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## THE CITY SCHOOLS OF PLATTSMOUTH

### Their Progress From 1856 up to the Present Time

The First School Building Situated on Gospel Hill and also Served as a Court House—The Progress On Educational Lines During Forty-one Years—Other School History.

(Woman's Edition EVENING NEWS.)  
DEVELOPMENT is often a slow process scarcely discernible except by comparison of the subject in its embryonic state with the present order of things; and while such a comparison brings more vividly to our minds the advancement made, yet to the student of this subject, the steps by which this improvement was accomplished are well worth considering.

We find some very interesting facts connected with the early history of the schools of our own city. We find the log school house, the backless benches, the lack of many things which we now consider necessities.

Those early school houses must have answered the description given by Whittier when he says:

"Still sits the school house by the road,  
(A ragged beggar sunning)  
Around it still the sumachs grow,  
And blackberry vines are running  
Wild, the master's desk is seen,  
Deep scarred by raps official;  
The warping floor, the battered seats,  
The jack-knife's carved initial."

Plattsouth boasted of a school house almost as soon as the town was settled, for we find that the settlements were made in 1853-4, and the first school was taught by Miss Mary Stocking, in 1856.

The first school house was built on Gospel Hill. It was a frame building and was also used for a court house.

The first regular certificate was issued to Miss Sarah Mitchell, March 26, 1860. The board of examiners consisted of Mr. Elbert, Mr. T. M. Marquette and Mr. D. H. Wheeler.

The earliest schools were all subscription schools, but in the year 1857 Mr. and Mrs. Gorrell had charge of what was called the city school, situated on the south side of Main street.

The school was afterwards removed to the north side of Main street, the building occupied being about where Goring's drug store now stands. This was also a public school and was taught by a Mr. White.

In 1859 the school was removed again to the south side of Main street, the building occupied was not built especially for school purpose, and was situated on the lot on which Mr. Alf White's grocery store now stands.

The total enrollment at this time was ninety pupils. A Mr. Madison taught school in the building referred to above, and was assisted by Mrs. S. E. McElwain, (nee Miss Sarah Harper), of this city.

Members of the board of education were not compelled to hold midnight sessions in those days, in order to complete the business of the evening, as the minutes given below will show. These minutes were taken verbatim from the original record.

School board of Plattsouth met on Thursday, December 3d, 1863.  
Present, J. H. Brown, director, S. S. Billings, Secretary, J. H. Brown, director, S. S. Billings, Secretary.

The account of J. Moore for \$5.00 of a balance be allowed and an order be drawn by clerk in his favor for that amount.  
Ordered that Sarah E. Harper be employed as assistant teacher of common schools for three months at \$15.00 per month.  
On motion adjourned.

S. S. BILLINGS, Chairman.  
J. H. BROWN, Secretary.  
We find that in 1861 the attendance had increased to 214 pupils. Four teachers were employed. The principal received \$37.50 per month, and the other teachers \$20.50 each, per month.  
In 1862 a building which had been used as a wholesale and retail outfitting house was converted into a school house. This building stood where Fitzgerald's block now stands. During this time, and up to the year 1872, the schools were in an ungraded condition, but in 1872 grades were established and this fact was an epoch in the history of our schools.

wherewith to teach the young idea how to shoot."

Today under the management of Supt. J. G. McHugh, our schools have attained a higher standing than they had before. We now believe that the great business of the schools is character building and the making of good citizens. This is done by the elimination of the evil tendencies of the pupils and the encouragement of the better elements in their natures.

There is no room in our schools for pupils with idle or vicious natures, and it is the aim of the schools to create such conditions as will enable a pupil to enter its lower grades and pass on year by year without ever coming in contact with pupils of impure minds or vicious habits. Impurity, idleness and insubordination are fast disappearing and in their places are arising purity, industry and obedience.

