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A Plea for the High Schools.

University of Nebraska, Executive office. To the president and members of the Board of Education: Gentlemen: The report comes to this office that because of the financial depression and of the sudden crop failure, you feel the necessity of economizing in educational expenditures; and that this action is likely to take the form of reducing the force of teachers in the high schools—possibly, in some towns, of cutting off the last year of the high school.

I have no authority in the premises, and no warrant for addressing you at this time except my warm interest in the system of education which prevails in this state and in the young people who are being prepared under and by this system for better service to their fellow men, and hence for lives more satisfactory to themselves and to those who so lovingly strive to secure for them a successful future. To this may be added, perhaps, the excuse—if excuse be needed—of the very pleasant personal and official relations which have sprung up between the boards in so many towns and myself, as I have sought to learn of the higher educational needs and demands of the various localities in this state. This circular, then, is based entirely on my earnest desire, as a citizen of Nebraska, that not one of the children of this commonwealth shall be either denied the much coveted training of the high school, nor delayed in securing this.

For delay is dangerous. Youth comes but once and passes all too soon. These young people are now ripe for the training which you have thus far offered them. Turned from it now, once out in the world and fairly engaged in the bread-and-butter struggle, there is little chance of their ever entering the school-room again. Even should they do so, much will be lost; continuous work has such vastly greater force and effect than this disconnected effort.

Moreover, the very fact of the present commercial and financial depression renders their completion of their course wiser and more imperative than ever before. Wiser, because to drop them from the schools just now is in all probability to turn them over to an idle life. Many are unsuccessful in securing work at present. To drop a year of the high school is simply to increase this number. Now that these older pupils cannot secure work, or can secure but small wages, is the very time when it will cost them less to abstain from labor and to continue their schooling. If there was a demand for them at good wages, there might be some hesitation about their going on with their education. There certainly can be no hesitation in such dull times as these.

Again, the present condition of affairs proves only too conclusively the practical value of sound educational training. Not every man who has "graduated" holds out under the strain better than those not schooled; but, all other things being equal, the well-trained man surpasses the man who has not been trained—can render better service, and so has more staying power. You have only to look about you and reflect, to be assured of the general truthfulness of this proposition.

Finally, the amount saved by a slight reduction in the teaching force, or even by dropping a year in the high school, is almost infinitesimal when spread over the entire tax list and applied to the relief of each taxpayer. It is sheer and wasteful folly to have crippled, curtailed and inefficient schools at ninety per cent of the previous tax, when ten per cent more will keep them up to the standard.

I venture to suggest therefore—and I trust the suggestion will be received in the same spirit in which it is offered—that you ponder this matter long and carefully before you take definite action. See if there are not other lines of municipal expenditure along which a saving can be made. If you find that there must be less revenue to the schools, then begin at the bottom rather than at the top. Put the lower grades on half-day sessions; which is far better than depriving any higher grade of its entire work. Better still, if the emergency is great, suspend the first year, or even the first two years, rather than the last. Wiser and more truly economic by far, that the youngsters should have one more year of free, animal life, than that those whose education is so well under way should be turned from the schoolroom door.

The free public school, and especially the free public high school, is nearer and nearer to the heart of the American people every year. It is the inspiration of the individual pupil, the hope of all classes, the great lever of all false standards in social or individual life, the promise of state or national perpetuity, the one great factor that constantly tends to insure a pure democracy. I pray you to be extraordinarily careful to preserve undiminished its efficiency and its power.

With expressions of highest respect, believe me to be most cordially yours,
JAMES H. CANFIELD.
Lincoln, August, 1894.

The Independent Convention.

The Independent County Convention assembled at the court house in Indianola, last Saturday, as per call. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Smith and the call read. S. T. Parsons of Bartley, was elected temporary chairman and O. D. Mosher of Indianola, was elected secretary. The following committee on credentials was appointed: R. C. Catlett, Ami Teel and M. Reddy. Committee on permanent organization: J. H. Bayston, Cal Underwood, H. H. Fickens, H. Jones and Mr. Remington. Committee on resolutions: N. Dutcher, I. Vandervort, S. W. Stilgebauer, A. Hammond and W. T. Lindsay. Committee on order of business: W. R. Pennington, A. J. Foss and I. M. Smith. A motion prevailed that the opera house be secured for the afternoon session, as the court house was entirely too small for the delegates. J. Fletcher and J. H. Bayston were appointed a committee to take up a collection to pay for the hall, and they succeeded in raising \$8.57. Adjourned till 1:30 p. m.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Parsons. Report of the committee on credentials.

