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BOARD OF EDUCATION IN REGULAR SESSION

Superintendent Abbott's Report of
a Visit the Committee Paid to
Schools Elsewhere.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The board of education held their regular session last evening to transact matters of routine business. On the recommendation of Superintendent Abbott the school will close for the Christmas vacation on Friday evening, December 20, and resume on Monday morning, January 6, 1913. The board elected Miss Estelle Baird as a teacher in the High school and Miss Pearl Staats as a teacher to succeed Miss Baird in the department; and Miss Ruth Anderson as a teacher in the grades.

The board also appointed a committee of Messrs. Soennichsen, Wescott and Lutz to secure estimates on a brick building 70x50 feet with 14-foot ceiling.

Superintendent Abbott presented the following report on the visit that the board recently made to the Wahoo schools:

"In company with the president of our board, the secretary and Mr. Lutz, I visited the manual training and domestic science departments of the Wahoo schools last Monday. Every courtesy and consideration was shown us by the superintendent of schools, C. N. Walton, who arranged for our coming, and by the members of the Wahoo board, various teachers and members of the two classes, whose work was inspected. Four of the members of the Wahoo board—Messrs. W. T. Mauek, Charles Hultin, Dr. M. A. Miller and J. J. Johnson—spent several hours with us, giving us the advantage of their recently acquired knowledge. For all of this kindness we are duly grateful.

"For myself I have come to the conclusion that both of these branches would be highly valuable additions to our present course of study. They would certainly interest and hold in school many of our young people who are not at all attracted by our purely literary and scholastic studies.

"I have myself visited four schools where these industrial branches are taught and feel that this is a just estimate of the operating expenses and cost of installing apparatus after the room has been provided: For apparatus, installing same, and material, \$750; for instructors, \$1,500; total, \$2,250.

"This estimate is made on the basis that twenty students at one time are accommodated. All of the instructors with whom I have talked say that twenty is about as large a number as can be satisfactorily taken care of. They all agreed at the same time that if there were room it would be well to secure apparatus to accommodate twenty-four—a number that can be taken care of after they have had one or two years' experience, or in case of an emergency. I do not see how a building can be erected for less than \$4,000 or \$4,250, suitable for those industrial purposes, and think that this amount ought to be in sight for a building if we are to establish the new courses next year. For the second year the cost of operating these departments would likely not much exceed \$1,850.

"The secretary of our board took exhaustive notes of the Wahoo inspection. I add some relatives to what I saw last Tuesday in Lincoln. First at the Elliott school. A room of T shape in the attic, containing about 750 square feet of floor space, very badly cut up, held twenty work benches. The material was kept in another adjoining room. The instructor said the conditions were highly unsatisfactory for doing good work. However, it seemed to me that the boys were securing substantial benefit.

"Twenty of six B boys were making strong boxes about 10x3x3 inches in size. After this period ended twenty fifth grade boys got busy in manufacturing post envelopes out of heavy paste-board.

Each of these classes work one hour once a week. Mrs. McKinnon, the principal, as well as the instructor, said they would do better if more time could be afforded.

"The domestic science room was the counterpart of the room I have spoken of. The benches were arranged in two parallels. They were narrow, like those we saw at Wahoo, only there was a gas flame for each girl to use in her cooking, instead of the gasoline stoves that we found at Wahoo. I am of the opinion that the domestic science work would be more effective by almost 100 per cent if a dining room were arranged for in connection. The teachers regretted that they had no genuine dining rooms at any of these schools visited. In each case some corner was artificially cut off where the dining room training was given. Another practical art at the Elliott school is their print-shop, where the boys, without any outside instruction, have learned to do practical printing, several samples of which I take pleasure in showing you.

"At the McKinley school I found the manual training room, in size 30x34, equipped with twenty-four benches. No store-room is provided, and Miss Pyrtle, the principal, said this was a genuine fault. Twenty-four boys from the Bryant eighth grade were making strong boxes, similar to what had been at Elliott. They are given one and a half hours each week. The domestic science room at McKinley, slightly smaller than the manual training room, I should judge, would accommodate twenty girls. I listened to a very interesting discussion by eighth grade girls on the planning a Thanksgiving menu and the decorating and serving of the same. Before the hour was over I found that I had got into the thick of the discussion. The tables here are double and lower than the others I have examined—an arrangement, by the way, that the instructor admitted was not to be copied. The girls meet once a week for a session lasting an hour and a half."

