

Dean Bessey Writes of the Nebraska Schoolmasters

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At the invitation of J. H. Miller a meeting was held in the Lincoln hotel on December 15, 1909, at which time were present Chancellor MacLean, Prof. Shyrtma and Bessey, Superintendent Beyer, Principal Waterhouse and Mr. Crabtree. The matter had been thought out pretty carefully by Mr. Miller and on this account he was made chairman of the meeting. It was decided to have no formal constitution, but the following rules were adopted, and in many respects they are the same as those we have now:

1. The Nebraska Schoolmasters' club is a social and professional organization.
2. Names of candidates for membership may be submitted to the executive committee, who may bring the name before the club at any meeting.
3. New members may be elected at any meeting. The ballot shall be constructed to postpone the election. No discussion is allowed as to nonfitness of candidates.
4. The officers shall be: president and secretary, and these shall constitute the executive committee. The officers shall be elected at the last meeting of the school year and shall serve until the election of their successors.
5. The details of each succeeding meeting shall be determined by majority vote at the preceding meeting.
6. The expense of the club shall be borne equally by all members of the club, and any member who fails to pay his part of such expense before the next meeting thereby forfeits his membership. Absent members who give twenty-four hours' notice to the secretary shall be assessed but one-third of the usual fee.
7. Subject to the approval of the executive committee, any member may at his own expense of two-thirds the usual fee bring with him guests to the meeting.
8. The club of two-thirds vote may invite guests to any future meeting. In emergency cases, an executive may extend an invitation to any prominent educator or public man who may be temporarily in the city. Executives may in their discretion call a meeting of the club to entertain distinguished guests.

Informal from Start.
Chancellor MacLean was insistent in his determination that the club should be very informal, and in order to emphasize it sat during a considerable portion of the meeting with his feet on the table around which the members were gathered. No more emphatic action could have been taken by such a man as Chancellor MacLean.

It was arranged to have a special meeting for the election of additional members and this occurred on December 27. Superintendents Reed, Dinmore, Pearce and Jackson, Prof. Beattie, Ward, Hill and Luckey and President Ferry were elected to membership. About this time it was decided that Mr. Miller should continue to be president of the club and Mr. Crabtree secretary.

Early in January of 1910 the first regular meeting was held, at which the membership was limited to twenty-five. In this meeting the practice of having a dinner in connection with the paper and discussions was inaugurated.
The second meeting occurred early in March and the practice which had been inaugurated at the beginning of dropping all titles was emphasized. Everybody was plain Mister. There were no chancellors, presidents, professors, superintendents, etc. At the last meeting of the year Mr. Miller was elected president for the year following and Superintendents Stephens and Bodwell, Prof. Powers and Pattison and President Kerr were added to the membership.

With the first meeting in the fall some changes had taken place in the membership, Chancellor MacLean having accepted the presidency of the University of Iowa.

Andrews Elected.
During the year of 1910-1911 meetings were held regularly and some additions were made to the membership. It was determined that at the last meeting of the year early in May the wives of the members should be invited. At this last meeting it was recommended that Chancellor-elect Andrews should be elected to membership, which was done by acclamation.

During the year 1910-1911 Superintendent Pearce was the president and about this time the former practice of dropping all titles began to weaken and it was members addressed as "president" or "chancellor" or "professor." Here, too, the custom of having one meeting of the year in Omaha was inaugurated.

In these earlier years the number of meetings each year was not fixed, the number usually ranging from five to six or seven, but there was a gradual growth of the feeling that the meetings should be limited to a smaller number.

At the last meeting of the year President Kerr of Bellevue college was made president of the club for the ensuing year.
In the years that follow minor changes were made in the rules in order to avoid friction which had arisen on account of the ease with which any candidate might

be blackballed and the membership limit was gradually raised from twenty-five to a much larger number. At one time a little more than ten years ago balloting by mail was introduced, but after a trial of a year or so it was abandoned.

Many Turned Down.
There was one period during which it was very difficult for any one to be elected to membership, the common explanation being that every name presented was met with enough negative votes to defeat election. This threatened to bring about much bad feeling, but gradually this died out with the growing feeling of good fellowship which arose in the club. In looking over the minutes one is struck by the feeling that the club has not at any time given way to any money making projects. Year by year at the annual examination of the treasurer's accounts it has been found that the club treasury contained but very few dollars, scarcely more than enough to cover postage before the next dues were collected. This lack of money in the treasury doubtless has had much to do in all these years with keeping the principal objects of the club constantly in mind.

We have never been tempted to indulge in any luxuries at the expense of the treasury, since the treasury could not meet any considerable demand upon it. It is pleasant to record that the club departed from its usual formal program at its Omaha meeting in March, 1904. When it became known that Superintendent Pearce was to leave Omaha to accept the superintendency of the schools of Milwaukee, instead of the regular program a series of fitting toasts were admirably responded to by different members who were close friends of Mr. Pearce.

It is impossible in a brief summary such as this to indicate the accessions and the losses to membership which have been such as to quite materially change the personnel in the twelve years of the club's existence. It would be a pleasant thing to speak particularly of the different members who have been with us for a time and taken their departure, but there is not space to do so in these brief chronicles.

