

TECHNICAL SCHOOL FAVORED

Agitation is Started in Omaha for Such an Institution.

APPLIED COURSE IS NEEDED

Superintendent Graff Believes that Some Day Trade Schools Will Be Established in This City.

Agitation for the establishment of a technical high school here has been started and rumors are afloat that assistance will be offered by certain railroads now short of help and by the labor organizations.

One of the plans which the labor organizations may consider is to establish a technical school where students could work half a day and study the other half. This would give many an opportunity to secure an education that is now beyond their reach.

Superintendent E. U. Graff believes that ultimately Omaha will follow the example of other cities and establish trade schools, but he says he is willing to wait until some other cities establish a precedent that can be safely followed.

First Step is Taken. The establishment this year of an Omaha High School of Commerce is regarded as the first step toward a complete system of schools that will furnish "practical education."

Superintendent Graff and Principal L. C. Busmiser of the Omaha High School of Commerce declare that the attacks against the business college made in several monthly periodicals under recent date have no application to the school which is Omaha's first venture in the field of technical education.

Parents need feel no fear that graduates of the Omaha High School of Commerce will "fall down" on their first job, says the principal.

Teachers Are Competent. A corps of twenty competent teachers, all of whom have had practical business experience, are employed, and the students are not only given a "book education," but the business offices of local men are invaded for material to be used in instruction.

Students are shown how business is actually carried on and, being equipped with a common school education before they begin the four years' course at this school, are capable of filling positions into which they are placed upon graduation.

"The plan we are working under in this school," said Mr. Graff, "is to make practical application in each course." English, geography, history and other academic courses are given, but instead of being studied as they are in the public schools, the work is applied. It is commercial English, commercial history and commercial geography that is taught.

FEDERAL BUILDING IS TO HAVE AN OFFICE DIRECTORY

The federal building is at last to have a directory board at each elevator so that those who enter may see on which floor they may find any office they may wish to locate. Hitherto the names of the offices have been painted on the walls. The method has never been satisfactory.

Another improvement that the custodian is working on is the matter of getting lights put over the three main entrances of the building. The superintendent of construction of federal buildings for this territory is to be here next week when he and Mr. Taylor will go over final plans and specifications for such lights.

WRIGHT SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY ELEVATORS

George W. Wright, Jr., has been appointed superintendent of elevators in the new county building, and when the October term of court opens October 7, all the elevators will be in operation.

There are three passenger elevators, one freight elevator and one jail elevator. Operators who will work under Mr. Wright have not yet been named. Mr. Wright has had ten years' experience in elevator construction and management.

DATE SET FOR HEARING OF DUNDEE INJUNCTION

Hearing of the application of the Dundee school district for a temporary injunction restraining the Omaha Board of Education from doubling the high school tuition rates to Dundee students is set for October 1 before Judge A. C. Troup of the equity division of the district court. If the temporary order is granted a date some time in the future will be set for hearing on application for a perpetual injunction. The proposed increase is from \$47.50 to \$55 a year.

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