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## HIGH SCHOOL QUESTION DISCUSSED BY A TEACHER.

Three Fourths of the Expense of Maintaining the School Will  
Fall on Non-Residents.

COST TO THE INDIVIDUAL WILL BE VERY SMALL.

Voters Are Urged to Weigh the Matter Well Before Casting  
Their Ballots on the High School Proposition  
at the Coming Election.

It is customary, perhaps fashionable, to discuss the county high school proposition. It has been discussed along educational and economical lines and something has been said about its being a necessity. This last idea strikes me rather forcibly.

Some years ago our legislature very wisely made the county high school a possibility; with equal wisdom our last legislature very wisely made it a necessity. By raising the standard for teacher's certificates, increased ability will be secured by raising the age limit for teachers greater maturity and better management and discipline will be obtained; by the enforcement of the truancy law regularity of attendance will be secured and greater progress will be made. New life and vigor along educational lines will spring up and the results will be much more satisfactory. I am sure that a careful study of recent enactments will reveal in a most conspicuous way the truth of these statements.

We need not go to New York, St. Louis or Topeka for evidence to prove that compulsory education is highly beneficial. Fortunately we have an example of its effect at the Soldiers Home, in our county. Commandant Thomas established this rule for the regulation of school children: "Go to school or to some other place to eat." It took root, grew, blossomed and bore fruit. Thirty of the twenty-eight graduates in the county schools last year were from the Soldiers Home.

The truancy law says to children between the ages of eight and fifteen years inclusive, attend a public school, or a private, denominational or parochial school for such period as such school shall be in session each year, or go to the State reform school or permit your parents or guardians to pay a fine of from \$5.00 to \$25.00 monthly as a misdemeanor for permitting their children to be absent from school. Will this law secure regularity of attendance at school for the entire term? Will the law be enforced? Do you doubt that the county superintendent has the ability and the backbone to enforce it? I will venture the assertion that his worst enemy (if he has an enemy) cannot point to a single instance where he ever shirked a duty. Don't doubt for a single moment that the attendance will not be greatly improved.

With regular attendance and stronger teachers will there not be a greater number of graduates? Twenty-eight graduated in the county schools and an equal number from the grammar school in Dodge City last year. Sixty pupils have taken the examinations in the county schools this year. Is it unfair to estimate that from sixty to seventy-five pupils will graduate yearly in the county schools under the new order of things?

With sixty-five graduates in the schools of the county outside of Dodge City and twenty-five in the Dodge City school is a County high school a necessity?

Our county superintendent's first term began on the 12th day of May 1903.

Do you doubt that his second term will end on the second Monday of May 1907?

It is hard to realize that the pupil who is eleven years old now will receive a diploma with F. C. Woodbury's signature upon it before the close of the term, and yet it is true.

The average age of graduates is not far from fourteen years. Pupils of fair intelligence with proper home surroundings experience but little difficulty in mastering the course of study as now prepared. We may expect the course of study now in preparation to be a little stronger than the present one, but with increased attendance, greater ability on the part of teachers and more zeal and energy on the part of parents and guardians, few pupils will pass their fifteenth year without completing the course in a satisfactory manner.

Now, here is a problem for parents to solve. These young people cannot receive a certificate to teach until they are eighteen years of age. They are too young to do business for themselves and employers cannot afford to pay them wages sufficient for their own support. What are you going to do with them? Will you send them to Emporia, Manhattan or Lawrence as has been suggested? Mr. S. whose daughter is at Emporia, says it will cost him in round numbers \$1000 to have her complete the four years course there and his reputation for truth and veracity is as good as any man's in the county. By strict economy these figures may be lowered somewhat but it takes money to send young people away to school.

What is good for one portion of the county ought to be good for another. The high school in Dodge City was established some years ago but not without strong opposition. If the County needs no high school neither does Dodge City. If it is economy to send pupils of the county away to school so it may be to send pupils of Dodge City. Let us submit the proposition to the voters of the County to abolish the high school. How many votes do you think will be registered to abolish it. Do you think there will be ten. I doubt very much whether ten persons can be found in the city who will vote to abolish the Dodge City high school. If in a few years this high school has so fully and strongly impressed its value and importance upon the minds of the people of Dodge City will not the same be true of the County high school with regard to the people of the entire county? Do you know how many have graduated from the Dodge City high school? Before you decide to vote against the County high school proposition, do the question the honor to ascertain the number and what positions of honor and trust they are now filling.

Taking the assessed valuation of the county for the year 1902 as a basis we find that a rate of one and three-quarters mills will give us \$4888.36 which I am sure the most extravagant member of the board of trustees will consider ample. A rate of this kind will add the sum of \$0.42 to the taxes on your quarter of land, or \$1.68 to your section of land.

Now is there a man in this county who is the owner of a quarter section of land who is unwilling to contribute 42 cents yearly for the support of higher education? If so, may the Lord incline his soul toward the wilds of Arkansas. Of the \$4888.36 the residents of the county pay but one-fourth, so you are "up against it" at tax-paying time for \$1223.00. This is not such an extravagant amount after all, is it?

