

OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Their Rise and Progress—A Valuable Historical Sketch.

Gen. R. W. Johnson has just issued a paper entitled Real Estate Bulletin which is much beyond ordinary publications of the kind.

Our City Schools.

The unexampled growth of our city during the past few years is a source of civic pride to every citizen. Magnificent business blocks have sprung up as if by magic, upon spots that were formerly the domain of marshes.

The act instituting the Board of Education was passed in 1856, and the board was organized in June of that year, with Hon. George L. Becker, mayor of the city, as president, and Rev. E. D. Neill as secretary and treasurer.

The first school building was erected in 1857, in the month of September, the Washington school was erected, and during the next year the Adams and the Jefferson, since destroyed by fire.

The cost of tuition in our schools compares favorably with that in other cities. The report of the United States Commissioner of Education, for 1879, gives the cost of tuition, supervision and incidental expenses, based upon the average attendance, as follows:

Cambridge, Mass. \$25.45
San Francisco, Cal. 30.30
Denver, Colo. 24.72
Boston, Mass. 23.03
Cincinnati, O. 22.78
Norwich, Conn. 26.51
Hartford, Conn. 22.04
New York, N. Y. 21.77
Newport, R. I. 20.91
Rochester, N. Y. 20.59
New Orleans, La. 22.95
Indianapolis, Ind. 18.23
St. Paul, Minn. 27.38

Among the many features of our schools worthy of special mention is the department of penmanship, under the supervision of Prof. J. A. Bond. As much attention is given to the least as to the highest grades, the work of the penmanship department begins with the first day of school life.

The criticism has been made that the culture of the expressive faculties does not in school life receive due attention. It has been sought to remedy this by talking and writing exercises daily. Description of pictures, reproduction of stories, letter writing and composition work of various kinds has replaced to a large extent the learning of grammatical rules and definitions in grades below the High School, and the attempt is made to teach English grammar by using its rules rather than by memorizing them.

Our superintendent, Prof. B. F. Wright, entered upon his duties with a thorough knowledge of all the details, and by his able management has demonstrated his eminent fitness for the responsible position he holds. So long as he controls the educational interests of our city, parents may rest satisfied that the education of their children is in faithful and competent hands.

During the last year an evening school has been opened for the accommodation of those who, by reason of employment during the day, were not able to avail themselves of the usual school privileges. Over four hundred pupils have been enrolled in this school, and the progress made by pupils has been satisfactory.

MANUAL ARTS CAN BE ATTACKED WITH FAVORABLE CONDITIONS FOR THEIR SOLUTION.

The value of school houses and sites of the city, as given in report of the Comptroller for 1881, is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: School Name, Value. Includes Adams school, Franklin school, Humboldt school, Jefferson school, Jackson school, Lincoln school, Madison school, Monroe school, Harrison school, Neil school, Rice school, River school, Van Buren school, Webster school, Washington school.

The following unimproved real estate is in the possession of the Board of Education:

- Lots 3 and 4, block 4, Bazille & Guerin's Addition, valued at \$5,000
Lots 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28, block 9, Summit Park Addition, 3,000
Lot 1, block 8, block 10, Daniel & Spencer's Addition to West St. Paul, 80
Lots 14 and 15, block 54, West St. Paul, 1,000
Lots 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, block 97, West St. Paul, 1,500
Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, block 13, Terry's Addition, 1,800
Personal property and apparatus, 17,500
Total value of property in possession of Board of Education, \$374,600

The whole amount expended during the past year for salaries was \$70,909.45; for rent, supplies and incidentals, \$15,154.30. The net amount of school taxes collected was \$110,861.72.

