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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 day has been submitted to the High school committee. With but one exception the new plan is pronounced a failure by the departmental heads, several causes being assigned. The point upon which the majority of the beads are united is that the tension of teaching is increased by the poor ventilation of the old building, the overcrowding of the school and the noise of workmen upon the new building.

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 fallure, but one of them speaks from personal experience, because, with the exception of Miss Landis, not one of these teachers has taught six periods. So far as the heads of departments are concerned, they have simply ignored the order of the board. Out of forty-four teachers employed in the Die association, and said that the fight number of periods. Nineteen teachers ticle in The Omaha Bee, teach five periods and are in a study room from

Pavors for Many.

These periods are of forty-five minutes each, which means that those teachers who ere required to observe the regulations of the board really put in four and one-half hours in the classroom activally engaged in work, while the teachers vaho are favored by the superintendent manage to work in the classroom three gad three-quarters eastern part of the state to ascertain the house during the day. Four of the teach- ideas held by residents of Nebraska outers, including one head of a department, actually, according to the schedule, work three hours in the classroom and threequarters of an hour in a study room, where their principal occupation is resting. In all of this list of teachers who are not being required to obey the instructions of the board but one was reported to the board previous to call for such information. The board received a recommendation in her case that her salary be reduced, as she was unable to do the work assigned. She is one of the best teachers, but was physically incapacitated, and upon that recommendatich her salary was reduced.

Too Much Display.

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'A comber of the members of the board object to the division of labor at the High school. They do not like the idea of having her as of departments, and the attempt app rently being made to run the High school apon the lines of a university. The pupils at the High school are children; they are not capable, as a rule, of receiving the same instruction as that taught at a large university. There is too much display and not enough work. If these heads of departments could forget their exalted positious and get down to business the school would be more effective and the cost of much. The board really knows no heads of departments. They are all teachers employed in the High school. The division is made by the superintendent or principal,

"In contrast to the work performed in the High school look at the work of the teachers in the grades. Every one of them practically works from 9 o'clock in the morning until 4 o'clock in the afternoon-six hours a day-and the majority are in the building eight hours. There is no complaint from these teachers regarding long hours, but when the High school teachers are required to work six periods of forty-five minutes each there is complaint from nearly every one of them."

WORK IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

First of a Series of Institutes to Be Held at Various Points In the State.

About two dozen of the faithful, including ministers and Sunday school teachers, were at Immanuel Baptist church, Twenty-fourth and Binney 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. I. 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." In this latter address he expatiated on the advantages of the new system of Bible study which his society is ppromoting and which is of a supplemental nature, based on adoption of the method of teaching to the age and faculties of the Sunday school pupil. He explained that the plan was to divide the course into four general divisions, the first to be for children 7 years or under, the second for those 8 to 10 years old, the third for those 15 to 21 years old and the fourth for adults. In teaching the first division pictures of the Madonna, stories of the Christ child and genera paints about the Bible as a whole and about events and places are desirable. For the second division facts concerning events and places should be made more specific and the Bible considered as a collection of books. The third division is to have Old Testament and New Testament study

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and history and study the facts and epistles in the book. The adults' courses are to be entirely elective.

Rev. Coburn spoke very briefly of "The Teachers' Quiet Hours." At 4 o'clock Rev. Stephenson spoke to the children, and last night he lectured at the same place on "Factors in Religious Education." Previous to his night address there was a song and prayer service.

Subsequent institutes in this state will be as follows: Lincoln, Wednesday, Deember 11: York, Thursday, December 12 Grand Island, Friday, December 13; Broken Bow, Saturday, December 14; Kearney, Sunday, December 15; North Platte, Monday, December 16; Hastings, Tuesday, December 17; Stromsharg, Wednesday, December 18; Wahoo, Thursday, December 19; Fremont, Friday, December 20; Norfolk, Saturday, December 21; Wayne, Sunday, December 22; Tekamah, Monday, Decem-

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 exexutive 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 tall endorsements of the ideas advanced by the association and endorsed by the Omaha Commercial club. He advised the members to stand firm to the plan of High school but sixteen are teaching six upon the measure will come from the westperiods as contemplated by the order of the, ern representatives, the majority of the board. Heads of departments teach five representatives from the east who have periods as a rule, while five of the teach as expressed opinions being in favor of the not heads of departments teach the some association's plan. Referring to an arthe Brooklyn Eagle, he said one period, making six periods of occupied that it represented the sentiment of the eastern representatives and that they would stand for no plan contemplating state ownership and control. A general discussion followed, in which each speaker pledged himself to spread the sentiment in favor of the plan endorsed by the national administration. At the suggestion of E. E. Bruce the members of the committee will write to representative men in the side of Omaha on the subject.

