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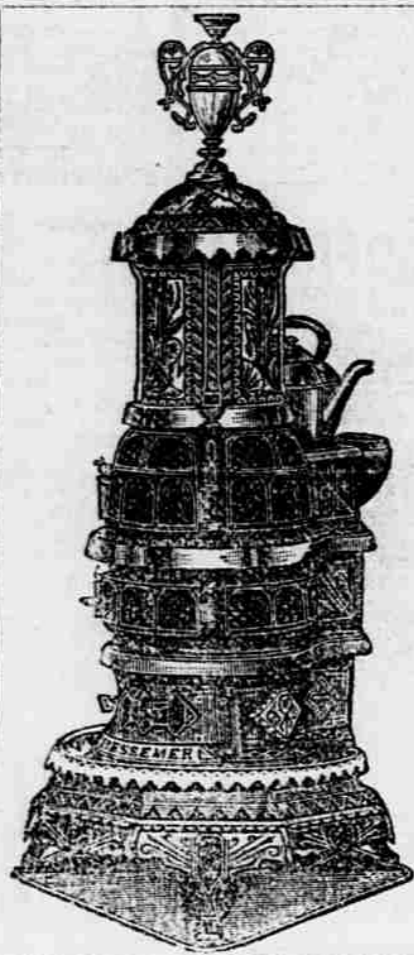
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### EDUCATIONAL COLUMN. BY THE PRINCIPAL.

Nebraska Reading Circle.  
HISTORY.

The extensive movement during the present year, in various states both east and west, for the establishment of teachers' reading circles, attracted the attention of the state superintendent, and being convinced that it was an institution destined to broaden and deepen the general and special scholarship so much needed among teachers, he decided to inaugurate the movement in Nebraska by calling on the teachers of the state to express their desire for such an organization by naming five educators to constitute the first board of control. A large number of teachers responded to the call, and elected the following persons as the members of the board of control: W. W. W. Jones, Geo. E. Howard, H. S. Bowers, H. M. James and Miss Anna Gray.

On August 7th the board met, and appointed the president, secretary and treasurer, and adopted the following plan of organization and course of reading, and adjourned subject to the call of the president.

W. W. W. JONES, President, Lincoln.  
GEORGE E. HOWARD, Secretary and Treasurer, Lincoln.

#### Plan of Organization.

NAME.  
The name of this association shall be the Nebraska Teachers' Reading Circle.

OBJECT.  
The object shall be the professional and general culture of teachers.

MANAGEMENT.  
The management shall be vested in a board of control, consisting of a president, secretary, treasurer, and two other members, who shall be chosen annually in a general convention of delegates, at the time and place of holding the Nebraska State Teachers' Association, for a term of one year. Each county shall be entitled to one delegate.

DUTY OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL.  
It shall be the duty of the board of control to prepare and publish a course of study, and to exercise a general direction over the work of the reading circle.

#### COUNTY CIRCLES.

County circles shall be organized, and their management vested in county boards of control, consisting of president, secretary, treasurer, and two other members, to be chosen at a meeting of the members of the county circle, which shall be held at the time and place of holding the county institute; except the first board may be chosen by a convention of teachers of the county, to be called by the county superintendent.

DUTY OF THE COUNTY BOARD.  
The county board shall receive and distribute the courses of study prepared by the state board of control, and shall promulgate instructions received from the state board. They may call quarterly or such other meetings of the county circle for reviews and other purposes as they may deem necessary, and shall direct the affairs of the county circle.

#### LOCAL CIRCLES.

Members of the county circle may organize such local reading classes as may be approved by the county board of control, and these local classes may appoint

such officers as they desire.

#### MEMBERSHIP.

Any person who will agree to complete the course of study prepared by the state board of control, upon the payment of such annual dues as may be assessed by the state or county circles, may become a member of this organization. The membership fee for the year ending in the year 1886 shall be fifty cents; to be paid to the treasurer of the county board, who shall remit thirty-five cents for each member to the treasurer of the state board, and retain fifteen cents for county expenses.