"THELMA" THE NEXT PARMELE ATTRACTION

This Most Effective and Scenic
Production Will Be Seen in Its
Entirety at the Parmele.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Manager Shilias has secured for the theater-goers of our city a special treat in the forthcoming engagement of the famous Northland story of "Thelma." This world-read book will be presented in dramatic form at the Parmele theater for one night only, Saturday, December 7.

"Thelma" is without doubt the most effective of Marie Corelli's lighter stories, and it lends itself to the dramatist's scheme, making it a faultless play. It is a Norwegian tale, with a dash of the weird mysticism of the old Vikings, the Gods, Odin and Thor. The beautiful love story of Thelma and Sir Phillip Errington, their marriage and Thelma's unhappy life in London and the return of Thelma, heartbroken, to her old home in the Alten Fjord, Norway, followed by her husband to her snow-covered home and their happy reconciliation by the light of the Midnight Sun, all presented by a company of competent players and mounted with special scenery for every act.

A powerful side story embraces the picturesque figure of Olaf Gudmar, Thelma's father, a descendant of the Viking Norsemen. Later he is stabbed to death by the witch and he goes before he dies aboard his Norse sea boat, sets it adrift and drifts down the stream in his crimson shroud of flame.

A scenic production will be given in detail, the fire ship, the vision of the death-prophecy, Valkyrs and the Midnigh Sun, Seats will be placed on sale at the Riley hotel and reservations should be made early, as this promises to be the best attended attraction of the season.

MRS. E. R. TODD PASSES AWAY

A Pioneer Lady of Cass County,
Universally Respected by All
Who Knew Her.

From Tuesday's Daily.

This morning at 5 o'clock Mrs. E. R. Todd passed away at the home of her son, A. L. Todd, west of this city, after a short illness with inflammation of the stomach and bowels, which later affected her heart, and from which she died. Mrs. Todd was taken sick last Wednesday evening, and at once her condition became very serious, although her death was not looked for until a short time before the end came.

One very pathetic feature of the death of the mother was the fact that one of her sons, Eddie Todd, had just left for California Tuesday night, while another son, Dr. T. J. Todd, of Wahoo, is sick with inflammatory rheumatism and was unable to be present to see his mother alive for the last time.

Mrs. Todd was a lady universally beloved by all who knew her and her lifetime, spent in this locality, had resulted in the forming of many warm friendships among those with whom she had come in contact, and the grief of her death is universal in the community in which she had such a large share in forming.

Mary Ellen Thomas was born in Wabash county, Indiana, November 1, 1843, and where she resided until she came west with her parents, T. J. Thomas and wife, who located on the homestead in this county in 1856, and where she lived until her marriage in 1860 to E. R. Todd, and they have resided in this county ever since and their family has been reared and educated here. The husband passed away a few years ago. Mrs. Todd leaves surviving her six sons, as follows: Thomas E. of Long Beach, California; Dr. Geo. W. of Omaha; Dr. Timothy J. of Wahoo; Alonzo E. A. L. and Russell Todd of Plattsmouth. Three brothers, S. L. Thomas, J. W. Thomas and T. J. Thomas, and one sister, Mrs. O. M. Carter, of Denver, are also left to mourn her loss.

The date of the funeral has not been definitely set, waiting to hear from the son in California, but if he is not able to attend, it will probably be held Thursday.

BUYS OUT THE DRY CLEANING ESTABLISHMENT

From Tuesday's Daily.

R. Hampton, who has been conducting a dry cleaning establishment here for the past few years, has disposed of his interests to V. Vejvoda, the tailor, who will conduct the business hereafter in his present new quarters in the Leonard building. Mr. Vejvoda and his partner, Mr. Kalcek, are both experienced men in this line of business and any work that is given them will be turned out in the most satisfactory manner. Mr. Hampton, with his family, expect to leave shortly for California, where he expects to engage in farming. It is a matter of regret that the Hampton family are to leave our city, but the best wishes of the citizens of Plattsmouth go with them in their new location.

To Attend Stock Show.

