

How an Agricultural High School May be Obtained at Dakota City, Nebr.

BY CLARENCE LINTON.

There are two possible ways of obtaining the type of school we have attempted to explain in previous articles. First, by increased taxation of our own district to the extent of approximately \$1,250 which would secure the state aid of an equal amount. Second, a consolidation with adjoining districts, especially district No. 2, would insure the success of such a project.

In order to carry the plan through without the cooperation of another district it would mean an increase of taxation to the legal limit of 35 mills. The pro rata increase of taxation would be:

Table with 2 columns: Assessed Valuation, Increased Taxation. Rows show values from \$100 to \$10,000 and corresponding tax amounts.

This increase is figured on the basis of the 22 mill levy for the year 1916-1917. From the above statements it is easily seen what increase you would have to pay in order to secure for Dakota City a school of highest rank.

Let us consider briefly the possibilities if district No. 2 were consolidated with our own district. The total valuation of district No. 1 is \$175,273, that of district No. 2 is \$148,984, making a total valuation of \$324,257. A levy of 22 mills upon this combined valuation would give \$7,133.65 for maintaining the school, which would be necessary if transportation were given to district No. 2.

What would this mean to the taxpayer in district No. 2? The following statements are based upon a levy of 6 mills at present as compared with a 22 mill levy which would be necessary for consolidation:

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From a comparison of the increased taxation pro rata in the two districts it will be seen that it would cost district No. 2 more additionally than it would cost district No. 1 to obtain the school alone.

It may be contended by the taxpayers of district No. 2 that such a consolidation would amount to a proposition by which district No. 1 would get a better school paid for by district No. 2. Upon careful consideration it will be seen that this is not the case. The benefits are nearly evenly divided. District No. 2 would have the advantage of a much better school and have the children of the district at home for a twelfth grade education. Transportation would serve to even the benefits. There are a much larger number of pupils in district No. 1 who receive the benefits of the better school, but they would not get transportation.

Two routes could conveniently be conducted through district No. 2 gathering the children from their homes and delivering them safely again each evening after school. This feature of the consolidated school is working out very satisfactorily where it has been wisely conducted. It is much more desirable to have children transported in this manner in a comfortable warm conveyance under the supervision of a competent man than to have them trudging along through snow drifts and mud on foot. It always increases the attendance to the maximum of the town.

The advantage of the good graded school over the one teacher school should not be overlooked. Compare the average rural teacher in the one room school with thirty daily recitations of from five to fifteen minutes each in length and very limited supervision, with the teacher in the graded school with twelve recitations daily of twenty-five to thirty minutes in length and careful supervision. Is the one teacher school good enough for your boy and girl?

The levy of 22 mills would not be necessary if more territory were brought into the consolidation. It seems to me a logical thing for a considerable portion of the territory, especially that within a radius of four miles to the southwest and northwest, to unite in such a consolidation. If this could be effected the levy would be reduced very much and the transportation of rural children would quite evenly divide the benefits received. We have the building, adequate to accommodate 250 children, and more, if necessary. We have the land for agricultural purposes. Surely, under the circumstances, there is no other place in this near community as well located and as logically fitted for such a school.

If consolidation is attempted in the rural districts contingent to ours, and the central school located in a rural district it cannot be of the benefit that our school would be. A three roomed school would be the largest possible school, and there would be too few children to insure a full high school course, thus necessitating the continuing of the high school course away from home, and limiting the efficiency of the school on account of the few teachers for the work attempted. Too much territory would have to be covered by

transportation in order to secure a school comparable to ours. A building and equipment as adequate as ours would cost not less than \$20,000 now.

To my readers in district No. 2 and others in contingent territory I wish to write very specially. Let it be understood that I assume all responsibility for what I have written in this article. I believe I can approach you from an unprejudiced view point in the cause of our mutual interests. I am aware of the fact that consolidation has been discussed and rejected before, and have personally attempted to revive the discussion to the point of action. It goes without question that district No. 1 will be in favor of such a consolidation if it is wished by the adjoining district or districts. Having once been urged by district No. 1, however, it is felt that any initiative in the matter should begin in district No. 2. And in the interest of the better school I would like to have a part in building in our community. I am trying to call your earnest attention to the question.

