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HIGH SCHOOL TUITION UP

Raises From \$75 per Week to \$150 at the Monthly Meeting of the Board Held Last Evening.

BARR SUBMITS FIGURES

Figures to a Fine Point the Cost of Maintaining Average Pupil, Giving It at \$1.61 Per Week.

Taxpayers pay \$1.61 per week for every student enjoying a high school education in Keokuk, according to an estimate made by Secretary G. Walter Barr and submitted to the school board at its monthly meeting last night. The figures on the part of Dr. Barr were not guess work by any means, but represented a week's work in digging out costs. The estimate was desired by the directors in order that the tuition for outside pupils could be fixed with some degree of accuracy. The result is that the tuition was raised from \$75 per week to \$150, or just double what it has been in the past. There is a new Iowa law which permits pupils to come from a district having no high school to the nearest district in which there is a high school, and the expense of tuition must be paid by the district from which a pupil comes. In the case of a pupil coming from another state he must stand the expense himself.

Minor Matters Disposed Of.

The disposition of the tuition question was the only one of importance at the meeting last evening. A number of minor matters of a routine nature were passed upon, but in general the meeting was a quiet one.

President A. B. Hughes reported a contract with J. P. Coyle, teacher of science, who has succeeded C. L. Vestal, recently resigned. Mr. Coyle has been teaching for three weeks and is making good. He is a young man who took postgraduate work at Illinois after being graduated from Lake Forest. Superintendent Aldrich was authorized to employ a cadet teacher at Garfield school. A refrigerator for the domestic science department of the high school was authorized to be ordered. Palmer method writing books were sanctioned for use in the schools. Superintendent Aldrich reported the donation by E. E. Hawkes of a substantial bookcase to the Wells school. Mr. Hawkes was given a vote of thanks.

Turn Down Transfer Applicant.

Following a policy that has been adhered to in the past, the board refused to transfer a pupil from the Garfield school to George Washington school.

Window guards were ordered for the Wells and additional ones at the George Washington.

A committee of the whole of the board considered the status of four pupils, deciding that all were non-resident and subject to tuition.

Madame Nordica.

Madame Lillian Nordica, in better voice than ever has chosen Keokuk this year for the opening of her tour of the northwest in concert. Madame Nordica will give her first concert of the season here on the night of Sept. 28th, and will end her tour in Duluth, Minn., on November 17th. She will go as far north as Edmonton, Alberta, the highest incorporated city in America. The tour takes her all through western Canada, Oregon, Washington and California.

Madame Nordica had an experience abroad with an admirer from Iowa, which influenced her desire to make her first public appearance this year in this state.

As she was about to board a liner at Bremerhaven for America, a man stepped from the crowd on the pier and lifting his hat said:

"Allow me, Madame, to press your hand. I am from Iowa and I want to tell you how popular you are out in my state. I have been all over Europe and I have heard the best foreign singers here and in America and I take my hat off to you, for I believe you are better than any of them."

"You are an American singer and you have convinced us that America can produce a greater singer than Europe. I hope some day to hear you sing out there in Keokuk."

Madame Nordica accepted the compliment graciously and ever since has had a warm spot in her heart for Iowa and Iowans and when she was consulted by Frederick Shipman about the proposed tour indicated her desire to open in Keokuk. She hopes her admirer will be in the audience.

On her tour Madame Nordica will be assisted by Myron W. Whitney, basso, who has toured with the noted singer for two seasons. E. Romaine Simmons will again act as her accompanist. Her repertory will consist of selections from her favorite roles.

The World Plays Fair. Depend upon this: You get what is coming to you, be it a big honor or a swift swipe.

MANAGER WORLEY RECEIVED SHOCK

Both Hands Badly Burned Just Before Conclusion of Performance at Grand Opera House Last Night.

ELECTRIC WIRES CROSS

Feed and Telephone Wires Lap Each Other in the Area Way and Grand Manager Was Injured.

Just how near Manager Leonard C. Worley of the Grand opera house came to having his hands burned off by electricity last night cannot be told but in attempting to tear off a wire that was sparking in the cloak room on the Main street side of the theatre, Mr. Worley's two members were badly burned, the right hand, severely.

Luckily for the theatre manager the insulated feed wire which had become crossed with a 500 voltage telephone wire of the Home Phone Co., burned in two while he was standing on the stone door step which furnished a ground for the full electrical force contained in the wire and in snapping threw the Grand head, out over a railing three feet high which separates the opera house from The Gate City building area-way.

Electricity Surged Through Him.

