

Educational Department

Conducted by County Superintendent Crocker

Dist. No. 63 will soon begin building a \$1250 school house. The Sutherland school building is the model.

Dist. No. 14—Ethel Hummel, teacher—We have as yet only 10 pupils enrolled and none of these above the 6th grade.

Three teachers took the examination last Saturday. The third Saturday in each month is regular examination day.

Dist. No. 6, Iva Lowe, teacher—Our enrollment is 13. We all attended the circus. We have a full set of new books and a library of 60 volumes.

Dist. 86, Nelle Hanna, teacher—Our enrollment is 22, 8 boys and 14 girls. We have 6 in the 8th grade and only 3 below the 5th. The school is well graded.

Miss Maud Mohler who taught in district No. 29 last year started last Tuesday for Lincoln, where she will attend the State University during the coming year.

Dist. No. 71, O. O. Marsh, teacher.—School began Sept. 5th with an enrollment of 35. All the larger pupils in district enrolled the first day. We have new geographies and readers.

Dist. No. 80, Edna Lytle, teacher—We have 39 pupils. Our school board have purchased new books for us and have given the teacher permission to get such additional books and supplies as are needed.

Dist. 98, Alice McCray, teacher—Our enrollment is 8, 7 boys and 1 girl. Two in the first grade, two in the second, three in the fifth and one in the sixth. Our school house will be painted this fall and we have been promised new curtains. Our teacher was out of school two days last week on account of sickness.

Last Friday was Educational day at the County Fair. The exhibit of school work was not large but it was good. The exhibit of native grasses was especially interesting and instructive. In the marching contest for country schools, district 86, Miss Nelle Hanna, teacher, took first prize; Dist. No. 35, Pearl Sneathen, teacher, second and Dist. No. 73, Lizzie Morris, teacher, third. Salem was the only high school present. The judges gave their marching a grade of 93.

Dist. No. 19, Barada—R. J. Dunn, teacher.—School opened Sept. 5th with an enrollment of 62, and is running as smoothly as if we had been at work for a month. We are teaching a few

ninth grade branches in which the pupils are greatly interested. The Barada division of Richardson County Teachers' Reading Circle will hold their first meeting at the Barada school house, Tuesday evening, Sept. 27th, at which time the work will be outlined for the coming year. For the first meeting we will discuss the first two chapters of Common Sense Didactics and Current Events. All teachers and friends of education are invited.

SALEM SCHOOL NOTES.

A new music course has been placed in the school. Only a few new text books has been purchased to make up deficiencies. A new supply of Medial writing books has been placed in the grades to the 8th inclusive.

In the high school the 9th grade have civics, algebra, rhetoric and book keeping. The 10th have Gen. history, algebra Phys. Geog. and 1st Latin. Both grades have music and drills together not less than one period per day.

Prof. Feanstein has sent out a circular letter to neighboring teachers inviting them to meet with the Salem teachers at the Salem high school room on Friday evening Sept. 30 at 7:45 p.m. for the purpose of organizing and beginning the reading circle work for the current year. The first two chapters of "common sense Didactics" by Sabin will be handled at the first meeting. A cordial welcome is extended.

The Salem school opened under favorable circumstances Sept. 5. Total enrollment to the present is 161 with enrollment by grades as follows: Florence Jones has the primary room with 25 in the 1st grade and 19 in 2nd grade. Minnie Jennings has 20 in third grade and 14 in 4th grade. Orrie French has 5th grade with 15 and 6th grade with 13 pupils. Alvirda Allen has charge of Grammar room with 21 pupils in 7th grade and 9 in 8th. F. S. Fenerstein has charge of the high school with a good enrollment 22 in 9th grade and 12 in 10th.

VERDON SCHOOL NOTES.

There are 12 members of the senior class.

The enrollment is as follows: primary 33, intermediate 29 grammar 24 and high school 25.

The school grounds are in nice condition and all necessary repairs to the building have been completed.

The basket ball team is getting in practice for some games with competing teams and they think they are able to play a good game.

Verdon has one of the most progressive school boards in the county. Men who are ready and willing to do things for the interest of the schools.

The first meeting of the teachers reading circle will be held at the school house in Verdon on Saturday afternoon, October 1 at 2 o'clock. All teachers that intend to meet with the Verdon teachers are requested to be pres-

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Beginning

Friday, September 23, 1904

Continuing through the following week.

MISS BARRY

AK-SAR-BEN

OMAHA, NEBRASKA

SEPT. 28 TO OCT. 8

For the above occasion the Missouri Pacific will make a rate of one fare plus 50 cents for the round trip. Tickets on sale October 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, with a return limit to October 10.

J. B. VARNER, AGENT

ent at this meeting. We will then arrange for our regular meetings and discuss the first two chapters of "Common Sense Didactics."

DAWSON SCHOOL NOTES.

School is going on nicely with lots of hard work in store.

The enrollment of the Dawson school is as follows: High school 56, grammar 30, intermediate 44 primary 51—total 181.

Dawson school now boasts of a large clock which regulates the time for all the room. It is located on the landing on the second floor where all can see it.

LOOK AHEAD.

Well begun is half done and well planned is half manned. Last year every district in the county was given a Special Day Program. These programs were not given to the teachers and hence should have been left with the director at the close of last years work. If you do not have a copy possibly your director has one for you. Ask him. Now is the time to begin to plan to observe the special days set apart for us. What is the purpose of them and what is the good derived? This can be easily answered. As to the observance of these days, it need not always be elaborate; indeed, it is usually better if it be simple, something more easily prepared. On the the most important days, it might be well to have more elaborate programs. But some simple program, with a clear idea of the purpose of the day set forth, is the best way, and from it we shall obtain the best results.

COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE LAW.

Because the numerous queries

on the part of the teachers, we wish to enumerate again the more important articles of the new compulsory attendance law. Briefly it is this: That all pupils between the ages of seven and fifteen shall attend school two thirds of the time that school shall be in session in the district of their residence, such attendance to begin with the first opening of the school and continue consecutively until such period is completed. The exceptions granted are for children who live more than two miles from the school, those that have a certificate of graduation from the 8th grade, those mentally unsound, those physically unable to go (this would require a physicians certificate) and a child of fourteen who is dependent upon his own effort for his support or who has others dependent upon him. The parent of any child not attending school according to the terms set fourth above should have a notice from the director. If this notice is not complied with within one week, then it is the director to make complaint before the justice and the parent shall be fined no less than five nor more than twenty-five dollars. In case the director fails to perform his duties he lays himself liable to a fine in the same amount. It is hoped that each teacher will agitate this matter to the utmost since it is so manifestly to the interests of her school to have the children in attendance in the beginning of the term when the classes are being formed, it will greatly aid this office also as even with all the reports at our command, it is a sorry job to try to keep track of some six thousand children scattered over an area of 512 square miles.