

AUDITORIUM CONTROVERSY

THE SCHOOL BOARD AND MANAGER BEALL CRASH.

HOUSE USED AT COMMENCEMENT

The Board Was Charged Double Price and Then Received Much Gratuitous Abuse Because They Did the Right Thing.

As there has been considerable misunderstanding over the controversy between the Norfolk school board and A. B. Beall, manager of the Auditorium, the board requests that a statement of the case be made and that the correspondence be published.

The customary price for the use of the Auditorium to anything of a local nature has been \$20 a night, the rental to pay in addition for lights and fuel, making the total cost about \$25 in summer and \$28 in winter. When Mr. Beall attempted to charge \$60 for the building for the use of the teachers' convention the injustice of the action caused the school board not to use the Auditorium for the high school commencement, and arrangements were made to hold the exercises in the M. E. church. But the graduates wanted to give a play as a part of their program, and this made the use of the church impossible, so it was decided to use the Auditorium if anything like fair terms could be secured. In pursuance of an order of the board, President Salter called up Mr. Beall, who lives in Sioux City, and asked him about the matter. Mr. Beall refused to make a price in that manner, saying that he would not talk to Norfolk people by telephone, and curtly told Dr. Salter that if he had any business to do with him to write him. Dr. Salter then wrote the gentleman and received reply as follows:

"Sioux City, May 6.—Dr. P. H. Salter, Norfolk, Neb.—Dear Sir: Replying to your inquiry of the 6th, I have to say that the rent for the Auditorium for the night of June 2, 1905, for the High School commencement, will be \$40.00. This will include light, ushers, and the setting of the stage. Yours very truly, A. B. Beall, Manager."

Circumstances arose whereby it became necessary to change the date of the exercises from June 2 to June 1, and a telegram was sent by Dr. Salter as follows:

"Terms for Auditorium accepted. Make night June 1st. Answer."

In reply to this telegram, a letter was received as follows:

"Sioux City, May 9.—Dr. P. H. Salter, Norfolk, Neb.—Dear Sir: I am in receipt of your telegram reading: 'Terms for Auditorium acceptable, make night June 1st, answer,' which is satisfactory to me, and I have accordingly marked off June 1st. 'Yours very truly, A. B. Beall, Manager.'"

When the time came for the graduation exercises much of the stage settings and chairs were in the basement of the Auditorium, which was flooded with water and chairs had to be brought from the high school building, the drayage on which cost \$1.00. No ushers were provided, as had been agreed in Mr. Beall's first letter, and the board was obliged to hire these at a cost of \$1.75. At the meeting of the board following, a warrant was ordered drawn in favor of Mr. Beall for \$40.00, less the \$2.75 that it has been necessary to pay out to make good his agreement. The warrant was sent to Mr. Beall by Secretary Matrau, who received reply as follows:

"Sioux City, June 10.—Mr. H. C. Matrau, Secretary, Norfolk, Neb.—Dear Sir: I am in receipt of your letter of the 6th enclosing order for \$37.25. This is \$2.75 less than our agreement and I must insist upon your sending me an order for the balance. I note you claim that you paid \$1.00 to have the chairs hauled from the school house. I have nothing whatever to do with this matter of drayage on chairs. I did not agree to furnish you any chairs. You were to take the theatre as it was and in the condition it was in, and you had no right whatever to spend my money for drayage. I note that you deduct \$1.75 for ushers. I did not agree to furnish you ushers, nor did you ask for them. I rented you that theatre, free of expense to myself, excepting lights, and you have taken upon yourselves to appropriate \$2.75 of my funds, which I think not only small but a very contemptible act, and the only way that you can close up this contract fairly and honestly, is to send me an order for \$2.75 to balance, and I would like to receive this order at your earliest convenience. Yours very truly, A. B. Beall, Manager."

"Norfolk, Neb., June 12.—Mr. A. B. Beall, Sioux City.—Dear Sir: I am just in receipt of your very courteous favor of June 12, in which you are pleased to term our action in remitting you for the use of the Auditorium as per your written agreement which I hold for \$40.00, less amount which we paid for ushers and chairs to set stage, \$2.75, as 'contemptible.' I beg to advise you that the order for \$37.75, of which you acknowledge receipt, is payment in full for the use of the Auditorium for the night of June 1st, and that as far as this board is concerned we consider the incident closed. Very truly, H. C. Matrau, Secretary."

