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The Public School and the People.

There are very few readers of THE TRIBUNE of American birth who have not attended a "common school" as distinguished from the "select" or "pay" school which was for many ages the only school known.

The idea of a free school, supported by the people by means of a general tax and open to rich and poor alike, originated in Massachusetts Bay Colony, and is supposed to have been proposed by Governor Bradford himself, in 1635. It was a long time, however, before the free schools became popular with the well to do classes, and in many parts of the south today they are patronized only by negroes and poor white trash. Children of persons in comfortable circumstances are sent to academies which are either private institutions or endowed corporations, charging in either case a liberal fee for each child. Fifty years ago this was largely the condition in New England and men are now living who can remember the consciousness of inferiority which they felt at being obliged to attend the free school owing to the poverty of their parents.

The western emigrants were too nearly equal to admit of distinctions of this kind, and as many of them had been educated in the best of private schools then in existence they at once placed the public school more nearly on a level with them. To Ohio we owe the idea of a state system of public schools with a university at the head. The school law of Nebraska, like that of nearly all the states west of the Mississippi, is largely based on that of Ohio.

Since 1850 a marked change has taken place in the discipline and instruction. This change is due in a great measure to the persistent efforts of Horace Mann of Massachusetts who labored zealously as Commissioner of Education in that state to raise the standard of the teachers and to reduce the barbarity of the government. He traveled extensively throughout the United States and by his lectures and writings created a public opinion which wrought a great revolution.

Many intelligent men and women educated in the old order have never become reconciled to the idea of a school without corporal punishment. "The more licks the more learning" was the motto which guided the practise of the school-master, and it is argued that since many excellent scholars were developed under that method it must have been good. The whole principle was wrong from this fact that if the growing years of the life of a human being are filled with terrors, present and expected, the entire future will be darkened and clouded by the process. Happiness is rare and fleeting under the best conditions, and the dread of physical pain tends more than any other form of suffering to deaden the sensibilities and benumb the faculties; hence in recent years the child has ceased to fear the rod and the result in obedience and general order has justified the change.

In the matter of instruction the common school has advanced from the reading, writing and arithmetic stages to the teaching of a wide variety of subjects made necessary by the constant requirements for general information in all occupations.

The farmer, the mechanic and the business man no longer rank as inferior to their professional brother in knowledge of the world's history and progress, and the vast improvement made in the newspaper and magazines which enter every home has made readers out of women whose grandmothers were content with few books in addition to the Bible, the hymn-book and the cook-book.

With all the improvement which has been made in the last half century the common school is still far from perfect. Many changes must be made both in the matter of additional subjects to be taught and the dropping from the course of studies not really essential to the welfare of the individual. The last five years have demonstrated the economy of the free text-book law and it will in turn be followed by other, and to many, more startling changes.

Strasser Saloon Closed.

Saturday an execution was issued on a judgment, on account of rent, procured by Pat. Walsh against Samuel Strasser, and levied on his stock of liquors by Deputy Sheriff Ryan. The saloon remained closed until yesterday afternoon when it was opened again, the difficulties having been adjusted between the parties.

Millinery Opening.

Our spring stock which will be displayed at our grand opening, tomorrow, April 10th, contains the most desirable and novel ideas that have been brought out this season, and our patterns are marvels of milliners' art.

MISSES STOVER & STANFIELD.

Latest in soft and stiff hats. Call and see them.

THE FAMOUS.

MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE.

L. LOWMAN is numbered among the sick, this week.

C. W. BARNES was in Lincoln, front end of the week.

C. E. ELDRED was in Holdrege, Monday, on business.

E. E. LOWMAN returned from Brownville, Monday night.

J. A. HAMMOND spent Sunday with his parents at Indianola.

DR. J. A. GUNN returned from Red Oaks, Iowa, Sunday night.

MRS. S. L. MOENCH was a Trenton visitor, latter part of last week.

REV. J. W. HICKEY has been on the sick list for the past week or so.

JAS. A. ROBINSON, county commissioner, was in the city, Monday.

COUNTY SHERIFF NEEL was up from Indianola, Monday, on business.

GEORGE EISENHART, district court reporter, was in town, Friday last.

HARRY STERN of Holdrege came up on 77, Thursday afternoon, on business.

