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NEW SCHOOL BUILDING.

Superintendent Dudley Tells Why One Should Be Built.

City Superintendent G. W. Dudley, who has labored faithfully to bring the Red Cloud schools up to the standard set by surrounding cities and has succeeded so far as it is within the power of an individual to do so, has the following to say concerning the proposition for a new building:

"The board of education unanimously decided to call for a vote, at the April election, on the proposition to issue \$25,000 bonds for the purchase of a site and the erection and furnishing of a school building in the South ward and also to place a heating plant in the North ward building.

"As to whether or not the bonds carry rests now with the voters. The board of education has done all it can officially do.

"Many in the North ward have been dissatisfied with half time for the first and second grades. The occasion is now here for this condition to be alleviated. The new building will certainly relieve the North ward, else the bond proposition could not justly claim the North ward vote, for certainly the North ward needs help as greatly as the South. But the proposed building will benefit both wards, as it should. As a prominent North ward patron remarked, some few days ago: "The people of Red Cloud have too much confidence in the board of education to suppose they would erect a building as far from the center of population as is the old building." Nor is there a man in the South ward who would desire this. With a building located within a reasonable distance of the ward line, it would be possible to transfer pupils from one ward to the other without objection on the part of anyone.

"One of the main results that can be gained by building will be the concentration of the teaching force. One grade to each teacher is the end in view. This will increase the teacher's efficiency to a great degree. Such a gain is a gain to the community—a gain which no patron can afford to overlook.

"There is no patron in Red Cloud, in either ward, who should not vote for the bonds, unless it would be someone who would put at naught many modern improvements to secure fresh air, constant, even temperature, and sanitation. We are greatly lacking in these respects. Other cities of the size of Red Cloud enjoy them. Let us not deceive ourselves by the delusion common to every town and city—that the axis of the universe sticks out visibly through the center of our city. It doesn't. Red Cloud's schools are not what they should be. The reason is not that we haven't good teachers, nor a sufficient number, though we are handicapped in this latter respect in the high school.

"Before plans are accepted the location of the high school is important. Wilber, Neb., a city employing twelve teachers, two years ago completed a building at a cost of \$20,000. In this building the high school occupies the second floor, while below are five or six grade rooms. We can do this also, and use the North ward building for part of the grades. The great disadvantage in this case would be the same division of the teaching force that is now troubling us—a condition that we can now remedy.

"We think the best plan of all would be to segregate the high school from the grades, a condition that is in itself a good thing. The North ward building could well be used for the high school and the eighth grade. With a few necessary improvements in the way of a heating plant, new furniture, and removal of partitions, this building could be made reasonably comfortable.

"The seven remaining grades and the kindergarten could well be provided for in the new building. By this arrangement we could attain some very desirable features: A special kindergarten teacher, which we already have in the North ward; one grade for each teacher; the separation

of the high school and eighth grade from the grades that need recess; a fairly uniform number of pupils under each teacher; relief for the overcrowded North ward.

"The population of Red Cloud is not sufficient to justify having two bodies of teachers, one in each ward, doing exactly the same work. This condition is justifiable only in case the wards have school population averaging from 25 to 40 pupils to the grade. But the average number in the South ward is not more than 15. This makes it necessary to place two and, in one case, three grades under each teacher. But this is the way the grades are arranged in schools of five or six teachers. The schools of Guide Rock and towns of that size are graded in this way. This is the way we are situated in both wards. Hence it is idle to claim that our schools are what they should be or what the money we spend on them can make them. Nor is our high school what it should be for a city of 2,000. We can come up to the standard in the grades without spending a dollar more for teachers. Not so in the high school. Compare our high school faculty with that of Superior: Superior has five teachers in the high school, Red Cloud three. To be sure Superior has more pupils enrolled in the high school. But since Superior has no greater population, the reason for this condition is evident. Our high school already has more than its facilities warrant. We need an optional course—need it greatly. We lose pupils every year because we do not have it. There is but one way to improve the high school: add at least one teacher to the present number. Hitherto this has been impossible. Three high school teachers are all we now have room for. But now that we have a chance to make room, let's not fail. Vote for the bonds."

AFTER THIRTY-FIVE YEARS.

Guide Rock Man Marries Former Sweetheart in Michigan.

From the News-Letter.

In a St. Johns (Mich.) paper of last week we find the following item which will be of interest to many of our readers:

"Last Monday saw the culmination of a pretty romance right in our midst when Mrs. Emma P. Travis was united in marriage to Charles W. Corwin of Guide Rock, Neb. This romance began 35 years ago, when the couple were little boy and girl sweethearts. Mr. Corwin went away, and the little girl grew to womanhood and was married. The years passed until 35 were marked off on time's circle. Mr. Corwin made up his mind that he would like to visit his old home. So a week ago he returned to Michigan from his home in Guide Rock and found that his former sweetheart was a widow, and the result was a pretty wedding. The affair was a very happy one. About thirty guests were present, and dainty refreshments were served."

Death of Mrs. Blankenbaker.

Mrs. Elizabeth Blankenbaker, widow of Felix Blankenbaker, died at her home in Walnut Creek last Tuesday, at the age of 75. Funeral services were held Thursday. The deceased is survived by four children—Thomas, Frank and G. M. Blankenbaker, and Mrs. Charles Rinker, all of whom live in Walnut Creek township.

