

SCHOOLDAYS NOW AND THEN IN OMAHA

Many Changes and Improvements in Omaha Teaching Facilities Since Days of Long Ago.

MACHINERY NOW IN MOTION

An Omaha man who attended school here thirty years ago, but who does not regard himself in the "older set" as yet, commented the other day upon the difference between school days as he knew them and school days he hears his kids talk about today.

"I remember attending the Leavenworth school for several years," remarked this man. "We had double seats, the boys and girls being divided. Teachers those days had varied ideas regarding punishment. One afternoon I brought into the school a live crawfish I caught at the old Cut-Off lake. As punishment the teacher made me sit in a seat with a girl for an hour. The girl assumed the attitude of helping the teacher punish a naughty boy. The embarrassment I would suffer was to be my punishment."

Intensive education as it is known today was not in vogue thirty years ago. There was a general supervisor of drawing, who made the rounds of the schools, and another supervisor who taught music, but that was about the extent of the specialized instruction in the grade schools. Kindergartens and manual training were but dreams of pedagogy.

Present System Hitz Machine. The public school system of Greater Omaha today is a big machine, with improvements appearing every now and then. The last year has been marked by various innovations.

Aside from the regular teaching staff, there is a corps of supervisors and special instructors. At Central High and South High schools there are deans who look after the particular interests of girls who need special help or advice. An assistant superintendent is visiting all of the schools, unifying the new course of study and holding teachers' meetings.

A commercial high school is of comparatively recent beginning and an evening high school has just been started. Evening grade schools were started within recent years. A special school for boys is known as the Poyt school, where printing, woodwork and metalwork are taught. German and Bohemian are being taught in various schools and any modern language must be taught in any school when a petition of required signatures is filed with the Board of Education.

In a few of the grade schools the departmental system of education is being followed, the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades being taught by teachers who specialize in various branches. Instead of the old system of one teacher instructing all branches in one particular room.

Many Facilities Available.

Branch public libraries have been established in some of the grade schools and a comprehensive library is available to pupils of the Central High school. Pupils at this institution have such advantages as domestic science in its various branches, art in painting, drawing, etching, woodwork, and metalwork. Other features at the Central High are: athletic coach, band, cadets, glee clubs, dramatic club, school publication, students' council and auditorium.

Pianos and violas are common sights in the schools today and some have pretentious collections of pictures and statuary. The school board made a liberal appropriation for athletic apparatus for the grade schools and an expert director visits the schools and instructs the boys and girls how to play the games to best advantage.

Children living at places remote from three public schools are hauled to school every morning, returned for lunch and taken home after the close of the school day.

Doctors of schools have been equipped with anti-panic devices and fire drills are called at irregular times.

Numerous Seneca Organizations.

In recent years the teachers have taken more than an academic interest in the children. There are many organizations in the schools. At Central Park and Park schools, for instance, the teachers have organized boys' clubs whose members agree not to smoke until they are 21 years of age. South High has a Help-a-Child club. Orchestras have been formed at Comenius, Kellom and Long schools by the supervisor of social extension, a new position.

The social centers in schools is a recent feature, the school board recognizing the recreation board to the extent of granting use of certain schools for evening activities, such as music, athletics, improvement clubs, mothers' clubs and other purposes.

"There is not much excuse for the boy or girl who does not get an education these days," remarked the man who attended school here thirty years ago, but who does not regard himself one of the "older set," as yet.

South Side Girl Drives Burglar Out With a Clock

Pretty Miss Mary Enslin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Enslin, 22 North Nineteenth street, South Side, is a heroine today as a result of an experience with a burglar Tuesday evening at her home. At 11 o'clock the young lady was awakened from slumbers by a rustling movement in her lone bedroom on the second floor of her home. In the dim light she was astonished to see a bulky man carrying a flashlight and a revolver in his hand staring at her with the force of the light on her face.

"Please go away," Miss Enslin entreated. With a vicious flash of his revolver the man replied, "Shut up or I'll blow your brains out."

Instead of covering in paralytic fear the little girl of 29 years sprang from her bed and taking hold of a mantle clock on the dresser at her elbow let fly at the marauder. The commotion awoke the parents sleeping downstairs, and with haste the would-be burglar broke through the bedroom window and jumping from the front porch made his escape in the darkness.

The police were called, but no evidence of the direction in which the burglar had taken, or who he was, could be found.

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CITY PRISONERS MUST TAKE BATH

Those Assigned to New Workhouse Must Wash Their Faces and Brush Their Hair.

TO FUMIGATE CLOTHES TOO

City prisoners, soon to be sentenced to the city workhouse, will be required to wash their faces and brush their hair before appearing at the dining tables. When first received at the workhouse they will be given a bath, their clothes removed and fumigated and sets of working clothes provided for their use while working out sentences.

These are features of the set of rules being prepared by City Commissioner Jardine for guidance of Superintendent Haze, who will have charge of the workhouse.

"These prisoners will be given to understand that an attempt to escape will be at the risk of their life and limb," stated the commissioner.

To Fix Up Old Jail.

Next Monday the city county jail at Eleventh and Dodge streets will be thoroughly cleaned and furnished for the proper care of the prisoners. The city will install at once fifty bunks, new blankets and will have a supply of overalls, jumpers, mittens and socks for the workers.

A merit system will be established, which will be on the basis of six days off of a thirty-day sentence for good deportment. The penalty for refusal to work will be solitary confinement, exceptions being made for illness or other reasonable cause.

Three substantial meals will be furnished every day and the men will not be required to work under conditions which warrant consignment of labor.

Police Judge to Co-Operate.