MR. S. STRASSER and daughter Miss Grace were quite ill the first of the week.

J. G. EMERSON of McCook was registered at the Windsor in Lincoln, Wednesday.

LESLIE CLARK is having a good deal of trouble with erysipelas of the eyes, at present.

MISS EDNA MESERVE and Master Schell Kimmell returned from Lincoln, Friday night.

MISS ELLA SHAW, living a few miles north of town, has been suffering with rheumatism, the past week.

MRS. J. H. McMANIGAL returned, Saturday night on 4, from a few days visit with her son Charles, at Brush, Colorado.

A. S. CAMPBELL, C. E. Pope and Geo. Johnson went up to Denver, Friday night on 3, on business, returning Sunday morning.

W. R. STARR went down to Indianola, Saturday night, to spend Sunday at home. He expects to move his family up here in the near future.

FLOYD STAYNER and aunt, Sophia Sepmeyer, returned from Lawrence, last Friday evening, where they have been visiting her parents.

MISS SELMA NOKEN came up from Lincoln, last week, and visited her parents for a few days, returning to her university duties, Tuesday evening.

MRS. F. G. WESTLAND and her niece Miss Lillian Roman returned, Sunday night, from their week's visit with relatives and friends in Lincoln and Omaha.

To Subscribers of The Tribune.

Readers of THE TRIBUNE will please remember that cash is an essential in the publication of a paper. The publisher has been very lenient during the past few years, on account of crop failures and hard times, and as a consequence many hundreds of dollars are due on subscriptions. We are now compelled to request all who can to call and make settlement in full or in part. In view of the facts, our subscribers must feel the justice and urgency of this request.

THE PUBLISHER.

Officers Elected.

At the annual election, last evening, of St. John Commandery, Knights Templar, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Charles E. Pope, eminent commander; Charles W. Bronson, generalissimo; Charles E. Magner, captain general; George S. Bishop, prelate; George Mason, senior warden; George Johnson, junior warden; S. Cordale, treasurer; E. E. Lowman, recorder.

Death of Dr. E. M. Kimmell.

The many readers of THE TRIBUNE will be sorry to learn that Dr. E. M. Kimmell, brother of F. M. Kimmell, died at his home in Somerset, Pennsylvania, Saturday morning, just a few hours before Mr. Kimmell reached there.

The Weather in McCook.

Rain! More rain!! Still more rain!!! This is one of the wettest springs that this part of the country has known in years. Considerable rain has fallen in the last week or so besides a great amount of snow. Nebraska never does anything by halves, anyhow.

Go to Mrs. M. E. Barger's for Easter hats and bonnets.

Wall Paper—4 cents a roll.

L. W. McCONNELL & Co.

Latest in men's and boys' spring caps now ready.

THE FAMOUS.

The City Election.

Tuesday's election passed off very quietly and harmoniously and without incident, no interest being shown whatever, owing to the fact that there was but one ticket in the field. Less than one-third of the town people voted, as there were only 172 votes cast for mayor out of a possible 600. A little dissatisfaction was shown by some, there being a few votes cast for men not on the regular ticket. W. S. Perry, councilman for first ward, was the only one who had no opposition. However, the Republican ticket was elected from top to bottom. About twenty-five ladies in the First ward voted for the two members of the board of education. The following is the

ABSTRACT OF VOTES.

Mayor.	1st. 2d.
H. H. Troth, Republican	112 60
D. Kraft	1
A. P. Welles	1
W. Coleman	1
C. T. Brewer	1
Chas. Wentz	1
Ben Stoddard	1
City Clerk.	
E. E. Lowman, Republican	110 56
C. F. Babcock	1
D. Craft	1
M. H. Holmes	1
City Treasurer.	
E. J. Wilcox, Republican	114 62
V. Franklin	1
City Engineer.	
C. N. Whittaker, Republican	115 56
M. H. Holmes	1
Father Hickey	1
Police Judge.	
H. H. Berry, Republican	112 60
J. Steinmetz	1
D. Kraft	1
Ben Olecott, Jr.	1
Councilman—1st ward.	
W. S. Perry, Republican	112
Councilman—2d ward.	
R. M. Osborn, Republican	61
D. Kraft	1
Board of Education.	
J. E. Kelley, Republican	138 58
H. Thompson, Republican	133 55
C. J. Ryan	1
A. Barnett	1
D. Kraft	1
H. Barabazz	1
F. Kendlen	1

Free Bulletins.

