

CHANGES IN THE SCHOOLS

State Superintendent Fowler Believes it is an Era of Consolidation.

RULING ON THE MARKING OF BALLOTS

G. A. R. Scientific Special Route for Nebraskaans Who Wish to Attend the National Reunion at Washington.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Aug. 19.—(Special.)—Closely organized city schools, an increase in the average salary paid to the teachers of both rural and city schools, and a decrease in the number of school buildings through consolidation are among the changes predicted by State Superintendent Fowler to take place in the school conditions of Nebraska during the remainder of the decade.

Mr. Fowler is just completing a campaign with the teachers' institutes throughout the state. He has visited through out half of the counties, and his predictions are based largely upon his own observation of actual conditions.

"I feel safe in predicting a much closer organization of the city schools," said Mr. Fowler. "I believe all the city superintendents and principals will be required by law to make as complete reports and to furnish as accurate statistics as the county superintendents now are, and that their work will be done more systematically. There will be a revision of the method of assessment and levying of taxes before 1910 and a consequent reduction of the minimum levy.

"Let us hope that the number of men teachers employed, which decreased 30 per cent during the last decade, will increase while the number of women teachers, which decreased only about 4 per cent, will remain stationary. In this connection I would call attention to the fact that the average monthly wages of men during the ten years increased \$3.45, while that of the women decreased \$1.10. In both there should and must be a material increase if we wish to keep in the profession the better qualified persons.

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"I believe that in 1910 the enrollment will be a larger percentage of the school population than in 1900, but what is of vastly more importance, the average daily attendance will be a much larger per cent of the enrollment and of the school census than in 1900. The number of sod and log school buildings in the state will rapidly decrease and the number of frame school buildings will slightly decrease, while the number of brick buildings will increase. During the next ten years there will be a decrease in the total number of school buildings in the state of Nebraska through the consolidation of rural school districts.

"There will be a material increase in the length of the term in many school districts of the state; in fact, we hope that at least county superintendents will average at least \$1,000 a year each. Our state teachers' association, our great university and our state normal school will increase their enrollment materially. There will then be three state normal schools. In 1910 in many of the rural portions of the state the farmers' children will have the same advantages of education in a well arranged, well organized, well graded school that the village and city pupils now enjoy.

Building Up the Courses.

"Instead of attempting to let down our books and tests and grades and lines from the kindergarten up, carrying the better features of the kindergarten through the primary grades, correlating with it manual training and domestic science and elementary agriculture in the grammar grades, and better preparing our pupils for practical life by giving more attention to the scientific side and less to the classical side than we did in 1880, or than we do now. In 1910 we will distinguish between one, two, three and four year high schools, their diplomas, certificates and their graduates, as we now distinguish between university graduates and those who complete only the junior year, or perhaps the sophomore year, or only the freshman year; or as we distinguish between those who complete the eighth, seventh, sixth, and fifth grades respectively in the grammar department.

"A high school graduate then will be one who has completed the three-thirds of our public school system, including the high school department of four years. In 1910 the high schools of the state will be as free to the children of the farmer and the stock raiser as they now are to the children of the merchant, the banker and the professional man. In 1910 the public will demand that those who train and direct and assist in developing their children's minds and morals and habits and manners have the same thorough training for their work as those who look after their children's bodies in times of ill health. The teacher will then be a professional man whose work is as important as that of a doctor.

Does Not Invalidate Ballot.

A member of the civil government class of the public schools of Boone county asked the Department of Public Instruction a few days ago to decide the question whether, if a man marks a ballot at an election with a pencil different in color from that provided in the booth, his ballot will be counted. In the letter containing this question it was explained that the class was unable to come to a satisfactory conclusion. Superintendent Fowler referred the inquiry to the attorney general and the following decision was given:

"In absence of fraud a ballot marked in compliance with the statutory requirements, except that the mark was made in a color different from that specified by law, should not be rejected on account of such variance in the colors. The use of the wrong pencil did not in any way obscure the intention of the voter, and, while it was his duty to mark the ballot as directed by law, his vote should not be disregarded in determining the result of the election, where he has plainly expressed his own judgment without violating a mandatory provision of the statutes. The state is interested in giving effect to the will of the majority as expressed at the ballot box. In giving effect to this principle the courts hold that a statutory provision specifying a particular kind of mark is directory merely, unless made mandatory by express provision of the law, and that a disregard of such direction does not, in absence of fraud, invalidate the ballot of the voter whose intention has been clearly expressed at the polls."