The committee on resolutions reported as follows, and the resolutions were adopted amidst great enthusiasm:

We, the delegates of the Peoples' Independent party of Red Willow county, in convention assembled, reaffirm the principles of the Omaha platform of July 4th, 1892, and adopt the following principles as the demands of this convention, and we call upon all citizens of the county, irrespective of former party affiliations, to assist us in the carrying out of the same by securing at the ballot box the election of the member of the legislature who is by this convention placed before the people for their suffrage.

We demand that the law fixing salaries of the county officers be reduced to a fair compensation. Also that all fees accruing in any county office shall be turned into the county general fund and all salaries of county officers be paid out of the general fund.

We demand that general suffrage be extended to the women of our state on an equality with men.

The populists of Red Willow county are in close sympathy with the wage workers of the land and we denounce the combination of railroad managers and government officials by which the rights of workmen are trampled upon.

That we heartily endorse the action of our senators, W. V. Allen, and of our representatives in congress, in their earnest endeavors to secure legislation in the interest of the toiling masses.

We recognize the necessity of public employment for tens of thousands of worthy Nebraska citizens who have been brought to destitution by the crop-destroying drouths, and we declare they must be saved from beggary and starvation by setting them to work upon the public roads, and upon state-surveyed, state-built and state-owned irrigation canals, wherever water supplies can be utilized, payment for these public services to be made in county and state warrants, receivable for taxes.

For legislation in the interest of the people of the state and county we demand the initiative referendum system, to be established by law as soon as possible and to carry out the reforms demanded by our national, state and county platforms, we demand the passage of a bill in the coming legislature for a call for a constitutional convention to frame a state constitution for submission to the people for their adoption or rejection.

Resolved, That we endorse the actions of Hon. I. A. Sheridan in the late general assembly of the state.

We, the independent party, heartily endorse the action of E. J. Mitchell, editor of the Indianola Courier, in that he has endorsed the independent platform and has joined the party voice and vote, and tendered his paper as an independent organ to herald the principles of the party to all people.

Resolved, That we, the Independent Convention of Red Willow county, in session assembled, do hereby pledge our hearty support to the above paper.

Motion made and carried that the nominations be made by informal ballot. I. M. Smith and M. Reddy were appointed tellers. Informal ballot for treasurer: Meserve 122, Fletcher 14, Reddy 1. J. B. Meserve was nominated by acclamation. He was called for and coming forward delivered an address which was received with much applause.

CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION.

I. N. Clover, W. A. Minniear, L. J. Shippe, Pat Callan, Frank Reel, W. T. Lindsay, W. A. Gold, Ira Miller.

ALTERNATES:
O. D. Mosher, N. Dutcher.

SENATORIAL CONVENTION.
M. C. Maxwell, J. H. Berge, W. M. Taylor, R. A. Green, Page T. Francis, H. H. Pickens, M. W. Rozell, I. M. Smith.

ALTERNATES:
S. R. Smith, Philip Blatt.

I. M. Smith was elected chairman of the county central committee.

The following is a list of the precinct committeemen:

Alliance, M. Reddy; Box Elder, J. S. Modrell; Coleman, W. M. Rozell; Driftwood, C. S. Ferris, Fritsch, James Carmichael; Grant, W. A. Gold; Missouri Ridge, T. E. Miller; Perry, Frank Reel; Tyrone, L. J. Shippe; Indianola, Isaac Vandervort; Beaver, W. A. Minniear; Bondville, J. A. Carter; Danbury, E. B. Lister; East Valley, I. Fletcher; Gerver, R. A. Green; Lebanon, E. C. Clark; North Valley, George E. Culver; Red Willow, I. J. Miller; Valley Grange, M. C. Maxwell; Willow Grove, A. W. Utter.

The delegates to the state convention were instructed for J. H. Bayston for superintendent of public instruction.

Nominating a candidate for commissioner for the second district, consisting of Alliance, East Valley, Fritsch, Indianola, North Valley and Red Willow precincts, was next in order. The informal ballot was as follows: Young 9, Carmichael 18, Fletcher 3, Sibbett 6, Catlett 6, Colling 6. Formal ballot: Carmichael 26, Sibbett 7, Catlett 5, Colling 3. James Carmichael of Fritsch precinct, was declared duly elected. He was called forward and made a speech of acceptance. The business of the convention being finished the meeting adjourned.

Councilmanic Doings.

The city council was in regular session, Monday evening.

