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PASSING OF THE LITTLE RED SCHOOL HOUSE FAMILIAR TO NEARLY EVERYONE

No One Who Seriously Studies the Change Being Wrought in the Educational Plan of the Country Will View the Coming of This Larger and Better Country School With Much Very Alarm.

Only a short time now until the old dinner pails will be scrubbed up once more and filled with bread-and-jelly, pie, apples and perhaps a bit of cold chicken, and the youngsters will trudge merrily away to the first day of school. The joy of the early days of vacation three months ago, the hard work of the summer, and all the pangs felt by those who believed they should have been allowed to call their education finished before the beginning of this school term will be forgotten in the joys of reunion, the securing of seat-mates, the perusal of the daily program, the assignment to classes and, last but not least, the "sizing up" of the new teacher under carefully critical, and frequently anything but friendly, eyes.

Throughout the west, as in other parts of the United States, the "little red schoolhouse" is rapidly disappearing. The consolidated district, with a wide territory, modern, up-to-date school building and force of wagons to bring the youngsters to school in the morning and take them home at night, is rapidly crowding out the district schools of former days.

No one who seriously studies the change being wrought in the educational plan of the country will view the coming of this larger, better country school with very much alarm. The new arrangement means more comfort for the youngsters, both at school and on the road to and from home. It means, as a rule, better teachers and better facilities for teaching. Moreover, it usually means a high school course in connection with the graded grammar school, which will invariably raise the standard of education in the neighborhood just that much higher. For the average citizen bases his estimates and educational standards

on the school with which he is familiar, whether it be the grade school or the university. Certainly the raising of general educational standards, along with these other advantages, is desirable.

Yet we cannot but feel a pang of regret at the passing of the little red school house, which, by the way, is usually a little white school house. The rough and ready school life of those days, when we huddled together around the one stove on a cold morning, played town ball and "pullaway" at recess and noon, fought the boys from the other end of the district on the way home and plotted together long and earnestly on means for "cleaning up" the teacher, will pass with the district school. Perhaps there may be "spraying bees" still, but they will be dignified affairs, probably with each contestant writing the words in a little blue book and submitting his list to be corrected at leisure and reported on perhaps in two or three weeks. The old thrills of rivalry and near hero worship when little Mary Smith finally "spelled down" big, awkward Jim Jones, after the dictionary had been almost exhausted, will be no more. And never again will everyone for miles around gather to the annual "entertainment" of the district literary society or the winter singing school.

The passing of the old country school house, which will be almost entirely accomplished in a few years more, means the blotting out of an institution which has been a large and vital factor in the lives of millions of American citizens for generations past. So fit it with just a pang of regret that we realize that the old order must change in this as in everything else.

Operated on Yesterday.

From Tuesday's Daily. Hazel Clugy, the adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clugy, was operated on yesterday at St. Joseph's hospital for appendicitis and came out from under the anesthetic very nicely. Her condition at the time Mr. Clugy left yesterday evening was very favorable and the nurse and doctor was very hopeful for her recovery, although her case was very bad.

SHOULD BE APPREHENDED AND FINED

Too Much of This Kind of Work Being Done, and It Should Be Stopped.

From Tuesday's Daily. Some misguided youth or middle-aged miscreant, Saturday night tore the awning in front of J. S. Ball's store. The same sort of work has been going on for some time, and Mr. Ball is not the only one who has had their awnings ripped off by some violator of the law. He has a pretty good idea who the person was and any further deceptions will be followed by prosecution.

There seems to be a bunch of hoodlums who make a practice of springing upward when passing along the street and grasping the fringe of an overhead awning and throwing their weight on the awning, which generally gives way. The merchants do not put their money into this sort of improvement to have it ruthlessly and uselessly destroyed, and if there is not already an ordinance covering the offense, Mr. Ball and others feel that there should be one passed at once. There is nothing so salutary for a thoughtless youth as the payment of a fine. This does not restore the destroyed awning, but may deter the youngsters from further depredations and be a warning to his pals that they will be dealt with accordingly.