The cost of tuition in our schools compares favorably with that in other cities. The report of the United States Commissioner of Education, for 1879, gives the cost of tuition, supervision and incidental expenses, based upon the average attendance, as follows:

Cambridge, Mass. \$25.45
San Francisco, Cal. 30.30
Denver, Colo. 24.72
Boston, Mass. 23.03
Cincinnati, O. 22.78
Norwich, Conn. 26.51
Hartford, Conn. 22.04
New York, N. Y. 21.77
Newport, R. I. 20.91
Rochester, N. Y. 20.59
New Orleans, La. 22.95
Indianapolis, Ind. 18.23
St. Paul, Minn. 27.38

Among the many features of our schools worthy of special mention is the department of penmanship, under the supervision of Prof. J. A. Bond. As much attention is given to the least as to the highest grades, the work of the penmanship department begins with the first day of school life.

The criticism has been made that the culture of the expressive faculties does not in school life receive due attention. It has been sought to remedy this by talking and writing exercises daily. Description of pictures, reproduction of stories, letter writing and composition work of various kinds has replaced to a large extent the learning of grammatical rules and definitions in grades below the High School, and the attempt is made to teach English grammar by using its rules rather than by memorizing them.

Our superintendent, Prof. B. F. Wright, entered upon his duties with a thorough knowledge of all the details, and by his able management has demonstrated his eminent fitness for the responsible position he holds. So long as he controls the educational interests of our city, parents may rest satisfied that the education of their children is in faithful and competent hands.

A SUGGESTION.

For the Consideration of Property Owners on Dayton's Bluff and on East Sixth Street West of Phalen's Creek.

The Seventh street bridge was built for this purpose, and it has done its services. It is in a condition now that it is unsafe for any one to cross it, and those traveling over it do it at the risk of their lives.

The bridge must be rebuilt or a more substantial roadway must take its place. To this end the old bridge must be removed. It will take a year or perhaps more, from the time the new improvement is commenced, before it can be completed.

Now, why not, in the face of this, proceed at once and provide for a proper and permanent crossing over the creek and the railroads on Sixth street and keep up the present Seventh street bridge, by proper repairs, until the necessary bridges and fillings on the line of Sixth street can be completed.

My suggestion, I admit, is not free from selfish motives, but it also involves a matter of considerable importance as a public measure. The Sixth street improvement, if made, will unquestionably enhance the value of every foot of property on east Sixth street more than a hundred fold and make it in the near future equally as valuable as Seventh street property.

WHEREAS, Under and pursuant to a special act of the legislature of the State of Minnesota, entitled "An act to authorize the county of Ramsey to issue certificates of indebtedness for the improvement of the Fort street road," approved November 22, 1881, the county commissioners of Ramsey county were authorized and directed to issue certificates of \$5,000 for the grading and improving of Fort street in said county, now therefore be it

Resolved, That certificates of indebtedness to the amount of \$5,000 be issued as prescribed by said act, for said grading and improvement, and that said certificates be issued and negotiated as in said act set forth.

Resolved, That certificates of indebtedness to the amount of \$5,000 be issued as prescribed by said act, for said grading and improvement, and that said certificates be issued and negotiated as in said act set forth.

Resolved, That certificates of indebtedness to the amount of \$5,000 be issued as prescribed by said act, for said grading and improvement, and that said certificates be issued and negotiated as in said act set forth.

Resolved, That certificates of indebtedness to the amount of \$5,000 be issued as prescribed by said act, for said grading and improvement, and that said certificates be issued and negotiated as in said act set forth.

A VOICE FROM DAYTON BLUFF.

A Call for Justice from that Much Neglected Region.

I know full well that the welfare of the entire city of St. Paul, with which you have cast your lot, lies nearest to your heart. The Globe makes no distinction of locality, race, color, religion, poverty or wealth.

You know full well, as it has been painfully obvious to all denizens of this city, that the beautiful suburb called Dayton's bluff has always been, to this very day, slighted, neglected, hindered, hemmed and circumscribed, to become, for what nature has evidently designed it, the most beautiful, healthy populous suburb of all the suburbs of St. Paul being with all the beauties bestowed upon it by nature, now also the only real beauty of a suburb nearest to the business center of St. Paul and at the same time as quiet and free from dust and smoke and noise of our roaring young giant city, as if it was located miles away in the sylvan solitudes of our primeval forests.

