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EDITORIAL.

In former issues we have tried to show that the Board of Education acted lawfully and in good faith in making dancing one of the school activiifes and that it recognized the danger in the dance when it made restrictions to govern it. In our last issue we said that those who approved of dancing in the Auditorium wanted it because it was to be free and it was to be controlled by the teachers and because they favored dancing in general as a harmless pastime. On the other hand there were some who did go to the members of the Board and give their reasons for not wanting the school children to dance in the Auditorium. One reason was that for several years there has been a growing sentiment among the boys and girls in our high school which urged them not to take school work very seriously. This has been increasing very fast since the war and it is the despair of every teacher who means business. Ask either of the High School Principals and we predict that they will confirm our statement. There is a growing tendency among school officials to cut off the unnecessary, to frown upon levity st unseemly times and by making the work as interesting as possible to draw those pupils who can be reached in that way to see the serious purpose of education. Distracting influences have multiplied until the object for which the school is maintained is almost lost sight of in many cases. And just at that point someone comes along and urges that the boys and girls be allowed to hold dances in the school buildings. Another reason is school ballaings. Another reason is that the schools need the co-operation of every person in North Platte. It is not chough that a majority stand by the teachers in the crisis but that every parent be solidly back of the schools. Now there are in the city a large number of people who are morally and religiously opposed to dancing as a pastime. They are deeply in earnest in wishing that their children do not dance. There are many such in North Platte although no one knows just what part of the people think this way. These people are serious in their opposition to the dance. They cannot sit idly by and see the public schools which they love as much as anyone else does, aprove of an institution which they condemn. They cannot stand by the teachers who come before their classes and urge their sons and daughters to learn to dance. They fight and it does no good to call them

fanatics and narrow-minded. Semi-Beeklu Tribune. fanatics and narrow-minded. The schools are the center of contention. The children take sides and on some occasions the teachers are divided into two camps. The schools fail to seoure the co-operation of these people as long as the question is being discussed. And it cannot die as it is a question of principle and there can be no compromise. All these dissentions continue, where there should be harmony, in order that some children may have free dances where a teacher can watch over them and that believers in dance may be vindicated. Remember that the question of the morality or immorality, the right and the wrong of the dance is not under considera-We are only discussing the question of having the dances as one of the school interests. Those opposed maintain that the dance is a distracting influence upon the serious business of the schools and that it divides the community which should be united behind the schools.

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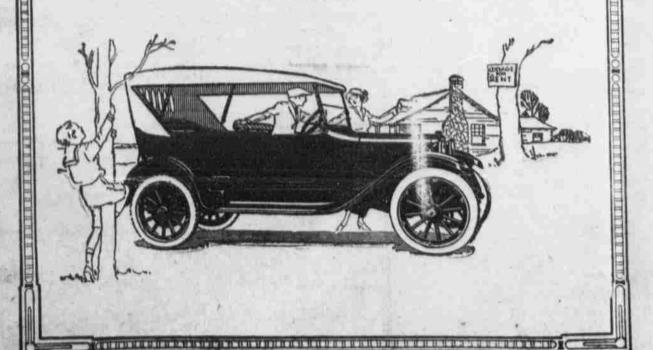
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ing valuable. Dr. L. J. KRAUSE, Dentist. Mc-Donald Bank Building. Rooms 2 & 3. Phone 97.

The Rotary Club met yesterday noon at the Methodist Church and enjoyed one of the good dinners which those ladies know so well how to serve. J. R. Roberts spoke for a few minutes of his home city, Seward, Nebr. A. W. Shilling distributed some large weathed maps and gave a very interesting talk on weather forecasts. The next meeting will be held in the basement of the Presbyterian Church.

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