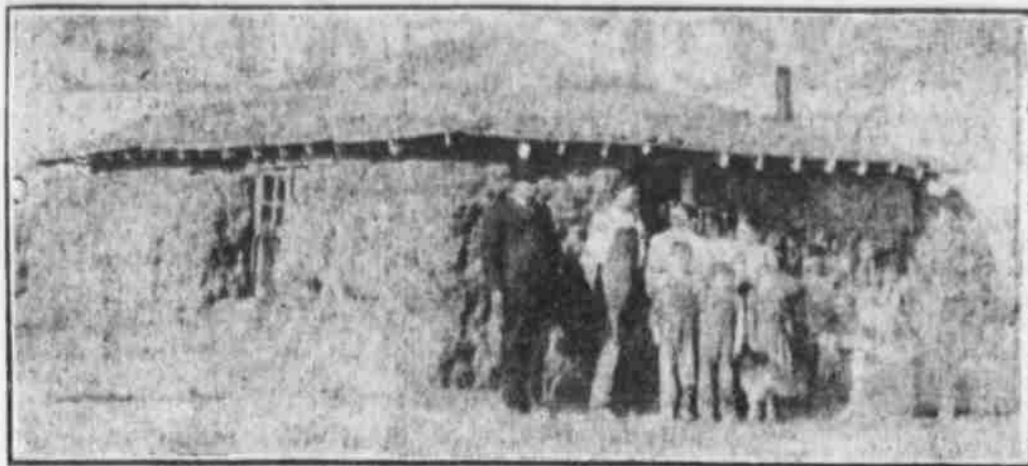
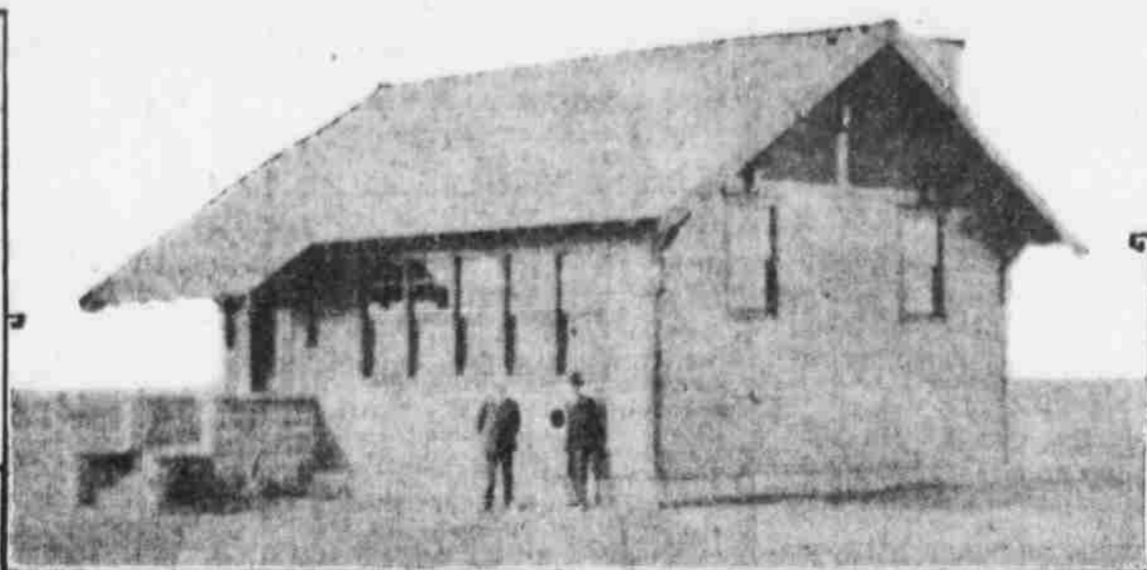


# Where Nebraska Youngsters Struggle for Education



Hayes County Temporary School House



Model Modern County School - District No. 68 - Buffalo County



School House District 71 - Chase County



School Grounds District 72 - Hayes County

Miss Anna V. Day of the state superintendent's office, who looks after the schools of the state under the state aid law, tells some very interesting incidents regarding some of the schools she visited during her recent tour of the western part of the state.

