CLOSING PROSPEROUS YEAR

Superintendent Davidson Gratified with Work of Public Schools.

GOOD SPIRIT PREVAILS AMONG ALL

Manual Training and Change in Plan of Determining Standing of Pupils Two Innovations Introduced.

"I feel that we are closing a most prosperous and progressive year in the public schools," said Superintendent of Instruction Davidson." Of one thing I am certain, and that is that both teachers and pupils are quitting work for the summer vacation in the best possible frame of mind. It has been my constant endeavor to promote this spirit of good feeling and fellowship in the schools, as I believe it is conducive to the ends for which the public school system is maintained. For every bit of strain and anxiety saved something in the way of real education which makes for the best citizenship is gained."

The schools will be formally dismissed at noon Friday. Thursday and Friday morning will be spent in overhauling books and supplies, making repairs, checking and storing away and the making of final reports and inventories. The real work of the year ended last week and the remaining days used to get things organized for the prompt resumption of work next fall.

Two innovations were introduced in the Omaha schools during the year, which was the first full year of Superintendent Davidson's administration. One was the beginning of manual training work in the grades and the other a change in the plan of determining the standing of pupils and their eligibility for promotion. The latter does away with tests or examinations as important factors in fixing the right of the pupil to advance from class to class and leaves the matter largely to the judgment of the teacher.

Manual Training a Success.

"I think that manual training in the grades has been shown to be a success by the experiment at the Cass school, where two rooms were fitted up with the proper furniture and tools," says the superintendent. "All of the pupils in the grammar grades or from the fifth to the eighth inclusive, took up the work, which consisted of two periods of fifty minutes each per week. A special instructor, Miss Catherine Lux, was installed, and with the valuable cooperation of Miss Simonds, the principal, and the teachers, the experiment seems to have met with the best of results. About 200 pupils were in the classes. The boys and girls were taught clay modeling and wood carving, the boys bench work and the girls sewing. Without exception every child displayed great eagerness to participate in the manual training and the effect upon other studies was pronounced, the new department proving a decided stimulus. For several weeks samples of the work accomplished since the department was opened in November have been on exhibition. The classes have been visited by superintendents, principals and teachers from nearly all the cities in the vicinity of Omaha and all have expressed warm approbation. I think the result of the Cass school experiment will be to extend the work to at least one other school next year, probably the Cass, owing to the fact that there are two unoccupied rooms there.

Old Promotion Idea Dead.

"The change in the plan of determining the pupil's standing consists mainly in eliminating the old idea of promotion based upon successfully undergoing certain examinations at the end of the school year or other periods. My experience in school work has taught me that these tests as vital factors in the standing of the pupil are detrimental rather than beneficial, tending to create a strain and nervous tension that is nothing short of deplorable. Under the plan introduced last year the teacher simply estimates twice a year the standard of work which the pupil has attained. For all practical purposes the matter rests with her judgment and she is the person best fitted to know. Tests are not abandoned altogether, but are retained more as a kind of directory element than anything else, as a means for the superintendent to exert his ideas and plans. The old nightmare of final examinations is avoided, the teacher relieved of much work, the necessity for traveling in narrow grooves removed, and the opportunities for purely mechanical education given a blow. The same ideas in this matter prevail more or less among progressive educators all over the country."

Both the enrollment and the average daily attendance in the schools were slightly larger than in previous years, but the exact figures have not been compiled.

Don't Use Poor Oil.

For use on sewing machines, bicycles and all purposes requiring a fine lubricant the best is cheapest in the end. Genuine Singer oil can only be obtained at Singer stores. Look for the red S. 1514 Douglas street, Omaha; 423 North 24th street, South Omaha, Neb.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses have been issued:

Name and Residence.	Age.
Isaac Hansen, Council Bluffs	30
Hattie Barnett, Council Bluffs	29
Sherman Anderson, Kennard	27
Laura Japp, Kennard	21
Robert G. Harris, Omaha	32
Taldes Olver, Omaha	27
Edward Greeley, Omaha	24
Mary Ebright, Omaha	24
Frank P. Brown, Florence	25
Maude J. Johnson, Omaha	24
Patrick Murphy, South Omaha	38
Margaret J. Finnegan, South Omaha	27
John J. Pollard, Mandan, N. D.	32
Gertrude F. Parkhurst, South Omaha	24
John Oller, South Omaha	29
Mabel Young, Omaha	24
Sigvan Skar, Omaha	24
Ida Anderson, Omaha	24
Mike Lebs, Omaha	23
Hulda Young, Omaha	20
Arthur A. Logan, Creighton, Neb.	37
Sarah E. Reynolds, Creighton, Neb.	27

22-K. wedding rings. Edholm, jeweler.