A telegram printed in a Chicago paper relative to the financial condition of the Omaha Loan and Trust company and reasons alleged for the condition caused considerable comment. A motion was adopted instructing the chairman of the board and the secretary to correct the error as to the condition of Omaha securities, which plots, is bound to hold its own against the J. F. Taylor & Co., New York, the members of the committee believed to have been given by the article. It was decided not to endorse the prop-

osition of a Chicago publication which has a representative in the city working up an Omaha souvenir number.

John Steel, chairman of the entertainment committee, stated that Wu Tingfang the Chinese minister to this country, will deliver an address in Kansas City December 19, and that an effort is being made to have him visit Omaha and address the Commercial club the following day. A letter was read from Senator Dietrich.

in which he said he favored the irrigation plan endorsed by the club.

George W. Lininger, past grand master of the Nebraska grand lodge of Ancient. Free and Accepted Masons, has just received a commission from the national grand lodge of Egypt, as its representative to the Nebraska grand lodge. Its re-

"While I was in Cairo, Egypt, last winter, Idris Bey Ragheb, grand master of the Egyptian grand lodge, learned of my pres- ton. ence in the city and sent a fraternal letter of greeting. An acquaintance followed and during my stay I was shown every courtesy by the Masonie brethren. The Egyptian grand master suggested that his lodge be recognized by the Nebraska grand lodge, can women novelists, presented in an inas it had been by several grand lodges in the United States.

"The suggestion was agreeable to me and when I returned to Omaha in June I presented the matter to the Nebraska Sarah Orne Jewett, Mrs. Burton Harrison, grand lodge, then in session. It was favorably reported by the committee on foreign correspondence and at my suggestion Henry C. Crozier of Catro was appointed as the representative of the Nebraska grand lodge to the Egyptian grand lodge. Upon receipt of his commission the officers of the Egyptian grand lodge prepared one for me as their representative, and it has just come to hand.

Mr. Lininger performed a similar service fraternal relations between the grand lodge ever, the reviewers presenting each author of England and the Nebraska grand lodge. in the most friendly light, showing their His commission from the Egyptian grand lodge is unintelligible to the American bears distinguishing marks in the shape concerning the celebrities, and with stateof Masouic emblems.

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Last week was one of the busiest ever the holidays. The stores have been thronged with buyers early and late, making their 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. If all the books purchased are to remain in Omaha there will be no dearth of reading matter in this city for some time to come. While most of the books intended for the holiday trade arrived some time ago a few new ones have put in an appearance within the last few days.

"The Debatable Land," by Arthur Colwhich it is written recalls Stephen Crane at his best. Its drama is enacted at the time of our civil war. Helen Bourn, a roung New England girl, has two lovers, Morgan Map and Gard Windham, who are men of quite opposite types, one a strong, masterful character, the other of a more Moselle, the big, artistic German musician, with his genial soul and quaint jargon. The poet, Walt Whitman, is introduced into the story, at the time when he was an army nurse. The book is picturesque and absorbing, a worthy volume with American Novels series. Harper & Bros.,

Barchester Towers," by Anthony Trollope, has been brought out in a cheap edition. It is the sequel to "The Warden," often illiterate and the vulgarly sensational latter-day work. It is hoped that in this New Pocket Library, a series unequaled in out the old standard authors in an edition show such appreciation that the series will be continued indefinitely. John Lane, publisher. New York.