An advance has been made along every line.  
The superintendent proposes to concentrate the energy of the pupil upon the branches that time and experience have shown to be most practical, omitting from our curriculum the many supplementary branches introduced in many schools, the study of which tends to divide the attention and to prevent thoroughness.

It is our aim to present but few subjects to the student, but to present them in such a manner as to command his attention and interest; believing with Shakespeare that "No profit goes where there's no pleasure taken."

Comparisons in this case are not "odious," for we find in the beginning ungraded schools and no course of study, while today, by the introduction of our new course of study in the high school we have become fully accredited at our state university, and are assured that we are building better every year, and it is our desire to inculcate on the minds and hearts of our students the beautiful sentiment expressed by Oliver Wendell Holmes, when he said:

Build the more stately mansions, O my soul!  
Leave thy low-vaulted past;  
Let each new temple, nobler than the last,  
Shut thee from heaven with a dome more vast,  
Till then at length are free,  
Leaving their outgrown shell by life's unresting sea.

PROPOSALS FOR FRESH BEEF AND MUTTON.—Headquarters, Department of the Platte, Office Chief Commissary of Subsistence, Omaha, Neb., October 11, 1897. Sealed proposals in triplicate, accompanied by written guarantee bonds, in duplicate, will be received at this office, until 11 o'clock a. m., central standard time, November 11, 1897, at which time and place they will be opened in presence of members of the board of education, and fresh beef and mutton for issues as may be required by the Subsistence Department, U. S. Army, at Omaha, Nebraska, Forts Crook, Robinson and Niobrara, Nebraska, and Forts D. A. Russell, and Washakie and Camp Pilot Butte, Wyoming, and Fort Meade, S. D., during the period commencing January 1, 1898, and ending June 30, 1898. Proposals will also be received until 10 o'clock a. m., mountain standard time, and opened at the posts of Forts Niobrara, Robinson, D. A. Russell, Washakie, Meade and Camp Pilot Butte, by the respective post commissaries of such posts, each commissary receiving proposals for his own post only. Proposals will also be received stating the price at which the bidder will deliver fresh beef or mutton of the character stated in the specifications and to be delivered of temperature not greater than 50 degrees Fahrenheit. Full information furnished on application here or to commissary at any post authorized to open proposals. Government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or any part of, and proposals. Envelopes containing proposals should be marked "Proposals for Fresh Beef and Mutton," and addressed to undersigned or commissary at post authorized to receive proposals. FRANK E. NYE, Major and C. S.

Mammoth Tin Mill.  
NEW CASTLE, Pa., Oct. 6.—The application has been made for a charter for a mammoth tin mill to be erected in this city as soon as the necessary plans can be carried out. The present tin mill in this city is what is called a 20-mill one, and is the largest in the world. The one to be built will be a 30-mill one.

The mill will cost exactly \$750,000, at least that is the figure given out, but it may run to \$1,000,000. It will consume 220 tons of steel per day, making 4,000 boxes of tin plate as an output for the time, and at least 2,000 people will be employed. The pay roll will exceed \$100,000 per month.

Entertainment at Union.  
A concert entitled "Lost and Saved" will be given in Linn hall at Union on Saturday evening, October 16. Those taking part in the entertainment are all Union people, and as the proceeds are to go to the Christian church a large attendance is anticipated. The admission fee will be 10 and 15 cents.

Merchants' lunch every day—from 9 to 11 o'clock—at Donat's, in Stadlermann block.

Choice Peaches.  
For Sale—100 bushels of peaches at an farm four miles west of Murray. ROBERT YOUNG.

## THE "REFORMERS" ARE ON THE RUN

### The Shallow Cry of Reform Thoroughly Exposed.

An Arrangement of Holcomb Which Leaves no Room For Defense—Senator Ransom Accuses Him in Open Court of Guilty Knowledge of Bartley's Defalcation.

