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## Educational Department

Conducted by County Supt. Crocker

### NOTICE TO TEACHERS.

A special teachers' examination will be held in the county superintendent's office, Saturday, September 30th.

What are you going to do this year in regard to special day programs, spelling matches, Washington's birthday and Arbor day? Do something; not too much, but do it well.

It is quite certain that under the new law for certification of teachers, all teachers now holding certificates will, when their present certificates expire, be required to take the examination in at least the following subjects: Reading, Arithmetic, Geography, Grammar and History.

We have just received a copy of "The Guide Rock Signal." Prof. Unsell has charge of the Guide Rock schools. The total enrollment is 124. Ten grades, four teachers. Prof. Unsell is well pleased with his work and the people are well pleased with him.

Dist. 74, Edna Brown teacher. Our enrollment is 26. Each grade is represented. We shall soon have new first and second readers. Lester Prater, Fannie Beaver and Sophia Renter, eighth grade graduates from our district, are attending the Falls City high school. We have three in the eighth grade class this year and four beginners.

Ralph Waldo Emerson declared that he learned something from every man to whom he talked, because there was some one thing that that man knew better than anyone else. When a man reaches the point where he can be taught nothing further in his vocation, he has reached his "dead line."—The Winner.

A certain teacher always talked against idleness, using many familiar maxims such as "An idle brain is the devil's workshop." One day when one of the boys was idle, he said: "What, John, idle again? Don't you know that Satan finds work for idle hands? Come to the desk and I will find something for you to do."—Educational Review.

Although I am an optimist I realize that some of our schools can be greatly improved in many respects. Notice if you have a perfect school in regard to the following: Neatness, sunlight, government, reports, care of books, ventilation, examinations, manners, school yard, punctuality, preparation, deportment, outbuildings, attendance, classification, recreation.

About twenty-five county superintendents met at the state superintendent's office, September 6 and 7, to discuss the new law in regard to the certification of teachers and the work of the state examining board. We could give an outline of the discussions now, but this might cause confusion. The rules and regulations will soon be completed and a copy sent to each teacher. There will be some surprises.

My young school-teacher friends—especially those of you who are going to teach for the first time,—if you have a modicum of common sense, a good-sized bump of patience, a second grade certificate, and will put with them similar forethought, the chances are all in your favor. You will succeed, and some who hold first grade certificates, but fail because they have the never-do-today-what-you-can-put-off-till-tomorrow habit, will wonder how it could have happened.—Alfred Bayliss State Supt. of Ill.

The Richardson county exhibit of native grasses at the state fair won a diploma.

The Stella high school pupils attended the republican county convention held in Stella last week. It was a splendid lesson for them.

The Barada schools are doing good work, the enrollment is 57. At present the canning factory is keeping quite a member out of school.

Ada Allen resigned her position as teacher in dist. No. 82 on account of the sickness of her mother. Lena Aiken was elected to take her place.

The Shubert schools opened Monday, September 11, with the following enrollment: High school, 30; Grammar, 35; Intermediate, 30; Primary, 35.

Dist. 97, Florence Howland teacher. Our school opened September 4 with an enrollment of 8. We shall have some new books next week. We enjoy our work very much.

Dist. 31, Roy Rockwell teacher. School opened last Monday morning with an enrollment of 16. We have no pupils above the fifth grade. The Model program, our daily program and the rules and regulations are pinned up in the school room. We look forward to a pleasant and profitable year's work.

The county superintendent has about 200 copies of the little book entitled, "Dictionary Wrinkles." It contains a test in pronunciation called "An Orthoepic Melange" guide to pronunciation, other very helpful articles. These are for the schools of Richardson county. They can be used nicely in the grammar or high school grades. Teachers who wish these books for their higher classes will please either call or send for them. Please send postage. It costs 5 cents to send eighteen of them.

**Salem School Notes.**  
Our enrollment is 155. The attendance is better than it was last year, though not as large. The ninth grade numbers ten, and the tenth grade fourteen. The pupils are especially interested in the physics work. The boys are busy making apparatus. We shall soon begin to teach penmanship and spelling in the high school. Ura Mabley, a member of last year's graduating class, is doing review work in the high school. The rooms are all nicely decorated. County Superintendent Crocker visited us last Friday. The interest in all departments is good.

**Stella School Notes.**  
Our attendance is 146. The course approved by F. Morey Hodgman, inspector of accredited high school and adopted by our board for our 11th grade is: Cicero 6 books, prose composition one lesson per week; plane Geometry 1/2 year, solid Geometry 1/2 year; Zoology 1/2 year; Botany 1/2 year; Rhetoric full year.

We have six boys and two girls in this class. The boys are organizing for athletics, and are confident that they will win some points at least at the coming meet.

Miss Hulda Peterson, our new teacher, has made an excellent beginning. She is one of the teachers who prepares her lessons before entering the school room.

For the past two years we have had delegates at the county conventions. However most of our boys are democrats. Any of the neighboring high schools might be able to arrange a game of base ball by corresponding with Emile Nombalais, captain of our team.

### Better Teachers and Efficient Service.

BY JAMES M. GREENWOOD, KANSAS CITY.