TONGUE THEY UNDERSTAND by Mrs. Louisa Stuart Costello, with a new dianapolis. preliminary essay by Joseph Jacobs on Hon. George W. Lininger Receives Persian poetry as a whole. The introduction follows, and this again is followed by a little essay on ornament, going to the externals of the manner of presentation. The sect of Sufis, to which most of the Persian poets belonged, is considered critically and historically, and then in succession come quotations from Ferdusi, Essedi, Unsuri, Togray, Moasi, Khakani, Omar Khiam, Azz' Eddin Elmocadessi, Nizami, Sadi, Attar. Rum, Hafiz, Jami, Hatifi and Scheik Feizi. celpt marks the establishment of fraternal The book is beautifully decorated. Every relations between the two Masonic bodies page has a red border, and every change of In speaking of the matter Mr. Lininger topic is introduced by a page in red. green and gold in a characteristic manner. while the red binding is suitably decorated in black and gold. L. C. Page & Co., Bos-

"Little Pilgrimages Among the Women Who Have Written Famous Books" is a volume handsome in appearance and abounding in information concerning Ameriteresting fashion. The authors are E. F. Harkins and C. H. L. Johnston, The writers considered are Elizabeth Stuart Phelps Ward, Frances Hodgson Burnett-Townsend. Charles Egbert Craddock, Anna Katharine Green, Molly Elliot Seawell, Amelia E. Barr, Mary E. Wilkins, Octave Thanet, Marshall Saunders, Kate Douglas Wiggin. Gertrude Atherton, John Oliver Hobbes, Lillian Bell, Ruth McEnery Stuart, Anna Farquhar, Pauline Bradford Mackie, Mary Johnston, Ella Anderson, G. Glasgow and Bertha Runkle. A sketch, partly blographical, partly critical, is given of each, together with a portrait. The sketches are about twenty years ago in bringing about appreciations, rather than criticisms, howexcellences and saying little by way of adverse criticism. The biographical details Mason, being printed in Arabic, but it are interwoven with bits of pleasant gossip ments of the qualities that distinguish the style and method of each. L. C. Page & Co., Boston

William Harbett Dawson is editing "Our European Neighbors" and if American readers are wise enough to avail themselves of the results of his labors they will learn more about the actual conditions of life in the old world countries than could be gained in any other way. He has told us bout French, German and Russian life and now adds to the series "Dutch Life in Town and Country," by P. M. Hough. Never before has the home and social life of Holland been so strongly and at the same ime so attractively described : in this little volume. The author's long residence n the Netherlands enables him to write with fullness of knowledge and with impartiality. Beginning with the first volume in this series, "French Life in Town and Country," the closest editorial supervision has obtained in order to secure both accuracy and interest. Generally speaking. the volumes may be said to avoid subjects statistical, political and controversial, and to deal with the intellectual life of the various peoples, their manners and customs, wealth and poverty, their armies. their industrial life, rural life, religious life, home life, amusements and local governments. Each volume is fully illustrated. G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York.

"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. The Abbey Press,

"The Story of the Art of Building." by P. L. Waterhouse, is a very little book, but like all the volumes belonging to the Library of Useful Stories, it tells a great deal in a very little space. As a matter of course, the author in such a brief work has been able 1515 Douglas Street.

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"The Little Colonel's Holidays," by Annie spiritual nature. Both go to the war, Fellows Johnston, despite its misleading Helen also goes, as a nurse. There she title, has no here, for the "Little Colonel" Fellows Johnston, despite its misleading meets Map and Windham, and jealousy and is a girl. Further information concerning intrigue follow. The characters of the her can wait until the illustrations receive two men are then exposed and Helen a favorable mention. They are by L. J. makes her choice. All the people in the Bridgman, in septa browns and yellow, and book are alive, from Father Andrew, who are altogether delightful. The "Little had visions of salads, when his thoughts Colonel" did not live in Puritan days, but should have been elsewhere, to Fritz since the civil war, in an old southern mansion with her grandfather, a confederate colonel. She was fond of playing soldier and had inherited some of her grandfather's "lordly ways," and, it must be confessed, a bit of his high temper, too, but she is an interesting little heroine and other girls and which to close the remarkably successful boys, too, will enjoy reading about the wonderful house parties at "Locust," where the "Little Colonel" drilled her companies. L. C. Page & Co., Boston.

"The Colburn Prize," by Gabrielle E. Jackson, is a book especially suited to the which was published recently in the same needs of girls. It is a charming story of series. It is a sign of the times that the mutual sacrifice by two friends. The last public is asking for, a revival of the best and best work of the gifted author of in a good deal of undeservedly neglected "Denise and Ned Toodles" and "Pretty Polly literature. Such pure English, clothing | Perkins." Nine beautiful illustrations add the most delightfully natural and human to the charm of this exquisite gift book.

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