"Sioux City, June 13.—Mr. H. C. Matrau, secretary Norfolk school board, Norfolk, Neb.—Dear Sir: I am in receipt of your letter of the 12th, wherein you acknowledge receipt of my letter informing you that the action of your board in 'swiping' \$2.75 of my money was contemptible, has been received, and I also note that as far as your honorable board is concerned the incident is closed. I don't doubt that the incident is closed. You have my \$2.75, and that is all any grafter or grafters can do after they get hold of the money, is to declare the incident closed. If I was a resident of Norfolk I would make you pay the money, and I would make you do it very quickly, but it is cheaper for me to stand for being swindled out of \$2.75 than to fight for what belongs to me. Yours very truly, A. B. Beall, Manager."

The school board feel that uncalled for insult has been given them by Manager Beall and that the terms which he has applied to them are wholly unnecessary and untrue. In the first place he charged the board just twice the amount that it has been customary to rent the house for local use and they were not overly pleased at being thus held up, but they stood it to please the graduates who had set their heart on giving a play as part of the commencement program. Mr. Beall agreed in his offer to have ushers and stage settings. Neither of these were provided and the board was obliged to secure them, deducting the bare cost from the rent. This seemed a pure business transaction to them, as it was an expense that Mr. Beall should have borne, and agreed to do. The board works wholly without pay and receives many gratuitous kicks, but this is a case in which they were doing their plain duty and no injustice to Mr. Beall, and they do not feel particularly clever over the letters they have received from him.

This is not the first instance where Mr. Beall's method of conducting the Norfolk opera house have given cause for clash with the citizens of this place, and unless he changes his tactics the house will not be liberally patronized in future. He seems to be determined to bring the house into disrepute in this city, and he is succeeding to a nicety.

THE SOLDIER MAY DIE

CONDITION OF WILLIAM COATS IS CRITICAL.

WAS SHOT BY MRS. MARTHA LANE

Nothing Will be Done With the Woman as She is Said to Have Had Just Provocation for Shooting the Military Man of Fort Crook.

Bellevue, Neb., July 10.—The doctors say that the condition of William Coats, the Fort Crook soldier, who was shot by Mrs. Martha Lane, is critical and that he may die. It is not likely that anything will be done with the woman as she is said to have had just provocation in turning the weapon against the soldier.

HIGH SCHOOL ACCREDITED

Norfolk is Given a Rank With State Schools.

Secretary H. C. Matrau of the board of education, Norfolk district, has been notified by Chancellor E. Benjamin Andrews, per M. Hodgman, inspector of the state university at Lincoln, that the Norfolk high school has been placed on the list of accredited high schools of the state for the year 1905-1906, with twenty-eight to thirty-two points to its credit.

This list is made each year after inspection of the courses of study, scientific equipment and the library facilities, which must be excellent and the teaching force in number, scholarship and professional training must be adequate to do the work which the schools are undertaking.

Not only does this list represent the best high schools of Nebraska, but graduates are allowed entrance to the state university without examination in those subjects in which their attainments are duly certified. The list is published each year in the university calendar and the University Journal.

FUNERAL OF AMASA COBB.

Will be Held Tomorrow From Dorgan Home in Lincoln.

Lincoln, July.—The funeral of Judge Amasa Cobb will be held from the residence of John T. Dorgan tomorrow afternoon.

General Cobb died at the home of his daughter in Los Angeles Wednesday. The remains were brought to Lincoln where they will be interred beside the remains of his wife who died eight years ago. General Cobb was eighty-two years of age. He was president of the First National bank of Lincoln until 1878, and was then elected to the supreme court, serving for fourteen years, the last four of which he was chief justice of the court. He was a veteran of the civil war.

LYNCH WATER WORKS.

Work on the System is Now Nearing Completion.

Lynch, Neb., July 11.—John Long of Norfolk will finish the work of ditching for the Lynch water works system this week.

