

IGNORING BOARD'S ORDERS

Only Portion of High School Teachers Working for Six Periods.

HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS DODGE THE RULE

All but One, However, Insists It is a Failure—Member of Board of Education Expresses His Views.

The reports from the heads of departments of the Omaha high school regarding the effectiveness of the rule adopted by the board of education requiring teachers to hear classes for six periods during the year has been submitted to the high school committee.

In discussing the report informally members of the board do not seem satisfied with conditions existing at the high school. One of them said yesterday morning: "This report will show that while the heads of departments pronounce the system a failure, but one of them speaks from personal experience, because, with the exception of Miss Landis, not one of these teachers has taught six periods."

These periods are of forty-five minutes each, which means that those teachers who are required to observe the rule in one-half hour in the classroom actually engaged in work, while the teachers who are favored by the superintendent manage to work in the classroom three and three-quarters hours during the day.

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WORK IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

About two dozen of the faithful, including ministers and Sunday school teachers, were at Immanuel Baptist church, Twenty-fourth and Blinney streets, yesterday afternoon to attend the first series of institutes to be conducted at various points throughout the state during the next two weeks by Rev. E. M. Stephenson, district secretary in the Northwest for the American Baptist Publication society.

Rev. Stephenson shared the afternoon with Rev. W. L. Coburn of the First Baptist church of Wahoo, Neb. The former spoke on "How to Make a Good School Better" and Sunday School Organization, Management and Instruction.

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LOOKS BRIGHT FOR IRRIGATION

George H. Maxwell Discusses Probable Action of Congress on the Question.

The presence of George H. Maxwell at the meeting of the Commercial club's executive committee yesterday afternoon naturally turned the subject of discussion to irrigation. The secretary of the National Irrigation association made a short address, in which he congratulated the members of the committee on the fact that the message of President Roosevelt and the report of Secretary Hitchcock were practical and full endorsements of the ideas advanced by the association and endorsed by the members of the Commercial club.

Referring to an article in The Omaha Bee, copied from the Brooklyn Eagle, he said that it represented the sentiment of the eastern representatives and that they would stand for no plan contemplating state ownership and control.

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"The Shrine of Silence," by Dr. Henry Frank, is a book which is full of the spirit of natural reverence in a series of meditations that are entirely free from dogmatic expressions. They seek to obliterate the line of demarcation between science and religion and present the common ground on which both must abide.

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Last week was one of the busiest ever experienced by Omaha bookellers, herring, of course, the week immediately preceding the holidays. The stores have been thronged with buyers early and late, making their holiday purchases. Clerks have been more than busy in looking after the wants of customers and bringing out reserve stock to fill the big gaps made in the long rows of books on the shelves.

"The American Invaders: Their Plans, Tactics and Progress," by Fred A. McKenzie, was written originally with the view to interest and arouse British readers. The book, however, is such that it must appeal as well to the people of the United States as to those of Great Britain, and it is with this hope that an American edition has been prepared.

"The Little Colonel's Holidays," by Annie Fellows Johnston, despite its misleading title, has no hero, for the little Colonel is a girl. Further information concerning her can wait until the illustrations receive a favorable mention. They are by L. J. Bridgman, in sepia browns and yellow, and are altogether delightful.

"The Rose Garden of Persia" has been edited with care from the well known work by Mrs. Louisa Stuart Costello, with a new preliminary essay by Joseph Jacobs on Persian poetry as a whole. The introduction follows, and this is followed by a little essay on ornament, going to the essentials of the manner of presentation.

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to only touch upon the most salient features of architecture, but for the benefit of those who wish to study more deeply into the subject a list of books is given.

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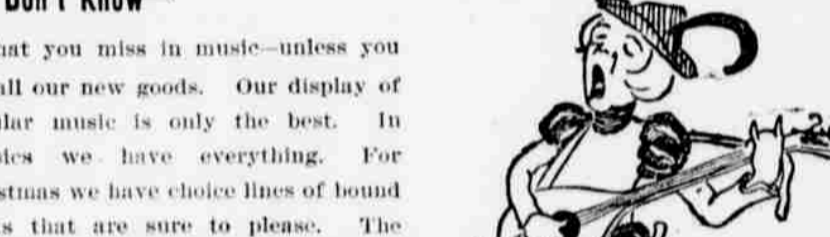
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