

Public Schools Pride of the City

Superintendent A. H. Waterhouse and the people of Fremont are justly proud of their educational facilities. Only Lincoln and Omaha have superior advantages in preparing the rising generation for their life work.

This year's graduating class at the High school numbers seventy-six. Last year the number was only fifty-six. Mr. Waterhouse says the increase is due partly to the new building, which provides courses and facilities not heretofore possible. The principal, A. R. Congdon, has been in his present position eight years. The estimate called for this year for school purposes in all of the schools is \$65,414. Last year the amount was about \$63,000. The difference is accounted for partially by the gradual increase in salaries. Mr. Waterhouse hopes the time will soon come when salaries paid will be large enough, so that Omaha and Lincoln will not grab the best teachers "as fast as they are developed," which has been the case in a number of instances. In other words, the larger cities know where to look for a good article.

The High school numbers 443, an increase of thirty-five over the previous year.

There are eight grade school buildings. The total attendance in all the schools this year is 2,150. Last year the number was 2,060.

The High school boys do not play football extensively, but they play baseball considerable with Omaha, South Omaha, Columbus, Wahoo, Schuyler, West Point and Arlington. They know something about basketball, too, having a clean record of six games and six victories over Omaha, South Omaha, Wahoo, North Bend, Schuyler and Arlington. There is a good gymnasium in the school and other up-to-date equipment.

There has been a great change in the methods of instruction in late years, and the Fremont schools have kept pace with them. It is most noticeable in the addition of the kindergarten department, which has proved such an important factor in starting young America out in school work. Every child is delighted with this department, and none is kept away from school by unnatural causes. It is a veritable playhouse. Along with the fun the young mind is taught the rudiments in the steps of acquiring an education.

The school grounds, too, have undergone a complete change, for they are filled with appliances for the enjoyment of outdoors, with see-saws, giant swings, turning poles, basket ball, all going to make school life more enjoyable for the pupil.

While no general system of study as laid out for by educational publications is followed in the Fremont schools, there is, however, a much closer supervision of teachers than is observed in most cities. The class room work is carefully planned and laid out in the superintendent's office, so that practically the same method and interpretation of the work is followed in all the rooms of the grade schools. Three courses are followed in the high school—Latin, English and German—with some commercial work in addition. To complete the course thirty-two credits, with a standing of 75 in the various branches, are required.

A new system of industrial training is being developed in the high school that is being worked out to the advantage of the boys and girls who perform daily tasks at home or carry on some work outside of school hours. The better students also receive some benefits that have heretofore been impossible.

Daily tasks like those indicated assist the pupils in obtaining the required credits to complete the course and are an encouragement on the part of the schools for outside work. It is now usually possible for a boy or girl who puts in forty hours in some task to gain four full points in the four-year course. A grade of 75 has been required in each branch to get a point, and a better standing was of no consequence in the point system. This is changed so that students with much higher standings were benefited with fractional points, which are of some assistance in completing the work along with points to be gained in the industrial training system.

The Catholics also have a good parochial school. Fremont college has a large enrollment and ranks high among the educational institutions of the state.

Indisputable evidence of great results to Des Moines Ad users: 25,748 more paid Want Ads first six months 1916 than in same period of 1915—nearly 1,000 more each week. Why mention results with this kind of evidence?

Fremont High School



Fremont's Commercial Club

A population of 20,000 in 1920 is the slogan of the Fremont boosters, whose leader is George F. Wolz, one of the liveliest wires in Nebraska. With the influence of the Commercial club, of which he is president, Fremont would lack many things which it now enjoys.

This club with a membership of about 300 spends \$15,000 annually among its members to promote the city's welfare in every possible way.

The Commercial club was organized May 29, 1880, under the name of the Fremont Board of Trade for the general good of the city. The emergency measure at that time was the building of a new bridge across the Platte river, the old county bridge having been washed away years before, and the spring break-up of that year destroying the toll bridge, cutting off all communication with Saunders county. The new bridge was finally built, the club members raising the necessary funds, with the co-operation of the county

commissioners. E. H. Barnard was the first president and Arthur Gibson the first secretary.

About a decade later the name of the organization was changed to the Commercial club. Thousands of dollars have been spent in entertaining conventions and taking strangers to the city, thus making Fremont the principal convention city of the state.

One of the hobbies of the club has been the improvement of the roads. In his recent report for last year Mr. Wolz tells of more effective work being done in this direction than ever before. A road supervisor was hired for the road dragging months with good results and on an economical basis. Since the number of automobile licenses has been so greatly increased there will be more money to devote to that purpose and the Commercial club will be relieved to a great extent of one of its heaviest burdens.

