

**SCHOOL SITE FIGHT BEFORE THE BOARD**

Citizens of Northwest Federation Make Descent Upon School Authorities.

**NO DANCING AT "CENTERS"**

A delegation of members of the Northwest Federation of Improvement clubs attended the Board of Education meeting last evening and urged that the proposed new Clifton Hill school building be located on the present site at Forty-second and Corby streets, instead of on a new site bought two years ago at Forty-fifth and Maple streets. They also contended for a new school on the Fairfax school site.

President Ernst impressed the visitors with the thought that the better way would be to wait until the committee of the board shall have been selected the first of the new year and then bring their proposition before the buildings and grounds committee.

During the exchange of arguments the president of the board said it was not fair for those directly interested in the Clifton Hill and Fairfax school districts to enlist the support of residents living in other school districts as has been done in this instance.

**How Citizens Stood.**  
Member Williams explained that when the new Clifton Hill site was secured his committee met to hear both sides and only three at that time favored the old site while 194 favored the site at Forty-fifth and Maple streets.

After the meeting had adjourned a group of the visitors and President Ernst continued the discussion on the sidewalk in front of the city hall. Mr. Ernst telling the citizens that he is giving the city \$200 worth of gratuitous services each year as a member of the Board of Education and believed the people of the northwest precincts of the city should get together and settle their differences without taking up the time of the entire board as had been done on several recent occasions.

The visitors told the board they were asking for what they believed was fair and in the best interests of the community they represented.

**No Social Center Dancing.**  
The board denied a request from Castell school district citizens who asked that dancing be allowed at the social center of their school and the board went further by going on record as opposing dancing at any of the school social centers.

The Northwest Improvement club endorsed the night schools and recommended that this educational feature be extended to all schools of the city. The communication was placed on file.

On account of the unexpected attendance at the Omaha Evening High school the salary of Principal Adams was increased to \$10 a month.

**Forefathers Laid Foundation for the Churches of Today**

In commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the landing of the pilgrims the Congregational churches of Omaha and vicinity gave a forefathers' day program at the First Congregational church, Ninth and Davenport streets, last evening. Although the attendance was not overly large, the speakers had a very interested and attentive audience.

William H. Russell presided and the following program was carried out: Devotional exercises, Rev. W. S. Hampton, address, "The Forefathers," Rev. G. A. Hulbert of St. Mary's Avenue Congregational church; "Catechism," Rev. F. T. House of the First Congregational church; solo, "Let Us Forget," by George C. McIntyre; "Evangelism in Our Church," Rev. J. T. Jones, and an anthem, "Pilgrims of the Night," by the First Church quartet. Special honors were paid to those who during the present year joined the Sons and Daughters of Pilgrims.

Rev. G. A. Hulbert in his talk urged his audience to strive for a portion at least of that fire and spirit that caused the pilgrim fathers in face of all difficulties not to relinquish one iota of their belief. "It is to these forefathers who suffered so much for their rights that we owe more than we realize, not only the foundation of our present educational system, but the fundamentals of our government, and a principle of theology, a psychological thought that more than equals any expressed by the great Martin Luther, namely, that there is nothing in the guiding spirit of religion so important as the spirit of God speaking to the soul of man."

"It was adherence to this rule that made the pilgrim such a worthy example for us to follow, one which will help us above all others to bring the kingdom of God to the inner life."

**MRS. CRUMPACKER WILL ENTER IOWA CAMPAIGN**

Mrs. J. W. Crumpacker of the National Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage returned to Omaha for a few days after spending the last few months in the campaign in New York and New Jersey. Mrs. Crumpacker was an active worker against suffrage in the east, made speeches and assisted in the organization of many local branches of the national association. Mrs. Crumpacker will make a short visit to Canada during the holidays, after which she will join the anti-workers in Iowa.

**BROTHER OF ELMER BEDDEO PASSES AWAY IN ILLINOIS**

Elmer Beddeo, proprietor of the Beddeo Clothing company, received word yesterday that his brother, Francis, died at his home in Omega, Ill., after a brief illness. Mr. Beddeo left last evening for Omega to attend the funeral.

**Woman Insists That Postmaster - Himself Weigh Her Packages**

The most careful woman in the world appeared at the postoffice Tuesday She carried an armful of packages.

"Is Postmaster Wharton in?" she inquired of Parcel Post Pat McGovern. "Not just now," said Pat. "When will he be in?" she inquired sharply. "Probably in about an hour. Did you want those packages weighed?" asked Pat. "Yes, I do, but I want the postmaster to weigh them. Then I'll know they're weighed right," she answered. She left the building. In about an hour she returned.

"Is the postmaster in?" she demanded. "Nickie" Bowles referred her to the postmaster's office. In a minute or two she returned, accompanied by the gentle-

manly, accommodating and gallant John C. Wharton.

