

Educational Department

Conducted by County Superintendent Crocker

Dates for Annual Settlement.

The county superintendent will meet directors and others interested in school work as follows:

June 28, Barada, school house, 8 to 11 a. m. Shubert, hotel, 1:30 to 5 p. m.

The 29th, Stella, hotel, 7 to 11 a. m. Verdon, hotel, 3 to 6 p. m.

The 30th, Speiser, No. 65, 8 to 10 a. m. Humboldt, Park hotel, 1:30 to 7 p. m.

July 1, Dawson, Albright hotel, 8 to 11 a. m. Salem, hotel, 3 to 6 p. m.

July 5, Rulo, Geo. D. Kirk's office, 4 to 6 p. m.

July 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, Falls City. The annual report must be made within ten days after the annual meeting.

The following is from a letter recently received from Prof. Unsell, "I have taught school for 25 years and during all that time I have never had more pleasant and cordial relations anywhere than I have had during my three years stay in Richardson county. May God bless old Richardson county with her splendid corps of hard working teachers and may the coming year be the most successful in her history, is the sincere wish of one who loves the cause of education and our noble profession."

Prof. Johns of Dawson is enjoying a trip through southern Missouri and Arkansas.

Prof. Watson of Salem has been elected principal of the Verdon schools.

Prof. Will James of Stella, who was principal of the Strang public schools last year, has been elected principal of the Dawson schools for the ensuing year.

Alpha Roberts will teach in the Verdon schools.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Cora McElvain was visiting in Stella during the week.

Mrs. Chas. Maddox of Preston was visiting relatives here Saturday.

Sheriff Lawrence of Auburn was in this city on business last Monday.

Mrs. Emma Cook of Nebraska City spent Wednesday with relatives in this city.

W. W. Brown who has been a member of the Woodmen Accident association of Lincoln for less than a year has had two partial disabilities for which he has received \$30. The losses were paid promptly and without protest. Mr. Brown recommends this company very highly to any one wishing accident insurance.

Last Friday and Saturday the following applied for teachers' certificates. Some took all of the examination, others only part:

- Iva Lowe
- Mabel Macomber
- Lillith Waggoner
- Mary Dodds
- Della Knisely
- Alvirda V. Allen
- A. D. Larrabee
- May Crawford
- Julia Cronin
- Mabel Greenwald
- Zilla Belden
- Georgia L. Wells
- J. T. Waggoner
- Orrie French
- Chas. P. Stump
- Agnes Shrader
- Beulah Greenwald
- Pearl Hanna
- Lena Caverzagie
- Clara Babb
- Ida Peirce
- Flora M. Britt
- Nellie E. Knisely
- Laura Aikman
- Jessie Craig
- Daisy Morris
- Olive Petrashek
- Mamie Kanaly
- Myrtle Larrabee
- Jennie Gravatte
- Maud Tosland

Mary James of Rulo has been elected Grammar grade teacher in the Adams, Nebraska schools for the ensuing year.

A. D. Larabee, who taught in the Rulo schools last year has been elected to succeed Prof. Unsell as principal in the Preston schools for the ensuing year.

A note from Prof. Osher Schlaifer of Humboldt brings word that he is at present enjoying life on the "silent, speechless, God-and-me-alone-inhabited plains of Wyoming" near Cody.—Humboldt Leader.

Last Tuesday evening Winifred Freemole, who taught the primary department in the Humboldt schools, last year, became Mrs. John P. Pangburn. The teachers of Richardson county extend congratulations.

The next teachers examination will be held July 15 and 16 in the Central school building in Falls City.

Nellie E. Davidson has contracted to teach in Dist. No. 9 for the ensuing year.

L. A. Kinsey and wife of Verdon attended the Sunday school convention in this city during the week.

Mrs. W. C. Sloan and little son of Verdon spent Sunday with her parents in this city.

Lorena Sloan returned to Kansas City Sunday after spending several weeks with relatives and friends here.