Time forbids that I might see you each personally, but I shall appreciate greatly any expression of your desires you may give me. I have in my possession a limited number of copies of the consolidation number of the Nebraska educational bulletin which I shall mail to several of you at an early date. Will you kindly read it and hand it to your neighbor if he did not get one.

Consolidation will cost more than the one room school. Good things usually cost an effort. We recognize this fact readily in most of our business and I am convinced that most people do in their educational business if they but see the need and benefits. We will get more for your money by consolidation than without it. While you pay little for the one room school you get little in return for what you do pay. And probably your child will not have interest enough in education to go through the high school. A very large percentage of the leakage from the rural schools at the sixth and eighth grades could be averted by an efficient graded school.

The benefits as summarized in the consolidation number of the Nebraska Educational Bulletin are:

- 1. Better teachers may be secured and retained.
2. Pupils now receive more individual help from teachers.
3. Pupils may have longer recitation periods.
4. Country boys and girls may have all the advantages of the best city schools without their disadvantages.
5. Pupils may secure a twelfth grade education and be at home with their parents every night at about one-fifteenth the cost to the individual patron.
6. More pupils are enrolled and the average daily attendance is much higher.
7. A supervisor on the job every day and three or four times as many visits from the county superintendent.
8. Better buildings and better equipment will dignify the school.
9. The larger boys and girls are held in school.
10. Petty jealousies interfere less with the school.
11. The larger teaching force makes it possible to have special classes for the older pupils who can attend but a short time in the winter months. Neither the city school nor the single-room school can do this.
12. Teachers may be employed who have had special training for special work.
13. Larger classes create a healthy rivalry, interest and enthusiasm.
14. Organizations such as debating societies, glee clubs, bands, baseball, teams basketball teams, etc., will make school more attractive and contribute to the special life of the community.
15. Transportation guards the health and morals of the children.
16. It decreases the cost per pupil and increases the efficiency of the schools.
17. It increases the value of real estate in the district just as street car service increases the value of city property.
18. Prevents the drift to the larger cities and builds up the home community.
19. Provides a center for the organization of Farmers' clubs, literary societies, community clubs, athletic contests, institutes, lyceum courses, art exhibits, libraries and women's clubs.
20. At least five times as many pupils will complete the eighth grade having done far more thorough work, than is usually done in the single room school.
21. Leads to better roads and farm conditions.
22. Produces a greater pride and interest in country life and the country home.

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LEGAL NOTICES

Report of the Condition of The Bank of Dakota City

of Jackson Charter No. 61, in the State of Nebraska, at the close of business February 14, 1917.

Table with 2 columns: RESOURCES, LIABILITIES. Lists assets and liabilities of The Bank of Dakota City.

STATE OF NEBRASKA, County of Dakota. I, L. C. KERRICK, Cashier of the above named bank, do hereby swear that the above statement is a correct and true copy of the report made to the state banking board, at the close of business February 14, 1917.

Report of the Condition of The Hubbard State Bank

of Hubbard, Charter No. 74, in the State of Nebraska, at the close of business February 14, 1917.

Table with 2 columns: RESOURCES, LIABILITIES. Lists assets and liabilities of The Hubbard State Bank.

STATE OF NEBRASKA, County of Dakota. I, J. Michael Waters, Cashier of the above named bank, do hereby swear that the above statement is a correct and true copy of the report made to the state banking board, at the close of business February 14, 1917.

Probate Notice to Creditors

In the County Court of Dakota County, Nebraska. In the matter of the estate of Kathrin Magretta W. (the late) Status, deceased. Notice is hereby given, that the creditors of the said deceased will meet the executor of said estate, before me, county judge of Dakota County, Nebraska, at the county court room in said county, on the 28th day of May, 1917, at 10 o'clock A. M., each day, for the purpose of presenting their claims for examination, adjustment and allowance. Six months are allowed for creditors to present their claims and one year for the executor to settle said estate, from the 28th day of May, 1917. This notice will be published in the Dakota County Herald for four weeks successively prior to the 28th day of May, 1917.

Probate Notice to Creditors

In the County Court of Dakota County, Nebraska. In the matter of the estate of Mary E. Goodfellow, deceased. Notice is hereby given, that the creditors of the said deceased will meet the executor of said estate, before me, county judge of Dakota County, Nebraska, at the county court room in said county, on the 28th day of May, 1917, at 10 o'clock A. M., each day, for the purpose of presenting their claims for examination, adjustment and allowance. Six months are allowed for creditors to present their claims and one year for the executor to settle said estate, from the 28th day of May, 1917. This notice will be published in the Dakota County Herald for four weeks successively prior to the 28th day of May, 1917.

