

PROGRESS OF THE SCHOOLS

New Departures in Methods of Instruction Within the Past Year.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Study of Pictures and Artists Proves Interesting and Profitable—Methods Designed to Train the Observation of the Young.

Superintendent Pease has filed with the Board of Education his annual report on the work of the schools for the last year. It deals with all important phases of the conditions of the schools and discusses in an interesting way some new departures in the methods of instruction.

The total enrollment in the schools was 203 greater than that of the year before, exclusive of the number added by the establishment of night schools and despite a slight falling off in the number of children of school age in the city. The average number belonging, however, decreased three.

On account of the falling off in daily attendance the cost of maintaining the schools per pupil increased, although a number of other factors, such as increased fuel bills, increased tuition pay to janitors and restoration of reduced teachers' salaries, also contributed to the same result.

One of the many undertakings of recent years to render school life as attractive as possible to the child is the use of pictures in the school room. Until lately the few pictures that adorned the walls of school rooms and halls were very likely to be some kind of cheap, gaudy chromo or print.

The influence of these pictures has been noted particularly in two ways. An intellectual interest has been awakened in the study of the picture, in the artist, his personality, his time and his principal themes. Beyond this the pictures have been felt. The beauty, the dignity, the sentiment have appealed to the children and often moved them without their consciousness of the fact.

Lessons in the elements of natural science, sometimes called "nature lessons," have become part of the work in most progressive schools. These lessons are not taken up systematically or by the use of any text book, but the common animals and insects and plants and the common phenomena of nature which present themselves to the experience of all are studied in a simple, direct, experimental way.

The theory is that benefits come in at least two ways. The children learn something about the common things in nature with which they will be brought in contact more or less in their daily lives; they get a pleasant interest in them and a habit of seeing the things that are about them. Further than this, the studies put through the child's little heads and furnish valuable material for use in number lessons, language lessons and in other work of the school.

The most serious drawback to this work in the schools has been the deficiency of the teachers in their very knowledge. Botany, zoology, entomology and orthology, perhaps physics and chemistry, formed no part of their studies in the high school, the normal school or the college.

WORMWORM ON BABY'S FACE

Mother Ashamed to Take Him Out. Everything Failed to Cure. CUTICURA Cured in 3 Days.

I have had my baby sick with his face full of wormworm, and tried everything that was recommended to take him out, for every one would look at him. I was told to get CUTICURA. I got it on Wednesday, and by Saturday his face was all dried up. Now I can take him everywhere. I cannot say enough about CUTICURA. If people only knew about how his face looked a week ago, and see it today, they would never be without it. The people in the house can tell you how his face was, and how it is today.

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CRAZY WITH ITCHING

Eczema on Head. Got into the Eyes. Doctor & Institutes Could Not Cure. Cured in 2 Months by CUTICURA.

I have been troubled over two years with eczema on the top of my head. It started it itching, something fierce. My doctor said it was eczema, and treated me for six months with all kinds of medicine, but it got worse. I tried every remedy, but it did not get any better. I got CUTICURA. I used it for two months, and it cured me. I feel like a new man now. I can go anywhere and not be bothered. I feel like a new man now. I can go anywhere and not be bothered. I feel like a new man now. I can go anywhere and not be bothered.

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Major Harry B. Mulford's romantic marriage at Reno, last Tuesday, as told in press dispatches, may be to him a rebounding boomerang that will dim the luster of his gilded shoulder straps.

The day prior to his marriage, Anna Belle Pope Mulford, the first wife of the major, appeared before Judge Fawcett in this city and obtained a divorce from her husband. Major Mulford was not represented in court, although legal notice had been served, and default was entered. But the major has not paid the costs, so there is no record in the district clerk's office to show that he has been legally separated, and since his recent marriage the question of legality arises.

Major Mulford is well known in Omaha, having lived here for a long time prior to the late war. The announcement of his marriage has caused much adverse criticism from his erstwhile friends, for it is generally accepted that Mrs. Mulford is a highly cultured and strong-willed woman, and to her more than to any other he owes his promotion to the rank of major.

Life a Burden to Her. In her petition Mrs. Mulford set forth that for two years past her husband had treated her coldly, but she was inclined to forbear in the hope that sunshine would return to their household. She did not relax her efforts for his promotion, but after the triumph was achieved and he became more cruel than ever and showed her no indignities upon the trusting woman.

