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### Annual School Meeting

The annual school meeting Monday night was quite exciting at times, and as one who was there said, "There was something doing all the time, from start to finish."

After the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, the reports of the secretary, treasurer and president of the school board were read. As there was some differences in the reports, a motion was made and carried to have the chairman appoint an auditing committee. A. R. McCandless, Frank Titus and J. W. Sapp were appointed such committee. The reports caused some discussion and considerable warmth was exhibited at times by some of the participants.

The question of putting in a heating plant was then brought before the meeting. It was raining by this time, and many of the voters had gone home. After some talk and an explanation of the plans by the chairman, John M. Clark, a motion was adopted to open the sealed bids in the hands of the school board. Three bids were submitted, one from a Lincoln firm, one from Elmer Dovel of Auburn, and one from Worth & Winterbottom of Falls City, the latter being the lowest. It was estimated that the heating plant and work to be done by the district would cost \$850 or \$900.

A motion was made that the school board be instructed to put in a heating plant. This caused more discussion, but was finally carried by a vote of 10 to 2. A subsequent motion stated that the plant was to be steam heating, and was carried.

It was voted that we have a nine months' school, beginning the first Monday in September.

A motion was made that the school be given one day's holiday during the county fair and two days at Thanksgiving, the teachers to be paid for these days. This motion also carried.

The director's estimate of expenses for running the school next year was \$1544. To this would have to be added the expense of putting in the heating plant, probably costing \$850 or \$900, and some additional expense for a janitor. According to the director's report, there was a balance on hand of \$609, and over \$800 in the county treasury, making nearly \$1450 on hand. A motion was made and carried making the estimated revenue needed by the district above the amount on hand of \$1500.

There were three members of the school board to elect, John M. Clark and C. L. Russell being the retiring members, and a vacancy existing caused by the failure of Elmer E. Allen, who was elected last year, to qualify. John M. Clark was reelected on the first formal ballot to succeed himself. It took a number of ballots to decide who should be the second man to hold the office for three years, but finally J. W. Sapp was elected. C. L. Russell was elected for two years.

The patrons of the district, or a large majority of them, were in favor of providing liberally for the school and making it as attractive and comfortable as possible.

### Shubert Fruit Farm Sold

Casner Barnes Pays \$125 per Acre for It

Casner Barnes this week bought the Shubert fruit farm of 80 acres, one mile south of Bracken, paying \$125 per acre for it. This is probably the highest price paid for a farm in Nemaha county as far away from a town as this. It is nearly five miles from Nemaha, eight from Auburn and four miles from Howe. The farm, however, is a fine one. The orchard is well selected and has been carefully cared for. It is one of the very best commercial orchards in the state. The house is one of the best constructed and most convenient houses in the county. This is almost an ideal home, and Mr. Barnes and his good wife can enjoy themselves in their old age.

The farm was owned by Lee Shubert, having been transferred to him by his father, H. W. Shubert, about two years ago. Possession is given in six weeks and Mr. Barnes will move on it at that time. We have not learned where Mr. Shubert will move.

This farm was formerly owned by Mr. Barnes' brother, I. B. Barnes, who planted the first orchard about twenty-five years ago, afterward selling it to Mr. Shubert. Mr. Shubert still owns the eighty acre fruit farm on the north side of the road.

For many years Brownville and London precincts have been laboring under a heavy tax to pay bonds for a railroad they never got. But finally daylight has come. The bonds have been paid, and more than paid, and now there is about \$7,000 in the treasury after all the bonds have been paid. It was at first proposed to return the money overpaid to these precincts to be used by the schools and road districts, but many of the taxpayers petitioned the commissioners to have this money returned to those paying it, and at the meeting recently, the board decided to pay back 75 per cent of this money overpaid.

Years ago, when it looked like a long time until the bonds would be paid, if ever, it was proposed if that happy time ever arrived that a big barbecue be given, and there is now talk of celebrating the event in that way.

The editor wants it understood that he is going to quit separating fellows who get into fights. The last time he acted as peacemaker he got his shirt all bloody and was kept busy for some time explaining that he hadn't got into any trouble of his own, but simply rubbed against another fellow that was having a pugilistic encounter. So the editor has concluded he has troubles enough of his own without interfering with other people.

Joe Bunker of Peru is certainly leading a strenuous life. He has had forty men working for him and Monday was on the train going west to get ten more. He has the contract for the big normal building of Peru, besides a number of other buildings.

### The Editor was Right

At the school meeting Monday night the question was raised as to who made the levy for school purposes. It was agreed that at the annual school meeting the amount of money necessary to run the school for the next year should be voted and this amount reported to the county superintendent or county clerk. Some said the superintendent made the levy, others said it was the county clerk. The editor of this family necessity said the levy was made by the county commissioners, but was told by two ex-county commissioners that he knew nothing about it—that the commissioners had nothing to do with it. The editor insisted that under the new school law it was the commissioners that made the levy but appeared to be alone in this opinion. In order to prove his position he wrote to the county clerk and got the following reply from the county superintendent:

"At the annual meeting the amount of money necessary to run the school for the current year should have been estimated and reported to me or the county clerk. The county commissioners make the levy."