The police judge will co-operate by sentencing prisoners to the city workhouse in cases where such sentences seem wise. The superintendent of the workhouse will require proper language among the prisoners. Persons applying for lodgings will be given the "work test," as is being done at Chicago at this time. The chief purpose is to discourage visits of professional truants, who seem to have the idea that Omaha is an easy town, some of the class welcoming a county jail sentence here in the winter time.

The first work for these prisoners will be filling a deep ravine in the southeast part of the city. Temporary noon rest and feeding quarters will be erected at the "camp."

Walthall Billed as King of All in Emotional Drama

Henry B. Walthall, who plays Ben Cameron in "The Birth of a Nation," now being presented at the Brandeis theater, was born on a cotton plantation in Shelby county, Alabama. He was educated at home by a private tutor with his brothers and sisters. Beyond his work in the river, riding and good hand work he did not indulge in any particular sports and did not see many people, as the nearest neighbor was three miles away.

When he later went to New York he appeared to advantage in the civil war drama, "Winchester," in which he played the part of Captain Clay Randolph. "Under Southern Skies" as Steve Danbury, and in "Old Point Comfort." James Kierwood, who has been a stage associate of Walthall's, persuaded him to "try out" in a certain part in photography. The result was the commencement of the association of the greatest director with the greater actor, which was broken on several occasions only to be renewed.

MUSICAL PROGRAM AT THE ROSEWATER SCHOOL

A gathering of 500 enjoyed a musical program at the Edward Rosewater school Thursday evening. Sigmond Landsberg and Johannes Brill furnished the music. The event was the first of a series to be presented by Eunice Knorr, supervisor of social extension work in the public schools. Superintendent Graff of the schools made a short address. The next program will be given on the evening of December 2 by five local soloists, who will offer a program from "Rigoletto."

BENSON MISSIONARY WOMEN HOLD MEETING

The Benson Baptist Missionary circle entertained the Baptist Missionary quarterly of Omaha and vicinity at an all day session in the Baptist church. The devotionals opened at 11 o'clock. Rev. A. J. McClung of the Presbyterian church rendered vocal music, and the speech of the day was made by a home missionary, Miss Christiansen, of South Side. Reports were made from all the Omaha circles during the session.

LOITER IN DOORWAY OF BANK AND ARE PINCHED

Clyde Taylor, 262 Miami street, and Walter King, 128 Davenport street, were arrested by Detectives Rich and Praznowski, who found the pair loitering in a doorway of the Merchants National Bank building in the early morning. A hammer was found in the possession of Taylor. Not being able to give a good account of their intentions they were locked up and are being held for investigation.

INSPECTOR IS INJURED BY A CONCRETE MIXER

Inspector J. A. Davis of the public improvements department suffered severe scalp wounds when he was struck by a part of a concrete mixer used at paving work on Military avenue.

"LIEUTENANT" ROBERT FAY, leader of the alleged gang of German bomb plotters who planned to destroy ships carrying war cargoes from New York to the Allies.



ROBERT FAY

Commissioners Do Not Favor Sunday Grocery Closing

It is probable that an ordinance offered last Tuesday at the city council meeting, proposing to close grocery stores and meat markets on Sundays, will be placed on file by the committee of the whole next Monday morning. Commissioner Jardine, who introduced the measure by request, is against the proposition on the grounds that it would be class legislation to pick out certain classes of business places for Sunday closing.

STARTS WITH \$90. ENDS UP WITH NINETY CENTS

Simon Najare, a Mexican, on route from St. Joseph, Mo., to Kansas City, stopped off in Omaha to see the sights. Simon had \$90 and his railroad ticket when he went into a downtown restaurant about 10 o'clock in the evening. Five hours later he was found in an unconscious condition at Seventeenth and Davenport streets, minus everything but 90 cents. He remembers nothing since being in the restaurant, but from the bruised condition of his face and body, the police deduce that he was strangled and robbed.

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DODGE STREET MAY BE GRADED DOWN

Jardine Has Report that Ninety Per Cent of Property Owners Have Signed Petition.

MAY CUT IT THIRTEEN FEET

Dodge street from Seventeenth to Twenty-second is more likely now to be graded down than it ever was before. Two of the principal obstacles to the proposition are now practically removed.

One is that Senator G. M. Hitchcock, whose property is at Twentieth and Dodge streets, has signed the petition. Senator Hitchcock is one of those few who have held out persistently against the petition.

The other obstacle has been the refusal of Frank R. Kennard to sign the petition for the property he owns on that street. Negotiations are now on for the sale of the Kennard property, and the deal, it is said, is likely to be consummated within a few days.

Majority Sign.

It has been reliably reported to City Commissioner Walter Jardine that some 90 per cent of the property owners have signed the petition, and that it is likely the petition will now be presented to the city council next week.

It is proposed to cut down the steep hill on Dodge street from Seventeenth to about Twenty-second, making a cut of perhaps thirteen feet at Twentieth, where the brow of the hill is located.

It is now thought likely that after the petition is filed in the regular way the matter may be referred to the new city planning board as one of the matters properly to be gone over by that body before the grading is actually begun.

Sentenced to Pen for Issuing Check Without Any Funds

One to five years in the penitentiary and a fine of \$100 and costs was the penalty imposed upon Edward C. White, who pleaded guilty before District Judge English to a charge of giving the Fontenelle hotel a check for \$36 on the United States National bank, when he had no funds on deposit there.

The crime which he committed was defined by the legislature in its last session. The severity of the sentence, according to county officials, resulted from the fact that White was known to have turned numerous other similar jobs.

O. J. Heath pleaded guilty to a like charge and was fined \$100.

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