Washington, D. C., March 30th, 1897. I have for distribution a series of 5,000 valuable publications called Farmer's Bulletins, which I will send upon application to any of my constituents. It is requested that not more than two bulletins be asked for a single family. Applications will be filled in the order received. Address, Representative hall, Washington, D. C. We give below a list of the titles of these pamphlets:

Some Destructive Potato Diseases; The Feeding of Farm Animals; Foods—nutritive value and cost; Hog Cholera and Swine Plague; Flax for Seed and Fibre; Sourcing of Milk and other Changes in Milk Products; Alfalfa, or Lucerne; Silos and Silage; Meats—composition and cooking; Kafir Corn—characteristics, culture and uses; Spraying for Fruit Diseases; Onion Culture; Fowls—care and feeding; Facts about Milk; Some Insects Injurious to Stored Grain; Irrigation in Humid Climates; Sheep Feeding; Sorghum as a Forage Crop; Standard Varieties of Chickens; The Sugar Beet.

Respectfully,
R. D. SUTHERLAND.

A Great Scheme.

A special correspondent from the south side says that a man near McCook has enclosed a quarter section of land with a rat tight wire fence, on which he will raise 1,000 stacks of black cats and 5,000 rats on which to feed the cats. It is estimated that the cats will increase 15,000 in two years. Black cat skins are worth \$1 each. The rats will multiply five times as fast as the cats. The cats can feed on the rats and the rats can feed on the skinned carcasses of the cats, and a sure fortune is in sight for the McCook man.—Curtis Courier.

A New March.

The very latest musical composition to enlist popular approval is "The Broad Street Conservatory March", composed by a young Philadelphian, Roland H. Smith, a pupil of the popular institution to whom his work is dedicated. The piano part of this excellent march has just been issued and through a special arrangement with the author we are enabled to present a copy free to every reader of this paper who will send name and address, enclosing this notice and 6 cents in stamps to cover mailing and postage, to The Broad Street Conservatory of Music, 1337 South Broad Street, Philadelphia. The retail price of the march is 40 cents and this is an offer that should be appreciated by our musical friends.

Latest in men's and boys' spring caps now ready.

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CITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

CHRISTIAN—Services Sundays at 11 and 7:30 o'clock in McConnell hall. Sunday school at 10 o'clock.

ELDER C. P. EVANS.

METHODIST—Sunday school at 10. Preaching at 11. Junior League at 2:30. Epworth League at 7. Preaching at 8. All are welcome. J. A. BADCON, Pastor.

GERMAN METHODIST—Regular services at 9 o'clock, every Sunday morning, in the South McCook Methodist church; services in German.

REV. M. HERRMANN.

BAPTIST—Morning service at 11, Sunday school at 10. Young People's union at 7, and evening service at 8. Public is cordially invited.

GEO. W. SHRAFOR, Pastor.

EPISCOPAL—Divine services at the Episcopal church on Sunday next at 11:00 and 8:00. It is hoped that Bishop Grave of the jurisdiction of the Platte will be present and will preach. All who can, should attend and hear the Bishop.

EPISCOPAL—Divine service second and fourth Sundays of every month at 11:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. Sunday school every Sunday at 10:00 a. m. Lectures alternate Mondays at 7:30 p. m.

S. A. POTTER, General Missionary.

R. A. RUSSELL, Assistant.

CONGREGATIONAL—Morning theme, Worship of the Saints; evening topic, Separation. Sunday school at 10; Endeavor society at 7, topic, The Brotherhood of Man. Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening, at 8. You are always welcome at our services.

HART L. PRESTON, Pastor.

CATHOLIC—Palm Sunday, April 11th. Anthem—Asperges me Domine. Blessing of Palm Branches. Pastor Solo—Palm Branches. Mrs. Alfred P. Bonnot Kyrie Eleison—Concone. Choir Veni Creator. J. Schmidt Reading of the Passion of Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew. Choir Credo—Concone. Choir Offertory. Solo—Ave Maria—Cherubini. Mrs. Alfred P. Bonnot Sanctus—Concone. Choir Agnus Dei—Concone. Choir Processional—Organ. Miss Maude Cordale During Holy Week—Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday—mass will be celebrated at 8:30 a. m. Holy Thursday—mass at 9 a. m. Good Friday—mass of the Presanctified at 9 a. m. and blessing of Easter water. J. W. HICKEY, Pastor.