From Tuesday's Daily.

George A. Kaffenberger and Luke E. Wiles departed last evening on No. 2 for Chicago, where they go to attend the International Live Stock Show. These gentlemen are prominent stock raisers and Mr. Wiles is the president of the State Red Polled Breeders' association, and by virtue of that office is a vice president of the international association. He is also one of the largest breeders of the celebrated Red Polled cattle in this section.

Will Live Here.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Joe Wheeler, who has been engaged in farming on his father's farm, south of this city, for the past season, has decided to come to town to spend the winter and will be employed in the Burlington shops. Joe is a very genial young man and the news that he is to reside here will be very pleasing to his many friends.

THE RETAILERS NOT TO BLAME

The High Cost of Living Still
Causing Much Agitation
Among the People.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The perplexing question of the high cost of living came in for as much discussion as any other one subject at the meeting of the National Federation of Retail Merchants in St. Louis last week. The consensus of opinion among the speakers was that the retailers are really in no way to blame for the conditions, even though the general public lays the blame there. It is because the permanence and the immediate welfare of the retail business demands a clearer understanding of the real conditions that the retailers are banding together for a mutual protection and a campaign of education.

Among other interesting things said on the subject were the following, which show clearly the attitude of these delegates towards the question:

"This high cost of living is a phenomenon more serious and complex than is believed by those who complain of it, and is not the fault of governments or of merchants.

"It is a real repetition of history, and to probe it to the bottom, the lesson of the Roman empire can be especially useful.

"On every hand men are seeking the solution of that mystery of mysteries—the High Cost of Living. There are as many remedies suggested as there are cures for rheumatism—and I fear the application will have about the same result. One urges the reduction of the tariff and dissolution of the trusts; another the reformation of our banking laws, and the prohibition of stock gambling. The overturning of our whole scheme of taxation it is claimed will solve the problem. The prohibitionists would take from the laborer his beer and thus adjust the matter. The socialist is not so much worried about the beer as he is concerned over the nickel with which he might purchase the foaming beverage. And so it goes. Politicians wrangle, political economists dispute, and magazine writers are working double shifts. There is abroad in the land a perfect maze of speculation and dispute over this vexed question. It is little wonder that the consuming public is bewildered and profoundly stirred. The grave danger of the hour is that the demagogue and charlatan will blaze blind trails for the people to travel; that designing and crafty men put forth subtle suggestions of relief—suggestions specious and flattering and yet carrying the seeds of death and decay."

Some Fine Candies.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The lover of sweets should make a trip to the store of Weyrich & Hadnaba and see the beautiful display of box candies that they have on exhibition for the Christmas trade. These box goods are packed by Lowney & Johnston, the celebrated candy manufacturers, and they have spared no expense to get up some of the most beautiful creations ever shown in the city.

For Sale.

Twenty-one acres of good land, just outside of the city limits on North Eighth and Ninth streets. No city taxes. Will sell cheap for cash. Call on Mrs. J. E. Lesley for particulars.

MANY IMPROVEMENTS AT THE GLOBE SALOON

From Tuesday's Daily.

The interior of the Globe bar, operated by Adolph Geise, at Fifth and Main streets, is being remodeled and equipped in the latest manner. Mr. Geise has had a small room built off the main bar room, in which he will store his fine bottled goods and keep them in a perfectly safe place, where they will not be subjected to as much handling as at present. In the new addition that has just been erected Mr. Geise has installed a fine new lunch room, which has been supplied with all the latest fixtures and which will make one of the neatest eating places in the city. This room will also be finished off with a private room, where dinners can be served. These improvements will make this building one of the most up-to-date in the city and Mr. Geise has shown great enterprise in having it fixed up in such a splendid manner.

SURPRISED ON HIS FOR- TY-SEVENTH BIRTHDAY

From Tuesday's Daily.

Saturday evening a number of neighbors and friends gathered at the home of Carl Kopschka and tendered him a most delightful surprise party. They also came for the purpose of showing him how to celebrate his forty-seventh birthday anniversary in the proper manner. The evening was very pleasantly whiffed away in music and cards. At a late hour a fine luncheon was served, after which the guests wished Mr. Kopschka many more happy birthdays and departed for their homes. Those who enjoyed this occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. Wolf, Miss Dora Castler, Mr. Seivers, Miss Inez Hadley, Miss Mary West, Henrietta Kopschka, Everett Wiles, Joe West, Jack West, Miss Lottie Kopschka and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kopschka and family.