Seminary Graduations.

The commencement exercises of Park Place seminary, Thirty-fourth and Burt streets, will take place Thursday morning, June 23. The following young women will receive graduation honors: Miss Rose Coffman, Omaha; Miss Mary Murphy, Omaha; Miss Mary Lanigan, Greeley, Neb.; Miss Margaret Brown, Greeley, Neb.; Miss Mary Hallman, Fort Dodge, Ia.; Miss Alice McNally Exira, Ia.; Miss Clementine Rusick, Humboldt, Neb.

PLAY AT THE GUILD HALL

St. John's Parishioners See a Pretty Drill and Hear a Pleasant Play.

At Guild hall of St. John's Episcopal church, Twenty-sixth and Franklin, a large audience had the pleasure of witnessing a very cleverly executed drill and a pretty play, given under the direction of Mrs. Lois Caldwell. The drill, which was one of the best numbers on the program, was done by the Misses Anna Hooper, Lilly Lumberg, Mary Fenn, Dora Unitt, Ida Proctor, Laura Jamieson, Edna Jamieson, Elua Carpenter, Marie Donelly and Ethel Close, who were all dressed as milk maids. A solo was also sung by Mary Fenn, Laura Jamieson and Marie Donelly, which was followed by the play, entitled, "Country Cousins," the cast of which was:

Maid ..... Miss Dora Unitt
Lizzie Twist ..... Miss Madge Bishop
Clara Dean, her friend ..... Miss Ida Pixley
Country Cousin ..... Miss Ruth Woodburn
Sister Jane ..... Miss Lulu Watt
French Count ..... Mr. Cyril Chilts
Father Twist ..... Mr. Percy Quinn

Mrs. Bishop played the piano, and the stage was well dressed. The play and drill having met with such success, arrangements will no doubt be made to have the same repeated for the benefit of those who failed to gain admission last night.

Just What Everyone Should Do.

Mr. J. T. Barber of Irwinville, Ga., always keeps a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy at hand ready for instant use. Attacks of colic, cholera morbus and diarrhoea come on so suddenly that there is no time to hunt a doctor or go to the store for medicine. Mr. Barber says: "I have tried Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, which is one of the best medicines I ever saw. I keep a bottle of it in my room, as I have had several attacks of colic, and it has proved to be the best medicine I ever used."

Omaha Society.

The women of Omaha have their own ideas as to what position they hold in the commercial world as well as in society. Notwithstanding the fact that one of the leaders of men just a short time ago told them, through the papers, that their work in life was not intended to build up clubs and meeting places to discuss the general topics of the day, nevertheless, they go right on with their good work, daily educating men along their line of thinking.

Only last week an expert was called to an elegant home in Omaha to treat a hard wood floor that had once been beautiful, but had lost its luster and could no longer be made to look bright.

The expert said, "All that is needed is a good coat of wax." The lady remarked, "Is that all? Well, I am going to have you clean it with Gibson's Soap Polish."

"But that may ruin it."

"Go right on and ruin it."

Here is where the expert was taught a lesson, for when the work was completed he frankly admitted that he had never seen a floor more beautiful; then he applied his wax and the work was completed.

Today he solicits anyone who has a hard wood floor, no matter how old, to give him a chance to make it look as good as new, at an expense of 20 cents an hour for labor.

If there are other ladies in Omaha who desire to have their floors renovated, we will take it upon ourselves to have this man do the work and we will guarantee the floor to look as handsome as it did the day it was finished. If you will call 'phone 1520, we will see that you have the work done promptly. This, however, is not necessary, as anyone can do the work with Gibson's Soap Polish.

THE GIBSON SOAP COMPANY,
Omaha.

Low Rate Excursions to the Seashore via New York City, with privilege of stopover on return trip.