Route for the Veterans.

Department Commander Steele and Assistant Adjutant General Howe have arranged for a special train to run over the Rock Island route from Omaha to Chicago for the accommodation of the Nebraska veterans who go to the national Grand Army encampment in Washington next October. It will leave Omaha on October 4. Two cars will be assigned for Omaha veterans, one car will be left at Lincoln, one at Des Moines, which will be the department headquarters car, and one at Hastings. They will be brought together into one train at Omaha. If more coaches are needed they will be supplied without delay. The route from Chicago to Washington has not been determined, as ordinarily, however, that the train will go unbroken clear to Washington.

Action on School Lands.

The State Board of Educational Lands and Funds will meet tomorrow to consider matters in connection with the school lands of the state. The meeting was to have been held today, but owing to the absence of several of the members it was postponed until tomorrow.

No Trouble at North Platte.

Governor Savage returned from North Platte today. The governor asserts that the militia will be called in at any time if convinced such a course is necessary. He said the strikers were peaceable when he left North Platte and thought they would give no further cause for alarm.

NEBRASKA CROP CONDITIONS

General Conditions Still Favor an Immense Yield of Corn.

WET WEATHER DELAYS HAYING SOMEWHAT

Small Section Badly in Need of Rain, but Average Thus Affected is Comparatively Trifling—Apples Promise Well.

Weekly bulletin of the Nebraska section of the climate and crop service of the Weather Bureau for the week ending August 18, 1920:

The last week was wet and cool in the northern counties and warm and dry in the southern and western. The mean temperature has averaged about normal in the eastern part of the state and 2 degrees above normal in the western.

The rainfall has exceeded an inch in some of the northern counties; in other parts of the state it has been generally less than a quarter of an inch. The cloudy, moist and rainy weather in the northern counties the last week retarded haying and threshing. In the southern and western counties threshing progressed rapidly. The soil is so dry in the southern part of the state that little progress was made with fall plowing. Corn has grown well in most parts of the state; in the southern part of the state it is now needing rain, while in some southwestern counties the crop has already been injured by lack of rain; the average yield of corn is small and generally the crop continues to promise a very large yield. Apples promise a good crop.

Southeastern Section.

Butler—Rain would be beneficial for corn and plowing; corn ten days to two weeks later than normal. Cass—Threshing and plowing progressing nicely. Clay—Shock threshing completed and stack threshing begun; oats and wheat crop good, but needs rain; too dry for fall plowing to progress well. Fillmore—Early corn looking fine; late corn making rapid progress; fast; stacking all done.

Gage—Corn ripening fast; rain would be beneficial for the corn and pastures; apples good crop. Hamilton—Good week for threshing and stacking; weather being better; corn and grass doing well. Jefferson—Haying begun heavy crop; corn good, but needs rain; too dry for fall plowing to progress well. Johnson—Corn doing well; pastures good; ground too dry for fall plowing; oats and millet good crop; grass growing well.

Lincoln—Ground getting very dry for plowing; corn, oat and alfalfa looking well; good week for haying and threshing. Nuckolls—Threshing progressing nicely; hay crop large; apples good; corn needs rain; too dry for plowing. Otoe—Wild hay crop very heavy; stacking and threshing progressing rapidly; corn doing well; potatoes large crop. Pawnee—Corn needs rain; ground too dry for fall plowing.

Polk—Fine week for corn; rather unfavorable for haying; apples good; ground rather hard and lumpy. Richardson—Corn doing very well, but rain would be beneficial; apples good; ground rather hard and lumpy. Saline—Threshing progressing rapidly; corn making rapid progress; fast; stacking all done; weather; apples and potatoes large crop.

Saunders—Large crop of wild hay; potatoes fine; corn growing splendidly; fall plowing well advanced. Seward—Threshing delayed by frequent rains; corn doing nicely and promises large crop; not much haying done. Stanton—Small grain being injured in shock by continued rain; corn growing splendidly. Thayer—Prairie hay being cut; sorghum and kafir corn good yield; pastures good; corn needs rain; alfalfa good.

