

Board of Education and Teachers of Loup City Schools

Professor Burwell Writes About City Schools and Teachers

The public schools of Loup City are a source of pride to the city and surrounding country.

The growth of the schools in the last few years has been very unusual. Seven years ago the school opened with only eight teachers employed. Now there is a force of fourteen teachers, and with contemplated changes in the courses of study to be offered next year, at least one more teacher will be needed. The school has high rank in the state, being approved by the state superintendent and accredited by the State University.

So far, the only strictly vocational instruction given in the school is that offered in normal training. To aid this department of the work, the state gives the Loup City district \$700 every two years, and the success of our graduates who engage in teaching, as reported by the county superintendent, fully justifies the appropriation.

In years past, many graduates of this school have gone to other institutions for still more advanced study. Some of the strongest students our State University has ever enrolled, have come from Loup City. But to whatever institution they have gone, they have generally given a good account of themselves. Of the class of 1914, seven have since been enrolled in colleges and five engaged in teaching. The class of 1915 was composed of twenty-seven members, ten boys and seventeen girls. Of these, two boys and sixteen girls are teaching, and six boys and one girl are in college.

Since 1914, the standing of the Loup City high school has been such that grades made in the high school classes are taken by the state superintendent's office in lieu of examinations for first grade teachers' certificates. The policy of the present administration of the school is toward development of power and instruction in worth while subjects rather than toward adornment with frills.

The total enrollment so far this year is 410. Of this number ninety-eight are in the high school. There are twenty-eight non-resident pupils attending whose tuition brings to the district \$112 per month. Some of these pupils come from home every day, a distance of over eight miles.

Some data has been gathered concerning the teachers of the school. Superintendent J. H. Burwell was born in Pennsylvania. He received his common school education in Wisconsin and Missouri. He took his college course at Avalon college and received a degree from that institution. He later took a course at the state normal school at Peru, Nebraska, and was granted the degree offered by that school. He has done

special work at the university of Nebraska in the departments of education and English. He has served as principal or superintendent as follows: Ridgeway, Mo., three years; Pattonsburg, Mo., two years; Cedar Bluffs, Nebr., three years; St. Edwards, Nebr., five years; Juniata, Nebr., four years; Loup City, two years. He taught a number of terms in country schools and has done considerable work as institute instructor. He holds a professional life certificate and a superintendent's life certificate.

Principal Roy V. Kelley is a native of Nebraska. His home is at Lexington. He is a graduate of the Lexington high school and also of the Her home is at Hastings. She is a

state normal at Peru. This is his first year at Loup City, but he had four years experience before coming here. He holds a professional life certificate.

Assistant principal, Miss Grace Fawthrop, is a native of Nebraska. She graduated from the Lincoln high school and of the University of Nebraska. She graduated from the university in 1913 with the A. B. degree. This is her third year in high school work, and her second year at Loup City. She holds a first grade city state certificate.

Miss Nellie Grierson was born in Nebraska and lives at Ansley. She

is a graduate of the Ansley high school and of the state normal at Kearney, graduating at the latter in 1914. She has had eight years' experience, five of which have been in high school work. She holds a professional life certificate.

J. F. Nicoson, teacher of the grammar department of our school was born in Knox county Indiana, April 23, 1861.

He obtained his early education in the country school and later received high school training in Freelandville, Oaktown and Bruceville of the Hoosier state.

Mr. Nicoson secured a certificate

Miss Eleanora Holmes, teacher of the sixth grade, also claims Nebraska as her native state, with her home near Ravenna. She is a graduate of the Ravenna high school, graduating in the class of 1912. She taught two years in rural schools and is teaching her second year in Loup City. Her certificate is of the first grade county.

Miss Lena Smith, teacher of the fifth grade, was born and educated in Loup City. Since leaving the high school she has taught one year in the country and eight years in Loup City. She holds a first grade county certificate.

