

NEBRASKA'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS—FIRST GRADE AT FREMONT UNDER MISS JENNIE RHOADES, TEACHER.

Nebraska Public School System

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is not neglected, but it is no longer the primary object.

In the different Nebraska schools it is a pleasure to note the expression, animation and general interest of those classes whose teachers, either by the use of this or some similar method, caused their pupils to feel that their reading lesson was more than the mere passing over so many pages.

As a child learns to do by doing, the constructive work in which he creates and expresses thought for himself instead of interpreting that of another, is of even more importance as a developing agent. The work is begun as oral language when the child first enters school. He is required to describe simple objects before him, or a member of the class performs one or several acts and he tells what is done. He is taught to give hints for producing certain effects, as, for instance, hints of summer-time:

- Roses are in bloom.
- Women are fanning themselves.
- Birds are singing in the trees, etc.

Later, these are used in composition and in developing his power of visualization and ability to describe what appears to him. He is required to call to mind some person or place he has seen and describe it as he sees it. The untrained child will almost invariably describe all points with equal force. It is the purpose to lead him to recognize and describe those things which distinguish it from others of the same class and so cause it to be retained in memory.

Exercises in Visualization.

The following are exercises in visualization as they were received from pupils:

Of person:
A light-haired little fellow with big brown eyes and red cheeks wears a blue dress and sits at the table, eating. He holds the spoon in his left hand.—Fourth grade, Crete.

A little girl with a blue dress is standing by a big box making mud pies.—Fourth grade, Crete.

Of place:
It is very pleasant to sit beside the rippling brook overshadowed by tall, green trees. It is silent but for the twitter of the birds as they build their nests.—Seventh grade, Crete.

Simple descriptions to emphasize leading characteristics:
She is a large, fleshy woman with blue

eyes, light hair and dimples in each cheek. She is bright, witty and full of fun.—Sixth grade, Beatrice.

He was tall and broad-shouldered, with a large head and long face. He was very lazy and did nothing but eat his meals and go hunting. He slept twenty years in the mountains.—Sixth grade, Beatrice.

Exercises are also given in the analysis of the effects produced by certain poetical words or phrases in appealing to the reader by recalling past experiences, as, melancholy mind.

"Melancholy mind" reminds me of the story of "The Water Babies," where Tom came down the wrong chimney into a room where there were a great many pictures. The one that took Tom's fancy was a man hanging on a cross. When Tom looked at it he felt sad and turned to look at something else.—Sixth grade, Nebraska City.

"Sober with work and silent with care" reminds me of one day last summer. I was sitting on the steps, thinking of different things, when suddenly I happened to look up and I saw an old man with a white beard and a pickax over his shoulder. He went so patiently by, and I should not have known he was passing had I not looked up. His form was somewhat bent and his face—oh! what a pitiful one to

look upon! Such a wornout expression that told of trouble and pain. As he passed he breathed a long, deep sigh—one of the kind that tells of a sorrow that one never shows to others, but bears alone. I have never seen him from that day, but I have thought of him over and over again.—Sixth grade, Nebraska City.

Efforts are also made to cultivate the pupils' power to recognize underlying spiritual types and character effects, as, "A windy, dusty day."

If a windy, dusty day were changed into a person she would be an old lady. She would be cross and scold every one who came near her. She would have a dirty dress and a dirty house and would never have a kind word for anybody. She would never get up early in the morning and would sit around the stove all day. She would never go to see people when they were sick and she would have dirty children, too.—Third grade, Crete.

If the golden rod were changed into a person it would be a little girl. She would be kind and sweet and would always try to do what she could to help people.—Third grade, Crete.

The value of this work does not lie in the child's productions, which at best are but the crude expressions of an unripe judgment,



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ment, but in the training which he is receiving for something better. In the interpretative work the motive of the child is to understand the selections studied. The motive of the teacher is broader and through the lesson of today she cultivates his love of reading, his power to understand and criticize what he reads and a desire for the best and most elevating of the world's literature. In the constructive work he is gradually given the ability to express in the most effective use of oral or written language the ideas which he desires to convey.

Not many schools in the state fail to use this work at all, and at Crete, Nebraska City, Fairbury, Minden, Beatrice, Albion and many other places the plan is fully carried out in all of the grades.