The LAKE SHORE & MICHIGAN SOUTHERN R'Y will sell round trip tickets from Chicago to Asbury Park and return June 29, 30, July 1 and 2, at rate of $23.35, good returning not later than July 10, with privilege of extension until August 31 by deposit of ticket and payment of 50 cents. Stopover may be had at New York on the return trip.

Don't miss this opportunity for spending your vacation at the seaside. If you are particular as to comfort and service, we offer something a little superior to any other line. See that your ticket reads via the Lake Shore—the route of the "Twentieth Century Limited." Send for itinerary to L. F. Vosburgh, General Western Passenger Agent, Chicago, Ill.

The Business Man's New York Train.

"The Pennsylvania Special," eighteen-hour Chicago-New York train, which began running on Sunday, June 11, is emphatically the business man's train. Full business day in Chicago before starting at 2:45 p. m.—arriving in New York at 9:45 next morning, after a la carte breakfast in dining car. Full business day in New York, starting on return trip at 3:55 p. m. on "The Pennsylvania Special," reaching Chicago the next morning at 8:55.

So can the New Yorker have a business day in Chicago and return to New York the same evening. By "The Pennsylvania Special" he leaves New York at 3:55 p. m., arrives Chicago 8:55 next morning. Leaves Chicago same day at 2:45 p. m. and reaches New York next morning at 9:45 o'clock.

For full information address Thos. H. Thorp, T. P. A., 26 U. S. bank bldg., Omaha.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Just arrived by express—100 pieces of polka dot batiste; every size of dot from the pin dot to the polka dot as large as a 10-cent piece, at 12½c a yard.

Also a complete line of white linen finish suitings at 12½c and 15c yard.

J. L. BRANDEIS & SONS,
Boston Store.

Oportunity.

June 29-30-July 1-2, agents of the Pennsylvania Short Lines will sell tickets to Asbury Park, N. J., at very low rates. Passengers also to have the privilege of visiting Baltimore, Washington, Philadelphia and New York without additional cost. A postal addressed to Thos. H. Thorp, T. P. A., 26 U. S. Bank Bldg., Omaha, will bring full details.

$21.35 Asbury Park and Return Via Erie Railroad

June 29, 30, July 1 and 2, limited to Aug. 31; good to stop at New York, Cambridge Springs, Chautauqua and Niagara Falls. Tickets on sale also to all tourist points—Chautauqua Lake, Niagara Falls, etc., good until Oct. 31. Full particulars, 555 Railway Exchange, Chicago.

Up-to-date dealers keep Sheboygan Splits; 10 cents.

DIED.

BRANDON—Mrs. Eliza McCord, mother of Mrs. Samuel E. Howell, at 5 o'clock p. m. Wednesday, age 79 years, 11 months.
Funeral will be held from the late residence, 828 Park avenue, at 1 p. m. Friday. Interment, Bellevue.

PETERSON—Nicholas, June 13, 1905, aged 56 years 9 months and 2 days.
Funeral Friday at 2 o'clock from family residence, 2505 Rees street. Interment, Forest Lawn. Friends invited.

PATTERSON—Edward Kirk, aged 36 years 3 months 21 days.
Funeral Saturday, 3:30 p. m., from family residence, 3019 Pacific street. Chicago and New York papers please copy.

HONOR ROLL OF HIGH SCHOOL

Principal Waterhouse Announces List for Year Just Closed.

NAMES OF PUPILS WHO HAVE WORKED WELL

Efficiency in Studies Noted by Faculty Secures the Honorable Mention at End of Year for Bright Workers.

Yesterday at the high school the honor roll for the year was given out by Principal Waterhouse. The names of the pupils mentioned in four and three studies constitutes the honor roll for the year, and is as follows:

Pupils mentioned in four studies:

