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ADDRESS BY PROF. J. M. McKENZIE.

A Bird's-Eye View of our Educational Field.

The following is an abstract of the address delivered by Prof. J. M. McKenzie, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, before the Nebraska State Teachers' Association last week. We invite special attention thereto, as the subject matter is of great interest to the friends of education:

Ladies and Gentlemen, Friends and Fellow Laborers—It is my intention at this time simply to glance over the State and take a bird's-eye view, as it were, of the educational field. In so doing, I will be compelled to give quite an amount of statistical matter, which may not be of great interest to some; and yet, when properly considered, what I thus present will be of more real value than the most eloquent address on any general topic. There has been no educational report published since 1860—hence I have no data from which to institute comparisons. Mr. Beals, my predecessor, has been earnestly at work during the past year, preparing a report which I doubt not will be of great value to the State. No person can fully realize the difficulties to be encountered in preparing a report of the condition of educational matters in the State without actual experience; nor could I tell you in what they consist, so as to give you an intelligent idea of them, without you have a knowledge of the blanks used and the manner of using them. Suffice it to say, that not a single report comes to my office correct in detail, and I have no means at hand to correct it. This remark casts no reflection on the Superintendents. Imagine, if you please, the State a large firm, transacting business through more than three thousand clerks, and these keeping a record of their business in their heads or on scraps of paper. These clerks may represent the teachers, treasurers and school directors. At the close of the year one thousand of these clerks—the directors—collect the various items from the others, and from their own memories, and journalize them, if you please to call it so, on what is called the directors' report; and when these reports are thus journalized, the day-books are lost forever, and there is no tracing anything back of these reports. These one thousand journals or reports, are placed in the hands of some thirty-five higher officers called Superintendents. It now becomes their duty to post these accounts in a ledger called the superintendent's report. These ledgers are forwarded to the chief clerk, who must make out the final report. This illustration may give some faint idea of the difficulty, when it is remembered that each report contains nearly fifty different kinds of accounts, and a mistake in one of these may disarrange many of the rest. We need a perfect system of reports from the district schools up, and we need business men to make them in order to have them correct. It is amusing to see the various constructions placed on a few simple words. You imagine you have been very explicit—very precise, clear and concise, in preparing the headings of your blanks. You can see no chance for misunderstanding; but you are astonished when the blank returns to your office, to find nearly as many methods of filling out the spaces as there are different individuals reporting. Your space for dollars is filled with mills; the average attendance is much greater than the number of pupils in the district. The number of days taught by two teachers in the same district during the year is far in excess of the number of days reported in another column. The total disbursements far exceed the receipts, and frequently then even a great amount of monies en hand are reported from the same district. I dare not, therefore, say that what I present this evening is a true statement of the condition of educational matters in Nebraska; but only so, so far as the reports returned to my office will show. Another great obstacle in the way is, that many districts failed to make any financial report whatever; and four whole counties have entirely failed in this respect. Among these, I am sorry to say, is Cass county, the fourth county of the State as regards the number of children. The other counties are not so important. In my statistical report I have given Cass the same as Nemaha county, as the enumeration returns are nearly the same. Thus I am enabled only to give approximate reports; still, I think they will do as a basis for future action, and give us some idea of our present status, educationally. We know enough, however, to make us feel that there is yet a vast work to do, before our State can take a front rank in education. As far as possible I will compare the present with the past year; it will only be in a few instances that I can make any comparison. There are now thirty-five counties represented in the apportionment of the State school funds; last year there were but thirty-one. Thus we have a gain of four counties. Undoubtedly the increase will be much greater in another year. Last enumeration returns showed 41,063 children, between the ages of 5 and 21 years. In 1870 the number was 32,619, giving a gain of 8,444 during the year; 22,688 children have been enrolled as scholars in our public schools, leaving 18,375 without school privileges. That is, only 55 per cent. have attended school at all during the year. This is modified slightly by the consideration that 1,169 children are reported as having attended private schools during the year. The average length of time during which school was kept in each district sustaining a school is 71.9 days, or a little more than 3½ months. Now, when we take into consideration the irregular attendance, the many who will come a few days at the commencement of the term and then drop off, the tardiness, the stormy days, and many other things that tend to make the average attendance greatly below the number enrolled on the school register, we cannot count the average attendance at more than two months and a half. Look at the picture friends! Does it not cause a shade of sadness to pass over your hearts? Only a little more than one-half of the children in Nebraska receiving any instruction whatever, and these less than three months apiece! Did you ever realize our true condition before? We have heard much fine talk about our educational facilities. We have congratulated ourselves over our magnificent prospective school fund, but we did not know before that so little was being done for the education of the present generation in Nebraska. Douglas county, out of every hundred gives fifty-two some school advantages; while forty-eight wander in the streets of Omaha uncared for, or delve in mental darkness on her prairies. Otoe educates 56 a little, and leaves 44 to shift for themselves. Nemaha, the county that should be able to boast somewhat, reports through County Superintendent but 42 per cent. In this report, Brownville and several other districts are credited with doing nothing. Lancaster educates 59 per cent.; Saunders only 34; Richardson, 70; Buffalo, 12; Lincoln county, 73 per cent., and so on. I will not detain you with other counties but will say that while a perfect report from all the counties would undoubtedly make a better showing for the cause of education in our State, than do the present imperfect reports; yet these are sufficiently correct to show us that work must yet be done, and that speedily too, to save Nebraska from rolling up the black list of illiteracy, so fearfully great already in other States.

