familiarly called was beloved by all who knew him. He had a kind word of greeting for everyone and during trials and adversities his genial good nature met approaching hardships with a smile or a joke. He lived an optimistic life and always looked upon the bright side. He was a member in good and regular standing of the Masonic Fraternity and that order conducted the funeral ceremony at the Congregational church Wednesday morning.

The silver cord is loosed, the golden bowl is broken, the dust has returned to the earth as it was; the spirit has returned to God who gave it. Interment was made in the city cemetery.

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