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NOTICE

To Thomas Magrill, Defendant: You are notified that on the 28th day of February, A. D. 1917, Barnabas B. Grubb, Elizabeth Horweg, Mary Josephine Grubb, Charles E. Hodges, John H. Grubb and Thomas W. Grubb, plaintiffs, filed their petition in the district court of Dakota County, Nebraska, the object and prayer of which are to remove the cloud to their title to the north half of the northeast quarter of section twenty-one (21), township 12 north, R. 12 east, range eight (8), east of the 6th P. M., Dakota County, Nebraska, occasioned by a patent and copy of a patent to the United States to the defendant Thomas Magrill, the copy of said patent being recorded in Deed Book 26, at page 205 of the deed records of said Dakota County, Nebraska. The defendant may be enjoined from entering upon or making claim against real estate and for general equitable relief.

SHERIFF'S SALE

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an order of sale issued by George Wilkins, county clerk and ex-officio clerk of the district court of Dakota County, Nebraska, and directed to me, George Cain, sheriff of Dakota County, Nebraska, commanding me to sell the premises hereinafter described to satisfy a certain decree of the said district court of said county and Dakota County, Nebraska, commanding me to sell the premises hereinafter described to satisfy a certain decree of the said district court of said county and Dakota County, Nebraska, at the February, A. D. 1917, term thereof in favor of F. A. Wood against Clarence H. Dudley, J. H. Dudley, Ida E. Dudley, Jacob M. Hayenga, Carl Heuter, John J. Smith and German American Dye Company, a corporation, for the sum of seven thousand two hundred twenty-four and 48/100 dollars, with interest at ten per cent per annum, from the 5th day of February, A. D. 1917, and the costs taxed at twenty-eight and 75/100 dollars, and accrued costs, I have levied on the following described property, to-wit: Lots seven (7), eight (8), nine (9), ten (10), eleven (11) and twelve (12), block thirty-six (36), Joy Place, an addition to the city of South Sioux City, Dakota County, Nebraska.

ing the sum of seven thousand two hundred twenty-four and 48/100 dollars, with interest at the rate of ten per cent per annum, from the 5th day of February, A. D. 1917, and accrued costs amounting to twenty-eight and 75/100 dollars, and accrued costs, given under my hand this 28th day of February, A. D. 1917.

Probate Notice to Creditors

In the County Court of Dakota County, Nebraska. In the matter of the estate of Fred Blume, deceased. Notice is hereby given, that the creditors of the said deceased will meet the executor of said estate, before me, county judge of Dakota County, Nebraska, at the county court room in said county, on the 28th day of May, 1917, at 10 o'clock A. M., each day, for the purpose of presenting their claims for examination, adjustment and allowance. Six months are allowed for creditors to present their claims and one year for the executor to settle said estate, from the 28th day of May, 1917. This notice will be published in the Dakota County Herald for four weeks successively prior to the 28th day of May, 1917.

Order of Hearing and Notice on Petition for Settlement of Account

In the County Court of Dakota County, Nebraska. State of Nebraska, County of Dakota, ss. To Charles C. Boermann, Ida Boermann Bates, Fred W. Boermann, Eric N. Boermann and Manual Boats, and all persons interested in the estate of Fred Boermann, deceased: On reading the petition of Charles C. Boermann praying a final settlement and allowance of his account filed in this court on the 14th day of February, 1917, for proofs of his claim and degree, for decree of distribution and for his discharge as administrator of said estate.

Notice of Opening Road

Notice to Land Owners. State of Nebraska, Dakota County, ss. To all whom it may concern: The commissioner appointed to view and locate a portion of the county road, known as road No. 4, and to view, and establish and locate a road running from the northeast corner of section 35, township 12 north, range 8, east, in said county of Dakota, Nebraska, 27 rods west of the northwest corner of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of said section 35, and there terminating at the front of a high bluff, being known as the Smith road, has reported in favor of the vacation of said road, and objections thereto, or claims for damages, must be filed in the county clerk's office on or before noon of the 28th day of May, 1917, or such road will be vacated as petitioned and part re-established as petitioned, without further reference.

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