For the last three sessions the state legislature has appropriated the sum of \$75,000 for the purpose of helping each school district in the state to hold at least five months of school. No money spent by the state is more deserved nor more appreciated by those who receive it than this. Without it this year there are 216 school districts and about 3,000 children who could not have had even this short term of school. Conditions in these districts are exceedingly interesting, and it does not take long to convince a visitor that the aid is given to a most worthy cause.

"One of the most interesting schools which we visited on this trip," said Miss Day, "was in district No. 71 in Chase county. The district is in a sandhill region, has an area of nine sections and an assessed valuation of \$3,130. The maximum levy of 25 mills in this district gives an income of \$76. Their income from other sources makes their entire resources for the current school year \$120 and they have a debt of \$150. The school house is built of boards, unplaned, and there is neither lath, plaster nor paper. All around the walls are cracks, through which the rain comes in the spring and fall, and the snow in winter. The roof and the side walls do not make proper connections anywhere and one little girl pointed with much enthusiasm to the places where the drifts were deepest last winter. The teacher this year is Jay Oudekirk, a Franklin normal trainer, and a credit to his school he certainly is. Neat and attractive personally, with good methods of teaching at his command, he was giving the pupils as good instruction as they would receive in the best schools in the more wealthy counties. He said that one day recently he had spent the whole forenoon drying the text books. They are kept on an old table in the front

of the room and he had gone home one night without covering them with the oil-cloth which is kept for that purpose. A storm came up during the night and the books were thoroughly soaked. In speaking of it he said: "Oh, the rain comes in everywhere." The school house has no foundation and the floor is very cold, the warmest fire cannot make it comfortable for the children's feet. We found the floor of our automobile much warmer. This district receives from the state aid fund enough money to allow them to hold school five months. Without state aid they could do nothing.

"District No. 72 in Hayes county has an even harder proposition. Five years ago their school house was blown away by a tornado. They had been able to get along and hold a little school every year, but there was no money to build a new school house. Rather than have the children entirely deprived of school privileges, a sod house on one of the farms in the district was given to be used as a school house. Now a house may be a very good dwelling but a decidedly poor school house, and that was the case here. The house was about twelve feet square, had two windows, one half window in the back and a good big one in the front of the room where the light shone directly into the eyes of the children. The only other source of light was the door which obviously could not be open at all times. There were six pupils in this school, one of whom was trying to carry the ninth grade work. We heard a bright eyed Bohemian boy of about 6 read with much evident pleasure the story of the little cake which jumped out of the pan and ran away from the cook. The school grounds were also the barn yard with no could easily teach stock judging with no trouble at all in securing the cattle to judge. This district has selected a site for a new building and hopes soon to have a suitable home.

"In the adjoining district we were shown the daughter of the director, a girl about 16, who rides three miles on horse-



Christmas Tree in Dundy County School - District 21

back alone down the canyon to school. Riding three miles down a canyon where there is no house to pass the whole distance, and where the road is hidden from the sight of any one even a short distance away is an undertaking which would look rather serious to most little girls and to their parents, in the eastern part of the state.

"District 21 in Dundy county is one of the small, poor schools in the county. In the financial sense. The school house is little and old, though the furniture is fairly good. There is no coal house, and the little supply of coal was piled on the floor in the back of the school room. There was no teacher's desk, the teacher using a pupil's desk,

facing her school. If you ever tried keeping the necessary outfit of books, papers and other supplies used by a teacher of all grades in a rural school, you will know that these accommodations were not entirely adequate, but alone the fact that the desk was some sizes too small for the teacher. The charts and stripes hung on the wall, though, and if she was doing nothing else this teacher was letting her pupils see that there are some things in life well worth living for, whether the "cottage be great or small." There were four youngsters in attendance, one boy and three girls, none of them over 12 years old. The teacher, Miss Artist, looks as though she were not much over that age herself.