We think, while compulsory education has some repulsive features, it will be wisdom in us to consider carefully how far we can afford to allow ignorance to prevail, and still be a prosperous people. There are now in the State 1,092 organized school districts. There are 560 male teachers, 520 female—showing 40 more males than females, total number of teachers employed during the year in public schools, 1,080. Perhaps this does not show precisely the true number, as the same teacher may have taught two or three terms in a year, in as many different districts, and thus have been counted as so many different teachers; but when we remember that there are many engaged in private schools not reported in this list, we may conclude that the number is very nearly correct, counting the whole number of teachers of all classes. In the counties of Hall, Lincoln, L'Eau qui Court, Stanton and Polk no lady teachers were employed. Otoe employs 60 ladies and 44 gentlemen; Richardson 57 gents, and 44 ladies; Lancaster 30 of each, though the County Superintendent prefers the ladies. Total amount paid male teachers for the year, $81,264 73; paid females, $69,890 84—giving $1 962 per day to the gentlemen, or $39 24 per month; and $1 818 per day to the ladies, or $36 56 per month, with just one week's board apiece extra, obtained by boarding around. We presume there is no other State in the Union where the wages of the two sexes are so nearly equal. The highest wages paid any teacher in the public schools were paid to Mr. Rich, of Brownville. His salary was $1,500. The lady teachers in Omaha received $75 per month without discrimination; those in Nebraska City a little over $50.

There are 517 school houses in the State, eleven stone, twenty-seven brick, three hundred and forty-three frame, one hundred and nine log, and twenty-seven dug-outs and sod houses. Aggregate value of school buildings, $389,730.89; value of sites, $46,718.60. This is the era of school house building, and the next year's report will undoubtedly show a great increase over the present number. What houses are being erected now are of a better quality than those built formerly, as pine lumber can be obtained at much lower rates.

Omaha has two fine ward school buildings already erected, and is preparing to build another this fall. These, with the high school building, (which, by the way, will compare favorably with any public school edifice in the west, when completed) will afford facilities for education as good, if not better, than any other city of its size in the United States.

Nebraska City has two fine buildings. Brownville one, Nemaha City one, Salem one, Beatrice one, Fremont one. All these are for graded schools. In addition to these, other towns are preparing to erect buildings suitable for graded schools. Lincoln has voted $50,000 to erect one, Ashland $10,000, Pawnee City $10,000, and Falls City, Tecumseh, Columbus, and many other villages, are only waiting for a purchaser to take their bonds at a fair price, to enable them to do likewise. Besides these more than one hundred county school houses will be erected during the season. Before another State Teacher's Association there will be erected a new building for the deaf and dumb, a new normal school building, and doubtless some other private or denominational school buildings. Then, too, the doors of the State University are soon to be thrown open.

We have reason to look forward with hope. A new era seems dawning on Nebraska; the gloom of the past night is giving way to the streaks of the morning light, which herald the approach of a glorious day.

The aggregate expenditures for all school purposes during the past year are $363,576-03. Total indebtedness, $74,467.63. Amount expended for apparatus, $2,236.29. There was apportioned by the Staie Superintendent last year, to the several counties, $138,849-40, obtained as follows:

Interest on territorial bonds	$ 3,076 30
" " U. S. securities	5,262 70
" " private "	2,258 23
" " unpaid principle of school lands	68,090 89
Fines and Licenses	4,072 00
Rents on school lands	5,440 27
Two mill tax	50,624 51
Other sources	21 30

Included in the above apportionment are $1,458.33, interest on the $16,881.26 donated by the general government to Nebraska. The interest was never paid, and the $1,458.33 had to be deducted from the last apportionment in order to pay up back warrants. We are assured, however, that the interest will be paid and will appear in the fall apportionment.