What Judge Fawcett Says. When Judge Fawcett was told of Major Mulford's marriage, he granted a divorce to Mrs. Mulford on the ground she presented in this court, but if she should appear before me and ask for the decree set aside, I would do so in three minutes.

REV. MR. HATCH'S LECTURE

Talks Entertainingly About the Louisiana Purchase and the Old Trails.

Under the title of "The Romance of Geography" Rev. P. A. Hatch gave a lecture at the Plymouth Congregational church Friday evening which touched upon a subject rarely new to the lecture platform. Going back to the woman's pride that indirectly led to our acquisition of the Louisiana Purchase, the speaker explained the pioneer life that was lived in the Santa Fe and the Platte River trails, with incidental reference to the part Omaha has served as the rallying point of Indians, Mormon pioneers and the Union Pacific enterprise.

MRS. ROGERS' WILL IS VOID

Judge Baxter Decides She Was Laboring Under a Delusion When She Signed the Document.

Judge Baxter decided yesterday that the late Mrs. Clara Rogers was laboring under a delusion when she made a will bequeathing the greater part of her property to St. James' orphanage, cutting her husband off with only a life interest in the household goods. Judge Baxter delivered a lengthy opinion in reaching his decision. He reviewed the evidence from both sides, bringing out all of the more striking features. He touched upon the letter left by Mrs. Rogers in which she accused her husband of attempting to murder her and it was probably this letter that convinced Judge Baxter of the woman's insanity, for there was a volume of evidence to show that Mr. Rogers was of this restricted mind to avoid any confusion in the sale of the two funds, similar in all respects except explosive qualities.

The issue was to determine if the will should be admitted to probate, and, according to Judge Baxter's decision, the document was not admitted. Unless a higher court should reverse the decision, the orphanage loses its bequest and the estate of the deceased will be disposed of in the usual way, just as if no will had been left.

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SADDLERS' STRIKE SETTLED

Mark's Men Will Resume Work Monday Morning in Good Feeling.

The visit of Secretary-Treasurer Conine of the Leather Workers' union to Omaha has resulted in a settlement of the labor difficulty between the firm of Mark's Bros. and its harness and saddlery men. The men have been out on a strike for several days past. He and a committee of the Leather Workers' union met with members of the firm at ten o'clock last evening and an agreement was reached whereby all of the men will resume work Monday morning. It is understood that most of the demands of the men were conceded. The best of feeling is reported to prevail on both sides. Both have been anxious for a settlement and the firm has not sought to employ other men while the old ones were out.

POPOCRATS WILL PONDER

They Reconsider Resolutions Relating to Democratic Party and Will Wait.

The row over the distribution of the appointive offices under the new fusion ordinance has aroused such interest that the Saturday evening's meeting of the populist central committee was largely attended. It was a miraculously peaceful meeting, but the committee had scraped up another populist who would object to a position in the office of the clerk of the district court.

DISCUSSING IMPROVEMENTS

Young Men's Christian Association Figuring for More Room and Conveniences.

The board of directors of the Young Men's Christian association is discussing more or less hopefully plans for a building that will be better adapted to the work of the association than their present structure. Since the erection of the latter ten or twelve years ago the character of the work of such associations has so changed that the building is no longer suitable. There is felt an urgent need for more room for the accommodation of every department of the association's work, and the demand is of such urgency that it can be known absolutely nothing of such a move-

WHAT NEW YEAR WILL BRING

Hearings of Railroad Brakemen's Dangerous Calling Considerably Curtailed.

SOME NEBRASKA ROADS NOT QUITE READY

Interstate Commission May Extend the Time, but the State Law Becomes Effective on the First Day of New Year.

The secretary of the Interstate Commerce commission has sent out notice that, as numerous railway companies have applied to the commission for a further extension of the time within which to complete the equipment of their cars and locomotives with automatic couplers and power brakes, as required by the act approved March 2, 1893, relating to the equipment of locomotives and cars with safety appliances, a hearing will be had before the commission at its office in Washington December 31, 1899, at which time and place all persons interested will have an opportunity to be heard in person or by counsel, whether for or against such extension, and may forward by mail any affidavit, statement or argument bearing upon the question.