"The most interesting thing in the room was the tree in the corner. This was on December 9 and Christmas was a long ways off; but trees are hard to get in that country, and if one is to be had it is well to arrange for it in plenty of time. Where this one came from I do not know, for there was not a tree to be seen for miles, but there it stood in the corner, a pathetic sight in one way, for it was not the kind of a tree designed for the model advocated by the state; branches looked rather dreary, but it was all the tree, perhaps all the Christmas those children expected to have, and they were taking as much pleasure in preparing it as they would have taken had it been the finest fir tree in the land. They were winding the branches with tissue paper and doing all the things for its adornment that the teacher could suggest of their resources accomplish, and when the lights go out on their Christmas entertainment, I fancy the Christmas spirit will have been with them in as great a measure as in any place in the land.

In strong contrast with these schools is the one just completed with the installation of a heating and ventilating plant in district No. 88, Buffalo county. It is now in use and meets all the requirements of the model advocated by the state superintendent. One feature of its construction is that it cost no more than one of the old and conventional type. The building stands north and south, with the entrance and windows on the east side, two windows furnishing auxiliary light are placed high up in the north wall. A large storeroom and hall, with individual lockers for the pupils, is partitioned off from the main school building, and is entered before reaching the large room. Heavy cement steps and slides to the entrance give a substantial appearance well sheltered by the extension of a part of the roof. Individual drinking cups and a closed water jar guard the children's health. The school house is located six miles north of Kearney and the school is taught by Miss Blanche Heacock.

## NAMING THE NEW HOTEL

Many More Readers Interested in Great Undertaking.

### TASK INSPIRES THE POETERS

Mayall No Tree Finds Theme for Joyous Song in Thought and Others Get Good Ideas for Title.

The Christening. What shall we call the new hotel? Good lets pray don't be mute; Let's have a name That'll spread its fame. How would The Grey Tweed suit?

A name, a name, Let's have a name, Good friends it's up to you; The Scottish clans Are strong out here. How would The Roderick Dhu?

And still and still To fill the bill The right name hasn't been found; And I suggest To the possible guest. How would The Pigeon Sound?

But as it will mean A million homes To those who give or loan it; This hostelry It seems to me Should be called the Golden Doughnut.

But serious now. Since 'twill guard the gate That leads to the glorious west; To the critical ear Of the names that I hear, 'Hotel Fort' sounds the best. -MAYALL NE TRELE.

Would suggest as name for new hotel the "Omaha Grand" or "The John Arthur." A SUBSCRIBER.

In the naming of the new million-dollar hotel, let us suggest one name that stands above all names in the state of Nebraska, as well as in every state in the union. It is favorably known. You need go to any country on the globe and meet an American—if you mention the name and your residence, you will receive a further introduction. The name is "The Jewel," cleanliness up to the top of the head, and go to a hotel for rest

We do not wish, by the name of the hotel, to be reminded of disaster, or wild west, or the swamps of West India. Only four letters to it. It stands out as a beacon light on the grandest spot in the state of Nebraska, and near enough to the center of the United States to be called hub, but our forefathers called it "York."

From the Advertising Man Care Daily News, York, Neb. I am reminded of the old lady at the christening. Friends were invited and responded, so when the parson came a little later he found the parents could not agree on a name. Good naturedly he appealed to the guests to furnish a name. This name and that was suggested; at last the old lady was appealed to for a name. Jumping to her feet she called out "Call it Belzebub—a good scripture name." S. C. MALIN.

As Omaha is so nearly the center of the United States, I would suggest "Mid-Continent" as an appropriate name for the new hotel. YERNON SCHLEH.