THE PATTERSON INFLUENCE

MEANING OF THE RECEPTION FOR THE MANUFACTURER.

AT DAYTON, OHIO, NEXT TUESDAY

Has Reformed Factory Conditions Until His Employes Stay With Him and Perform Effective Work—Influenced Changes in Other Factories.

[From Saturday's Daily.]

The plans for Patterson day at Dayton, O., next Tuesday have attracted country-wide attention because it is unique and furthermore because Mr. Patterson is deserving of the honor. On that day it is planned to have the noted citizen greeted by 40,000 women, the entire feminine population of the town. He has done much for the working woman and his reward will be to see them give this gratuitous expression of good will. The men of the town will give a gorgeous parade and the women have planned the presentation of a memorial.

All of this makes the people wonder what has been Mr. Patterson's accomplishment. He has established a wholesome influence on the children of his factory neighborhood through his boys' gardens, which he established and is maintaining. He has influenced the beautifying of the homes of Dayton through lectures on landscape gardening and a practical example in the model factory grounds. His effort in behalf of women employes has had a wide influence. The prime cause of his interest lies in the fact that about twelve years ago five women left his employ for no apparent reason. At the same time a large consignment of goods from the factory was returned from England as defective. The two facts set Mr. Patterson on a line of thought that has since resulted in material changes. That there was a connection between the leaving of his employes and the defective work of the factory was conclusive to him and he determined to make the work attractive and the surrounding congenial. He has succeeded so well that it is now said that no woman employed in the Dayton works ever leaves except to be married. One day in passing through the women's departments Mr. Patterson saw a girl setting a tin bucket on the radiator. Supposing it was paste to be warmed he called the foreman and asked him if he had no better way than that for heating the paste. He was informed that the bucket contained coffee for the girl's lunch. He at once decided that women or men could not work without a substantial, well prepared meal at noon, and this was the germ that induced his noted reform of factory conditions.

First Step in Welfare Work. First of all, in the effort to provide the women with the hot lunch, gas stoves were placed in all women departments where the girls could heat coffee and make other warm dishes. Then an attic was cleared and a cradle sort of dining room was established. Next a comfortable dining hall was fitted out in one of the main factory buildings, where each day five hundred girls were served a wholesome and attractive meal each day for the nominal cost of twenty-five cents a week. This dining hall had been used until within the last week, when a new building just erected was set aside for the use of 1,500 men and women employes as a dining hall.

From providing for the gastronomic welfare of the women it was only a step to care for their health in other directions. It was found that the ordinary benches upon which women sat while at work were conducive to stooped shoulders, cramped lungs and general fatigue. In their place comfortable high-backed chairs with foot rests, were put in place in the bindery and other departments where the women work.

Improves Factory Surroundings. President Patterson decided that a working man or woman could accomplish more and perform the work better if working amid comfortable and beautiful surroundings. Accordingly the factory buildings have been made unusually light and airy. The walls are practically of glass, so great is the window space. The interior of the working rooms and the machines used have been painted in light colors and make the rooms bright and cheerful. Cleanliness is insisted upon and all scraps and waste are swept up and carried away before the floor and the work benches can become littered. The women employes are provided with aprons and sleevelets furnished by the company twice a week and laundered in the factory laundry.

To provide further for the physical comfort of the women, rest rooms have been installed in connection with all the departments where girls are employed. These rooms are furnished with cots, easy chairs, bath, lavatory and a medicine chest. Any girl who becomes ill or indisposed while at work has the privilege of retiring to these rooms. Two nurses make daily rounds of the rest rooms and the women's departments, caring for any of the girls who may desire their services.

RECESSES FOR ALL WOMEN.

Twice a day, at 10 a. m. and 3 p. m., the women employes and the office clerks as well are given a recess of ten minutes. The girls generally spend this time in calisthenic exercises, which are a welcome relief from the monotony of sitting at a work bench or a machine. At noon, after

luncheon, for which an hour and twenty minutes are allowed, the girls generally dance in the dining hall, where a piano is provided for their use. Magazines and books are to be found on the tables and many of the young women put in their extra time reading. Some employ part of the noon hour in taking walks to the nearby woods or in sewing or doing fancy work until the whistle blows.

