

Educational Department

Conducted by County Superintendent Crocker

Men Teachers are Paid Best.

Although the average wage scale of teachers in the district schools of the state has been on the increase for the last few years and the number of men teachers has steadily decreased because of the poor salaries paid, the table of increase for the last six years shows that the lowest average salary paid the man teacher exceeds the highest one paid the woman teacher by \$1.77, and that the highest salary paid the man teacher exceeds the highest paid the woman by \$11.19. Superintendent Fowler has prepared a table of the average salaries for men and women teachers for the last six years, as follows:

Year	Men	Women
1898	\$42 61	\$36 04
1899	45 05	36 56
1900	46 26	36 90
1901	47 54	38 23
1902	49 15	38 51
1903	52 03	40 84

This table has been compiled from the annual and semi-annual reports of county superintendents and the average salaries paid in the state were arrived at from a comparison of average county salaries. The decrease of men teachers and the corresponding increase of women teachers has been unusually large in the two years and amounted to a little more than 16 per cent in 1903. One of the most important reasons assigned for the retirement of men teachers, aside from the financial side of the matter, is that educators are coming more and more to recognize that man is not adapted for teaching the lower schools. While he may be a success in the higher branches, he does not teach the common school studies as well as does the woman, lacking the perseverance and patience necessary to direct the youthful mind.

Women teachers now are in demand in the country schools of the state, while men are not. The remarkably low wage scale of the woman is her own fault.

She does not prepare herself for the work as well as does the man, but is content to struggle along teaching a minor grade, at low wages and with little prospect of advancement. This is proved by the fact that women teachers who have devoted some

time and study to preparation for school work receive larger salaries than men with exactly the same educational qualifications.

The majority of young women who take up teaching as a profession enter the ranks immediately on graduating from the common or high schools. Being only competent to teach elementary branches, they can command only low salaries. A normal course of six months or a year would enable them to ask for and receive at least 25 per cent more than they could command otherwise. The matter of raising the wage scale in country schools lies entirely with the woman teacher. By preparation she can increase her worth and by demanding something better she will receive recognition. It is entirely within her power to raise the average wage for her sex from \$40 to \$55 simply by preparing for it and then demanding it.

The New Cabinet.

- Secretary of State—John Hay of Ohio.
- Secretary of the Treasury—Leslie M. Shaw of Iowa.
- Secretary of War—William H. Taft of Ohio.
- Attorney General—William H. Moody of Massachusetts.
- Postmaster General—H. C. Payne of Wisconsin.
- Secretary of the Navy—Paul Morton of Illinois.
- Secretary of the Interior—Ethan A. Hitchcock of Missouri.
- Secretary of Agriculture—James Wilson of Iowa.
- Secretary of Commerce and Labor—Victor H. Metcalf of Cal.

In Richardson county we have 570 acres of school land. This was appraised at \$1,965, but the new valuation makes it \$11,306, and increases the rent, \$558.

The highest altitude ever reached by human beings is six and a half miles. At that height the breathing of oxygen from tubes is necessary to life. A balloon unoccupied has reached a height of thirteen and a half miles, as shown by self-registering instruments attached to it.

Prof. Unsell and family will move to Guide Rock, Neb., about August 23rd.

Missouri Pacific

Missouri Pacific will sell tickets to the Democratic National convention to be held at St. Louis July 6th for \$10.40 round trip and good for 15 days.

On account of the Fourth of July the Missouri Pacific will sell tickets for one fare plus 50 cents except where one fare and one

third makes less, with minimum selling rate of 50 cents. Tickets on sale July 2, 3 and 4 return limit July 5.

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EDITORIAL.

It seems that John L. Webster was not even in the also ran class.

Current comment declares that the local democratic slate makers have been unable to locate a sacrificial lamb who can be induced to make the race against E. A. Tucker for state senator.

Uncle Joe Cannon coined a statement that will bear investigation when he said: "the difference between republican and democratic trust busters is the republican busts the trusts by law and the democrat by wind."

The republican National convention contained a large representation of the world of letters. Senator Lodge, a distinguished historian, was a chairman of the resolution committee. Senator Beveridge, author of many articles on the far east seconded the nomination of Roosevelt as did also Harry Stillward Edwards, an eminent novelist of Georgia. Winston Churchill, author of the "Crisis", and other writers of lesser note were among the delegates. With the nomination of President Roosevelt who is the author of many successful books, the field of literature was much in evidence.

By the way, what has become of the McCreary bill?

The board of equalization has worked hard and faithfully to adjust differences in assessments, and the work performed has been the result of an earnest effort to do justice to all property owners. The members of the board have lived a strenuous life for the past week or so, but the satisfaction attendant upon a duty well performed will doubtless compensate them.

This county has had many men of distinguished ability in the legislature, but not of greater capabilities than Hon. R. E. Grinstead of Salem. Mr. Grinstead is asking an election not for glory, neither is he actuated by mercenary motives. He believes in his home and desires the advancement of its interest. He was a reluctant candidate, and accepted the nomination because he believed he could add greatly to the wealth and welfare of the people. He does not seek to take something from the people, but rather desires to give something to them. We predict that those who will so greatly profit by his election will see that his majority in the ensuing election is one of which any man would be proud.