By whom? By those men, who, springing into power and influence by our own votes, and who are called "councilmen," "aldermen," "city fathers," etc., but who, from time immemorial, with honorable exceptions, of course, have justly earned the title of "members of the common sordrels."

The old, wooden, rotten bridge on Seventh street across this ravine was built of pine lumber over ten years ago. It has long been (and is becoming daily more so now) a threatening deadfall for men and beasts. Having been by competent authority long since declared unsafe; the fire engines of the city being forbidden to cross it; heavy teams of busy citizens being warned off officially, even foot passengers preferring the dangerous crossing over twenty railroad tracks on Third street, this horrible wooden, rotten bridge is, nevertheless, nearly the only chance for over 10,000 people of the beautiful and nearest suburb of Dayton's bluff and the vast rich country back of it, to enter the main city, whose merchants and traders of all descriptions live to a large degree upon the profits on purchases by or naturally so morally favored, civilly so shamefully neglected and abused citizens.

It is not necessary to dwell upon all the phases of the "Seventh street improvement." Everybody is conversant with the matter. But, Mr. Editor, permit me to personally and in the name of all the inhabitants of our beautiful and populous suburb of Dayton's bluff appeal through your liberal columns to the remodeled council of the city to give us what we are by common justice as citizens and taxpayers of St. Paul entitled to, "the Seventh street improvement," including grade of said street and a substantial work of approved kind, to bridge the yawning chasm, Phalen's creek, the ravine, which now so effectually severs us (and to the whole city's great damage) from the city, and allow us, in the course of events, the great boon of a line of street cars, to the use of which the 10,000 people of our beautiful suburb anxiously look forward.

Very respectfully, your subscriber, W. F. VAN DEXN, and 30,000 others.

THE COURTS. District Court Special Term. [Before Judge Brill] Assessment for opening, widening and extending Minnesota street, from Twelfth to Bluff street. Continued four weeks.

Allen Peterson vs. Frank Peterson. Continued by consent.

In the matter of the application of James K. Hilyard and wife to adopt George Slowers. To be heard by Judge Simons.

Insurance Agency

HUGHSON & HEMENWAY, Office No. 28, Old No. 22, East Third Street, St. Paul, Minn.

NATIONAL FIRE Fidelity and Casualty NIAGARA FIRE

Insurance Co., Insurance Co., Insurance Co., OF NEW YORK CITY. OF NEW YORK CITY. OF NEW YORK CITY.

Financial statements for National Fire Insurance Co. including Cash Capital, Assets, and Liabilities.

Financial statements for Fidelity and Casualty Insurance Co. including Cash Capital, Assets, and Liabilities.

Financial statements for Niagara Fire Insurance Co. including Cash Capital, Assets, and Liabilities.

STATE OF MINNESOTA, DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, ST. PAUL, February, 1882. I, A. R. McGILL, Insurance Commissioner of the State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that the National Fire Insurance Company above named, has complied with the laws of this State relating to insurance, and is now fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact its appropriate business of insurance in this State for the year ending January 31, 1883.

SEALED PROPOSALS

Will be received at the office of the City Comptroller of the City of St. Paul, State of Minnesota, until 12 m., on Thursday, the 1st day of June, 1882, for

\$416,000 Of 4 per cent. City of St. Paul Bonds, (Coupons attached) issued for the following purposes, viz: \$340,000, maturing in 30 years from June 1st, 1882, for the purchase of the Saint Paul Water Works; \$50,000, maturing in 25 years from June 1st, 1882, for construction of Sewers; \$26,000, maturing in 25 years from June 1st, 1882, for Lafayette Avenue Bridge and Approaches;

Toward the Rising Sun!

THE "Albert Lea Route," Minneapolis & St. Louis Railway, Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railway and the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway

Leading Business Men

St. Paul, Minnesota. A. D. MINNARD, Esq., block 5, corner 3rd and 4th St. W. L. ANDERSON, Esq., block 11, corner 3rd and 4th St.