Allen, Bessie.
Anderson, Huldah.
Anderson, Selma.
Barnes, Jessie.
Bellamy, Ione.
Birchard, Ruth.
Brogan, Albert.
Carpenter, Nellie.
Chase, Clement.
Clark, Adelaide.
Cochran, Marian.
Curtis, Randall.
Doran, Ethel.
Gibbs, May.
Hamilton, Jean.
Hauptman, Sterling.
Holmes, Searle.
Hostetter, Hazel.
Jaynes, Irene.
Loewe, Manfred.
McCague, Mary.
McCullough, Alice.
McDonald, Alan.
Meek, Mamie.
Mills, Irene.
Nagl, Julia.
Nelson, Clara.
Peake, Claude.
Potter, Helen.
Pratt, Minnie.
Ross, Ralph.
Savidge, Robert.
Scherrerhorn, Gertrude.
Searle, Corinne.
Sherwood, Florence.
Smith, Sidney.
Sutherland, Jessie.
Sweet, Lewis.
Taylor, Ramona.
Thompson, Grace.
Twaddell, Georgia.
Wakeley, Arthur.
Wright, Helen.

Pupils mentioned in three studies:

Aiken, Nannette.
Anderson, Arvid.
Anderson, Mabel.
Andreen, Jennie.
Anheuser, Amalia.
Barratt, Lillie.
Best, Ruth.
Blom, Arthur.
Bolin, Blanche.
Bolin, Elsie.
Brown, Bertha.
Bryson, Lyman.
Burke, Marguerite.
Chalkin, Annis.
Charde, Jocelyn.
Durnin, Mamie.
Field, Alberta.
Hamaan, Anna.
Harris, Lloyd.
Hayes, Verna.
Holgerson, Amy.
Howell, Eunice.
Johnson, Elsie.
Johnson, Mary.
Johnson, Muriel.
Keller, Harold.
Kernan, Frank.
Knee, Jessie.
Lilljeberg, Helen.
Lloyd, Lynne.
Long, George.
McCague, Anna.
McCague, John.
McCaig, Imogene.
Meyer, Coralie.
Martin, Nettie.
Mould, Addison.
Neale, Bertha.
Paine, Florence.
Paulsen, Christine.
Peterson, Elsie.
Puls, Edith.
Rawson, Esther.
Roberts, Pearl.
Robinson, Minnie.
Schultz, Jessie.
Sorenson, Hedvig.
Summers, Lane.
Taylor, Verdon.
Toney, Perry.
Townsend, Bessie.
Wallace, Fern.
Yoder, Ruth.

Supplementary List.

In addition to the honor roll several hundred pupils were mentioned in two and one study. Those who were mentioned in two studies are:

Alperson, Marion.
Best, Helen.
Byers, Ruth.
Benson Paul.
Berryman, Cecil.
Bowman, Harold.
Boyle, Clara.
Buddenberg, Constance.
Burkhard, Carroll.
Campbell, Erle.
Carlyle, Mary.
Charlton, Elizabeth.
Cocks, Marguerite.
Cockrell, Harry.
Coe, Carl.
Cook, Emma.
Cook, Helen.
Douglas, Donald.
Ekwall, Dora.
Fink, Vera.
Fisher, Robert.
Frankum, Roy.
Goos, Huldah.
Grace, May.
Grotte, Blanche.
Gurnett, John.
Hall, Edward.
Hammer, Ruth.
Harris, Helen.
Haskin, Anna.
Havens, Paul.
Hayward, Raymond.
Hempel, Hazel.
Henrickson, Louis.
Heyn, Jerome.
Huberman, Ernest.
Isaacson, Benjamin.
Jacobson, Ebba.
Jaquith, Eleanor.
Johnson, Ruby.
Johnston, Alma.
Jones, Florence.
Kayser, Leola.
Kirshbraun, Sadie.
Kocher, Emil.
Kocher, Harry.
Krebbs, Mabel.
Lammers, Ida.
Larmon, Irene.
Lavidge, Arthur.
Lindsay, Curtis.
Loomis, Walter.
McBride, Grace.
McBride, Louise.
McCormick, Victor.
McDonald, James.
McDonald, Mamie.
McMaster, Jean.
Mackin, Marie.
Malmquist, Lynne.
Mapes, Effie.
Masek, Mamie.
Miller, Desda.
Monroe, Helen.
Mostler, Hans.
Mould, Harriet.
Murphy, Eva.
Neff, Marian.
Northrup, Louise.
Nurse, Stuart.
Past, Margaret.
Patterson, Lucile.
Peterson, Hilda.
Pettit, Philip.
Phillippi, Margaret.
Power, Florence.
Rapp, Ralph.
Randolph, Ruth.
Reynolds, Sam.
Rhoads, Laura.
Rickel, Lytle.
Riggs, Marguerite.
Robertson, Hugh.
Rood, Adelaide.
Ruzicka, Rose.
Ryley, Eugene.
Salmon, Mabel.
Saunders, Harvey.
Schermerhorn, Harvey.
Scriver, Alfred.
Schonberger, Lena.
Schonborn, Fern.
Seleroe, Lillie.
Shearer, Sarah.
Sholin, Eleanor.
Sommer, Helen.
Sorenson, Sara.
Spethman, Ruth.
Standish, Miles.
Staples, Irma.
Stevens, Dora.
Sweeney, Mamie.
Talbot, William.
Talleruphus, Lillian.
Thomsen, Arthur.
Van Sant, Carl.
Vickery, Vlasta.
Weeks, Bessie.
Weideman, Irma.
White, Vallery.
Whitney, Margaret.
Wood, Doris.
Woodbridge, Edwin.