COURT HOUSE NEWS.

DISTRICT COURT.

The following cases have been filed since our last issue:

Hattie A. Conklin vs. Mary E. Johnston et al. Equity.

J. A. Gunn vs. Red Willow county. Appeal from county commissioners.

W. V. Gage vs. Red Willow county. Appeal from county commissioners.

Z. L. Kay vs. Red Willow county. Appeal from county commissioners.

Horace A. Greenwood vs. Michael Kearns et ux. An execution.

COUNTY COURT.

Case of John P. Hanson vs. C. L. Miller continued to May 1st.

Judgment was rendered Patrick Walsh for \$199.75 and \$80 in his suits against Samuel Strasser to collect rent. Executions were issued on Saturday.

In the matter of the estate of William H. Moore, letters of administration were granted to Everett S. Moore, on Monday.

Petition of Mrs. Ida Cass filed, Wednesday, praying for life estate and dower.

Baked Sweet Potatoes.

A writer in New York Sun says: "Bestow a boon on humanity and help to popularize the baked banana as an article of food for rich and poor, especially the poor. A good sized banana, when baked in its skin in an oven for fifteen or twenty minutes until it is quite soft and bursts open, alone makes a full meal. Humboldt calculated the food product of the plantain (banana) compared with the potato as 44 to 1, and compared with wheat as 133 to 1. I say from experience that three bananas weighing one pound are equal in nourishment to twenty-six pounds of bread when baked. Bananas should never be eaten raw as they are very indigestible. Baked bananas are the ideal food for nervous persons. This subject, eating baked bananas, merits the closest investigation."

The Culliss Lecture.

The lecture in the Baptist church, last evening, by Rev. W. B. Culliss, was very well attended. He devoted most of the evening to describing the wonders of the Yellowstone Park, with the aid of a powerful stereopticon. Some stately and comic pictures were also shown. He will lecture again, this evening, at the same place, on the Yosemite Valley.

The doctor by request will produce the chariot race in Ben Hur. Do not miss this fine lecture. Admission 25 and 15 cents.

Will Serve Refreshments.

The ladies of the Methodist church will serve dinner and supper in the Laycock building, next Tuesday, the 13th. All people desiring to eat on that day will do well to give the ladies a trial. Dinner 25 cents, supper 15 cents. The following is the

MENU:

DINNER.	SUPPER.
Chicken Pie	Cold Sliced Meats.
Roast Beef, Brown Gravy.	Potato Croquettes.
Creamed Potatoes.	Hot Parker-house Rolls.
Scalloped Tomatoes.	Salads.
Boston Baked Beans.	Jellies.
Salads.	Pickles.
Brown & White Bread.	Lemon & Fruit Pies.
Doughnuts.	Cheese.
Tea.	Assorted Fruits.
	Coffee.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Only eight more weeks of school. Now is the time to work.

Al Gibbons of the 11th was absent from school, last Monday.

Ray McCarl of the 12th was slightly indisposed during vacation week.

Bertha Shaffer of the 11th grade spent Sunday with relatives in Hastings.

Revs. Russell and Preston occupied the time at opening exercises, Monday morning.

There was only one session of school, Wednesday, on account of the stormy weather.

Ida McCarl of the 8th grade returned, Tuesday night, from her visit with friends in Red Cloud.

There will be an unusually attractive programme at the lantern class, next Friday evening.

The graduating class will probably be fourteen in number, this year—eight girls and six boys.

There will be no lantern class, this evening, owing to the Culliss lecture in the Baptist church.

The essays of the 12th grade were all handed in on time, Monday morning. It was rather an unusual occurrence.

William and Fred McManigal spent a few days of their vacation, last week, with their brother Charlie at Brush, Colorado.

Nellie Gunn returned, Sunday night, from Red Oaks, Iowa, where she was spending vacation week visiting relatives and friends.

