

Vitalizing the Teacher

By Supt. Geo. H. Thomas of McCook

The decade just closing, immediately following a period of unusual national depression, has, with all its prosperity, industrial expansion, and commercial activity, developed and strengthened ideals that betoken things for the future.

So it has been here at home. Probably no field of accomplishment reflects this spirit of the times, representing progress, more truly than does the work of education.

The junior normal schools, normal training in high schools, free high

territorially, than the casual traveler within its confines is accustomed to think. Broken Bow is "out west," but it is farther from Broken Bow on to Alliance than from Lincoln to Broken Bow.

Again, instruction and normal training being required, under existing state certification laws, the means of acquiring them must be provided, and it seems a pity that public properties, consisting of buildings, books and equipment in general, such as are owned by the school corporations named in the heart of these extreme districts, should remain idle one-fourth of the entire year.



Supt. H. K. Wolfe, Principal O'Neill Junior Normal.

school education, aid to weak districts, more rational certification laws, increased normal school and enlarged university opportunities,—these have been the agencies which have promoted this educational revival.

The work of the junior normal schools is not to be regarded in any disproportion. As Gilbert Parker makes David say in the Weavers: "Think (not) that what you do is of vast value. Work because it is yours to be adjusting the machinery in your own little work shop of life to the wide mechanism of the universe and time."

In the summer of 1902, State Superintendent W. K. Fowler organized union normal institutes of five weeks' length, at Holdrege, Culbertson and Sidney. They were the precursors of the junior normals.

Why have such summer schools at all, and why locate them where they are?

Nebraska is a much larger state,

But it is not enough that these schools be brought near to those who will attend them, or that the attendance has been large, or that the expense of maintenance is low; what

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MAYOR GALLAGHER EXTENDS GREETINGS.

O'Neill, Nebr., April 21, 1908.—To the Instructors and Attendants of the O'Neill Junior Normal: We extend to each on behalf of the city and its officers greeting.

We are glad to welcome you again into our city and sincerely trust that your stay with us will be both pleasant and profitable and that the Normal of 1908 will measure up to and if possible exceed the Normal of 1907.

The city is ready to serve you and will be honored in receiving your commands.

ED F. GALLAGHER, Mayor.



Florence E. Zink



Katherine Linton

THE NORMAL FACULTY

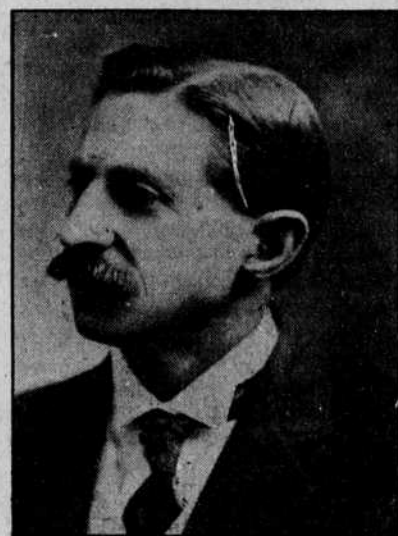
The State Department of Education has selected a faculty sufficiently representative in character and attainments to insure a wide range of studies. During the whole term the faculty will be entirely at the service of the students as far as possible the school will be moulded to the needs of the students, and no effort will be made to mould students to the school.

The faculty consists of the following members: Supt. J. L. McBrien, Principal, Dr. H. K. Wolfe, 1727 J St. Lincoln, Supt. N. C. Abbott, Supt. J. G. Mote, Supt. Chas. A. Mohrman, Miss Katherine Linton, Miss Eunice Ensor, Supt. T. N. Fleming, Florence E. Zink.

Dr. H. K. Wolfe of the University of Nebraska will again be principal of the O'Neill Junior Normal. Those who took work at O'Neill last year are most pleased to know Dr. Wolfe has consented to return. He made friends with everyone he met here and his excellent work was most highly appreciated.

Dr. Wolfe's preparation for, and experience in educational work places him among those of the highest rank in the state. He holds a degree of A. B. from the University of Nebraska, has been a student of the University of Berlin, holds degrees of A. M., and Ph. D. from the University of Leipzig. He has taught in the country, village and ward schools of Nebraska; has been superintendent of city schools in California; professor of philosophy in the University of Nebraska; superintendent of city schools in South Omaha; principal of the Lincoln high school; professor of philosophy and education in University of Montana; and professor of educational psychology in the University of Nebraska. No one could have been named who can better fill the position as principal of the normal to be held in O'Neill than Dr. Wolfe. No one will be received with more appreciation among the students and citizens of O'Neill than he.

Superintendent N. C. Abbott will work again in the O'Neill Junior Normal this summer. Superintendent Abbott was one of the favorite instructors here last summer and he will return with the same enthusiasm



Supt. J. G. Mote

and interest that made him so popular a year ago.

All men who intend to follow a life profession first prepare themselves for it. Superintendent Abbott is not behind other professional men in this respect. After finishing his high school work at Fremont he entered the University of Nebraska where he received the degree of A. B. and L. L. B. after which he was employed as instructor in the Institute for the Blind, at Nebraska City. He has assisted in the Department of English, University of Nebraska; been principal of the Humboldt high school; principal at Cattabato, Mindanao, P. I.; inspector of schools for the Cattabato district; first principal of the normal school at Zamboaga, P. I.; instructor in the Lincoln high school and is now and has been for several years superintendent of the Tekamah city schools. Superintendent Abbott secured more than one thousand views while in the Orient which he used in making slides for his lectures. He has been engaged to give one of his lectures before the institute, on the evening of June 11. He is one of the wide awake teachers of the state who takes advantage of each and every opportunity for advancement.

