

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Opening of the Public Schools Marked by Record Attendance.

NEW MARK SET FOR THE FIRST DAY

Superintendent McLean and His Assistants Take Care of All the Children, but the Danger of Overcrowding is Great.

The South Omaha public schools opened Tuesday with more pupils presenting themselves for enrollment than ever. By the systematic work of Superintendent McLean every teacher was ready for the commencement of the year's duties.

The enrollment: High school, 206; Lincoln, 487; Lowell, 241; Brown Park, 458; Corrihan, 277; Highland, 280; Hawthorne, 628; Jungeann, 265; Madison, 193; West Side, 417; Central, 248; Total, 4,267.

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BIDS TO FURNISH CITY FUEL

Proposals Submitted by Six Firms, but Lowest is Not Yet Known.

Six firms submitted a great variety of bids for fuel to the advisory board yesterday. It was impossible to tell which was the lowest and they were all turned over to the secretary for tabulation. The bidders were the Nebraska Fuel company, South Omaha Coal & Ice Co., Sunderland Bros., C. W. Hull company, Coal Hill Coal company and Victor White.

Marsh & Smith and J. F. Twamley, Son & Co. presented bids for hay and forage. These also were referred to the secretary for tabulation.

The David Talbot Ice company submitted the only bid for ice. It called for 35 cents per 100 pounds for reservoir ice and 40 cents for manufactured ice.

DISTRESS WARRANTS FOR TAX

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The Peerless Hanan Shoe. Drexel Shoe Co. 1419 FARNAM STREET, Omaha's Up-to-Date Shoe House.

Officers Exchange Places. Inspector Kirk Goes to Tampa and Florida Man Comes to Omaha. T. V. Kirk, government immigration inspector, has been transferred to Tampa, Fla., and is succeeded here by J. H. Eager, who has just entered upon his duties.

HOME-MADE GINGER BREAD. The best New Orleans Molasses and the good old fashioned, like mother used to make baking. A LARGE PIECE, 10c. BALDUFF, 1520 FARNAM.

Sorosis. Fall styles are now very complete. The new Sorosis Blucher is one of the most popular shoes made. In all the leathers. The price—\$3.50. \$2.50. Our Monogram Shoes are being imitated, of course, but our price remains the same—\$3.50 @ \$4.

Decatur Shoe Co., 1521 Farnam St. Sorosis Shoe Store, 203 S. 15th St. Frank Wilcox, Mgr.

Home Visitors' Excursions. -VIA- Illinois Central R. R. ROUND TRIP RATES FROM OMAHA. Hammond, Ind., \$15.85; Sandusky, Ohio, \$23.00; Ft. Wayne, Ind., \$19.20; Toledo, Ohio, \$21.25; South Bend, Ind., \$17.50; Columbus, Ohio, \$23.10; Logansport, Ind., \$15.25; Dayton, Ohio, \$22.00; Kokomo, Ind., \$18.65; Cincinnati, Ohio, \$22.50; La Fayette, Ind., \$17.95; Lima, Ohio, \$21.00; Terre Haute, Ind., \$18.35; Springfield, Ohio, \$22.50; Vincennes, Ind., \$18.50; Marion, Ohio, \$22.50; Evansville, Ind., \$18.50; Findlay, Ohio, \$21.55; Indianapolis, Ind., \$19.40; Gallon, Ohio, \$22.75; Richmond, Ind., \$21.00; Muncie, Ind., \$21.90; Louisville, Ky., \$21.50; New Albany, Ind., \$21.95; Elkhart, Ind., \$17.75; Owensboro, Ky., \$24.90.

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Woodmen of the World Special Train to St. Louis. The Woodmen of the World have arranged with the Wabash to run a special train, leaving Omaha Union station at 8:45 a. m., Council Bluffs 9 a. m., Sunday, September 11. A very low round-trip rate, \$1.50 from Omaha, \$2.25 from Council Bluffs, with correspondingly low rates from all stations. Everyone invited to join special train. Insist upon your ticket reading via Wabash, the only line with its own station at main entrance of World's fair grounds, thus saving time, extra car fare and annoyances. For all information call at Wabash city office, 161 Farnam street, or address HARRY E. MCGOES, G. A. P. D. Wabash Railroad, Omaha, Neb. New York and Philadelphia cannot be more pleasantly or conveniently reached than by the Grand Trunk-Long Island Valley Route. Solid through trains, magnificent scenery, all trains run via Niagara Falls. Descriptive literature sent free on application to Advertising Department, Grand Trunk Railway System, 150 Grand St., Chicago, Ill. W. VAUX, A. G. P. & T. A. Excursions. Hastings & Heyden sent out two land excursions last night, one to Canada and one to Plover county, Nebraska. Homer Street instead of E. Fifteen citizens living in the south part of town have petitioned the city council to change the name of Homer Street back to