The women of Mr. Patterson's factory have formed a club, with a membership of about 500, called the Woman's Century club. This organization is affiliated with both the state and national federations of women clubs. It has literary, musical and other sections which encourage habits of study among the members.

GIRLS HAVE A DORMITORY.

The Woman's Century club has leased the old Patterson homestead, a landmark of Montgomery county since Dayton was a little village. This homestead has been converted into a dormitory for the girls who have no relatives living in Dayton. "Rubicon Home," as the homestead is now called, has proved extremely popular with the girls, who have been glad to avail themselves of the opportunity of living there. The home is managed entirely by members of the Woman's Century club and is self-supporting.

These are the things which Mr. Patterson has done for the women in his employ: He has given them pleasant working conditions, has provided for them a comfortable dining hall where wholesome meals are served, has helped them to secure a model dormitory, and has encouraged them to form classes and clubs for self-improvement.

Women outside his immediate employ he has benefited by the example which his factory has set and which other manufacturing concerns are hastening to follow. For all this good work the women of Dayton will unite in doing him honor on his return from abroad.

HALL SELLS TO HALL.

W. O. Hall has sold his barber shop in the Oxnard hotel to "Kid" Hall. Mr. Hall left this morning for the east and later will go to California, and may remain there. He will take his fast horses east and may sell them.

BUTTE ROAD IS IMPROVED

PEOPLE OF THE TOWN HAVE SPENT \$3,000 ON IT.

IS NOW IN GOOD CONDITION

The Many Steep Hills That Had to be Climbed Between Anoka and Butte Made it One of the Worst in the Country.

Butte, Neb., July 10.—Special to The News: After spending \$3,000 on the road between Butte and Anoka, Butte has bought a right of way through the adjoining farms and hereafter the roads will be in good condition and there will be little trouble. This road has been one of the most difficult to travel in the county, owing to the many steep hills that it was necessary to climb to reach Butte from Anoka, and the fixing of the thoroughfare is a great relief to the people who are obliged to travel it.

PRISONERS RELEASED.

Fairfax, S. D., Advertiser: The arrest of the Lunderman brothers and Walter Connor sometime ago by the authorities of Boyd county, Neb., caused quite a sensation at the time of their arrest and from the claims made by their prosecutors it was thought the right clue had been found for the prosecution of a band of horse thieves who operated extensively in Gregory and Boyd counties. These men were arrested for the theft of horses from Geo. Steele who lives in Boyd county. They were brought into court at Butte, Neb., to answer to the charges preferred against them and for want of sufficient evidence they were discharged. The defendants are residents of the Rosebud reservation and have many friends there who never believed them guilty of the crime charged and who will be glad to learn they were released. The defendants were represented by H. M. Boorman of Atlantic, Iowa, and A. H. Tingle of Butte.

SPENCER TEAM CELEBRATES.

Spencer Advocate: On the evening of the Fourth, when Dr. Howard of Anoka, with his wife and children, started home one of his horses kicked over the buggy tongue and becoming frightened it was a hard matter to stop the team but the doctor managed to do so when, fortunately, some men near by went to their assistance and held the horses until the occupants of the buggy were safely out. Then all the trouble seemed to be at an end but the horse that was astride the tongue came frantic and, despite the efforts of the men, the team broke loose and, turning around, ran back two blocks, crashing into a hitching post at the corner of Dr. Skelton's office. Here they were caught. One horse was found to be lamed and the carriage in need of repair, so the doctor procured a team at the livery barn and took his family home. It was, indeed, a lucky escape from what might have proven a serious accident.

IF ANYBODY HAS ANY HARNESS REPAIRING TO DO, LET HIM BRING IT IN BEFORE THE SPRING SEASON BEGINS. PAUL NORDWIG.

MEADOW GROVE REUNION

OLD SOLDIERS OF NORTHERN NEBRASKA WILL ASSEMBLE.

IT BEGINS NEXT WEDNESDAY

There Will be a Baseball Tournament in Which Teams From Pilger, Plainview, Stanton and Creston Will Play for Three Solid Days.

