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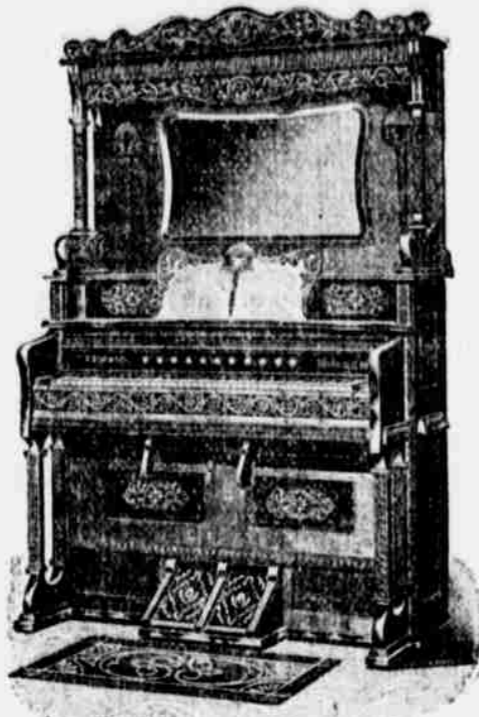
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## School Notes

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The Commercial Advertiser calls attention to the fact that some voters are complaining because the site for the proposed school building is not determined upon before election. No doubt there is such complaint. However, it is evident that some are more deeply interested in the value of real estate than in the welfare of the schools. Of course it is to be expected that the former consideration will make strong appeals to property owners. To expect men to overlook this consideration, other things being equal, is not to be thought of. But there are other things that compel attention.

A school building should be located as near as possible to the center of population. No man should object to this for private advantage. There is no doubt that the location of the building will affect the value of property and probably cause the town to grow in a particular direction. This will be the case, no matter where the site may be. However, no one should favor a particular site solely that his property may be enhanced in value.

To repeat, the South ward does not contain enough pupils to justify a building to be used exclusively for that ward. Here is the proof taken from the monthly report of the teachers, including the months of the current school year:

| SOUTH WARD.                                  |     |
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| Average daily attendance, Sept.              | 109 |
| Average daily attendance, Oct.               | 104 |
| Average daily attendance, Nov.               | 116 |
| Average daily attendance, Dec.               | 90  |
| Average daily attendance, Jan.               | 95  |
| Average daily attendance, Feb.               | 71  |
| Average attendance for 6 months.             | 97  |
| Average number pupils per teacher            | 24  |
| Minimum average daily attendance in one room | 14  |

Maximum average daily attendance in one room..... 42

### NORTH WARD.

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| Average daily attendance, Sept.          | 192 |
| Average daily attendance, Oct.           | 209 |
| Average daily attendance, Nov.           | 213 |
| Average daily attendance, Dec.           | 202 |
| Average daily attendance, Jan.           | 195 |
| Average daily attendance, Feb.           | 197 |
| Average daily attendance during 6 months | 201 |
| Average daily attendance per teacher     | 40  |
| Maximum average under any one teacher    | 50  |
| Minimum average under any one teacher    | 35  |

These statistics clearly show that the average attendance in the North ward is more than double that in the South.

The only way to get an average of 30 pupils per teacher in the South ward is to give three grades to a teacher. To do this means to reduce the South ward school to the plane of the rural school. Is this what the man desires who wants separate ward schools maintained? Or would he prefer to send his children half a mile to a poor school rather than a mile to a good one? Many children are coming two and some even three miles. If this is true, there is no reason why parents who live in the remote suburbs can not send their children a mile or even more.

After talking to various men and listening to various opinions pro and con, one is driven to give this suggestion: Listen to reason. If your objection can not face cold facts, discard it. Ponder this: Is it advisable to send a child a mile to school, provided the school be sufficiently better to make up for the disadvantage?

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### A MOOTED QUESTION.

#### Where Shall the New School Building Be Located.

Considerable dissatisfaction is being expressed because the school board is asking the people to vote bonds for a new school house before deciding upon a location. The First warders want the building located near the center of their ward, while the Second ward patrons favor a location nearer the center of the city. As it is proposed to use the new building for a central grade school for all the city we believe the building should be located in the South ward as near the Fourth avenue line as possible. The size of the ground is another matter about which people differ. Many people have a mistaken idea that an entire city block is necessary for the requirements of a school building. The people of Red Cloud have become so used to seeing the high school building occupying an entire block that they can not realize that a smaller ground would suffice. In the cities school buildings seldom occupy more than a quarter of a block, and where they do have larger grounds but a small portion is used as playgrounds for the children. Of course an athletic field for baseball and football would be a nice thing to have, but it does not necessarily have to be connected with the school building. In fact it would be better if located at a distance from the building, as such grounds should be fenced, and fences are a disfiguration, no matter how artistically they are built. Let us vote the bonds and trust to the good sense of the board to secure a location that will be fair to all.