SURPRISE TO MR. AND MRS. ROBERT NEWELL

From Tuesday's Daily.

Last evening a large crowd of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Newell decided to give the newly wedded pair a surprise, and so they proceeded to their home and made a very noisy demonstration, whereupon they were invited into the hospitable Newell home to spend the evening. Games and music served to amuse the guests until an appropriate hour, when delicious refreshments were served to the visitors and came as a very appropriate closing to a very enjoyable evening. At a late hour the merry party dispersed, wishing Mr. and Mrs. Newell a long and happy married life. There was about twenty-six in the party of invaders.

STORK VISITS HOME OF MR. AND MRS. LOUIS MEISINGER

From Tuesday's Daily.

Sunday evening the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Meisinger, near Mynard, was made much happier by the fact that the stork, that wise old bird, brought a winsome little daughter to their home and she expects to remain with them for the next eighteen years. The mother and daughter are both doing nicely and Louis will be able to come down to attending to his duties in a few days. Mrs. Meisinger was formerly Miss Anna Deitch of this city and her friends here will be pleased to learn of the good fortune that has befallen them.

TO EXCHANGE—960 acres of western Nebraska land for property in or near Plattsmouth. Apply to C. H. Fuller, owner, Box 44. 12-2-2twkly

Paper Napkins at this office.

Successful Box Supper.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Out in School District No. 38 known as the Heebner school, west of Nehawka, there was held one of the most successful box suppers that have been held in this county for many a day. Just think of it, a small country school district taking in \$55.85 from a box supper. The total receipts sure demonstrates just what the attendance must have been. The affair was held last Friday evening, at which time there was an excellent two hours' humorous program given, which was most highly enjoyed by all present. The entertainment and supper was given by the teacher, Miss Ima Heebner, daughter of County Commissioner C. E. Heebner, who is now upon her second year of most successful work in the home district.

PLAYED TO A VERY POOR HOUSE LAST NIGHT

From Tuesday's Daily.

While "The Man on the Box" was played to a very poor attendance at the Parmele last night, it was rendered the same as though every seat in the house was occupied. The company, headed by Boyd Trusdale, is a good one, and while every member of the company is an artist, Miss Bernice Trusdale and Boyd Trusdale, in the leading characters, were immense in the characters of Miss Bettie Annesley and Lieutenant Bob Worburton. This will be the last appearance of the company in this city in this play, and they will probably return here some time in January in a new play entitled "Madame X," one of the most interesting plays before the public. The Trusdales are all excellent performers, and when they come in January our people can expect something great in the amusement line.

PLEADS GUILTY TO CARRY- ING CONCEALED WEAPONS

County Attorney C. H. Taylor yesterday afternoon filed the information in the case of the State of Nebraska vs. Paul Hawkinson, who pleaded guilty in justice court to the charge of carrying concealed weapons. The matter will be taken up as soon as Judge Travis returns from Hastings, and the prisoner will probably receive his sentence, as otherwise he would have to remain in the county jail until the next term of court.

Spend Pleasant Evening.

The Boys' club of St. Luke's parish Sunday school held a most pleasant and profitable meeting last evening at the home of Miss Verna Leonard, and the young people were greatly pleased with the hospitable manner in which they were entertained. The new rector of the church, the Rev. Allan G. Wilson, is devoting a great deal of his time to the building up of the Sunday school, and is meeting with splendid success and the organization of this club is creating a great deal of interest among the boys who attend the school.

Always Welcome.

John T. Porter of near Murray drove up this morning to look after some matters of business, and is his usual custom, called on the Journal. While here he renewed his subscription for a year ahead from next April, and also ordered the Journal sent to J. T. Harris of Sidney, Iowa, for six months.

Good News.

It should be good news to those who have been importuning the manager of the local playhouse to get something good in the way of attractions to know that a production of the great play, "Thelma," has been arranged for and it is to be hoped that the public will show its appreciation by giving the company the patronage it merits.

Do your Xmas shopping early. See Eastwood.