The amount of money that will probably be apportioned to the several counties this year will not be far from $160,000, divided as follows:

Interest on territorial bonds	$3,650 00
" " U. S. securities	4,342 50
" " private securities should be	8,440 00
" " unpaid prin. of school lands	5,000 00
Rents for school lands	6,000 00
Two mill tax	73,000 00
Total	$160,382 50

The apportionment may not reach this amount, but it should even more if the taxes are paid up as well as usual. The two mill tax on the grand assessment roll, if all collected, would amount to $107,000, but counting 7-10 per cent. as the probable amount, we should have $73,000, as above indicated from that source. Although some counties reported their fines and license money, last year, it was not strictly just as it was reported in a very few instances—this year no county has reported any money from these sources.

I can not speak of the permanent school fund with any degree of certainty. As nearly as can be ascertained there have been about 90,000 acres of school land sold, at an average price of nearly nine dollars per acre. This would give $800,000 as permanent investment, but when we remember that a considerable portion of the land bought becomes forfeited to the State through non-payment, we can readily see that it will not do to assume the amount of lands sold as the true basis of our income.

It is certainly a very wise provision that the framers of our new constitution have inserted in it that of a land commissioner to look especially after this great interest. It is estimated by one of the committee on education of the Constitutional Convention, that there are over three million acres of school land in the State, which, sold at the minimum rate would give the immense permanent fund of $25,000,000.

It is undoubtedly a fact that not many years hence we shall have an annual income of one million dollars to distribute throughout the State for educational purposes, derived from this source alone. But fine school houses, splendid libraries and apparatuses, great incomes, can not alone make good schools. We must have competent, earnest teachers, and efficient school officers.

FUN AT A CANDY-PULL.

BY SUT LOVENGOOD.

I had a heap of trouble last Christmas, and I'll tell you how it happened:

Dekin Jones gave a candy pullin', and I got a stool, as they say in North Carolina, and over I goes.

Sister Poll and I went together, and when we got to old man Jones' the house was chuck full. Dog mi cats ef thare was room to turn round!

Thar was Suez Harkin—she's as big as a skinned horse—and six other Harkins, and Simmonses, and Pedigrews, and the school master and his gal, besides the old dekin and the dekiness, and enough little dekineses to set up half a dozen young folks in the family biziness.

Well, bimedy the pot begun to bile, and the fun begun. We all got our plates ready, and put flour on our hands to keep the candy from stickin', and then we pitched into pullin.'

Wasn't it fun? I never saw sich laflin' and cuttin' up in all mi born daze.

I made a candy bird for Em Simmons. Her and me expects to trot in double harness one of these daze. She made a candy goose for me.

Then we got throwin' candy balls intu one another's hair, and a runnin' from one side of the hous to tuther, and out intu the kitchen, till everything upon the place was gommed over with candy.

I got a pine bench, and Em Simmons sot close to me.

Suez Harkin—confound her pictur!—throw'd a candy ball sock intu one of mi ize.

I made abulge to run after her, and heard something rip.

Mi stars alive! Wasn't I pickeled? I looked around, and thar was the gable-end of mi bran new britches a stickin' to the pine bench.

I backed up again the wall sorter eraw-fish like, and grinned.

"Sut," said sister Poll, "what's the matter?"

"Shut up!" sez I.

"Sut," says Em, "come away from that wall; you'll get all greasy."

"Let her grease!" sez I, and sot down on a washboard that was lying across a tub, feelin' worse than an old made at a weddin'.

Purty soon I felt something hurt, and purty soon it hurt agin'.

Ice—whis—I jumpt ten feet hi, kicked over the tub, out flew old Jones' Christmas turkey, and you ought to seen me git.

I cut for tall timber now, jumped staked and rider fences, and smashed down brush like a runaway herikan till I got home, and went to bed and staid there two daze.

Ef old Jones' barn burns down next winter, and I'm arrested for it, and ef anybody peers as a witness agin me, I'll bust his doggon'd hed! Them's mi sentiments!

In one of our border States last week, says the Council Bluffs *Nonpareil*, twenty Baptist clergymen, who were attending a convention, went down to a secluded spot on the river bank, in the afternoon, for the purpose of taking a swim. These score of bretheren removed their clothing and placed it upon the railroad track close at hand, because the grass was wet. They then entered the water and enjoyed themselves. Presently an express train came around the curve at the rate of forty miles an hour, and before any of the swimmers could reach dry land, all those undershirts and socks and things were fluttering from the cow-catcher and speeding onward to Kansas. It was painful for the brethren—exceedingly painful—because all the clothing that could be found, after a careful search, was a sun umbrella and a pair of eye-glasses. And they do say that when those twenty marched home by the refulgant light of the moon, that evening, in single file, and keeping close together, the most familiar acquaintance with the Zouave drill, on the part of the man at the head, with umbrella, still hardly sufficed to cover them completely. They felt conspicious, somehow; and the situation was made all the more embarrassing, because that night all the Dorcas societies, and the Woman's Rights Conventions and the pupils at the female boarding school, seemed to be prancing around the streets, and running across the route of the parade. Most of the brethren are now down on immersion, and altogether in favor of the use of water only in sprinkling.

