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My Dear Mr Hale:—

Your kind invitation of recent date, tendering to me the office of Editor in Chief for this week has been received.

After careful consideration, I accept your tender as graciously as a child would accept a stick of dynamite, which may be very harmless in its outward appearance but dangerous to the budding hope of an editorial novice.

Nothing, however, could have induced me to accept the invitation had it not been that the other professional men of our city have so boldly assumed the responsibility of editing your paper. During the past three weeks the Chief has made its appearance in three disguises, first as a dear old lady dressed in the latest hammer patterned skirt, wearing a socialistic cape of somber colors and topped off with a non-sectarian merry widow hat; the following week our solons, disguised as rodents of the Hystricidae family, genius Erethizon, shot the dear old lady of the previous week so full of quills that they entirely defaced the pattern of her skirt. At the time this is written, I am unable to prognosticate what its third disguise will be, but it is safe to guess, that the Chief will make its appearance in the prettiest little dress of variegated booster adlets such as Red Cloud has never seen before. This week you will be treated to facts only, facts unquestioned, facts that are axioms, namely the Red Cloud Schools are second to no others, are almost in a class by themselves, the best this side of Jerico.

PEDAGOGUE.

Fathers and mothers estimate the worth of their children by different standards. The father usually by what his boys has accomplish in the future. We think the father's standard the better of the two.

Scalloped Greens—In the evening take a pint of beginning Physiology, and a pinch of Agriculture and a spoonful of Algebra and let rest for the night In the morning add a teaspoonful of English, mix very stiff with a little Latin Roll the whole mess out ½ inch thick on a Freshman, let rise for recitation; when light cover with a thick layer of bluff and deal out gushingly to the teachers.

A Few Timely Proverbs: Let us join hands comit them to memory and sing them in concert. Now altogether, give neither counsel nor salt till asked for it; he dies like a beast who has done no good while he lived; Don't bite till you know whether it is bread or a stone; A little pot is soon hot; An idle brain is the devil's workshop; Its a sad house where the hen crows louder than the cock; Scald not your lips in another man's pottage; You can't drive a windmill with a pair of bellows.

The Domestic Science girls would suggest the following menu to the Juniors when they banquet the Seniors:

First Course

Pressed hen la la, Salad a la wash bowl.

Pickles la sour

Second Course

Molds a la peaches, Lasses a la more.

Butter a la cow

Third Course

Tea tete tete

Weak parents usually blame the teachers for the waywardness of their children. Parents who expect the teacher to assume the moral, as well as the intellectual training of their children surrender their greatest prerogative. Compared with such people, Esau displayed great wisdom for he sold his birthright, while these people give theirs away and are quite indignant because the teachers hesitate to accept it.

Where does the money go? A question frequently asked but rarely intelligently answered:

Teachers salary	$ 9,746 5
Janitors and clerk	1,085 00
Extra labor	121 50
High school books	372 40
Grade books	129 95
Laboratory supplies	228 40
Janitor supplies	37 65
Repairs	156 15
Furniture	149 25
Light, phone and water	143 38
Printing	71 55
Freight, express and drayage	71 07
Fuel	847 90
Miscellaneous	26 50
Insurance	25 00
General school supplies	366 48
	$13,579 99
Received from taxes	$14,600 00
Tuition	2,238 69
	$16,838 69

More than 50 high schools in our state are now offering courses in Domestic Science and Manual Training, also Commercial and Agricultural courses are being substituted for courses of less practical value.

A Senoir's Soliloquy at the Reference Table:

Grind and dig, dig and grind
German and Trig, till your eyes are blind;
Till your eyes are blind and your intellect gone,
And you flunk and flunk till the cows come home.

A Juniors recipe to the Domestic Science: Girls—How to Prepare a Good Roast. One student with unprepared lessons is "meat" for a good roast. Keep in hot water during the recitation; place over the fire of the teachers wrath and broil for twenty minutes; season with hot words and a peppery temper. Cool slowly and examine carefully.

Since September 1st more than twenty schools in the state have installed school ground apparatus. We are just beginning to realize that if we wish to make good citizens of our boys and girls, we must direct their play as well as their work. Aside from the pleasure it provides for the children, school ground apparatus proves to be the best means yet devised to maintain good order on the school grounds and to minimize immoral tendencies.

Red Cloud has the largest high school enrollment of any town excepting one in the state for its size. The following information is taken from the latest school directory issued by the State Superintendent.

Town	School Population	High School Enrollment
Albion	646	142
Alliance	1146	142
Ashland	446	108
Auburn	1035	159
Benson	986	94
Blair	951	163
Broken Bow	821	185
Central City	635	138
Columbus	1853	161
Crete	921	120
David City	640	136
Falls City	1263	142
Geneva	638	146
Harvard	532	68
Havelock	835	75
Lexington	664	196
McCook	1099	165
Madison	609	92
Norfolk	1836	173
O'Neill	661	79
Plattsmouth	1396	154
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Seward	739	92
Superior	782	148

From the above record Lexington is the only town in the state whose percent of high school students as compared to the school census is greater than Red Clouds

A number of cities in the state with a school population almost three times as great as ours have a smaller high school enrollment. The above speaks for itself as to the intelligence and class of people that live in and around Red Cloud as compared to other communities in the state.