Meadow Grove is preparing for a big time all of the week, beginning next Wednesday, July 12, when the old soldiers from all over northern Nebraska will assemble there to enjoy their annual reunion. The ranks are growing less and less each year, but those who survive among the heroes who fought for the flag, will get together and have rousing camp fires and old army songs. There will be an immense crowd in Meadow Grove and the citizens of the town are making great preparations for the entertainment.

BASEBALL TOURNAMENT.

Among other features will be the baseball tournament for three days. On the first day Pilger and Plainview will play, for a purse of \$75; on the second day Creston and Stanton will play for \$75 and on the third day the winners will play for a purse of \$150. The Stanton cadet band may play at the reunion.

SATURDAY SIFTINGS.

Wm. Smith went to Sioux City this morning.

M. R. Snodgrass of Wayne was here over night.

U. B. Mayes of Tilden was in the city yesterday.

Fred Neemyer of Columbus was in town over night.

Mrs. Katie Soss of Winnetoon is a city visitor today.

E. D. Barnes of Creighton was in town this morning.

S. L. Bray, representing the Lincoln Daily Star, is in town.

Mrs. D. E. Best of Battle Creek is a visitor in the city today.

C. O. Williams of Meadow Grove was in town this morning.

Myrtle Wagner of Pierce was a visitor in town yesterday afternoon.

E. D. Wood of Fullerton transacted business in the city this morning.

Frank Carroll of Creighton arrived in town on the early train this morning.

Miss Faie Burnham has gone to Madison, where she will spend a week with friends.

Albert Howell and Miss Anna Atkins of Neligh were city visitors Saturday afternoon.

Miss Ethel Ranney of Ft. Atkinson, Wis., is a guest at the home of her aunt, Mrs. W. H. Bridge.

John W. Bridge, who has been attending Oberlin, Ohio, college, is home for his summer vacation.

Spencer Butterfield left yesterday for Buena Vista, Col., for a camping out trip in company with cousins.

Mrs. Mart Johnson of Spencer, who been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clark, returned to her home Saturday noon.

Mrs. Wm. Graham and son, Willie, and Mrs. F. M. Carder of Creighton, are in the city on their way to Hot Springs, S. D.

Mrs. Frank Hirsch and daughter Corrine, left last night for Hot Springs, S. D., for a two-weeks' visit with her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Skeen and daughter, Miss Ruby, went to Plainview Saturday noon to spend Sunday with relatives and friends.

O. E. Wortensleben of Leavitt, a representative of the Standard Sugar company, was transacting business in the city this morning.

Merrit Nichols, the corpulent real estate man of Foster, who has been in the city most of the week, returned home Saturday noon.

Misses Carrie and Ruth Harding of Omaha are in the city, guests of their grandmother, Mrs. McMillan. They will remain several weeks.

Mrs. and Mrs. H. J. Miller and son Theodore left at noon today for Hartington. Mr. Miller will return Monday and the others will remain two months to visit her parents.

A. H. Backes, editor of the Pierce Leader, was in the city this morning. He was accompanied by Mrs. Backes, and they were on their way to Platte county for a short visit.

Sister Marae (Maggie Horiskey) and her companion, Sister Damien, departed Saturday noon for Sinsinawa, Wis., after a two weeks' visit with the Horisky family and friends.

Mrs. Fannie Maxwell and daughter Maud visited Mrs. Wm. Darlington last night. They are from Battle Creek, and leave today on the special car for the coast, where they expect to make their home in future.

Miss Betsy Baird of Akron, Ohio, who has been the guest of Miss Josephine Butterfield, left last night for Casper, Wyo., where she will spend some time on a ranch with the family of the governor of Wyoming.

Plainview News: H. G. Corell and wife returned home Friday afternoon from their western trip. While absent they visited with U. E. Foster and wife at Sedro-Woolley, Washington, and many other points of interest. They report a swell time.