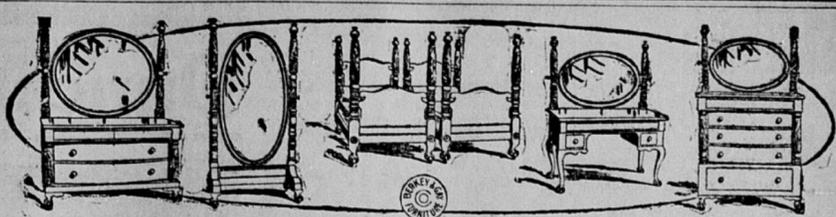
Manager Worley was sitting in the parquet of the theatre, watching the performance, shortly after 10 o'clock—10:10 to be exact—when an usher told him a live wire in the check room was burning the wood work and the entire place would be afire if the electrical carrier was not removed immediately.

Mr. Worley, investigating, found the wire emitting sparks and stooped to pull it from the door jam, where it was held in place from top to bottom by small tacks. As is usual when a wire is heavily charged, the current refused to let go of its ground,—the manager, until the wire burned through and knocked Mr. Worley a half dozen feet out through the door, which was standing open.

Wires Were Crossed.

The small 104 light feed wire was found this morning upon investigation, to be crossed with the telephone wire which sent the heavier voltage into the opera house. From appearances, the wires have been in that shape for some time, being welded together.

Manager Worley received the charge of electricity for more than a minute and the end of the second finger of the right hand was burned to the bone while two other fingers of the same hand and a deep, angry



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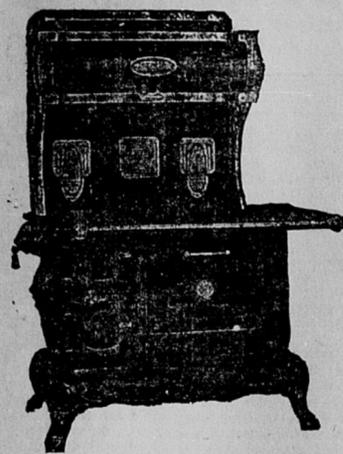
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looking burn on the palm are severe. The left hand is burned, though not as badly as the right, the fleshy part between the thumb and the palm being eaten out by the electricity.

Mr. Worley was covered with mud and lost his cap when thrown by the electric voltage but regained his feet after the shock and ran to the Elks' club for medical assistance.

Helpless Show Man.

The hands of Manager Worley resemble bear's paws wrapped and re-wrapped and it will be a number of weeks before the slow healing injuries will permit him to resume activities at ticket window and office desk.

WILL BUILD TEN BARGES AT DRYDOCKS

Government River Engineer Advertises for Bids for Lumber for 49 Boats.

Major Keller, of Rock Island, U. S. engineer corps, has advertised for bids for approximately 2,000,000 feet of lumber to be used in building three steamboats, costing \$6,000 apiece, and ten 110-foot barges, at Keokuk. In addition, 18 barges are to be built at Fountain City and 15 barges and three fuel flats at Milan. The total cost will be about \$104,000. The bids for the latter craft will be advertised for in a few days. The reason for giving them out separate is that should one mill get the entire bid, it would be impossible to obtain the lumber as expeditiously as would be the case should different mills get the separate bids. The lumber is to be creosoted before being used. Last year the greater part of this work was done in Minnesota, but this year there is a strong probability that the work will go to the Pacific coast.

Present Boats Unfit.

The boats in the government river service at the present time are for the most part unfit for use and a number of them will soon have to be condemned. It is stated, furthermore, that there are only about one-half of the boats in use which are needed. As a result of this shortage, eight new steel hull boats, costing \$80,000 apiece are to be built in the very near future.

ENVELOPES ARE DISTRIBUTED TODAY

Money Holders for Block Day Were Placed in all the Homes of the City.

The envelopes to be gathered up on Thursday, Block Day, were distributed today, one in each house in the city and on Thursday, these will be gathered up by the collectors who will start out at a given signal. With one collector working in each block of the city, it is expected that every envelope will be gathered up within ten minutes time.

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the blowing of the factory whistles. Nobody knows just when this signal is to be given and all will be waiting for the din to start. This curiosity adds to the spirit of the occasion. The Benevolent Union expects to raise a neat sum by the contributions received on Block Day, the money to be used for improvements at the Benevolent Union Home which is in need of paper, paint, new walks and some other repairs and changes. The ladies having the Benevolent Union work in charge, are hoping that the public will respond liberally to their Block Day appeal and that when the envelopes are gathered up on Thursday a good sum will be the total collection of the day.

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West Point Fair Sept. 26, 27, 28

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Colt Show on Thursday Morning, Sept. 28

Trains will leave Keokuk 7:35 a. m. Arrive at West Point 9:30 a. m. Returning leave West Point 5:45 p. m. Arrive at Keokuk, 8:25 p. m.

Meeting is Postponed. ROME, Sept. 26.—Because of cholera in Italy the convention of the international geographical societies, scheduled to be held here next month, was postponed to early next spring.

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