I would suggest the name "Belvedere" for the new million-dollar hotel. A READER OF THE BEE.

I would suggest as the name of the new hotel the "Severn" or the "Highland." "The Severn" is dignified, looks well printed and is easily spoken. "The Highland" has the same attributes and suggests in the name the location it will occupy, as distinctive from others. Respectfully yours, J. C. BIXBY.

Here is a name for your new hotel, "Lincington," a combination of the names of our two most honored presidents. The combination nicely suggest what Omaha really is—the big connecting link between the east and the west. Lincington (Linc-ing-ton), the name offers possibilities for a beautiful letterhead design also. Chicago. CHICAGO READER.

I am a reader of the Omaha Daily Bee, and seeing that you are seeking names for the \$1,000,000 hotel for Omaha, I send in the name I have in mind. I think that the name Hotel Omaha would be a suitable name. Yours truly, Emerson, Neb. C. Z. MYERS.

Permit me to suggest the name, "The Palace," for the new hotel which Omaha is to have. PAUL LANGDON, Gretna, Neb.

Permit me to suggest a name for the new \$1,000,000 hotel. "The Jewel," a name very appropriate and suitable in my opinion. No doubt it will be a jewel in architecture and furnishings and the

first syllable will honor some of your city's most enterprising and liberal business men. MRS. EDGAR ROBINS, Missouri Valley, Ia.

I would suggest that the name for the new hotel be the "Continental," or the "Midcontinental," as suggestive of the location on the continent. MRS. O. K. Nahawka, Neb.

Name your new hotel "The Capitol National." My reason is the capital of these United States should be located at Omaha, Neb., and if I were running a big daily I'd sure start the agitation. Yours truly, W. S. ROSENSTOCK, David City, Neb.

I do not believe any one has yet suggested "Quivera" as the name for the new hotel. "Quivera" has already become famous as the domain of King Ak-Sar-Ben, and this name would readily be recognized by prominent officials and citizens of every state in the union. The name is dignified, euphonious and would be a fitting tribute to the progressive spirit and wonderful influence exerted for years by Omaha's organization of business men, who have accomplished so much in placing Omaha in the front rank of progressive cities. C. A. BOTHWELL.

I respectfully submit this name for the new hotel, "Holdings." It represents the holdings of the people of Omaha and the gateway of the west. A SUBSCRIBER.

In naming the new hotel I would suggest "The Phoenix." The meaning of the word phoenix is a fabulous bird that rises out of its own ashes, hence the emblem of immortality. Surely this \$1,000,000 structure in all its beauty and grandeur, will rise up and perpetuate the names of Omaha's most honored citizens. It stands as a monument to the dead and an honor to the living. When the thousands of electric lights are turned on in the city of Omaha none will shine out in greater significance than "The Phoenix," the emblem of immortality. Clarinda, Ia. ETHEL CRABILL.

I suggest the name "Irvine" for the new hotel, in honor of the Brandeis family who have done so much for Omaha and for the young ones whom we hope will do as his predecessors have done—so I name it "The Irvine." MRS. L. W. G.

Why not name the new hotel "The Buckingham" in honor of one of Omaha's most popular and progressive business men—Everett Buckingham. A.

I would suggest the new hotel be called

the "Omaha Pacific." Omaha, to advertise the city, Pacific being the name by which the Union Pacific railroad was first known and because that road had considerable to do with placing Omaha on the map. JOHN GOODYEAR.

The new hotel stands for and appeals to the entire middle west. "Midwest" here is a more euphonious name than "Middle West" and I offer it as a suggestion. For second choice would suggest "Neboma." C. A. P.