The first time I crossed the Missouri river was in company with four other persons; one of these and I started on foot ahead of the team. After walking some three miles, we met two boys riding a very big mule and so we stopped and talked with the boys a few minutes. They were barefooted and in shirt sleeves, and the mule was barebacked. Among other questions, I asked the older boy: "How old is your mule?" Promptly came an answer: "Four last spring!" "Will he ever be any bigger?" I next inquired, "No, sir; he is as big now as he ever will be, and a blamed sight bigger." This incident will serve to illustrate what I mean by efficient service in public school work. A large per cent of persons, who intentionally or accidentally slip into or drop into the schoolroom as teachers, get their full growth in three or four years, and never render any better service thereafter. They stand still after that, and then their services begin to depreciate. After this period sets in, their best energies are devoted to trying to get their salaries raised without a corresponding increase in the quality of their work. Had I the means I would even pay all such as I have described well for their faithful, but not highly efficient, service, but I would base an increase in salary on the improvement by pursuing new lines of study. Such are more deserving of public recognition than the non-progressive class, who may be classed slightly above the "late comers and the early goers," who are continually wanting short hours, big pay and abundant holidays. All these things seem to go together. There should be a distinction made in the salaries of the constantly growing teachers, those who are enlarging and multiplying their powers against the stationary ones, even after due allowance for ill health and other such influences. The teachers who reach out each year into new lines of thought, who take hold of new studies each year and bring richer treasures to their work, are the ones whose salaries should be gradually increased because of meritorious and successful teaching. A scale fixed upon such a foundation is a just and proper one.

**Rulo School Notes.**  
The Rulo schools opened September 4th, with an enrollment of 148. The building had been well cleaned and the floors newly oiled.  
In ordering the new books the "Approved List" was followed as nearly as possible. The Rulo Teachers' Reading Circle was organized September 15th, with Mrs. Brinegar leader for the present and Julia Cronin secretary.  
The work was planned for the year and the first regular meeting will be held September 20th. All neighboring teachers cordially invited.  
Prof. F. F. Stevens, of Meadow Grove, has been elected principal of the Rulo schools.  
The enrollment in the high school is 22.  
D. D. Houtz, teacher in Dist. 77, reports an enrollment of 28.  
Dist. 20, Myrtle Pittock teacher. School opened on Monday, Sept. 11, with an enrollment of 40. Three more enrolled Tuesday and there will be more after the fall work is over. With new books, new furniture, a new school house and a generous school board we expect to get along nicely throughout the term.

### WIRELESS MESSAGES.

Breathes there a man with soul so dead that he does not wish he were a boy again when first sound of the school bell reaches his ears on a soft September morning.

The democratic county convention was forced to adjourn on account of the rain and high water. Democrats and water positively will not mix.

Life laughs in the face of death but death neither laughs at the levity of life, nor frowns at the gravity of death.

If you can eat three meals a day and enjoy them, no doctor is likely to find anything seriously wrong with you.

We received a long communication this week from some bureau located some place back east. The communication dwelt at length on the beauties and benefits of irrigation and the bureau respectfully requested that we publish it. We decline to do so; we can consent to fly in the face of Providence in no such manner.

"Pass up the pass," is to be the slogan in the coming state campaign.

A certain poet wails, "the sun of hope has sunk to rest, and night's grim fears are haunting." The poet should cheer up. Perhaps it is only an eclipse.

A Falls City man who is away from home on business had occasion to send a telegram to his wife. The message was delivered at night and when the messenger rang the bell, the woman came to the door, took the yellow envelope, tore it open and read the message without even screaming or fainting and the messenger says that he was never so surprised in his life.

A certain young man from Hiawatha was in town yesterday making a personal investigation of conditions with reference to the liquor traffic in Nebraska. After he had satisfied his curiosity, he stopped on a street corner and stood looking at the long line of red, white and blue telephone poles that stretched away in the dim distance. By and by he accosted a Tribune reporter with the question: "For heaven's sake how many barber shops are there in this town, anyway?"

If we could invent a breakfast food that would become as popular throughout the United States as John Hossack is in Richardson county, we would get rich.

The critical moment had come; the doctor's hand firmly gripped the handle of the long, sharp knife; the others who were present stood aside, with eyes riveted upon the place where the incision was to be made. What was to be revealed? When the knife should descend what conditions would be found to exist. With a quick movement of his trained arm the doctor pressed the glittering blade downward. A moment of terrible suspense passed and then from the anxious watchers came exclamations of delight—the melon was dead ripe.

Many hen roosts have been robbed in this vicinity recently. We sincerely hope that nothing of that kind will happen this week because the conference is in session and the wicked and ungodly would be sure to make exceedingly odious inferences.

We have resolved to never again use the expression, "It beats thunder." There was some thunder last Friday night that could be beaten by nothing.

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### Legal Notice.

George Gutzmer, Plaintiff vs. Emma J. Gutzmer, Defendant. The above named defendant will take notice that George Gutzmer the plaintiff filed on the 19th day of August, 1905, in the Richardson county district court a petition against said defendant the object and prayer to obtain a divorce from said defendant on the grounds and for the reason that said defendant had been guilty of gross and extreme cruelty towards plaintiff without just cause or provocation. You are required to plead to said petition on or before October 9, 1905 or the allegations of said petition will be taken as true and the prayer of said petition granted. George Gutzmer, Plaintiff.

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