York—Threshing delayed by moisture; pastures good; corn growing nicely; large amount of alfalfa cut. Northeastern Section. Antelope—Wet unfavorable for stacking, threshing and haying; cloudy, with little rain; third cutting alfalfa being cut; too cool for corn to grow well; corn in good condition; hay crop good.

Burt—Shock threshing about finished; too cool for corn to grow well; corn in good condition; hay crop good. Cedar—Threshing and stacking delayed by rain; alfalfa being cut; pastures good; spring wheat fair; pastures good; alfalfa being cut. Colfax—Corn growing well, but late plowing will not mature unless September is very warm, with late frost.

Cuming—Stacking and haying retarded by rain; pastures fine; corn growing well, but weather is rather unfavorable. Dakota—Stacking about done; some shock threshing to do yet; haying in progress; corn growing well. Dixon—Clear weather and sunshine needed for stacking and threshing; corn growing excellently.

Dodge—Threshing and haying delayed by wet weather; beans getting mature very slowly. Douglas—Threshing progressing nicely; with good yield of oats; alfalfa being cut; too cool for corn to mature rapidly. Grant—Threshing and stacking retarded and considerable hay spoiled by rain; pastures fine; corn sowing finely; plowing in progress.

Knox—Corn promises large crop; pastures good; threshing retarded and hay damaged by rain. Madison—Threshing retarded by rain; corn sowing finely; alfalfa being cut; alfalfa being cut; alfalfa being cut. Pierce—Cloudy, foggy week, unfavorable for haying and plowing; alfalfa being cut; alfalfa being cut. Platte—Threshing proceeding nicely, although weather has been rather wet and unfavorable; corn growing well; alfalfa being cut; alfalfa being cut.

Thurston—Stacking and threshing delayed by wet weather; corn growing well, but later than usual. Washington—Threshing and haying in progress, but weather rather unfavorable; corn looks well, sowing finely; big crop of alfalfa being cut. Wayne—Stacking and threshing delayed by wet weather; corn growing nicely, but too cool for best growth.

Central Section.

Boone—Threshing and haying retarded by rain and damp weather; corn growing well, but will mature late. Buffalo—Damp, foggy week; threshing progressing as far as possible; alfalfa being cut; alfalfa being cut. Cass—Very dry; corn needs rain; alfalfa being cut; alfalfa being cut.

Franklin—Corn needs rain. Fremont—Threshing progressing fast; good crop of alfalfa being cut; alfalfa being cut. Furness—Threshing progressing fast; good crop of alfalfa being harvested; hay large crop of alfalfa being cut.

Gosper—Hot, dry week; corn needs rain badly. Harlan—Wild hay heavy crop; corn needs rain. Hayes—Haying well advanced; hay good quality and plenty; some showers, but corn needs more rain. Hitchcock—Hot, dry week; all crops need rain.

Kearney—Threshing progressing fast; corn needs rain; alfalfa being cut. Lincoln—Pastures good; corn growing rapidly and in good condition. Perkins—Very dry; corn burning up, will be small crop. Platte—Good week for stacking and threshing; corn beginning to need rain; alfalfa being cut.

Red Willow—Hot, dry week; threshing progressing rapidly; corn badly damaged by dry weather; some past fine by rain. Webster—Ground getting very dry; alfalfa being cut; alfalfa being cut. Western and Northwestern Sections. Box Butte—Large crop of hay being cut.

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CALLS SALOON MAN TO TIME

Mrs. May Hurd Orders Liquor Dealer to Get Her Brother Out of Drunken Difficulty.

PLATTSBROUGH, Neb., Aug. 19.—(Special.)—Mrs. May Hurd, accompanied by her son and a Mrs. Brown, came from their home in Pacific Junction today and read the riot act to Ed Donat. She alleges that her brother Edward Launsbury, 19 years of age, and Ray Lilly, also a minor, came to Platts-brough last Wednesday and purchased beer from Ed Donat and took five bottles of it home, and after drinking it became intoxicated.

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