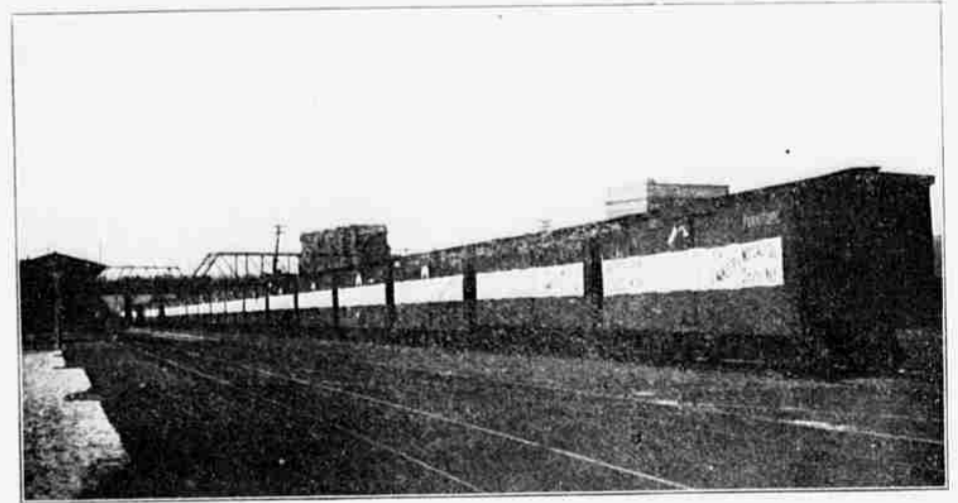
As reading and composition are the foundation of nearly every other branch taught, a general movement towards their improvement cannot but have a powerful effect on the whole school system. L. S. W.

Breaks the Record

Susan B. Anthony recently broke the record for 80-year-olds in a three days' visit to Detroit, during which she addressed a business college, three women's clubs, attended two banquets and a luncheon given in her honor, presided at a Unitarian meeting and sat for her photograph.

A New Epoch in Plow Trade

Lininger & Metcalf Co.'s Shipment Solid Train Case Plow Goods From Racine to Omaha.



LININGER & METCALF COMPANY'S SPECIAL PLOW TRAIN.

An interesting feature of the successful Implement Dealers' convention held last week in Omaha was the prompt arrival on schedule time—3 o'clock, Wednesday afternoon, January 10th, of the Lininger & Metcalf Co.'s special implement train via the C. B. & Q. railroad. This train, consisting of 34 carloads gaily decorated with bunting, appropriate signs and flags, pulled by a double-header engine, was welcomed by members of the firm, employes and visiting dealers as it drew up before the magnificent new Burlington station, where it remained for two days a subject of comment to all in-coming and outgoing passengers. The train was in charge of the popular division superintendent of the C. B. & Q., Mr. H. S. Storrs of Creston, accompanied by the efficient local freight solicitor, Mr. R. C. Hayes of Omaha.

Time was in the memory of many Omaha people when agricultural implements were brought into this state in prairie schooners or by boat or later, found their way from the railway terminus at Iowa City and Council Bluffs. The wildest imagination could not prophesy that a trade of over \$15,000,000 per annum in agricultural implements would be done in the year 1899 from Omaha and Council Bluffs. This fact alone speaks volumes for the fertility of the great farming community surrounding this city. The Lininger & Metcalf Co. is the pioneer jobbing house in Omaha. Their growth has been a reflex of the growth of the territory in which they do business. They were the first to inaugurate the trainload shipments of agricultural implements, the above being the sixth trainload received by them within the last few years. Omaha has especial reason for being proud of this institution because of its strictly local character. Unlike other concerns it is not a branch house of any factory, nor are its affairs dictated by non-residents. It has been largely due to the unceasing efforts of the senior member of this firm, Hon. G. W. Lininger, in locating new houses that Omaha has become an implement center.

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Stoddard Mfg. Co., Dayton, Ohio, mfgs. the "Tiger" line farm machinery.
Hoeking Valley Mfg., Lancaster, Ohio, mfg. shellers, horse powers, etc.
Joliet Mfg. Co., Joliet, Ill., mfgs. of Eureka power corn shellers.
Cutaway Harrow Co., Higganum, Conn., mfgs. of the Genuine Cutaway disc harrow.



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T. T. Haydock Carriage Co., Albany, N. Y., carriages.
Chicago Feed Mill Co., Chicago, Ill., corn grinders, Victor mills.
Osgood Scale Co., Binghamton, N. Y., farm and portable scales.
Humphrey & Son, Joliet, Ill., Dittor end-gate seeders.
S. Freeman & Sons Mfg. Co., Racine, Wis., wind mills and seeders.
Milburn Wagon Co., Toledo, Ohio, farm and Sarven wheel hollow axle wagon.
Bettendorf Axle Co., Davenport, Iowa, all steel gear wagons and trucks.
Buffalo Pitts Co., Buffalo, N. Y., threshing machinery.
Indiana Wagon Co., Lafayette, Ind., O'Brien farm wagons.