The following papers were read during the period beginning with the first meeting and ending with the forty-sixth:
(Here Dean Bessey gave by title the papers delivered and discussed at the forty-five meetings of the club.)
Discussions at Meetings.
Looking over these papers the historian is able to sort them out into a few general heads. Thus about six of the papers deal with the formal divisions of educational work—the grades, the high school and the college, and in these papers the problems connected with these divisions were discussed. About the same number of papers gave attention to the pupils, including the studies proper for the pupils, the question of the development of the child, his play, his health and his morals. A few papers were devoted to the mechanical and the business side of educational work, and a few also to general topics, which included cultural and historical matters.

To the historian of these earlier years there comes the suggestion that perhaps the club has given too little attention to questions of actual teaching and presentation. But one paper, that upon English teaching, took up this matter in all the years of the club's existence. It is notable also that but two papers dealt directly with college problems, and but two to grade school problems. These observations may suggest the lines along which papers might well be prepared in the club in the near future.

In looking over my historical summary of the Schoolmasters' club, which I prepared three years ago, I may add that a pretty regular attendance since then has not shown any change in the purpose and spirit of the organization. The meetings today are very like those of the early days.

(Signed) CHARLES E. BESSEY.

Will Dempsey Gets Away from Officers and is Yet at Large

Will Dempsey, rated by the police as a "bad man," is again at freedom. After being sentenced to sixty days' imprisonment in Judge C. W. Britt's court, he was escorted to the county jail, and just as the door of the building was reached he broke away from Officers E. J. Dickinson and C. H. Darnell. After an exciting chase up Harney street he escaped and later in the evening was captured at Council Bluffs. He remained in captivity just a few moments, when he escaped from the officers there and is still at large.
Dempsey has been arrested innumerable times for harassing Mrs. Grace Breesingham, 108 South Twenty-eighth avenue, his last offense being on September 23. Mrs. Breesingham was advised by the police that the next time she bothered her to shoot him, and the last time he appeared at her home she did so. He was arrested some time later by a police detective.
Last winter Dempsey appeared at the Breesingham home and was badly slashed about the head and body by the widow's crippled son, Ray Davis, when he found the trespasser in the house.
After escaping last night he telephoned Mrs. Breesingham from Council Bluffs that he was going to return and kill her. He also so informed Constable R. W. Bryant's folks that he was after the head of the family, Mr. Bryant being out of the city.
The police are still looking for the fugitive.

Tom Shumacker is to Visit in Omaha

Tom Shumacker, twenty years ago a clerk in Union Pacific headquarters, but now chairman of the executive committee and also chairman of the board of directors of the Rock Island railroad system, will be in Omaha next week on a tour of inspection of the company's lines.
Mr. Shumacker has not given out the itinerary of the trip, but it is known that he will be accompanied by a number of the head officers of the road, and it is expected that his special train will be in the city for an hour or two. The trip at this time is the first that Mr. Shumacker has made over the system since he became its head and is made for the purpose of ascertaining just what the road needs to put it in first-class condition.



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\$1.95

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One of the leading dress goods manufacturers closed out to us five cases of this season's best selling dress goods at a big concession in price. They are all mill ends, perfect goods, in lengths from 2 1/2 to 5 yards. Marked for quick selling at about half price. For entire mill ends, each... **59c, 98c and \$1.39**

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The ever serviceable corduroys in new drab shade, full lined with khaki cloth; ages 6 to 16 years.

Boys' \$5 Chinchilla Overcoats at \$3.95

Light gray, dark gray and blue shades, made in the new half belt model, ages 2 1/2 to 8 years... **\$3.95**

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1,500 importers' samples of Lace Curtains. These are half curtains in fine Irish Point, Duchess, Marie Antoinette and Scrim; special in basement... **25c**

BED SPREADS

Full size Bed Spreads in beautiful Marcellite pattern—an excellent spread for rooming houses and hotels—worth \$1.75... **\$1.25**

TOWELING

Unbleached Turkish Toweling, good, heavy weight, for steam towels, at, yard... **9c**

Water Board Sits to Listen to the Kicks of Owners

The board of directors of the Metropolitan Water district, sitting as a board of equalization, are being subjected to the vigorous kicks of numerous property owners, who assert there have been inequalities of assessment in one manner or another.
Chiefly the protesters object to the Water board's assessment of 50 cents per front foot for laying new water mains where the property owners have installed private mains at their own expense. The city council ordered the assessment reduced 50 per cent in such cases, but since the Metropolitan Water district law went

Uncle Sam's Auction Sale of Lands Draws Only a Small Crowd

Uncle Sam's auction sale of 6,000 acres of Indian lands in the vicinity of Riverton, Wyo., was anything but a success. The land was put up at auction last Saturday and continued over until Tuesday and then called off on account of lack of bidders. The total sales aggregated less than 500 acres and the buying was almost entirely by ranchmen in the vicinity.
Superintendent Boone of the Northwest road, with headquarters in Casper, is in the city and discussing the sale of Indian lands at Riverton, attributes the lack of interest to the fact that he auction followed too closely upon the land

LOOKING FOR RELATIVES OF DANIEL B. HOFFMAN

The police of Fort Smith, Ark., have notified the local authorities that Dan B. Hoffman died recently in a hotel of that city, and informed those attending him that his brother was a butcher working in Omaha or South Omaha. Before the address could be obtained Hoffman died. A search for the relative is being conducted here.
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