KICKED AND INJURED BY A YOUNG HORSE

From Tuesday's Daily. Glen Elliott the 12-year-old son of J. W. Elliott, residing a mile north of this city, while driving a young horse to the pasture last Friday night, was kicked on his left hip, laming him considerably. The horse is a 4-year-old and has been worked some this season, and Glen believed it to be perfectly gentle, and while it was eating grass went up to it and slapped it on the hip and received the kick in return. Glen did not think he was seriously hurt, although the kick was quite painful at the time and since has resulted in a stiffness of the joint. A physician was consulted yesterday.

CELEBRATES HER TENTH BIRTHDAY ON MONDAY

From Tuesday's Daily. On Monday afternoon Miss Iva Gibson celebrated her tenth birthday anniversary by entertaining a number of playmates and friends at a delightful birthday party. The children spent a very happy afternoon, playing games, both in and out doors. One of the most amusing features of the afternoon's entertainment was a game in which they fished for candy and which the guests most thoroughly enjoyed. A nice luncheon, consisting of sandwiches, fruit, cake and lemonade, was served at the proper time, to which all did ample justice. Miss Iva received many beautiful gifts, which will be constant reminders of this occasion. Those in attendance were: Marguerite Wiles, Elizabeth Wynn, Opal Denson, Josephine Manners, Doras Winscott, Ethel and Inas Stone, Edna and Mabel Burbee, Alma Stotter of Union, Hazel and Iva Gibson, Floyd and Harold Gibson and Louis Burbee.

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GOOD TIME TO LET WELL ENOUGH ALONE

Mr. Morehead Should be Willing to Let Aldrich's Tactics Go on Undisturbed.

From Wednesday's Daily. The following from the Lincoln Daily Star, under the heading, "Good Time to Let Well Enough Alone," strikes the Journal as about the proper way to put it:

One has since pure republican precedent for it who is disposed to insist that it is best to let well enough alone. In the matter of the challenge of Governor Aldrich asking that Lieutenant Governor Morehead divide time with him in the joint discussion of each other's records, it is impossible to conjecture just what Mr. Morehead may determine to answer. It is very easy, however, to conjecture what he might answer.

He might say, for instance, that the campaign is progressing in a way that is perfect satisfactory to him and his friends and that he does not feel at liberty to take any action that might disturb its progress in its present direction.

He might say that Governor Akirch has up to this date been too assiduously engaged in making democratic votes to permit any democratic thought of interfering.

He might say that he believed Governor Aldrich has been making votes for Morehead faster than Mr. Morehead could possibly make them himself, and that the latter could not think of doing anything that would prevent the governor from working full time at every meeting that he can get at.

He might say that he cheerfully concedes the governor's superior logic, and is perfectly willing to have it flow on unimpeded to the end of the campaign, and whenever it promises to be impeded by the interposition of time limits, will cheerfully move that the governor's time be extended sufficiently to permit him to say whatever he may desire to say.

He might say that it is better to have two speakers engaged simultaneously in two different meetings making democratic voters from two separate audiences than to have both of them working at the same time upon the same audience.

Mr. Morehead may see fit to treat seriously the governor's blustering outburst, and allow it to interfere with other plans that have possibly matured, but Mr. Morehead has the reputation of being a highly level-headed fellow. He may prefer to let well enough alone.

BROTHERHOOD OF AMERICAN YEOMEN ORGANIZE HERE

From Wednesday's Daily. District Manager Newkirk of the Brotherhood of American Yeoman, last night organized a Yeoman Homesite in this city, with fourteen members. Mr. Newkirk has written thirty-two applications within the three weeks of his visit in Plattsmouth, and fourteen of the policies have been returned from the head office at Des Moines, Iowa, and it was thought best not to wait longer to organize. The other eighteen applications are awaiting their turn and will be acted upon and the policies returned as soon as possible. The chapter will be held open for ninety days. All joining the order within this time will be charter members of this homesite. Mr. Newkirk is much pleased at the way the work is opening up and the prospect is bright for a membership nearing the hundred mark before the limit expires.

A vast amount of ill health is due to impaired digestion. When the stomach fails to perform its functions properly the whole system becomes deranged. A few doses of Chamberlain's Tablets is all you need. They will strengthen your digestion, invigorate your liver and regulate your bowels, entirely doing away with that miserable feeling due to faulty digestion. Try it. Many others have been permanently cured—why not you? For sale by F. G. Fricke & Co.