During the year the club was responsible in large measure for the

race meet, a postal card album and a chautauqua meeting. It backed a trade excursion to the Black Hills, is hopeful that another will be carried out in the year to follow, and helped materially in the success of the tractor demonstration. Moving pictures of the tractors in operation were also taken to boom Fremont in Omaha and elsewhere. The cost of that venture amounted to about \$240.

Not the least of the club's efforts has been its work for a new hotel, a project now assured. The president in his report urges the building of more houses that can be rented for from \$18 to \$22.50 per month. He predicts that fifty houses of that character would be rented in twenty-four hours, and urges, too, that more stores be erected on the side streets, where the rental would not be excessive.

An athletic park is also suggested as desirable. Such are some of the activities and methods pursued by this lively organization.

Besides Mr. Wolz, president, the officers are as follows: John C. Hein, vice president; Harry L. Himes, acting secretary; Fred H. Richards, treasurer, and C. E. Abbott attorney. In the manufacturers' section

C. D. Marr is president, Ray Hammond and John Gumb directors; in the retail merchants' section Fred Bader is president and A. Nagelstock and A. L. Snow directors; in the ad club section Andy Anderson is president and Henry Haman and Harvey C. Kendall directors; in the builders' section Will Durkee is president and W. R. Luhrs and John Melick directors; in the general section the president is O. F. Turner and the directors A. J. Eddy and R. R. Wohlford.

The companies or individuals interested to the extent of \$200 or more annually in this club include Bader Bros., Eddy Bros., Hammond Printing company and the Liquor Dealers' association.

Other clubs in Fremont, though of a different character, include the Country club, the Elks with a membership of 175, seventy-five Pythians, the Eagles with 598, the Odd Fellows with 100, 150 Masons and the Men's club.

There are several women's clubs, Mrs. Rose McGibbin succeeding Mrs. A. J. Eddy as president of the leading organization and Mrs. Otto Schurman heading the Ladies' Charity club.

Churches Are All Doing Very Well

The largest church in the city is the Methodist, with 850 members; the Presbyterians claim 485 members, the Baptists and Christians, 325 each; the Catholics about 400, and there are also Episcopalians, Lutherans and four varieties, Free Methodists and other sects.

There is a regular Sunday school attendance of 1,800.

Though not churchmen, the Theosophists are fairly strong in Fremont, numbering twenty-five members. Irving C. Cooper of California, who recently delivered a course of lectures in Omaha, made his next visit to that city. Congressman Daniel V. Stephens and family are among the influential members of this organization.

As evidence of the good feeling among the different sects, seven churches have been known to conduct outings together. The Young Men's Christian association, costing \$65,000, is doing a great work, and like organizations in the bigger cities, conducts a cafeteria.

Bates Steel Mule a Success

One of the most notable successes of the light tractor is reported from the Sherman ranch at Ellsworth, Kan. This ranch contains 25,000 acres of rich, level bottom land and some rolling land. Until recently the bulk of the work on this ranch has been done by mules. When a large number of the mules showed signs of weakness from old age and could not stand up under the strain of the work, six thirty-horsepower Bates

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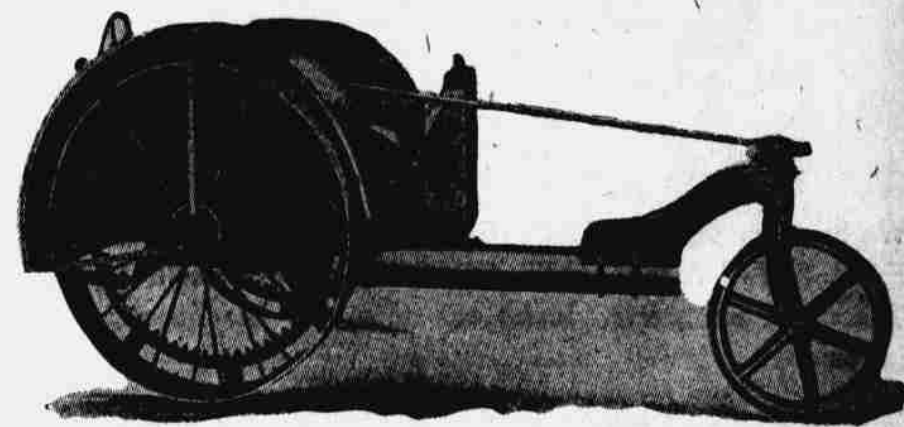


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