## Dr. Thwaites to Be Speaker for State Historical Society

Dr. Reuben Gold Thwaites, president of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, and secretary and superintendent of the Wisconsin State Historical Society, who is to be chief speaker at the annual meeting of the Nebraska State Historical Society January 14-16, is perhaps the most widely known historian in the United States. Prof. H. Morse Stephens of the University of California says of him:

"Incontestably the most industrious and accomplished editor of American historical documents is Dr. Reuben Gold Thwaites. His industry is proved by the magnificent series of seventy-one volumes of 'The Jesuit Relations,' thirty-one volumes of 'Early Western Travels,' the original journals of Lewis and Clark in eight volumes. No such output has ever been made before by an American historical scholar, and yet the quality is equal to the quantity. Dr. Thwaites is a great deal more than a mere proof reader, though the accuracy of his proof reading shows his long training as a newspaper man; he is much more than a compiler of foot notes and a master of cross references, though he is a famous librarian and has been president of the American Library Association; he is a more highly trained historical scholar and has produced more to aid American historical scholarship through his chosen field of western exploration than any American professor of history, although he did not have a regular college course and does not hold a university professorship; and his well earned reputation rests upon the solid basis of work achieved. His modesty is such that it is difficult to get the details of his career, and although one of the most popular men in the United States in both of his professions of historian and librarian, it is difficult to glean from accessible works of reference the details of his career."

## Deny They Change Beef for Mutton

Report of Sheriff Felix J. McShane, Jr., that Mrs. Flanagan and Ed Gardipee, prison feeding contractors, failed to feed the prisoners according to contract specifications is declared false by Flanagan and Gardipee in a statement filed with the Board of County Commissioners.

McShane's report filed with the board relates that substitutions were made in eight-six meals, mutton being substituted for beef. The report of Flanagan and Gardipee declares that beef was served and no mutton was given the prisoners in these instances. Attached to their statement are their bills for beef purchased from Courtney & Co. Regarding the sheriff's statement that mutton was substituted for rolled oats, the contractors say substitutions were made on certain days, but were made up for on others.

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NOTE THESE BIG VALUES: 17c each buys 50 cent value Ruffled Muslin Curtains—100 pairs, including large variety of patterns—as many as 10 pair of a kind in some styles.

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250 pairs of Nottingham, Novelty Muslin and Serim Lace Curtains, in a profusion of choice styles in quantities of 1 to 12 pairs of a kind. White and Arabian. Many of these curtains are styles that brought \$3.00 to \$3.50 a pair; go at, per pair 89c

500 pairs Swiss Point, Irish Point, Cluny, Antique and many other novelty curtains suitable for Parlor, Dining or Bed Room. Also for Dens and Libraries. Many a style in this lot has been sold regularly for as much as \$10.00 per pair; go at, per pair \$2.39

NOTE THESE BIG VALUES: Couch Covers, \$1.00 values 69c sale price; Couch Covers, \$2.00 values, 60-inch width, sale price only \$1.29; \$2.00 Bed Spreads, full size, 98c sale price; \$2.00 Bed Spreads, very pretty, sale price \$1.39; \$4.00 Bed Spreads, high quality, sale price \$1.65; Tapestry Portieres, \$4.00 \$1.79; Portieres, about 50 pairs of \$6.00, \$7.00 and even \$10.00 values, including many choice patterns—some fringed, some bordered—sale prices \$4.75 and \$3.98; Extension Rods, regular 15c grade, sale price 6c

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## Health and Beauty Hints

By Mrs. Mae Martyn. "Miss H. K.: The worry and bother of washing hair-nets and veils to make the hair stay up and conceal that dull, 'stringy,' unkempt appearance you speak of could be easily avoided if you employ the stop shampooing with soap. The 'free' alkali in soap irritates the scalp, makes the hair fall out, causes dandruff, and the Shampoo with a teaspoonful of canthox dissolved in a cup of hot water and your hair will always be light, fluffy and easy to do up, besides looking decidedly neat. This shampoo lathers abundantly, dries quickly, stops itching of the scalp and cleanses as no other shampoo will. The luxury of extreme cleanliness which comes from the use of this shampoo has made it so popular that many of the best dressers now use it exclusively. It is expensive and can be bought at any drug store.