The Omaha Bee of Saturday morning contained the following caustic statement of facts which should be read by every voter. Sham reform must go, and republicans of known integrity must be elected to office. The Bee says editorially:

"And now comes Frank Ransom, chairman of the free silver republican state committee, and in open court charges that Silas A. Holcomb, as governor of the state of Nebraska deliberately connived in the defalcation of state funds for which ex-Treasurer Joseph Bartley has been convicted. This is a most grave charge to be made against the chief executive, and if proved would subject him to impeachment and summary removal from office. The occasion of presenting this indictment of the governor is the suit to recover the embezzled money from the surties on Bartley's official bond. An attorney for these bondmen, Ransom offers to prove through the testimony of ex-Deputy Treasurer Bartley that before the bond was approved by him Governor Holcomb knew a shortage of \$350,000 existed in the state treasury. Mr. Ransom furthermore asserts that fraud was perpetrated on the surties by the governor of the state of Nebraska that should release them from the obligation to make good the state's loss."

"Whether this is a valid defense to the suit is immaterial so far as it affects the relations of Governor Holcomb to the people of Nebraska. The court may hold that Bartley's bondmen are released in whole or in part from liability by the failure of the governor to inform them of the condition of the treasury, but that would not relieve the governor from the responsibility which devolves upon him under the constitution."

"According to Ransom he is ready to show that Bartley was present in a meeting with Governor Holcomb and ex-State Treasurer Bartley, in which the former was given knowledge of the \$350,000 shortage in the office. Unless the trial judge permits the introduction of testimony on this point we shall remain in the dark as to the exact amount of Bartley's shortage at the end of his first term."

"It would have been a shortage of many thousands of dollars had Bartley been forced to make a showing of the funds in his custody there is not the remotest doubt. That the governor was forewarned of this fact also beyond doubt. The editor of the Bee represented to the governor previous to the acceptance of Bartley's bond that Bartley would turn out a defaulter, and not only once, but several times, urged upon him to compel a full accounting. To his failure to do so must be ascribed whatever loss the taxpayers have sustained during Bartley's second term, which was Holcomb's first term."

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Will Be at Dr. Livingston's Office Monday, October 18.

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This is the best medicine in the world for all forms of Coughs and Colds and for Consumption. Every bottle is guaranteed. It will cure and not disappoint. It has no equal for Whooping Cough, Asthma, Hay Fever, Pneumonia, Bronchitis, La Grippe, Colds in the Head and for Consumption. It is safe for all ages, pleasant to take, and, above all, a sure cure. It is always well to take Dr. King's Little Life Pills, in connection with Dr. King's New Discovery, as they regulate and tone the stomach and bowels. We guarantee perfect satisfaction or return money. Free trial bottles at F. G. Fricke's drug store. Regular size 50 cents and \$1.00.

What do the Children Drink?  
Don't give them tea or coffee. Have you tried the new food drink called GRAIN-O? It is delicious and nourishing and takes the place of coffee. The more Grain-O you give the children the more health you distribute through their systems. Grain-O is made of pure grains, and when properly prepared tastes like the choice grades of coffee but costs about 1/2 as much. All grocers sell it. 15c and 25c

There is a Class of People Who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called Grain-O, made of pure grains, that takes the place of coffee. The most delicate stomach receives it without distress and but few can tell it from coffee. It does not cost over 1/2 as much. Children may drink it with great benefit. 15 cts. and 25 cts. per package. Try it. Ask for Grain-O.

Pearl Steam Laundry  
B. F. Goodman has his new laundry fully equipped with latest devices, now in running order, and asks a share of your patronage. His work is his best advertisement, and if you try the new laundry there will be no longer any excuse for sending goods away. Nothing too good for our patrons is our motto. Work called for and delivered.

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And you won't get stuck either on a painted seat or inferior liquors, which are often offered as bargains by unprincipled concern. Phil Thierolf don't want you to patronize them once, they want your purchases to be a sample of the quality you will always find in their store. If you want to be just to yourself, examine our wines and liquors before going elsewhere. You will thank us for this tip.

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