The following bills were allowed:
McCook Electric Light Co. \$132.50
Barnett Lumber Co. 19.76
L. Lowman & Son 55
J. A. Wilcox & Son 30
E. J. Wilcox, cash advanced 65
H. P. Sutton, salary 25.00
C. E. Pope, salary 25.00
J. H. Yarger, salary 25.00
Jacob Steinmetz, salary 25.00
C. B. Gray, salary 37.50
E. J. Wilcox, salary 75.00
J. E. Kelley, salary 37.50
J. S. LeHew, salary 37.50

Report of L. W. McConnell, druggist, was placed on file.

Finance committee reported a favorable examination of the report of Treasurer Gray made June 25th.

Report of Treasurer Gray reported to finance committee.

Adjourned till 9 a. m., Tuesday.

At this session there was a full board present. The only business transacted was the passage of an ordinance to create a board of health and to define its powers and duties. Adjourned.

C. T. Brewer lost four nice hogs out of one of his South Omaha shipments, this week. They were dead when they got to their destination, and Charley is about \$50 out as a result.

We greatly regret learning that there is a probability that the Nebraska K. P. lodges will not go to Washington. So far they have not been able to secure satisfactory rates from the railroads.

William Augustine and Miss Carl—one of the twins—were married in Wauweta, Tuesday. They returned here on Wednesday evening.

We are under obligations to the Indianola Courier for the report of the independent county convention appearing in this issue.

Hon. W. E. Andrews will deliver a speech at Cambridge, after the senatorial convention, today. And it will be worth hearing.

With Providence withholding His smiles and a democratic administration, surely we are in hard times.

The A. O. U. W. have paid the \$2,000 insurance carried by the late G. R. Oyster. Prompt.

One line of the hose leaked badly at the fire plug, Tuesday. Gaskets save force, boys.

You can't fight fire very satisfactorily with three-sixteenths.

Tycoon teas are winners. Try them. 35c and 45c per pound at the C. O. D. grocery store.

Brewer is selling meat cheaper than it has ever been offered in the history of McCook.

It's too hot for politics. So please excuse for a few weeks.

Brewer sells hams at 12 1/2c. Best brands in America.

"Celerade"—a celery nerve tonic at McConnell's.

PEOPLE YOU KNOW.

DAN CASHEN is at Courtland, in Gage county, now.

MRS. C. W. KNIGHTS is visiting in Oelwein, Iowa.

MRS. WILL YETTER returned to Hastings, Saturday morning.

MRS. LAWSON and the children are visiting Riverton relatives.

MAYOR KELLEY spent Sunday in the mountains with the family.

R. O. PHILLIPS was up from Lincoln, Saturday, on ditch business.

SIDNEY DODGE's son left for Hyannis, Wednesday morning, to cut hay in that vicinity.

A. R. CRUZEN, the Curtis banker who wants to be secretary of state, was a city visitor, Monday.

C. T. BRIGGS spent part of last week with the family at Stockville, riding over on his bicycle.

JESSE ASHTON is in the city receiving treatment, and is making his home at the St. Charles hotel.

MRS. CRANDALL departed, last Friday evening, for Illinois, where she will make her future home.

P. A. WELLS left for New York, Thursday morning, expecting to be absent in the east about a month.

DR. GAGE was called up to Haigler, Monday night, to see Mrs. Rice, wife of the section foreman there.

COL. HARRY McCLELLAND of Imperial, was the guest of his friend Rector Frank Durant, Friday last.

MISS WINNIE DAVIS, "daughter of the confederacy," was a passenger on No. 2, one morning last week.

J. P. LINDSAY departed, last night, for his new home in Tonawanda, New York. May ample success be his portion.

JAMES MUNSON, brother of Mrs. H. P. Sutton, is here on a visit, arriving from Ainsworth, Monday evening.

MRS. N. L. CRONKHYTE spent the closing days of last week here looking after her large interests in the city.

SAM BARNER and family departed for Mt. Carmel, Pennsylvania, Saturday last, where he has secured work at this trade.

E. J. WILCOX went up to Denver, Wednesday night, and will spend the balance of the week there at the L. A. W. meeting.

JOHN HATFIELD came out from Decatur, Illinois, Saturday evening, to look after his large and valuable stock and land interests near here.

MR. AND MRS. J. E. ALLEN arrived from Denver, Sunday morning. Mr. Allen is convalescing nicely, though still weak from his long illness.

REGISTER CAMPBELL attended the meeting of the democratic state central committee in Omaha, first of the week, returning home Tuesday night.

MRS. J. P. LINDSAY and the children left for Iowa, Sunday morning, to visit relatives briefly on their way to their future home in Tonawanda, New York.

E. R. CURTIS' hand came in contact with a rope at the fire, Tuesday, and he carries that member wrapped up very carefully now, and will till the burn is better.

