

## GOOD SCHOOLS ARE IMPORTANT

Additional Cost for the Proposed New School Buildings Will be Small to Tax Payers.

### MORE SCHOOLS NEEDED

Seventh Ward Entirely Without a School Building and Garfield School is Out of Date and Dangerous.

Those who are in favor of the proposed school bond issue say that they meet with only two objections of any moment.

The first appears to be an out-growth of sectional or ward lines, those in a certain part of the town feeling that those living in another part of the city are being benefited at their expense. It is stated that the various proposals should have each been voted upon separately.

The present plan, according to a resolution adopted by the school board, provides that not less than \$10,000 shall be expended in an addition to the Lincoln school building, for the purpose of giving adequate facilities to rooms which are now overcrowded and which will be more overcrowded next season; also an expenditure of not less than \$35,000 in the seventh ward on a new building, to be erected on property already owned by the school district, and the remainder of the issue is to be used in the Garfield district.

The board is of the opinion that \$35,000 will be adequate for the seventh ward at present. If the site for the school building had to be acquired it would require much more than that, but owing to the fact that the district now owns a site, a building to accommodate those residing in that part of the city can be constructed for \$35,000, and the plans in the mind of the board contemplate the erection of a structure to which future additions can be made; and ultimately there will be more than double the \$35,000 spent in that district.

As soon as the population in that vicinity increases and the attendance at the school increases, it will be necessary to build an addition to the proposed building.

The first ward or Garfield school was built in 1874 at a cost of \$28,000, and in that district it is desired that improved facilities be provided. The building there situated has been in service just forty years.

If the bond issue carries, it will be a starter for an improvement of school buildings in Keokuk. Doubtless in a few years a new building will be constructed in place of the present Welis building. It will be necessary to begin somewhere and at sometime on the reconstruction of the old buildings.

The other argument is the question of taxes. The district this year will receive \$91,000 in taxes. The tax rate is 31.7 mills, and the effect of the new bond issue can be ascertained by a little figuring. For instance, if a person has property actually worth \$1,200 and assessed at that amount, then he will this year pay school taxes amounting to \$9.51. This is ascertained by taking one fourth of the actual assessed valuation and multiplying it by 31.7 mills.

If, therefore, a person owns property having an actual assessed valuation of \$1,200, he will, other things being equal, have to pay 95c a year additional taxes, or instead of paying \$9.51, he will next year pay \$10.46.

The proposed issue will have to be paid within ten years, and a person owning property actually assessed at \$1,200 will, in the ten years on account of the two new buildings and the addition to the Lincoln school procured by this bond issue, have actually paid \$9.50 in taxes during

the period of ten years. This is a sum so insignificant as not to warrant serious consideration by any voter who has the welfare of the city at heart.

If the bond issue is carried, it will mean a great deal of construction work in the city this coming summer, and the employment of a great deal of labor in connection with the new buildings. This in turn will benefit the merchant and every person in the city will be benefited either directly or indirectly.

It has been shown by statistics heretofore printed that the school tax rate in Keokuk is not excessive, and that the present school bond indebtedness is very small—\$22,000, \$4,000 of this will be paid this year, and the board expects to pay practically all of the present floating indebtedness from the taxes received this year.

Good schools are one of the most important factors in promoting industrial progress and growth, and Keokuk has always taken a pride in her schools and school facilities.

### HAYNES COMPANY FIRST IN FIELD

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G. H. Cable, manager of the Cable Motor Car Company, distributors in this territory for the Haynes, America's First Car, was very enthusiastic when seen at his showrooms, in Burlington, Iowa, over the slogan which the pioneer auto manufacturers of Kokoma, Indiana, have recently adopted. "Let me tell you," said Mr. Cable, "As a slogan, 'First in the field—ahead of the times always' sounds good, and how many manufacturers are there that can live up to it? Only one that I know of, and that is the Haynes Company.

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"As I say, a slogan sounds good, but it is necessary to live up to it and the Haynes Company has certainly merited the one just adopted, 'first in the field—ahead of the times always.'—Advertisement.

### KAHOKA, MO.

Harry William Wylie and Miss Lottie Hazel Mott, both of Wayland, were united in marriage Tuesday evening, March 31, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mott, at their home near Wayland, Rev. P. P. Frye of the Kahoka M. E. church, officiating. They are a popular young couple and have the best wishes of many friends. They were treated to a noisy charavari Wednesday evening. They will reside in Wayland.

Lloyd E. Van Seggen of Farmington, Iowa, and Mary E. Vornkahl of Acasta, Mo., were granted a marriage license Wednesday.

The county meeting of the Woodmen was held at Wayland Wednesday afternoon with each camp in the county represented. Gus Larson of Wayland, was chosen as chairman of the meeting and S. S. Ball of Kahoka, secretary. C. L. Young of Kahoka,

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