BUSINESS MEN OF PLATTSMOUTH MAKE A PLEASANT TRIP IN SARPY COUNTY

Make a Run of About Fifty Miles and Meet Many Farmers of Our Sister County, Who Seemed Very Much Impressed With the Inducements Advanced for Coming to Plattsmouth to Trade—More Such Trips Should Be Made.

From Wednesday's Daily. The following twelve members of the Plattsmouth Commercial club, in three automobiles owned by C. C. Parmele, T. H. Pollock and J. E. McDaniel, toured the southeast part of Sarpy county yesterday, returning about 2:30 p. m. Those who went were: T. H. Pollock, George Falter, George E. Dovey, John Hatt, J. P. Falter, C. C. Parmele, J. E. McDaniel, Pollock Parmele, Michael Hild, J. A. Chopaska, John McNurlin and Sam Shoemaker.

The party made a run of about fifty miles, and met one hundred and twenty-five farmers, all of whom were quite anxious to take advantage of the proposition of visiting Plattsmouth before September first. The farmers interviewed were not backward in saying that they would prefer to trade in a town the size of Plattsmouth than one the size of Omaha; the reason given was that they could meet the merchant and deal with him direct, while in Omaha they never got beyond the clerk.

Each farmer's name was taken

down and he was given a two-way bridge ticket for wagon and team or automobile, just as he preferred. Every farmer that the party met was enthusiastic over the prospect of visiting Plattsmouth. Some of them had been here already and liked their treatment by the merchants splendidly. The party confined their visit to the territory nearest Plattsmouth, the furthest farmer called upon being not over twelve miles from this city.

The merchants in the party expressed themselves as well pleased with their day's work and are firmly of the opinion that a little time and effort expended in this direction will create an interest among the farmers of Sarpy county which will be mutually beneficial to them and the mercantile interests of Plattsmouth.

These trips should be made every week in different directions. Visit Mills county, Iowa, and go out in the west part of our own county. While the weather is good and the roads in splendid shape it is an easy matter to make these trips, and the farmers will always be glad to welcome them.

BROKE INTO KUNSMAN & RANGE'S MEAT MARKET

Louis Kuhney and Art Jacoby Arrested as the Guilty Parties to the Crime.

From Wednesday's Daily.

A new chapter was added to the criminal annals of the county this morning when Sheriff Quinton and Chief Rainey went to the habitations of Art Jacoby and Louis Kuhney and arrested both men on suspicion that they were the parties wanted for breaking into the meat market of Kunsman & Range last night and getting into the money drawer and extracting \$1.50 in cash.

The circumstances pointing to the guilt of Kuhney were so strong that the officers went to his place first. The strongest incident pointing to Kuhney's guilt was his shoes, which were found in the meat market, and when the officers confronted him with the circumstances he finally admitted that he was one of the fellows who broke into the market. His confession also implicated Art Jacoby. When Jacoby was confronted with the circumstances he stoutly denied having had anything to do with the burglary.

The building was entered from the alley by prying off the iron bars at the window. Besides the money taken the burglars had entered the refrigerator and secured some meat, as two packages were wrapped up and laid carefully on the floor. This is about the third time the Kunsman & Range market has been broken into, and the occurrence is becoming a little bit irritating to the firm, and it is probable that the accused men will have a chance to reflect on the effects of their misdeeds while doing time in the penitentiary.

Both men were taken before Acting County Attorney Dale Boyles and their statements taken down. Complaints will be filed and the men charged with breaking and entering the market in the night season, intending to steal money and property. Their preliminary will probably take place tomorrow morning.

Good Farm for Sale.

Eighty acres in same section in which Murray is located; good improvements; 4 acres in native pasture, with plenty of water; some alfalfa, and balance under cultivation. Known as the Morrow place. For particulars address Mrs. A. Morrow, Seward, Neb.

Decorate Kenosha Church.

From Wednesday's Daily. Frank Gobelman and H. H. Gotton went down to Kenosha last night to begin painting the Christian church of that village this morning. The building is to be painted outside and in and the walls papered. They have just recently painted George Ray's farm residence, in the same vicinity. Messrs. Gobelman and Gotton will board with Mr. Wray while painting the church.