### Number the Houses.

Now that Red Cloud has begun to assume metropolitan airs, why would it not be a good idea to put up signs on the corners giving the names of the streets, and then number the houses? While there are many persons in Red Cloud who know, practically, where everybody else lives, the majority of the people do not know, and as there are many new families moving in it would be a great convenience to have the houses numbered. The cost would be comparatively small, and the plan of numbering is simple. Where streets run straight the system of numbering by hundreds, known as the Philadelphia system, is the best—that is, with every block change the hundred. In Red Cloud, in numbering houses on streets running north and south the numbering should commence at First avenue and run each way. The block north of First avenue would be the 100 block, the next the 200 block, and so on. Place the even numbers on the east side of the street, odd numbers on the west. On Webster street this would make Miner's corner 301-303 North Webster, the postoffice 305, and so on. Grace's corner would be 323. On the opposite side of the street the numbers would be even, 300 to 322. The City office would be 410 North Webster. The numbering south from First street would be done in the same manner. In numbering east and west Webster street would be the dividing line, with the even numbers on the north side of the street, odd numbers on the south. Cornerhouses would be numbered according to the streets on which they front. Thus Fred Mandeville's home would be 222 West Fourth avenue, while the new Catholic church would be 401-403 North Seward street. This suggestion of numbering the houses may cause some people to smile, but it would be a great convenience to strangers in our midst, as well as to many of our citizens.

### Terminal Taxation.

The terminal taxation bill has been passed by the house. This bill gives cities and towns the right to tax railroad terminal property within their corporate limits, and is in addition to the state tax already levied. This will not add greatly to the taxable property in Red Cloud, as the Burlington depot and eating house are outside the corporate limits, though the roundhouse, ice house and coal chutes come in for taxation.

### NEARLY A TRAGEDY.

#### Red Cloud's Aged "Stanford White" Almost Comes to Grief.

There lives in Red Cloud a hoary-headed old sinner whose licentiousness has caused grief in more than one family, yet he has up to this time escaped the punishment usually meted out to men of his class. Last Saturday, however, this old vulture came near getting what was coming to him, and but for the interference of bystanders would have received a justly deserved thrashing, if not something more serious. It came to the ears of one of our hard-working citizens that this old libertine had enticed his fifteen-year-old daughter into taking a buggy-ride with him, and the irate father immediately started in pursuit of the hook-nosed old devil. The father and his friends were so close on the trail of the old rascal that he did not have time to carry out his sinister designs, and when he was finally rounded up the father of the girl started in to choke the truth out of him, but bystanders interfered and saved his neck, and perhaps his life. Some day this hook-nosed, rat-eyed old libertine will go a step too far and his repulsive features will no longer continue to be an eyesore to the community.

### CUT BY DISC HARROW.

#### Serious Accident to Employee on Damerell & Steward Ranch.

Martin Baker, who recently came here from Ohio as an employe of J. M. Steward & Son, the Shorthorn breeders, had a narrow escape from death Wednesday while using a disc harrow. The team hitched to the harrow made a sudden start, throwing Mr. Baker in front of the discs. He cried out "Whoa!" and the team stopped with the discs resting on one of his legs, which was severely cut and will incapacitate him from work for some time. It was with great difficulty that Mr. Baker was extricated from his perilous position, and had the team taken another step forward he would have been cut to pieces. Medical aid was summoned from Red Cloud and Mr. Baker is now resting comfortably.

### LET'S CLEAN, UP.

#### Front Yards, Back Yards and Alleys Need Looking After.

Spring is here and it is time to clean up. Why not get together and set aside one day as "cleaning up day"? Other cities and towns are adopting this method of beautifying their streets and yards. Monday, April 1, would be a good day for a general clean up. Let everybody gather up all the old tin cans, brush, rags, manure and countless other kinds of trash, put them in piles, or barrels, or boxes, where they can be conveniently loaded onto the city's scavenger wagons and hauled away. A member of the city council makes this as a suggestion, and says he believes he can safely guarantee that the city will furnish teams to haul away the trash provided the citizens will gather it up. The improvement in the appearance of the streets and yards would be startling, should there be a concerted effort on the part of the citizens. In San Francisco recently 20,000 people spent an entire day in cleaning the streets, and cities and towns all over the country are following suit.

After the clean up, let the ladies organize a "village improvement society," to suggest and carry out plans for making Red Cloud the prettiest little city in Nebraska. Dozens of handsome new residences will be built this year, and there will be a great opportunity for beautifying the streets by having a competent landscape gardener arrange the parkings in front of the residences.

### Fell in the Cellar.

Sam Foe walked into the rear door of Pope's hardware store Wednesday forenoon and, as Mr. Swartz had run the elevator to the second story, Mr. Foe suffered a fall of about eight feet to the bottom of the cellar. Although he was badly bruised and received a sprained ankle, it is thought his injuries are not serious.

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