Special Election Notice.

IN THE MATTER of submission to a vote of the legal voters of Peru Precinct, of the question whether the Precinct aforesaid shall issue its Bonds to aid in the construction of the St. Louis and Nebraska Trunk Railroad.

The Board of County Commissioners being satisfied by petitions, and otherwise that it is the wish of a large portion of the voters of Peru Precinct, and that it is expedient and proper that the questions hereinafter mentioned should be submitted to the vote of the voters of the said Precinct.

Now, therefore, by virtue of authority in us vested by law, we, the Board of County Commissioners of Nemaha County, State of Nebraska, do order that a special election be held in and for the said Peru Precinct, in the County of Nemaha, State of Nebraska, on the

9th Day of September A D, 1871.

at the usual place of voting in said precinct for the purpose of voting on the following questions, to-wit:

Shall the County Commissioners of said county of Nemaha, State of Nebraska, issue the bonds of said Peru Precinct, in said county, to the amount of Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars, to aid by donation in the construction of the St. Louis and Nebraska Trunk Railroad, in and through said Precinct, in said County.

And shall the County Commissioners cause to be levied annually, on the taxable property of the said Precinct, in said County, in addition to the other annual taxes, an amount of tax sufficient to pay annually the interest on the said bonds of the said Precinct.

And, after the expiration of five years from the time of issuing the said Precinct bonds, shall they cause to be levied on the taxable property of the said Precinct, annually, until the said Precinct bonds are paid, an additional tax sufficient to pay one-fifth part of the principal of said Precinct bonds and apply the same to the payment thereof. Said bonds to be made payable in ten years from the date of issue, and to bear interest at the rate of eight per cent. per annum. The interest payable annually at the office of the County Treasurer of this County.

Provided, That the bonds of the said Precinct shall not be issued until the said St. Louis and Nebraska Trunk Railroad is completed, and the cars running thereon from the south line of said Precinct, in said County of Nemaha, State of Nebraska.

Provided further, That said Railroad is commenced and completed within one year, from the 9th day of September, A. D. 1871.

The ballots voted at said election, shall have written or printed thereon the following words, to-wit:

Those in favor of said bonds and tax, the words:

"FOR BONDS AND TAX—YES."

Those opposed to the said bonds and tax, the words:

"FOR BONDS AND TAX—NO."

Said election shall be opened at 8 o'clock in the forenoon, and continue open until 6 o'clock in the afternoon of said day.

By order of the County Commissioners of Nemaha County, State of Nebraska, and that the County Clerk give notice accordingly.

A. J. RITTER, C. F. HARMS, H. O. MINICK, } Commissioners.

By order of the Board of County Commissioners. JAMES M. HACKER, Co. Clk.

Special Election Notice.

IN THE MATTER of submission to a vote of the legal voters of Brownville Precinct, of the question whether the Precinct aforesaid shall issue its Bonds to aid in the construction of the St. Louis and Nebraska Trunk Railroad.

The Board of County Commissioners being satisfied by petitions, and otherwise, that it is the wish of a large portion of the voters of Brownville Precinct, and that it is expedient and proper that the questions hereinafter mentioned should be submitted to the vote of the voters of the said Precinct.

Now, therefore, by virtue of authority in us vested by law, we, the Board of County Commissioners of Nemaha County, State of Nebraska, do order that a special election be held in and for the said Brownville Precinct, in the County of Nemaha, State of Nebraska, on the

9th Day of September, A. D., 1871.

at the usual place of voting in said precinct for the purpose of voting on the following questions, to-wit:

Shall the County Commissioners of said county of Nemaha, State of Nebraska, issue the bonds of said Brownville Precinct, in said county, to the amount of Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars, to aid by donation in the construction of the St. Louis and Nebraska Trunk Railroad, in and through said Precinct, in said County.

And shall the County Commissioners cause to be levied annually, on the taxable property of the said Precinct, in said County, in addition to the other annual taxes, an amount of tax sufficient to pay annually the interest on the said bonds of the said Precinct.

And, after the expiration of five years from the time of issuing the said Precinct bonds, shall they cause to be levied on the taxable property of the said Precinct, annually, until the said Precinct bonds are paid, an additional tax sufficient to pay one-fifth part of the principal of said Precinct bonds and to apply the same to the payment thereof. Said bonds to be made payable in ten years from the date of issue, and to bear interest at the rate of eight per cent. per annum. The interest payable annually at the office of the County Treasurer of this County.

Provided, That the bonds of the said Precinct shall not be issued until the said St. Louis and Nebraska Trunk Railroad is completed, and the cars running thereon from the south line of Asplnwall Precinct to the