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THE ALLIANCE CITY SCHOOLS

Superintendent's Report to Board of Education Contains Much Interesting Information

The Alliance city schools will open next Monday for the session of 1914-15. With the prospect of a larger attendance than ever before and with a splendid teaching force, a successful school year may be confidently looked forward to by teachers and patrons. Six new names appear among the list of teachers, as follows:

Miss Annabel Fletcher comes from Oakland, Neb., to take the place of Miss Seawell as music and art supervisor.

Wilmer Lewis of Clay Center, a graduate of Nebraska Wesleyan University.

Miss Leota Walker, graduate of the Kearney State Normal.

Miss Bess Brown of Gothenburg, also a graduate of Kearney State Normal.

Miss Esther Terry of McCook, graduate of Peru State Normal.

Miss Anna Anderson of Crawford, graduate of Peru State Normal.

A meeting of the board of education was held Monday evening, all members being present, as follows: F. H. Melting, president; W. E. Spender, vice pres.; F. W. Harris, secretary; A. J. May, Mrs. C. E. Wills and Mrs. J. A. Malley.

The following bids for furnishing coal were opened, the prices being for about 500 tons of best quality, standard size, F.O.B. (on track) at Alliance:

J. H. Vaughan & Son \$2.65
 Carney Coal Co. 2.85
 Rowan & Wright 3.90
 Dierks Lbr. & Coal Co. 3.95
 Forest Lumber Co. 4.05
 Monarch Coal Co. 4.95

The bid of J. H. Vaughan & Son being the lowest was accepted. It should be remembered that while the prices quoted are much lower than usually charged customers, furnishing coal in a 500 ton lot, to one customer, on truck, at a time or times convenient to the dealer, is quite a different proposition from handling coal in the way it is ordinarily retailed to customers.

Superintendent's Report
 Supt. W. R. Pate read his annual report, as follows:

Alliance, Nebr., Aug. 28, 1914.
 To the Board of Education,
 Alliance, Nebr.

I beg leave to submit the following report for the school year 1913-14, relative to matters of school interest:

Census			
	1910-11	11-12	12-13 13-14
Boys	547	558	627 708
Girls	564	588	698 694
Total	1111	1146	1324 1402

The census was taken at the close of the school year indicated, in June in 1911, 1912, 1913, and 1914. The figures indicate a steady growth in school population.

Enrollment			
	1910-11	11-12	12-13 13-14
Grades	735	732	715 745
H. S.	127	142	150 168
Total	862	874	865 913

Average Daily Attendance			
	1910-11	11-12	12-13 13-14
Grades	570	520	491 555
H. S.	98	121	127 140
Total	668	640	618 695

The above figures show that the enrollment for the year 1913-14 was greater than during the two preceding years but slightly less than for the year 1910-11. The enrollment in the High school has been increasing from year to year and was the greatest last year it has ever been. The average daily attendance of both High school and grades was good, that of the High school being the greatest since the schools were organized, while that of the grades was greater than for any year excepting 1910-11. The average for the entire school, 696, is also the largest in the history of the school.

Expenditures
 The total amount of school warrants issued for the school year 1913-14, itemized to show the principal sources of expense, are as follows. For purposes of comparison, the expenses of the two preceding years are also given:

	1911-12	1912-13	1913-14
Women teachers:	14419.07	14555.50	15465.75
Men teachers:	3578.99	4594.00	5105.03
Substitute teachers:	298.85	242.10	190.50
Bldg. and Repairs:	939.60	2976.09	666.78
Fuel:	2343.94	2023.45	1828.02
Books:	856.51	2191.94	1189.73
Supplies:	631.08	2164.13	1137.49
Light and Water:	128.99	295.67	379.33
Architect and Attorney:	135.00	090.00	000.00
Janitor:	1723.35	1913.75	1556.11
Furniture:	327.46	1829.63	453.73
Miscellaneous:	1047.36	1347.56	1585.59
TOTAL:	36327.91	34133.82	29458.07

Miscellaneous includes janitor's supplies, phone, dray, secretary's salary, express, advertising, stationery, commencement, debate, insurance, etc.

The heavy expense in 1912-13 was due to the purchase of texts and supplies to replace those destroyed when Central school building was burned Dec. 17, 1913.

The added expense of 1913-14 over 1911-12 was due to the addition of the Agriculture and Commercial courses. The equipment and teachers for these departments cost more than the difference between the total expense of the two years.

Inasmuch as our total receipts from all sources for the year were \$28,081.98 and the expenses 29,-

458.07, the deficit for the year is \$1,376.09. By economy in all items of expense during the coming year we can probably bring the expenses within the receipts without having to drop any of the departments now carried in the school. The new departments have proved very popular and the school patrons would undoubtedly protest if any were dropped, even in the interest of economy.