"I understand, madam," he was saying. "You want your packages weighed right. Quite right." The postmaster took his place behind the scales, with McGovern close at hand. "Eh-h, one pound to Berkeley, Cal., that will be—"

"Nine cents," whispered McGovern. "Nine cents, madam," said the p. m. And so it went through nine packages. The postmaster then assisted her in buying the stamps and he affixed them with his own lily-white fingers.

The woman thanked him. "Now I can feel that they are safe," she said. "Absolutely safe, madam, absolutely," said John C. "Call again, madam."

**CHRISTMAS: songs by Thelma and Darleen Young, Audrey Westland, and "Silent Night, Holy Night," by all the children.**

**SAVING LABORER SAYS COMPANIONS ROBBED HIM**

With sixteen scalp wounds in his head, Frank Hisek, a harvest hand, walked all the way from Avery, to the South Side police station for help. The police sent him to the South Side hospital for treatment and within an hour Joe Jusch and Sam Anzyl, former friends, were arrested, charged with the assault. Complete confessions were obtained.

The two men are said to have taken up Hisek from ambush and lashed \$75 from him. He gave descriptions of them to Captain Tony Vanous and within an hour Detective George Allen had them under arrest.

**PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS**

John E. Buckingham, general baggage agent of the Burlington at Chicago, was in town yesterday. Buckingham was formerly assistant general passenger agent for the Burlington here. He says that he got a good apple crop off his orchard tract in the Big Horn basin and expects a larger yield next year.

**REVOLUTION ON IN CHINA**

Report from Shanghai to San Francisco Celestial Says Five Provinces Declare Independence.

**RENOUNCE YUAN SHI KAI RULE**

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—Tong King Chong, president of the Chinese Republic association received a cablegram from Shanghai, China, tonight which stated that five Chinese provinces had declared their independence against the rule of Yuan Shi Kai.

The provinces concerned in the revolution were, according to the cablegram, Kwangtung, Kiangsi, Yunnan, Szechuen and Kweichow. Mr. Tong, who has presided recently at several mass meetings of Chinese from all parts of California, said tonight he believed the action of the five provinces would be followed by similar declarations from all parts of China. He said the Chinese in America were strongly opposed to the return of China to the monarchical form of government.

Large sums, he said, had been pledged by California Chinese to finance a general revolution.

**ROLLERGLIDE SUPPLANTS ALL OTHERS FOR TIME**

Vernon Castle wouldn't know his old walk now. There's been a change. Instead of hopping, walking and sliding it's now one long, drawn out glide and with very little exertion.

The new vogue of roller skating has supplanted all the modern dance steps but with roller skates, and the ladies who introduced the transformation at the municipal rink last night showed to a big gallery that there's as much fun

roller skating to a catchy melody as there is in dancing.

Last night was "ladies' night," and several hundred women exquisitely gowned appeared to take advantage of the City Auditorium's facilities.

Manager Franks has appointed "Butch" Ehrhardt, a well known professional skater, to have charge of the large corps of instructors and each night scores of girls and women are taught the intricacies of the art.

A hockey game last night between teams representing The Daily Bee and World-Herald, pleased a big crowd. The game was declared a tie.

**JOHN J. LARKIN DIES AFTER BRIEF ILLNESS**

John J. Larkin, 87 years old and father of Deputy Coroner Barney Larkin, died last night at his home following a brief illness, which suddenly developed into bronchial pneumonia.

He had been connected with the Cudahy Packing company for a number of years and was well known on the South Side.

Four sons and four daughters survive. They are: Mike, Barney, John and Aloysius and Mrs. Ed Anderson, Alice Cecelia and Marjorie.

Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

**BUILDERS WILL ELECT OFFICERS IN JANUARY**

The annual election of the Omaha Builders' exchange is to be held January 8. Nominations for the various offices were made a short time ago. E. O. Hamilton and W. P. Deverell are the candidates for president.

**Trendall Wins.**

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 21.—Harry Trendall, St. Louis welterweight, won the decision here tonight over Johnny Salvator of St. Paul after ten rounds of slow fighting.

**Stags Will Outfit New Club Quarters With Omaha Goods**

Fifteen hundred members of the Order of Stags attended the meeting held last night at Swedish auditorium to mark the closing of the chapter in Omaha.

Dr. W. R. Dupree of St. Louis, supreme director, installed the officers who were as follows:

Harry B. Pleharty, exalted director. William T. Cole, prelate.

B. Miller, senior warden. Perry Miller, junior warden. Joseph Lovely, recorder.

J. L. Schleich, treasurer. Dr. Harold Cole, outside guard. James Keenan, inside guard. Joseph P. Butler, trustee for three years.

H. A. Day, trustee for two years. Charles Miller, trustee for 1 year. A collection of goodly proportions was taken to be distributed among the three daily newspapers of Omaha to be used for their Christmas funds. The sum of \$7.10 was sent to each paper.

A vote to furnish the club rooms with materials bought in Omaha was unanimously passed. Two new drives are to be established at once, one here and one at Council Bluffs.