Carmen: It is a very easy matter to reduce your weight without having the skin wrinkled and flabby if you only know how. Here is the secret: Buy at any drug store four ounces of permanganate and put in 1/2 pint of hot water. When cold strain and take a tablespoonful of the liquid before each meal. This is harmless and the pleasing way it will cut down your weight will surprise you. Avoiding rich, solid foods and taking plenty of exercise will assist greatly in getting rid of your fat quickly.

Nadie: To strengthen your weak eyes and rid them of that dull, overworked look, put in each eye daily two or three drops of a fine, strengthening tonic made by dissolving an ounce of crystals in a pint of water. This eye-tonic is very soothing and strengthening, and by using it regularly a short time it will make your eyes strong, clear and sparkling. I find it unequalled as a good eye-tonic for treating weak, inflamed, expressionless eyes.

Inez G.: Don't worry; almost everybody else has the same trouble. At the approach of winter impurities in the blood usually manifest themselves and what you require to overcome the puffy, 'muddy' complexion with is a good system-tonic and regulator. You can easily make it yourself. Get from your druggist an ounce of borax and dissolve it in one-half pint alcohol (not whiskey); then add one-half cupful sugar and enough hot water to make a quart of tonic. A tablespoonful taken before each meal will soon rid your system of poisonous accumulations, and make you strong and healthy, bringing the ruddy glow of perfect health to your cheeks.

Alma H.: You can rid your skin of those unsightly hairs with a simple paste made by mixing enough powdered delectone and water to cover the hairs not wanted. Apply and let remain two or three minutes. Then rub off, wash the

skin and the hairs are gone. This method is harmless and unfeeling and leaves the skin free from spot or blemish.

Anxious: Your figure will soon be plump and symmetrical and your bust nicely rounded out if you employ the vasculaire treatment, made at home as follows: In 1 pint water dissolve 1/4 cupful sugar, then add 1 ounce alcohol. Take 2 teaspoonfuls before each meal. This is not a fat-builder, but a bust-developer, and will energize the atoned tissues and permit them to attain their correct proportions.

Mrs. W.: Long, curly lashes lend an added touch to feminine beauty. Get from your druggist a small, original package of pyroxin and apply a little of it to lashes with thumb and forefinger. This makes them grow long and curly. Thin eyebrows should have pyroxin rubbed on them with finger-end and they will come in thick and glossy. Use caution not to get any where hair is not wanted.

Jessie H.: Some sage dressings are beneficial to the scalp, but I never recommend them on account of the danger of staining or discoloring the hair. If you want a good, dependable remedy for dandruff, itching scalp and falling hair, try an ounce of quinine dissolved in one-half pint of alcohol (not whiskey) and one-half pint water. This will put your hair and scalp in a healthy condition. Apply the tonic twice a week, rubbing it gently into the hair-roots. It is free from oil and makes a fine dressing for the hair. I know of many who were troubled with 'hopeless' cases of dandruff and falling hair that found this an ideal tonic.

Zoa: You must not use face powder if you want a smooth, rosy, healthy complexion. Powder enters the pores, enlarges them and eventually causes coarse, shallow skin—then wrinkles. To have a smooth skin that looks natural and not artificial, you must use a lotion. Here is a splendid recipe for an inexpensive one: Get from any drug store four ounces of spruce, dissolve it in a half-pint hot water (with which add two teaspoonfuls glycerine). Apply this lotion to your face-neck and arms, rubbing gently a few moments and it will lend a most charming tone to your skin. This spruce lotion removes the shine and gives a clean, clear, wholesome look to a shallow skin. If you desire a really charming complexion, taboo face powders. They rub off, dissolve and give that readily noticeable 'painted' look which this lotion does not. This lotion is fine for cold sores, chaps, pimples, and a sure protection to a delicate skin from biting winds and changes of weather.

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