Cost of Schools per Pupil			
	1911-12	12-13	13-14
On enrollment	36.13	39.46	32.26
On aver. attend.	49.50	66.85	42.32
Books on enr.	.979	2.53	1.30
Supplies	.723	2.50	1.24
Books & supplies	1.701	5.03	2.54

Manual Training
 The permanent equipment of the shop prior to 1913-14 cost \$880.10. The cost for 1913-14 was \$31.20, making the total value of permanent equipment to date \$911.30.

The financial report of the manual training supervisor is as follows:

Expenditures:	
General supplies (nails, stains, glues, etc.)	\$20.80
Permanent equipment	31.20
Lumber	129.35
Total expense	181.35

Receipts
 Amount collected from students 49.95
 Value of articles made for the High school 2.95
 Total receipts 52.90
 Value of lumber on hand \$2.70
 Val. of permanent equip. pur. 31.20
 Total for lbr. and equipment 132.30
 Total receipts and material on hand 146.80
 Total expense 181.35
 Cost of running department 14.35

The cost of the department was, however, more than \$14.35 because several articles made last year were sold this year and about 150 ft. of pine lumber from the temporary partitions used after the fire was used for practice exercises. Two large work benches and a cabinet were made from some of the partition lumber. Allowing \$10 to cover cost of material for grades 6, 7 and 8 and crediting the district for the partition lumber used, the total cost of manual training for High school students is approximately \$25, a cost of \$1.50 per year per pupil taking the work.

Domestic Science Department
 The report of the Domestic Science supervisor is as follows:

Cookery	
Permanent equipment prior to 1913-14	\$39.75
Permanent equip. in 1913-14	000.00
Total val. permanent equip.	\$39.75
Total supplies for year	72.68
Cost per month	8.07
Cost per pupil per month	.50
Cost per pupil per day	.625
Am't. received by department	2.75
Total cost to dist. for school year	69.93

Sewing	
Permanent equipment prior to 1913-14	\$48.88
Permanent equip. 1913-14	3.50
Total val. permanent equip.	\$52.38

The New Departments
 At the beginning of the school year 1913-14 two new departments were added to the High school, a department in Agriculture in accordance with the provisions of the Shunway act, and a Commercial department.

For carrying the first named department, schools properly equipped and designated as Agricultural High schools by the state superintendent of Public Instruction receive aid from the state, and the Alliance school being so equipped and so designated, received from the state, this year, \$550. It is expected that a larger appropriation by the next legislature will enable each agricultural high school to receive greater financial aid from the state.

Both of these new departments proved very popular, 44 enrolling for the course in agriculture and 25 in the commercial course. However, the second semester 14 others who desired to carry it could not do so as the one teacher could not take more students. Undoubtedly in 1914-15 many students desiring to carry work in the commercial department will have to be refused admission because of the inability to give instruction to so many with the present teaching force.

Teachers for 1914-15
 The teachers elected by the Board of Education for the year 1914-15, with grade and department assignments, are as follows:

HIGH SCHOOL	
Principal—History, C. A. Anderson.	English and Normal Training, Isabelle Gaba.
Language, Eva Sherdeman.	Agriculture and Manual Training, S. L. Clements.
Domestic Science, Georgia Canfield.	Commercial Department, Bertha Wilson.
Science and Mathematics, Wilmer Lewis.	

CENTRAL SCHOOL	
Principal—Seventh Grade, G. M. Burns.	Eighth Grade, Anita Taylor.
Sixth Grade, Maude Jones.	Fifth Grade, Leota Walker.
Fourth Grade, Edith Cornell.	Fourth Grade, Mary Hogarth.
Third and Fourth Grades, Bess Brown.	Second and Third Grades, Lura Erb.
Second Grade, Edith Jones.	First Grade, Alice Acheson.
Beginning First Grade, Esther Terry.	

EMERSON SCHOOL	
Principal—Seventh Grade, Elda Bacon.	Eighth Grade, Verna Rodgers.
Sixth Grade, Anna Anderson.	Fifth Grade, Millie Smalley.
Fourth Grade, Mary Wilson.	Third Grade, Addie Robertson.
First and Second Grades, Goldie Sooper.	Beginners and First Grade, Addie Robertson.

In conclusion, the general school work of the year, notwithstanding the setback due to the loss of the last month of school in the year 1912-13, due to the epidemic of

small pox, and the crowded condition of the schools during the first half of the school year when all the pupils were housed in the Emerson and High School buildings, was very satisfactory. There was little sickness during the year, the standard of teaching was good and the general discipline of the school as a whole was good. Inasmuch as we lose few teachers to other cities in Nebraska we are fortunate in beginning the new school year with only six new teachers.

Respectfully submitted,
 W. R. PATE,
 Superintendent.

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