PATRIOTIC LEAGUE MEETING

Permanent Quarters for the Club Are Established in the Millard Hotel.

There were between thirty-five and forty people present at a meeting of the Patriotic League in the committee room at the Millard hotel last evening. Among them were Capt. Taylor, W. A. Siders, Sam Walker, E. D. Simpson, Henry Knodell, G. S. Ambler, K. S. Fisher, Hugh A. Myers, Carr Ayford, C. E. Tuttle, R. L. Robinson, George Witton, J. H. Butler, P. J. Barr, J. L. Long, M. Starbuck, E. A. Evans, J. T. Wilson, Crawford Koser, H. Berg, S. J. Russell, C. J. Trouton of South Omaha and a number of others.

At a previous meeting a canvassing committee comprising about twenty-five men located in the different wards had been appointed to enlarge the membership, and some time was devoted to listening to reports from the different wards, forty-six names being handed in for membership. They were elected to positions on the roll.

It developed that membership is secured in the club by an agreement to pay some 50 cents and others \$1. per month for the maintenance of the organization. G. S. Ambler reported for a committee on permanent headquarters previously appointed, to the effect that J. E. Marekell had offered to the club the use of a suburban room, with furniture, light, heat, etc., free of charge, the club room proper to be located on the third floor of the Millard, with the use of the ball room on the fourth floor and the committee room on the first or when the club is not in session.

RAILROAD NOTES AND PERSONALS

General Manager George F. Hildwell of the Elkhorn has returned from a visit to Chicago.

General Manager Holdrege of the Burlington left Friday for a brief business trip to St. Louis.

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Despite this explicit denial there are certain well-informed railroad men who believe that January 1 will witness the installation of the auditing department of the Oregon Short Line in Omaha.

MAIL ON UNION PACIFIC

Largely Increased Business Makes It Necessary to Put on More Men.

The United States mail handled by the Union Pacific is the heaviest in the history of the road. In fact it has increased to such an extent that, commencing yesterday, three extra clerks have been put to work on the Omaha and Ogden run. The men so appointed are George R. Garland, transferred from Cheyenne; John W. Gill, transferred from the Chicago and Council Bluffs run, and J. E. Lord of Cheyenne, a new man.

Between Columbus and Albin the Union Pacific has put on a new train known as 73 and 74, on which mail service will be established next Tuesday. Joseph E. Archer of Fremont has been appointed postal clerk on the run and will double the road each day.

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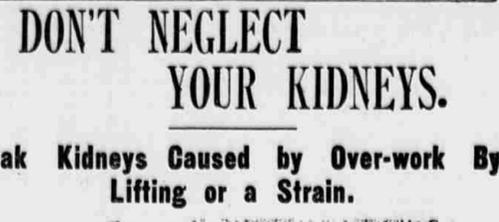
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DAHARSH IS RESTRAINED

Judge Scott Issues an Order Enjoining Him from Taking Possession of the City Jail Gate.

For a while Saturday night it looked as though the offenders against the peace and dignity of the city would be compelled to go hungry over Sunday. The reason for the threatened fast was the fact that an instrument with Judge Cunningham R. Scott's name attached was brought to the police station in which it was expressly stated that one E. N. Daharsh must not set his foot upon the premises of the city jail or in any way molest the utensils and other appurtenances belonging to the jail.

It seems that city council some time ago awarded the contract for feeding the city prisoners to the defendant in this action. He was to receive as remuneration the sum of \$2.10 cents per meal. J. S. Stone, who handed in a bid some time ago, thought he was entitled to the contract as he claimed he had made a bid for \$2.10 cents per meal. When Daharsh went down to take possession under the contract he was refused admittance and the next thing he knew he was confronted by a restraining order. The matter will come up for hearing Monday morning in Judge Fawcett's court.

The contract at the present time is held by Joe Danbaum, who gets 4 to 10 cents for each meal. He has had the contract for about three years. Chief Patterson, who conducts the savory dishes for the prisoners at the station, was all at sea and hardly knew from whom he was to take his orders. He will continue in his important function, however, until Monday morning at least.

Try Old Quaker Rye. Aged and pure.