Miss Margaret McFadden, fourth grade teacher, was born in Nebraska. Her home is near Austin. She graduated from the Loup City high school in the class of 1910. She has had three years' experience in rural schools and two in town schools. Her certificate is of the first grade county.

Miss Anna Clopper, third grade teacher, is a native Nebraskan. Her home is at Liberty this state. She received her education in high school and the state normal at Peru, Nebraska.

Miss Mable Lang is a native of Nebraska. She is a graduate of the Nebraska Wesleyan Academy and of the normal department of the Nebraska Wesleyan University. She has had one year's experience in teaching and holds a second grade state certificate. She also holds a second grade county certificate.

Miss Gertrude Cruitt is the teacher of the first grade. She was born in Nebraska and her home is at Ravenna high school in 1912 and from vannahigh school in 1912 and from

the state normal at Kearney in 1914. She has had two years' experience. She is teaching her second year in Loup City. Her certificate is a first grade state.

Miss Grace Lang, kindergarten teacher, is a Nebraskan by birth. She is a graduate of the University Place high school and of the normal department of the Nebraska Wesleyan University. She has had four years' experience in town schools and holds a second grade state certificate.

Mrs. Beth Owen, supervisor of music, was born in Nebraska and resides in Loup City. She is a graduate of the Loup City high school and of the Leander Clark college conservatory of music, at Toledo, Ohio. She taught private voice and piano three years and has had several years' experience in directing and singing in choruses and choirs. She holds a supervisor's certificate from the Institute of Normal Methods, Evanston, Illinois.

BRAINS AND HANDS.

Everybody has brains and most everybody has hands, and the two combined should chase the wolf from any door.

A few people begin life by working with their hands, and as opportunity presents they throw their brains into the fray and make a success in their chosen vocation.

Later we speak of them as self made men. Others start life with their hands, never use anything but their hands, and die as they began.

And we speak of them as failures.

Now why can't everybody in this town use their brains as well as their hands?

Begin to-day to concentrate your thoughts upon performing your labors just a little better than you did yesterday, and each day strive to move upward on the ladder of efficiency.

When you do this you will find your boss behind and pushing you about as energetically as you are climbing. Through your efforts and his you will soon reach the top, and when the proper opportunity arrives you will become somebody else's boss.

Brains without hands seldom accomplish much, and hands without the use of brains will most assuredly never startle the world.

Brains and hands should work together and in complete harmony.

Together they will surmount the obstacles in life's pathway, but singly they will skate through existence on the fringe of adversity.

Many young boys are growing up in this town whose future is yet to be carved out. If taught the proper use of their brain power while young they will become self-made men of the future. If allowed to drift along until they arrive at man's estate they will find greater use for the hand than for the brain. They may not become failures, but at best they will simply be cogs in the machinery of better men.

Start your boy right and he will travel the rest of the way on his own mettle.



JOSEPH O'BRYAN
President.



Left to Right, Standing—Mable Lang, Grace Lang, Margaret McFadden, J. F. Nicoson, Anna Clopper, Roy V. Kelley, Madge Holmes, Eleanora Holmes, Lena Smith.
Left to Right, Seated—Gertrude Cruitt, Grace Fawthrop, J. H. Burwell, Nellie Grierson, Mrs. Beth Owen.



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MRS. WILLIAM AMICK

in 1885 and taught school for two years in his native state, coming to Nebraska in the spring of 1887, and engaging in school work in Valley county the following winter. In this profession he has continued to the present time, having had experience in all grades of school work.

Since coming to Nebraska, Mr. Nicoson took a course in plain and ornamental penmanship and bookkeeping in the Omaha Commercial college and spent one summer in the Fremont normal school.

This is Mr. Nicoson's eighth year in Loup City school.

Miss Madge Holmes, seventh grade teacher, was born in Nebraska and lives near Ravenna. She received her education in the Ravenna schools and at the state normal at Kearney. She holds a first grade county certificate and has had nine years' experience in teaching, three of which have been in the Loup City schools.



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