Mabel Wilcox was taken quite sick, Tuesday night, and unable to attend to her school duties, the rest of the week. She is improving at present.

Quite an interesting lantern class, last Friday evening, the loan collection of pictures proving very amusing. The attendance was somewhat abbreviated.

Each member of the 12th grade expects to secure a hundred botanical specimens before school closes, and get them all analyzed and mounted. It will keep them busy.

W. B. Culliss, who lectures at the Baptist church, this evening, made an interesting talk to the school children on Thursday morning. George Sheafar was present with him.

New Millinery.

If you want to get the latest styles in hats and bonnets, go to Mrs. M. E. Barger's. New goods just received.

Furniture for Sale.

I will sell all my household furniture cheap.

MRS. S. STRASSER.

The meeting of the Star of Jupiter lodge, Monday evening, was very well attended and resulted in one initiation. Let the good work go on.

A. Carson has moved to his new ranch adjoining town on the west. He is still confined to the house from the effects of the gripe.

The new Easter bonnets have already begun to make their appearance, and the poor little bird is still a conspicuous figure.

Another hand car special went up to Culbertson, Monday evening, to assist Major Cole with the revival services there.

Ladies are invited to inspect Mrs. M. E. Barger's fine line of millinery before buying elsewhere.

\$2,500.00 will buy the Spearman residence and three lots by seeing S. Cordale at once.

The city superintendent has a good article about public schools in this issue. Read it.

PETITE PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS.

When it doesn't rain, it snows.

Paints and oils at McMillen's.

Jap. Purvis will run a notion store in the postoffice lobby.

Base ball fever has begun to break out among some of the town boys.

Staple stationery, best quality at lowest prices, at THE TRIBUNE office.

The school board had their regular monthly meeting, Monday evening.

A ten-pound girl was born to W. F. Everist and wife, last Sunday night.

Wall Paper 4 cents a roll at McMILLEN'S.

Latest novelties in neckwear just received. Call and see them.

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Wall Paper—4 cents a roll.

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Wall Paper 4 cents a roll at McMILLEN'S.

Boys' and Men's colored shirts.

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Wall Paper 5 cents a roll at McMILLEN'S.

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If all people would make a habit to pay as they go, there would be more paying and less going.

The slight snow of Tuesday morning put the streets back into their muddy condition once again.

Election day was so quiet that some people failed to recollect the fact until they ran upon closed doors.

Owing to other attractions the Christian Endeavor people have decided to postpone their social indefinitely.

New things in men's silk and linen handkerchiefs, just received.

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Do you want to make \$1.00 do as much as \$25.00? Then buy a plan of the Natural Hen Incubator of Tom Rowell.

Maude Cordeal will give lessons in Piano Music to a limited number of pupils at her home, 406 Marshall street.

We still have a few packages of government garden seed for free distribution. Now is the time to subscribe.

See our lines of samples for clothing to order. Prices the lowest, work and fit first class.

THE FAMOUS.

Governor Holcomb has issued a proclamation designating Thursday, April 22, as Arbor Day. Let everybody plant trees.

Fred Pennell and family have moved from over the old postoffice building, and are now occupying a suite of rooms in the Commercial hotel.

We violate no confidence when we say that it is out of season to slay the whistling quail and undomesticated chicken, so govern yourselves accordingly.

W. B. Culliss will lecture in the Baptist church, this evening, on the Yosemite Valley, with the aid of a powerful stereopticon. Admission 25 and 15 cents.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Ganschow received the sad news, this week, of the death of Miss Ella Condit. Our readers will remember that she at one time was a teacher in our schools.

A constant reader wants to know just what kind of beverage to imbibe, and how much, in order to behold that mysterious air ship with red lights that is reported so frequently of late as being seen at night in various parts of the country.

—Red Cloud Argus.

Rev. C. W. Preston received a painful accident, this afternoon. He sat down in a folding chair and pat his hands down at the sides, when the chair broke, catching the fingers of one hand in the hinge, mashing the little finger of each hand so badly that it is feared they will have to be amputated. When the accident occurred C. H. Cronk, who was making some repairs on the roof of his house, in his haste to get down and render assistance to Mr. Preston, fell from the roof and broke his shoulder. Dr. Wilson attended the two victims of misfortune.

—Curtis Courier.