#### AMENDMENT.

This constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the delegates present at the annual meeting.

#### DELEGATES.

Delegates to the annual convention may be chosen by the counties at any regular meeting of the county circles.

#### CENTRAL BUREAU.

The board of control shall establish and maintain at the capital of the state a central bureau under the charge of the secretary of the board, to whom all communications from county managers shall be addressed. Said bureau shall for the present be located at the office of the state superintendent of public instruction.

#### COURSE OF STUDY.

It has been thought best to adopt a course of study for the first years' reading, and leave the other years to subsequent meetings.

Professional: Page's Theory and Practice of Teaching; History: Barnes' General History, to page 312. Prof. Howard suggests for collateral reading for those who have the time and disposition, Freeman's General Sketch, Epochs of Ancient History Series, and Epochs of Modern History Series. Each series consists of several distinct works. Cost, \$1.00 per volume. Science: The Essentials of Botany, by Charles E. Bessey. General literature: Suggested by the board of control, but not required in the pledge. Swinton's Classical Reader, The Princess by Tennyson. In periodical literature, the Western School Journal, Topeka, the N. E. Journal of Education, and Education; the Century, for general culture; the North American Review and the Nation, for discussions of current events, are recommended.

NAMES OF BOOKS.	Retail Price.	Price to Circles.
Barnes' General History.....	\$2 00	\$1 40
Page's Theory and Practice of Teaching.....	1 25	90
Bessey's Essentials of Botany.....	1 35	1 09
Swinton's Classical Reader.....	98	88
The Princess, by A. M. Tennyson.....	12	12

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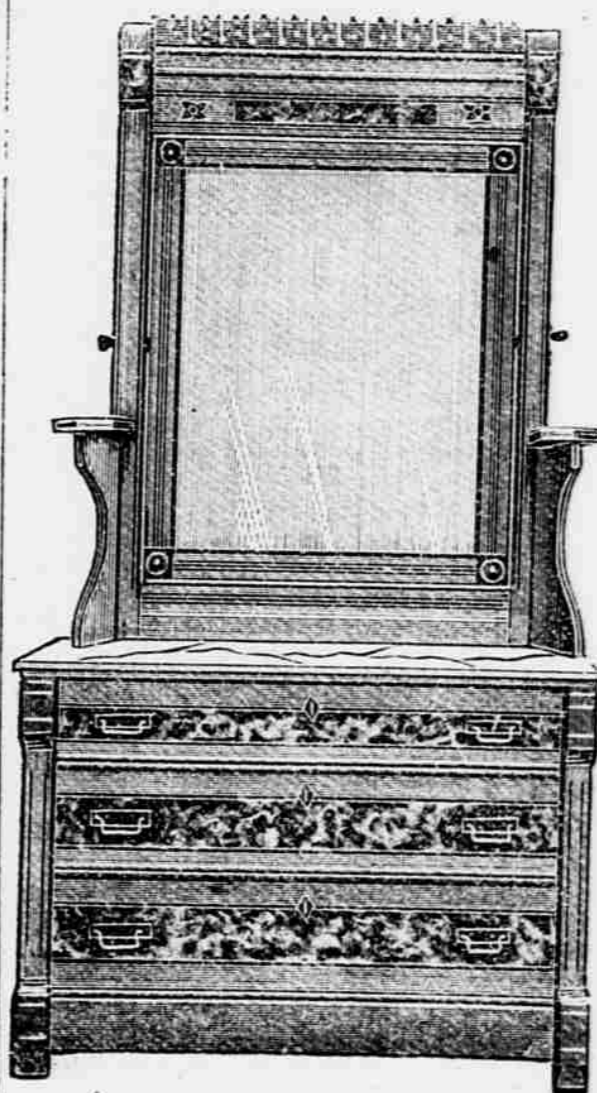
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