J. W. Soden of Laird, Colo., was in Nemaha part of Tuesday and Wednesday, talking western land. He is a member of the firm of Soden & Swan, the other member of the firm being W. M. Swan, who moved from here to western Nebraska early in the spring. Although their place of business is Laird, Colo., both live in Nebraska. Mr. Soden says Will is doing well and is well pleased with the country. P. G. Swan, who lives seven miles from Will, had the misfortune to fall from a pump platform and break three ribs about two weeks ago. He was threatened with pneumonia, but that was warded off and he is now getting better.

### Gilbert Argabright Breaks an Arm

Gilbert Argabright, the second son of W. S. Argabright, broke one of his arms Tuesday evening. He jumped across a small creek, when he slipped and fell. He threw out his hand to break the fall and his arm was broken an inch above the elbow, the broken bone running through the flesh. Dr. Frazier was called who reduced the fracture. Gilbert is getting along as well as could be expected, and it is thought the break will heal without any permanent bad results.

Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Sapp entertained Class No. 6 of the Christian Sunday school at their home Saturday evening from 4 till 8 o'clock. Twenty-four members of the class were present, and the member telling us about it said they had a dandy time. This class is taught by Mrs. O. E. Houtz and is composed of young ladies and gentlemen.

J. W. Smith came down from Peru Friday morning to rest a little. He has been doing some hard work lately with little chance to rest, and had got tired out. He went back to work Monday morning.

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### They Brought Home the Gold

W. F. Keeling, Marshall Webb and F. E. Hoover returned home Tuesday evening from their trip to Billings, Montana, where they registered for land in the great government lottery. Marshall and Fred went from Billings to Mystic, South Dakota, to see the Auburn gold mining property. They tried their skill in washing out gold, getting over \$3 worth of pure gold in about a half hour's work. The company is having repairs made on outfit and making preparations for doing better work. Marshall Webb was unfortunate enough to fall while there and severely sprain his left hand and wrist. It pained him severely for a few days. Will Keeling stopped over at Lincoln a day or two. Geo. Keith, the other member of the crowd that went to Billings from Nemaha, returned Monday evening.

### D. E. Zook Sells His Farm

D. E. Zook has sold the eighty acre farm on which he lives, in London precinct, to Sam Armstrong, getting \$100 per acre for it. We understand Mr. Zook will move to Lincoln. Twelve years ago C. W. Roberts sold this farm to T. B. Skeen for \$45 per acre. Two years later Mr. Skeen sold it at about the same price.

On Monday H. W. Harrington made the deal whereby Messrs. Noble and Sturgeon of Hamburg, Iowa, became the proprietors of Harrington's stock of general merchandise in Nemaha. That afternoon Mr. Harrington and his brother, R. E. Harrington, went to Hamburg, and that evening traded for a stock of general merchandise in that place.

Uncle Henry Clark says his nephew, T. A. Clark, and his wife will be in Nemaha two or three hours this morning, coming up on the 6:40 train and leaving for St. Paul, Nebr., on the 9:49 train. They would like to see as many of their old friends as possible during their brief stay.

### Harrington & Sons Sell Store

On Monday H. E. Noble and C. W. Sturgeon of Hamburg, Iowa, came down to Nemaha and in a brief time had made a trade with H. W. Harrington, whereby they became the owners of the stock of general merchandise in Nemaha belonging to Harrington & Sons, and the latter got a farm in exchange. Possession will be given as soon as a slight defect in the title to the land is corrected, which will probably be done in a few days. Messrs. Noble and Sturgeon returned that afternoon to Hamburg. Mr. Sturgeon came back Wednesday forenoon and is now looking after the store. Will Cummings will probably remain with the new firm.

One day last week Mrs. Harry Russell was drawing a bucket of water when the wheel came down. As the bucket started down the well Mrs. Russell caught it and in some way the chain caught in her arm, lacerating it. Mrs. C. H. Kindig, who was visiting her, came to her relief, but got two fingers tangled up in the chain before she got it untangled, and they were considerably hurt.

Rev. G. W. Ayers and family, who have been attending the holiness campmeeting at Lincoln, returned home Monday evening. They say they enjoyed the meeting very much. Rev. Geo. I. Wright is president of the association and was one of the workers. Rev. A. Jacobs was another worker.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kerker, Earl and Fay, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hoover, August Quiller, Dr. Keeling, Alva Owens, Mrs. Elmer E. Rumbaugh, Miss Nora Aynes and Herbert Aynes went to Nebraska City Friday morning to attend Robinson's circus.

C. E. Hill, a member of the firm of Hill Bros., but who is traveling for a grocery house, and who lives at Lincoln, has been in Nemaha since Tuesday evening, suffering severely with a carbuncle on the back of his neck.