Do Not Neglect the Children.

At this season of the year the first unnatural loosening of a child's bowels should have immediate attention. The best thing that can be given is Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, followed by castor oil, as directed with each bottle of the remedy.

A. O. U. W. No. 159.

Grand Excursion and Picnic.

Valley Park, Ia., Saturday, June 17. Two special trains via C. & N. W. R. R. Trains leave Union station 9 a. m. and 1:30 p. m. Base ball, U. P. shops and Missouri Valley. Grand prize drill, open to drill teams of all orders. Dancing, races and other amusements. Whitmer's union music. Refreshments on the grounds. Everybody invited. Tickets, $1; children, 50c. Tickets must bear seal of lodge or will not be accepted for exchange. Special trains will stop at Council Bluffs, Broadway station, going and returning.

$12.25 to Buffalo, N. Y.,

and return, via Nickel Plate road, from Chicago, July 8th, 9th and 10th, with extreme return limit of August 4th, by depositing ticket. Stopover allowed at Chautauqua Lake points. Three trains daily, with first-class equipment. Meals served in Nickel Plate dining cars, on American club meal plan, ranging in price from 35c to $1.00; also service a la carte. No excess fare charged on any train on the Nickel Plate road. If contemplating an eastern trip, write John Y. Calahan, General Agent, 113 Adams St., room 298, Chicago, Ill. Chicago depot corner Van Buren and La Salle Sts., the only passenger station in Chicago on the Elevated Loop.

Yellowstone Park and Portland.

Personally conducted party will leave via the Burlington Route June 29th for Portland, stopping at Gardiner, Mont., for a six-day tour of Yellowstone Park.

Return from Portland can be made through California and Colorado if desired. Party will travel in standard sleeper, and application for berths should be made at once. Rates are very low. Full information at Burlington Ticket Office, 1502 Farnam street, J. B. Reynolds, City Passenger Agent.

Sale now of carload purchase of mill remnants of linoleum. Orchard & Wilhelm Carpet Co.

Summer coat and pants to order, $20. McCarthy Tailoring Co., 304 S. 16th St.

Harry B. Davis, undertaker. Tel. 1236.

One Thousand Performers.

More than 1,000 persons will take part in the performance of "Enchantment," a fairyland fantasy, for the benefit of the Creche at the Auditorium June 22, 23 and 24. The amateurs are being instructed by John Edgar Owens of Chamber's Dramatic school. The demands of the piece require fifteen changes of chorus costume. There are fifteen principal parts and prominent local singers will carry them, with the exception of Miss Ethel Dovey of Plattsmouth, who will have the role of Queen Titiana. Miss Dovey has been on the comic opera stage seevral years. Something unusually magnificent is promised in the way of scenery. The huge amateur company wil go for a trolley ride and picnic, with Mr. Owens as host, to brighten them up for the first evening's performance.

PLAN TO TAX REDS' LANDS

Movement to Levy on Indians' Tracts Since Drainage Districts Are Created.

In view of the fact that a drainage district has been created under the United States laws in portions of Richardson county, Nebraska, and Brown county, Kansas, and upon which there are located certain Indian reservation lands, an effort is being made to have the Indian lands taxed so that the Indians may be required to pay their just proportion of the drainage improvement. Petitions have been sent to the Interior department to this effect. The lands in question are to be reclaimed by the drainage improvement, but under the federal laws lands held in severalty by the Indians are not taxable.