Sports of the High School

Boys Basket Ball was played this year for the first time. The boys have played well, but have lost the most part of their games The loss of a couple of the best players have handicapped the team to a great extent. We have divided honors with Blue Hill, while Franklin, Guide Rock and Cowles have bettered us by narrow margins. We hope to take the return games with Franklin and Guide Rock. We will make a desperate effort to retreive our fortunes in the coming base ball season.

The high school football team met with varied successes and defeats. On the whole season they made an even break with their opponents, wining three, losing three and tying two. The score of Red Cloud is much higher than their opponents. Lack of weight and experience was the chief handicap to their success at first. The team suffered quite a loss at the very start, Captain Saunders suffering injuries in the first game that kept him out all season. The return to school of Russel Amack strengthened the team in a very material way. Turnure, Pope and Blackledge did commendable work in the back field. They will be very valuable to the team next year.

In the two contests with Franklin Academy the boys were badly outweighed. In the last game the ball was in the academy's territory most of the time, and but for an element of luck that enters into all games the score would have been different.

The first game was with the alumni. This was a bitterly contested affair, which ended in a tie. This game retreived the financial fortunes of the team, and enabled them to buy sweaters. On the whole the season might be said to be a success, for the boys in their hardest games, when they were beaten the worst, did not quit but kept up the "pep" and played harder. After all the question in any game is not whether the game is won or lost, but how was it won or lost.

The line up for the season was: Phares and Marshall, ends; Tennant and Wilson, tackles; Wolfe and Koontz guards; Rathjen, center; Blackledge and Turnure, halves; Pope, quarter; Amack, full back; Atkins, McCord and Saladen, substitutes.

Following is the record of games: Red Cloud, 0, Smith Center 0; Red Cloud 6, Franklin 18; Red Cloud 19, Alma 0; Red Cloud o, Smith Center 20; Red Cloud 44, Orleans 0; Red Cloud 0, Franklin 10; Red Cloud 40, Alma 0; Red Cloud 0, Alumni, 0; total for Red Cloud 109; total for opponents 48.

Wake Up.

To hear some of our good citizens talk it is very evident that they have enjoyed a Rip Van Winkle's nap. They can not or will not beleive that school conditions have changed since ten or twenty years ago.

While the "mill of the gods" keeps grinding a grist of 60, 70 or 80 children per annum it takes more than a philosopher to solve the problem of housing them in our schools without a corresponding increase in expenditures. After the completion of the Lincoln building three years ago, we congratulated ourselves that the question of school room was finally solved for many years to come. The new building could easily accommodate a high school enrollment of 150 students. Less than three years after the completion of the new building we find it necessary to crowd 443 children into the Lincoln Building and 184 into the old one. During the past year it has been necessary to refuse admission to beginners for want of room and at present new arrivals are only accepted when a gap has been made by a child leaving the district or being promoted. Nor does the future promise to ameliorate this condition Present indications assure us of a ten per cent increase in the grades next year or nearly 500 children must be housed in the Lincoln building or elsewhere. As to the high school 30 seniors going out and 80 freshmen are coming in, giving us an increase of 50 or a total high school enrollment of 234 students next year. The facts and figures are interesting to study and will furnish our kind critics on school expenditures ample food for reflection and plenty of material for future discussion.

Too Late For Classification

20 Per Cent Discount on Wagons and Wagon Boxes on Bargain Day. C. F. Wallin.

Citizen's Convention

The citizens of Red Cloud are hereby called to meet in the court house, Thursday evening, March 13th, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for city officers as follows:

One Mayor.
One Clerk.
One Treasurer.
One Engineer.
One Police Judge.
Two Councilmen—1st ward.
One Councilman—2nd ward.
Two members of School Board.

F. W. COWDEN, Chairman.

1813 or 1913 Which?

Last week the Hastings Republican informed the public that the Hastings school authorities had disciplined 20 high school boys for some infraction of the rules by requiring them to "learn by heart" the Declaration of Independence before they could be reinstated in school.

Great guns and little fishes? Is it possible that such mental abuse is tolerated in what passes as a civilized community? Or is this merely an attempt at joking by a reporter recovering from a Katzenjammer? If "study" is a punishment the Hastings authorities inflict on 20 offenders for some act of lawlessness, what offense have the other three thousand children committed who are required to study daily from 9 a. m., to 4 p. m.? Such senseless acts on the part of those who should know better, furnishes indisputable evidence to the child that study is not a privilege to be desired but rather a punishment to be avoided provided he can dodge the truant officer.

We know of but one sound method of procedure as it applys to school discipline—

1st. Remove temptations if possible.
2nd. Appeal to the child's common sense and decency.
3rd. Spank him good and hard if necessary.
4th. Suspend temporarily and deny him the PRIVILEGE of study.

The Hillman Stock Co., will appear in our Opera House, March 17, 18, 19th. The title of the opening play Monday night will be "As a Man Sows"; Tuesday night, "In Old Caroline"; Wednesday night, "The Telephone Girl".

For Rent

240 acre farm for rent. Inquire of W. R. Wonderly, Inavale, Nebr.