Superintendent J. G. Mote received his early training in the rural schools of Illinois, and later graduated from the Vermillion Grove Illinois Academy. He was a student at the Bloomington Indiana Academy and the Kansas State Normal School. He graduated from the latter institution, after which he began work as a teacher in that state. At the close of one year's work in Kansas Mr. Mote moved to Nebraska where he has been engaged in school work for sixteen years. He is at present closing his second year of successful work as superintendent of the O'Neill schools. He is a man that stands for high moral principles and his influence is felt by all who come in contact with him. Mr. Mote is so well known in this and surrounding counties that no introduction to him or his work will be necessary. He will have charge of the mathematical department of the school this summer and we assure all who are to have work under him that they will find him patient sympathetic, and above all a master of his subject.

The summer school students may well feel themselves fortunate in having for an instructor in primary methods Miss Katherine Linton. She is a graduate from the scientific and normal departments of the Central Normal College which was located at Humeston, Iowa, at the time she attended it. She has also taken special primary work under Miss Mixer at the Fremont Normal for a year. In 1906 she took a primary course at the



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Chicago University. The work given there is especially for institute instructors. Miss Linton has taught in the rural schools as well as in the graded work and will be able to adapt her primary instruction to the actual needs of the rural teacher as well as to those teaching in the towns. Miss Linton has just entered into her fifth year's contract with the board at Spencer at a salary of \$65 per month. This is an increase of \$30 over her first year's salary. A town that has a home teacher who can demand and receive such wages as are paid to Miss Linton at Spencer is to be congratulated, and she is also to be congratulated that she lives in a town where worthy people are appreciated to such an extent.

No other school man in the county is better known than Superintendent Chas. A. Mohrman. He was superintendent of the schools at Ewing two years ago and has just entered into his second year's contract with Atkinson. His work at both places has been entirely satisfactory. He is a graduate from the University of Nebraska. While in school there he was captain of the cadet company and president of the law class. His work in the Junior Normal will not be an experiment since he was a member of the faculty at Alma a year ago. Mr. Mohrman is pleasing in manner and appearance. He is always at home among the young people and will continue to be so as he has chosen teaching for his life work. He was born in Syracuse, Nebraska, and afterward moved to Geneva where he graduated



J. L. McBrien, State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

from high school in 1900. His friends in the county are pleased to know he has been selected to assist in the Junior Normal at this place for the year 1908.

The largest classes formed during the summer school of 1907 were those in music and drawing. It is the testimony of many institute instructors that teachers don't care to sing, but this fault was not found to exist at O'Neill last year. Miss Ensor has the faculty of getting everybody to sing and the rapid progress made at sight reading was most noticeable. Miss Ensor is a university graduate and she has also had the advantage of an excellent musical education, both instrumental and vocal. She has been supervisor of music in the South Omaha public schools for two years. She was elected secretary of the music department of the East Central Nebraska Teacher's Association for 1908. At the spring meeting of this association held at South Omaha in April several hundred children directed by Miss Ensor sang before fifteen hundred teachers.

Miss Ensor made friends with all whom she met while here last year and it is with pleasure they look forward to her return.

Superintendent T. N. Fleming is a progressive young man in the school work of the state. He is a graduate of the State University at which place he specialized in the sciences and while there assisted in the department of chemistry two years. After completing his work at Lincoln he was employed at Ashland to teach the sciences and mathematics where he remained one year after which

The O'Neill Junior Normal

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The lecture course is a strong one. Each entertainer is familiar to most of us either through his widespread reputation or from having heard him on some former occasion. The lecture course season tickets will be \$1.25 to those who do not enroll for summer school work. The dates are: Supt. N. C. Abbott, June 11; Dr. A. L. Bixby, June 15; Prof. Adrian M. Newens, June 23; Chicago Glee Club, July 6.

To those contemplating taking a summer school course we give the following general information concerning the O'Neill Junior Normal:

The course of study will comprise all subjects required for the first, second and third grade county certificates. Classes will also be organized for those who desire to work on subjects required for the professional life certificate.

The minimum entrance requirement for admission to the state junior normal schools shall be a teacher's certificate, or a certificate from the county superintendent showing that the applicant has completed the eighth grade, or a certificate from the city superintendent or high school principal for admission to the high school, or the presentation of evidence of other academic work.

An enrollment fee of \$2; will be

charged. This amount includes the price of a season lecture course ticket. Those who wish to enroll for institute only, will have to pay a fee of \$1.00. All who register for examination will be required to pay an additional fee of 50 cents.

Those holding "With Credit" or "With Honor" certificates, doing the required amount of Reading Circle work and meeting the requirements of the county superintendent in attendance at institute and county associations, will be entitled to the renewal of his certificate without examination, which makes the certificate practically a permanent certificate.

Those holding certificates upon which are grades below 80 per cent must take examination in all subjects having grades below 80 per cent before the certificate may be renewed.

Teachers holding third grade certificates may have their grades accepted to apply on a second grade, provided they pass in bookkeeping, drawing, theory and art, agriculture and civil government. Those holding second grade certificates may have their grades accepted to apply on a first grade certificate provided they pass in algebra, botany, philosophy and geometry.

Books of the public school will be used during the term, but since these will not begin to supply the demand, we ask all who can do so to bring text books with them.

The price for board will be \$3 per week and rooms 50 cents per week. Those wishing to engage board and room before coming to O'Neill may secure a list of names of those who will accommodate us in that respect by writing to this office.

FLORENCE E. ZINK, Secretary. O'Neill, Nebraska.

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