The premium list for the Madison county fair which will be held on the fair grounds at Madison September 26, 27, 28 and 29, has been printed and is being distributed by J. L. Rynearson, secretary. The list shows off well for

exhibitors and there will be a good object in making a display there this fall. The offerings are liberal both by the society and in a special way, and those who have fine stock, good grains and other products as well as works of art in any line of endeavor will do well to write the secretary for one of the booklets. The speed program offers large purses and the side attractions of the exhibition will be well worth seeing. The promise is that the attendance will be large and that there will be ample reward for those who are interested enough to go.

Wm. B. Vail, one of the horsemen interested in the track north of the city, said this morning: "We would be pleased to have everyone who has a horse and buggy to drive around the track as many times as they can, as it now requires packing." The horsemen who maintain speedy animals at the track are interested in having the track in condition for the balance of the season that they may get their animals in thorough training for the coming races in this section of the state. With the let up of the rain the track is in good condition with the exception of packing of the soil which constant use will give and it is hoped to have it in fine shape before the racing season opens.

Stanton Pickett: Many Stanton people regret that William Gerecke has resigned as cashier of the First National bank and will cease to be a resident of the town. He left here last Sunday morning with the intention of going first to Waterloo, Iowa, and visiting several other places before returning here. He will then close up the remainder of his affairs here and then go to Lamar, Colorado, to visit his son, Ed. Mr. Gerecke was elected cashier of the First National in June, 1890, and filled the position fifteen years. He is a man almost universally liked and is trusted and respected by all. His resignation left a vacancy in the office of cashier to which position H. D. Miller was elected. Mr. Miller has been connected with the bank ever since he was old enough to do business.

The Dixie carnival company closes its week's engagement in this city tonight, and by tomorrow its various tents, merry-go-round, Ferris wheel, high diving ladder and tank, and the other paraphernalia, will have vanished from the streets of Norfolk. Mr. Thompson, who does the high dive, gave another exhibition last evening, dropping from the top of a 60-foot ladder right side up into a tank of water. He has been sick since the Fourth, when he made three dives and became chilled in the water, and last night was the first time he was able to appear again. He makes two dives today, afternoon and evening. The company has been contending against unfavorable weather all the week and as a consequence has not done a rushing business. As a whole the shows of the carnival are clean and unobjectionable, but the gambling grafts with it are rather on the shady order, although they are not doing enough business to justify a kick.

CHILD HAS NARROW ESCAPE

Little Girl of Butte is Nearly Drowned in a Tub of Water.

Butte, Neb., July 10.—Special to The News: The baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stoltenberg, aged eighteen months, had a narrow escape from drowning in a tub of water. The water was standing on the floor of the kitchen when Mrs. Stoltenberg stepped out into the yard for a moment. When she returned she found that the child had fallen into the water and was already unconscious. Her cries brought help immediately and by prompt and vigorous measures the child was resuscitated.

HARTINGTON COUNTRY CLUB.

The first committee meeting was held on Wednesday last at which it was decided to build a large club house. It was resolved to issue thirty shares of stock at \$50.00 per share. Those who buy the shares shall be considered life members of the club and shall be stockholders therein.

A splendid site has been procured for the building at the edge of a picturesque grove. A bowling alley, tennis lawn and croquet lawn, in addition to the golf links, will be included. Plans for the club house have been prepared and will be ready for inspection in a few days.

Only thirty shares will be issued. First come, first served. Those desiring shares are requested to apply to Sam Wilder, secretary-treasurer, or to any of the officers of the Hartington Golf club.—Hartington Herald.

RURAL ROUTE NO. 3.

W. F. Lehman is hauling off hogs. Fred Heckman is building a new barn.

Geo. Mather has been doing some mason work at Hadar.

Rev. H. Spiering of southern Illinois is visiting with Fred Stengel.

J. M. Cottrell spent the Fourth of July visiting friends in Holt county.

Burt Mapes and family are still tenting on his farm three miles north of town.

Some rye is in shock, while other fields are being cut. Winter wheat is about ready for the sickle. Barley and spalts are nearly ripe. Quite a good deal of haying is being done, and corn is being laid by. A good deal of it looks fine.

NEW DOCTOR AT BUTTE.

Butte, Neb., July 11.—Special to The News: Dr. Jeffers, recently of Valentine, is opening an office in Butte.