Among the head officers of the order who attended the meeting were: R. A. Caulfield, international director; Fred H. Corbitt, Derry, N. H.; W. A. Haynes, Richmond, Va.; deputy supreme director; P. R. Jamieson, Grand Rapids, Mich.; grand senior warden; and Robert L. Dupuis of this city, grand junior warden.

**FIELD MARSHAL FRENCH IS RECEIVED BY POINCARÉ**

PARIS, Dec. 21.—Field Marshal Sir John French, who was recently succeeded by Sir Douglas Haig as commander-in-chief of the British forces in Belgium and France, was received tonight by President Poincaré.

Long before the arrival of the field mar-

shal at the Palace of the Elisee a crowd had gathered to greet him and when his automobile entered the courtyard there were cheers for the distinguished British soldier. Manifestations of regard for the field marshal were repeated as he left the palace.

**Employ the Needy Upon City Work is Plea Before Board**

The many problems which daily are brought to the attention of charitable organizations were threshed out last night in the offices of the municipal attorney before the Welfare board, the city council and a number of the leading charity workers of the city.

Employment conditions were the chief topic of discussion. Rabbi Frederick Cohn pleaded with the councilmen to offer employment on city work to the needy ones. Sophus Neble and John Finn also made brief talks outlining the needs experienced in establishing a city employment bureau.

Nothing definite was accomplished except the expression by the council that "we're for anything the Welfare board does."

Besides members of the Welfare board and the city council, the meeting was attended by E. F. Denison of the Young Men's Christian association; Captain Kline of the Salvation Army; Major McCormick of the Volunteers; Dr. Gifford, Rev. C. H. Savidge and several others.

**MALONE UNDERGOES SUCCESSFUL OPERATION**

E. J. Malone, credit manager for the Brandeis stores, underwent a successful operation for gall stones yesterday by Dr. C. C. Allison at St. Joseph's hospital. He is resting easily today.

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\$350 Voss & Sons, upright piano	\$100.00	\$ 550 Steinway, upright	\$425.00
\$300 Hinsie, upright piano	\$135.00	\$1,000 Chickering & Sons, grand	\$195.00
\$350 Schuman, upright piano	\$175.00	\$1,100 Steinway, grand	\$395.00
\$400 Emerson, upright	\$185.00	\$ 450 Schubert Player Piano	\$195.00
\$300 Schmolter & Mueller, upright	\$150.00	\$500 Clough & Warren Player Piano	\$220.00
\$450 Steger & Sons, upright	\$175.00		

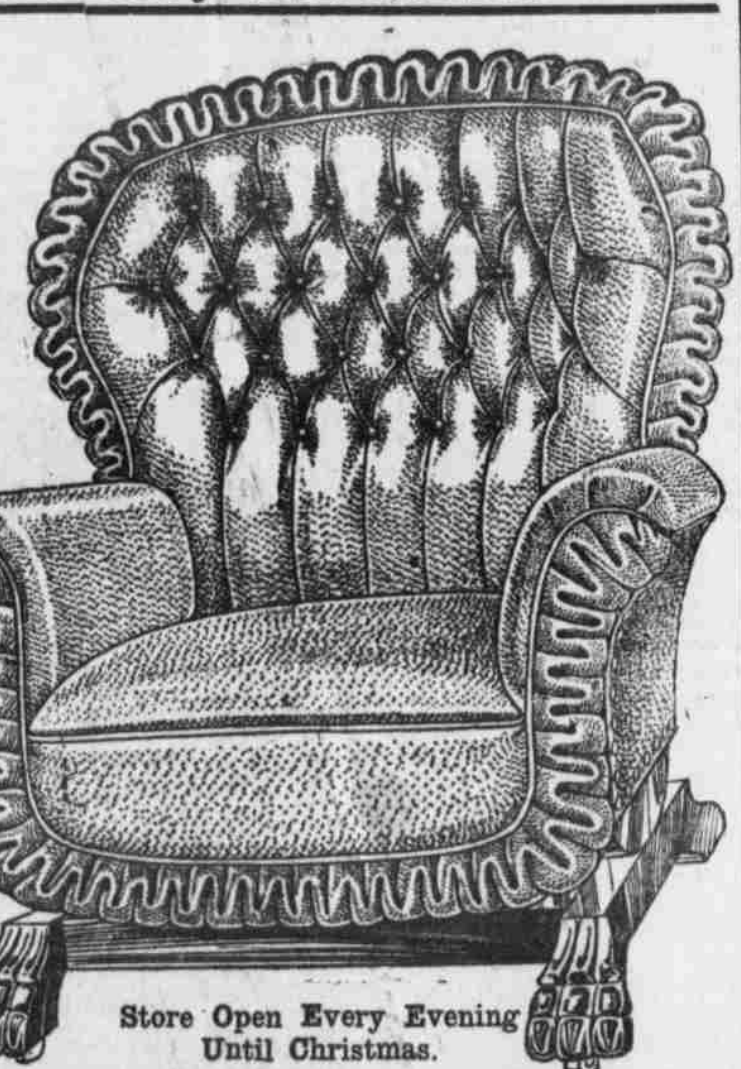
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