THE "BACK TO THE FARM" MOVEMENT

From Wednesday's Daily. The following is the closing paragraph in the speech recently delivered in congress by Hon. John A. Maguire, when the appropriation bill for the department of agriculture was before the house:

"We hear much of the 'back-to-the-farm' movement, and while as yet this is more of a hope than a realization, still the agricultural betterment will do more than all else to turn back the tide of those who have their faces turned away from the soil and toward the commercialism of the cities. The rush from the farms is due to the attractions of the cities. Before the restoration of the equilibrium is approached the attractions of the city must be made in a larger way the inducements of the country. Means of communication and travel are doing much to improve and make more inviting the surroundings of rural life. The telephone, the rural delivery, better roads, improved farm machinery, better sanitation, and the installation of modern conveniences in the home and household, use of motor power, admission of country children to village schools, are all eliminating many of the objections to country life and contributing to the 'back-to-the-farm' movement. We also hear much these days about the high cost of living. This movement away from the farm has contributed no small amount to the cost of living, and it must remain relatively high till the relation between the producer and consumer is better established. I am in favor of liberal appropriations for agriculture and feel that this congress is in full sympathy with its importance. An industry embracing, directly or indirectly, the welfare of every citizen of the republic I know will receive liberal treatment at your hands."

Home grown alfalfa seed for sale. A. L. Todd. 8-8-81wkly

MASTER LEA S. ABBOTT CELEBRATES FIFTH BIRTHDAY

From Tuesday's Daily. Master Lea S. Abbott, son of Superintendent Abbott and wife, celebrated his fifth birthday today by entertaining a party of children numbering about twenty. The party would have occurred a few weeks ago, but Lea S. and his sisters were wrestling with the whooping cough about that time and the matter was postponed until this morning. To avoid the rigors of the summer heat the little people were entertained at the Abbott home from 9 a. m. until 11:30 a. m. and had a royal good time romping on the lawn, and was immensely interested by Misses Sexton and Grace Newbranch in kindergarten games and songs. American flags were received by the boys as favors, while the girls received small but beautiful fans, ice cream, cake and candy were served to the delight of the small folks.

THE COMMERCIAL CLUB BOOSTS FOR PLATTSMOUTH

From Tuesday's Daily. Three or four five-passenger car automobiles loaned with members of the Plattsmouth Commercial club, went across the Pollock-Duff bridge this morning and circulated among the Sarpy county farmers, formed their acquaintance and invited them to come to Plattsmouth and try trading with the merchants here. The boosters took along some bridge tickets, which they expected to leave with the farmers who would agree to come over and try the experiment. It will be up to the merchants now to make the prices so it will be an object to come to this city to shop.

Nebraska State Fair.

A week of camping during the week of September 1 to 6, offers an opportunity for entire families to not only take a fine outdoor vacation, but to see the greatest exposition ever held in Nebraska at the state fair grounds, Lincoln. Tents, cots, tables, chairs, blankets and pillows can be rented on the grounds. No charge is made for tenting space, but each person over 12 years of age must have a season ticket, which costs \$2. Children free. The attractions are the best ever offered at a Nebraska fair, and that is "going some" when we consider the splendid program of last year. No progressive family should fail to attend.

Mr. Baughman in Town.

From Tuesday's Daily. H. W. Baughman, who is farming the Dovey section, was in town today and took out three fifty-gallon metal tanks of gasoline for Mr. Sazon's gas threshing machine. The gasoline engines for power does away with hauling coal and water, and by those who have tried this method it is liked very well.

BUYS FULL CONTROL OF FIFTH STREET BARBER SHOP

From Tuesday's Daily. H. H. Kuhney is now the full owner of the North Fifth street barber shop, Harry having purchased the interest of his partner, A. Dotson, last week. Mr. Kuhney's son-in-law, Mr. Mayfield, will take charge of the chair operated by Mr. Dotson, and the latter has entered the employ of Ward Clark. Mr. Kuhney has improved the shop by placing a fine new barber pole at the entrance. The pole has just recently been painted and striped and a marble base put under it. Mr. Kuhney has one of the most desirable locations in the city and is doing a good business.

WANTED—A span of mares 4 or 5 years old; gentle, well broke, good pullers and weight 1,000 to 1,450 pounds. Wm. Nickels.