J. C. Shulenberg and wife of Barada were in the city Wednesday. Mrs. Shulenberg was a pleasant caller at this office.

Joe Prichard has been improving his property on North Chase street by the putting in of concrete walks in his yard.

The fronts of the Opera House bakery and Opera House saloon are being repainted this week.

FOR SALE!

A FINE FARM of 85 acres nearly touching the city limits of Falls City. This is one of the best farms of its size in the county: fine, strong soil, good fences, good 2-story 7-room house with porches; fine cellar, fine water, pumped to the house by fine, steel windmill, then returns to a large supply tank and then piped to barns and feed yard. Also a fine, stone cave; good horse barn, 28x24, 14 ft. posts; a new, large hay barn, 30x50, 20 ft. posts, holds 75 tons. Good granary, corn cribs, implement shed, stock shed, 14x60 ft.; chicken house, 8x14; another good sized shed, 16x50 ft., with shingle roof; and good pair of stock scales. Farm is largely set to clover, timothy and alfalfa, with hog tight pasture; good orchard and plenty of all kinds of small fruit, and good abstract title. This is a fine farm home and so close to town that you can haul your hogs to market before breakfast, and have the benefit of the churches and high school of the city. We will sell you this home for \$9,200, this is less than \$108 per acre. We sold the Bauman farm recently for \$110 per acre. It will only be a few years until this farm will sell for \$120 per acre. Can give you good terms on this if you desire.

.. WHITAKER BROS. ..

Trim Your Trees.

There are places in this city where the limbs of the trees are so low as to conflict with the city ordinance governing such matters, and they are a great nuisance to pedestrians, and especially so in wet weather. Cut off the lower limbs on your trees next to the sidewalks and thus confer a lasting favor on suffering humanity.

FAMOUS GEM WILL BE CUT.

Jagersfontein Excelsior Diamond Is About to Be Subdivided—Was a Big Stone.

Great interest has been awakened among the owners of large diamonds by the announcement that the largest of these gems known is about to be thrown upon the market piecemeal. This stone is known as the "Jagersfontein Excelsior," and it is to be severed into sixteen parts.

The stone was held for ten years before its owner could make satisfactory arrangements for its cutting, which has now been undertaken by a firm in Amsterdam, Holland. It was transported from London to Amsterdam under special police protection, and a carpeted room, with a specially made safe, has been provided for its care during the progress of cutting and polishing. The responsibility of handling and guarding so precious a stone may be gathered from the fact that its value may be almost anything. When discovered it was estimated to be worth \$1,000,000, but in its finished state it will command a fabulous price.

The story of the discovery of this wonderful gem is of no little interest. It was found on June 30, 1893, at Jagersfontein, in the

time while he was loading a truck, and although a white overseer was standing near him, he managed to secrete it and keep it on his person for some time. In this case, however, it did not appear that he proposed stealing the gem, but only wished to deliver it personally to the manager. This he did, and as a bonus he received \$750 and a horse, saddle and bridle.

The diamond weighed in the rough exactly 917 1/2 carats, or about 71.3 ounces avoirdupois. It is of a beautiful bluish white color and shaped like the broken off end of an icicle. The diamondiferous monster measures three inches in length, one and one-half inches in thickness, two and one-half inches in greatest breadth and one and one-third inches in least breadth. The Excelsior has now been broken into 16 pieces, the three largest of which are 158, 147 and 130 carats, respectively. These individual gems in themselves of extraordinary size, will be, when fully cut and polished, among the finest in the world.

Growth of the Great West.

In 1850 the country beyond the Mississippi was a waiting wilderness. To-day, with Alaska, it is three-quarters of the area of the country. It has more than a quarter of the people, one-third the number of farms, half the improved farm area and nearly half the farm value. The population has grown 957 per cent in 50 years—from 1,500,000 to 22,000,000. Missouri, Iowa and Louisiana exceed in density of population the general average. Ten cities beyond the Mississippi exceed 100,000 population. The mineral products of the west in the census year were \$144,000,000. California has yielded one-eighth of the world's total gold produced since Columbus.—New York World