C. T. BREWER returned from South Omaha, Saturday night. He shipped several bunches of steers to Chicago during his absence and had a round-up with the strikers in the yards at South Omaha.

An Untimely End.

The death of George L. Etter, at an early hour, Wednesday morning, after a lingering illness, is one of the saddest visitations of the Grim Destroyer that McCook has ever received. Clever and popular, in the prime and flush of young manhood, George Etter has been cut down. The deceased has been a resident of our city for a number of years, and has acquired a large circle of friends, who with the family are inexpressibly shocked at his untimely death.

Private services were conducted at the Commercial House, over which the deceased had presided successfully for years, at 9:30 o'clock Thursday morning, by Rev. Frank Durant of the Episcopal church. Funeral took place immediately afterward, interment being made in Longview cemetery.

The bereaved mother, sister and brothers have the very tenderest sympathy of this community in this deep and sad affliction.

A number of beautiful floral offerings were laid on the casket, tributes from friends.

There were a number of commercial men among the pall bearers. The deceased was a prime favorite with the traveling public.

John Etter, a brother from Neosho, Missouri, arrived on Wednesday night, to attend the funeral.

Try Meadow Lily at McConnell's.

It is a question of feed or no feed now.

Red Willow county will have a fair anyhow. The dates are September 4-7.

FOR RENT—A new 5-room residence desirably located. See P. A. Wells over the Citizens bank.

Book-keeping blank books for sale at this office. Day, cash, journal, ledger, each at 10c. apiece.

Dr. Z. L. Kay succeeds the late G. R. Oyster on the board of education. He will make a good member.

Practical irrigationists will turn their attention to the question of securing reservoirs. They are necessary to a large success of irrigation in southwestern Nebraska.

There will be 100,000 Knights of Pythias, more or less, at Washington, August 27th, consequently you should procure your cards at home. Call at once and see our samples.

J. W. Dolan, a banker from Indianola, and Jacob Pflug, of Exeter, were in Falls City, Wednesday, looking after feed and provender for the drouth stricken people in their country.—Falls City Journal.

Our people should not lose sight of the windmill and pump as factors in irrigation. Where used in connection with storage reservoirs they have proved successful in irrigating small tracts of land, from one to ten acres.

Some small boys and a few matches caused W. H. Brown and C. H. Jacobs to lose all the small buildings in the rear of their respective dwellings in the northwestern part of the city, Tuesday, shortly after noon. The buildings were practically destroyed by the time the fire department arrived. It was a long and hot run for the boys. But, notwithstanding the light water pressure, the fire was easily confined to the buildings described. Such pressure would have availed little had the fire been in a structure of any considerable size.

Irrigation by means of windmills has progressed far beyond the experimental stage at Garden City, Kansas. The farmers have found this method of getting water more satisfactory and certain than from the river, and new mills and reservoirs are now going up. The effect can be seen to be marvelous even from the car windows as one travels across that district. East of Garden City the ground is bare and brown. West of there it is even more bare and yet browner. In and around Garden City is a garden, and windmill irrigation is the thing that has been mainly instrumental in reclaiming the desert.—State Journal.

Rev. Frank Durant will leave for St. Paul, Minnesota, early in September, to resume his theological studies. He expects to be absent about a year. Rev. Knox of Broken Bow will supply this point in the interim, but will make his headquarters at Arapahoe. Rev. Durant has made for himself an enviable reputation during his residence among us, by his ability as a pulpit orator and by his popular personality. He expects to take up the work here again at the end of a year, and if fortune and prosperity should smile on this community during the coming season, he expects to build a house of worship for the Episcopal people in the fall of '95. THE TRIBUNE joins his many friends and admirers in kindest and most prosperous wishes.

Buy fine beef roasts at Brewer's at 7c. cash.

Wall Paper 3 cents a roll at L. W. McConnell's.

Good writing paper ten cents a quire at this office.

"Celerade"—a celery nerve tonic at McConnell's.

Buy meat of Brewer and save 40 per cent. of your money.

Patronize the McCook Commission Co. for flour and feed.

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Hastings High Patent Flour \$1.00

Fancy Bakers 80

Extra Family 70

4 lbs XXX Soda Crackers 25

3 cans Blue Valley Sugar Corn 25

3 lbs. Ginger Snaps 25

6 lbs. Rolled Oats 25

Sherman Bros. Best Mocha and Java Coffee, 2 lbs. for 75

Sun dried Japan Tea that heretofore sold at 45c, now 35

The 60-cent grade now 45

All other goods in proportion.

J. W. McKENNA, Proprietor.