"Toby" is dead. "Toby" was Postmaster Hacker's dog, and was known to nearly everybody in Red Cloud. Someone left a dose of poison where the dog could get hold of it, and he died Saturday afternoon. About the meanest, low-down skunk in creation is the dog-poisoner. He not only destroys the good and bad dogs alike, but endangers the lives of other domestic animals, and even human beings.

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HAUPTMANN PROSPERING.

Former Red Cloud Preacher Engaged in Mining Venture.

Rev. William Hauptmann, former pastor of the Congregational church, has not been absent from Red Cloud long enough for his image to fade from the memory of the oldest inhabitant. Hauptmann was one of those hard-headed Dutchmen who cared little for the opinions of others. This trait led to frequent spirited wrangles with certain members of his flock, and (horrible to relate!) it was finally discovered that in the privacy of his own home he occasionally indulged in the soothing influence of a good cigar. This convinced some of his parishioners that he was not cut out for a minister of the gospel, and when he asked for a raise in salary and didn't get it he resigned. He went from here to Alma, where he preached for a time, finally drifting out to Searchlight, Nev., where, according to the following story from the Searchlight Bulletin of recent date, he seems to be doing well:

"About a year ago there arrived in Searchlight a little man with quiet, deep, shrewd gray eyes, introducing himself as a minister of the gospel. He represented no missionary society; he paid very little attention to raising a salary for his services; he gathered the children into Sunday school, and on Sunday nights preached in the little school house on the hill. The boys learned to love the "little parson," as they called him, and men who had not been to church for many years went week after week to hear him, and spent hours talking over his bluff, eccentric manner of speech. The parson spoke little about himself, but gradually it was learned that he was the Rev. William Hauptmann, and had held important pulpits in Nebraska. He was afflicted with wander-lust and a desire to practice law. "I want to quit preaching and go to practicing," is the way he put it. It was noticeable that whenever a group of men gathered to discuss some new strike or a sample of some good-looking rock, the "little parson" was in the crowd, an interested spectator, eternally asking questions in an unobtrusive manner. "I am no miner, boys, but I just want to know, that's all," he said. But many persons have spoken of a certain sly look in his eye. It seemed to some as though those gray eyes, set far back in the massive head, showed a strange sparkle and hid a tremendously secretive brain, but the secret is out. It is true the "little parson" taught the children, nursed the sick and helped the poor, and in a great many ways ingratiated himself, but quietly and constantly he was studying conditions and learning the formation of the surrounding country. It is remembered now that he has been in the habit of taking long walks in the hills for "exercise," he said, and all this time he has been getting information, studying mining law, familiarizing himself with mining in general, until now he is considered one of the best informed men in the district in matters pertaining to all that interests miners.

"But the studies of Mr. Hauptmann have not been merely academic. He formed valuable associations and now he is fledged out as vice president and chief counsel for the Eldorado Mammoth Gold Mining Company, corporation owning excellent property in Eldorado canyon, and it is whispered by the wise ones that the parson is on the straight road to great wealth."

Frank H. Gamel, who is soon to deliver, in our city, his popular illustrated lecture, "The American Boy, His Pranks, Perils, and Possibilities," is considered by those who know him best as peculiarly fitted to speak upon his chosen theme. He knows boys. For more than eighteen years he has "lived among them" in a very special sense. He has superintended boys' clubs in some of the larger cities, has been a successful pastor and Y. M. C. A. secretary. He has had large experience with boys of all classes, from the homeless street gamins to the sons

of some of the best families in the land. His keen sympathy, coupled with his ability to remember the doings of the days of his own boyhood, win for him the confidence of the boys who know him. Hundreds of lads, scattered all over the United States, delight to count upon him as a special friend and advisor. College course, next Wednesday evening.

TWO-CENT FARE

Bills Have Passed Both Houses in Nebraska.

Yesterday the Nebraska House of Representatives passed the 2-cent fare bill by a vote of 90 to 0. The Senate had already passed a 2-cent fare bill, and both branches will now appoint conference committees and get together on one bill. The vote in the House shows the overwhelming sentiment in favor of lower rates.

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AN EXPENSIVE SLAP.

Elmer Harvey Pays Dearly for Swatting His Neighbor.

For some time past there has been more or less friction up in the Harvey neighborhood, north of Inavale. Not long ago Elmer Fogg had Mrs. R. D. Russell arrested for threatening him with a gun. There was also some difficulty over the disappearance of some hogs.

One day last week a couple of Elmer Harvey's horses got loose and were taken up by Mr. Russell. When Mr. Harvey went after his horses Mr. Russell demanded \$2 for their keep. A heated argument followed about the matter, and finally Harvey swatted Russell on his dial. Russell swore out a warrant for Harvey's arrest and the case came up before Judge Edson for adjudication on Monday morning, when Harvey was given a fine and costs amounting to \$16.50.

Query: If it costs only \$22.55 for violently resisting an officer, and you are taxed \$16 for swatting your neighbor when he insinuates that you are a liar and no gentleman, what would be the approximate cost of the cupola for the new court house?

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