Senator Millard has referred the matter to the secretary of the interior and has just received a letter from the interior department to the effect that the matter will receive early consideration.

In a pinch, use Allen's Foot-Ease.

Do you want the best natural mineral water? Ask for Sheboygan.

Shorthorn Breeders Here.

Omaha is to have the annual meeting of the Central Shorthorn Breeders' association, February 6 and 7. L. C. Lawson of Clarks, Neb., president of the association, came to Omaha Thursday empowered by the executive committee of the organization to name the place of meeting. After a conference with committees from the Omaha Commercial club and the South Omaha Live Stock exchange, in which arrangements for the meeting were agreed upon, Mr. Lawson said the Shorthorn men would come to Omaha. The association has a membership of 694. The association embraces the states of the middle west, from the Rocky mountains as far east as Indiana and from Canada to the extreme southern states. It is due much to the tireless work of Mr. Lawson that Omaha secured the meeting, as it was desired by several other cities. The meeting last winter was at Sioux City and 250 members were present.

District Court Briefs.

In Judge Day's court a jury returned a verdict of acquittal in the case of State against Herman Schmidt, accused of stealing a box of carpenter's tools.

Judge Estelle directed a verdict for plaintiff for $344.45 in the suit of Mrs. Alphilda Nelson against Schmoller & Mueller. Plaintiff alleged that the defendant firm had wrongfully taken from her a piano which she had bought.

A verdict for the American Smelting and Refining company was directed by Judge Kennedy after plaintiff's evidence was finished in the case of Joseph Malone against the company. Malone had thrown a bucket of water on a large bed of live coals and had been scalded by the resulting steam.

Notice of a settlement has been filed in the district court in the case of Laura Giesecke against the New Omaha Thomson-Houston Electric Light company. Laura Giesecke is the administrator of the estate of Otto Gieseke, one of the firemen who were killed several years ago in the Mercer block fire. The cases have all been to the supreme court and several of them have been remanded, while other appeals were overruled.

CONNELL ENTERS DEMURRER

Holds Two Complaints in Howell-Rosewater Case Radically Different

CAN FIND NOTHING THAT IS LIBELOUS

Judge Day of the District Court Takes Under Advisement Demurrer of the Defendant.

Attorney W. J. Connell, for Edward Rosewater, entered a demurrer to the complaint of the state in the case for alleged criminal libel brought by R. B. Howell. Judge Day heard the arguments of Mr. Connell and County Attorney Slabaugh and took the question under advisement.

At the outset of the hearing Mr. Connell withdrew the plea of not guilty, heretofore entered and argued for the sufficiency of the demurrer. Comparing the complaints as they appear, one filed in the county court and an entirely different one in the district court, he questioned the propriety of such a changing of position by the county attorney's office. After reading the three lines alleged to contain the libel Mr. Connell asserted that the complaint based thereon is fatally insufficient. He contended that by no possible twisting of language or distortion of meaning could the printed matter be made to measure up to the innuendo given it by the complainant and by the state in its two complaints.

"There is in the printed article no mention of bribery or of receiving anything," said Mr. Connell. "The strongest word used has an entirely different meaning than the word bribery. It has a meaning that is fixed and well understood by every man. It cannot be contorted into a term of contempt, ridicule or disgrace when applied to the complainant or anybody else."

Citing the decision in the Dietrich case, Mr. Connell said he desired the court to examine it. The court would find, he said, that when Mr. Howell alleges he was libeled as a member of the legislature he was not in fact a member of that body, having not yet been sworn in or taken the oath as such. But, aside from that, he felt sure that examination of the matter complained of and of the two widely differing complaints would convince the court that there is no ground for basing a complaint for libel as set by the state.

County Attorney Slabaugh took the position that the substance of the two complaints is the same. He ignored the totally different language and charges. Anyway, he held the innuendo in the complaint will stand against the demurrer. He held the Dietrich case not in point and cited several authorities to sustain his position that the complaint is sufficient and that the part of the article complained of which is set forth is libelous. Mr. Slabaugh said he desired to submit a brief, and Mr. Connell was willing, if he can see the same in order to reply.