True, it would pay the fare of about forty-five students to Emporia for one year, and I have no doubt the railroad company will be glad to receive it, and I understand that some of our citizens are determined to vote to give it to them. Railroads as well as high schools are a necessity, but before you vote to give the company this money consider carefully whether you and your children and their mother don't need the money much worse than the railroad company.

Oh, you are going to save it in board rates, but I don't understand how; \$3.00 per week at Emporia subtracted from \$5.00 per week at Dodge City leaves no remainder, does it? Oh, I see, I see.

At Emporia you pay the \$3.00 strictly in cash, when at Dodge City you may pay a part of it in produce, and you charge for the time required to carry the produce to town.

Those who have been away to school recently, tell me that they paid \$3.00 per week for board, and I am positively informed that ladies who take boarders in Dodge City propose to board students at \$3.00 per week. Upon close investigation I think you will find that the item of board is not a very great saving.

Some years ago when the people of this state were not as prosperous as they are now clubs were formed at Emporia and students secured board at from \$1.85 to \$2.45 per week. These clubs were fostered and cared for by the faculty of the school. Is there any law to prohibit the organization of such clubs in Dodge City to foster a County high school and enable the young people to gain more comprehensive and accurate educations?

If you can buy an article for \$1.00 and sell it a gain of \$3.00, would you not consider it a paying investment? By voting to pay \$1.00 additional taxes you compel the non-resident property holder to contribute \$3.00 towards the education of your children.

How much interest have you in the land which the speculator owns? By your energy, determination, perseverance, skill and stick-to-it-iveness you have doubled the value of his land and you have paid him for the use of his grass while you were doing it. Are you going to vote for his interests or for those of your children and yourself? Dr. Franklin said, "A dollar in the hand is worth ten in the pocket," I think he was right, don't you?

Dodge City has a high school which she has maintained for several years at a rate of one mill. It is universally admitted to be the best institution of the kind in the state west of Hutchinson. If the people of Ford county outside of Dodge City want the graduates of this institution to monopolize the schools of the county we shall register no very serious objection.

When we consider the requirements for certificates at the present time, there can be no doubt that it will be within their power to do so in the near future.

Weigh the matter well and then vote as your conscience dictates.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for your valuable space, I beg to remain,

Yours truly,  
A COUNTRY TEACHER.

### IN SHORT GRASS LAND.

The farmers in Lane county report their wheat as two feet high and in fine condition generally.

A fellow can spend \$25 for booze in Emporia and then get his money back by telling where he bought it.

The Decoration Day ceremonies at Meade will be closed with a home talent performance of Ten Nights in a Bar Room.

Since the school children at Lakin put on a play the people there have their eyes opened to the fact that the traveling shows have been giving inferior performances.

There has been so much rain in Western Kansas this spring that hundreds of prairie dogs have been swept away and drowned before reaching the poison put out for them.

James A. Miles of Lawrence has moved to the short grass country and will publish a Republican paper at Greensburg. The paper he now has charge of is the Greensburg Republican which was established about one year ago.

It would seem from a careful perusal of the following item from the Ashland Clipper that marriage is fatal in Clark county. "James Price and Mrs. Eta Friend were married in this city last Sunday evening and went to their home beyond the river Monday."

### DECORATION DAY

And Memorial Sunday Programs

Arranged by Grand Army.

MEMORIAL SUNDAY, MAY 24.

10 a. m. Lewis post and W. R. C. will meet at G. A. R. hall to march to church.

11 a. m. Services at Christian church—Services by Rev. S. S. McGill.

DECORATION DAY PROGRAM.

(Saturday May 30.)

9 a. m. Post and Relief corps will meet at G. A. R. Hall.

10 a. m. Procession will move from G. A. R. hall, preceded by the Dodge City band to cemetery.

10.40 a. m. Decorating the graves by children of city schools.

AFTERNOON PROGRAM.

1.30 p. m. Post and Relief Corps will again form at G. A. R. hall to march to opera house.

Exercises at the opera house.

Music by Beeson's orchestra.

Invocation by Rev. J. W. Thompson.

Dodge City quartet.

Address by Hon. Fred Dumont Smith.

You Have Seen

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin advertised for months, but have you ever tried it? If not, you do not know what an ideal stomach remedy it is. A 50c bottle will show you its great merits as a cure for constipation, indigestion and sick headaches. At Pine & Bond, Palace Drug Store.

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### SMITH WAS ELECTED.

Captain Sweeney Was Close but Entered Race Too Late.

Several of the Grand Army boys who went to the McPherson encampment, arrived home last night. Capt. D. L. Sweeney who was the Dodge City candidate for Department commander was defeated by A. W. Smith of McPherson. Smith was in the race early and showed up at the encampment with 258 votes. Capt Sweeney had a following of over 200 but he got into the race too late to win.

The reunion will be held at Lawrence and the next encampment will be held at Emporia.

Captain J. L. Finley of Dodge City was elected as a delegate to the National Encampment.

### UPLAND ALFALFA.

Tests in Western Kansas Show it a Profitable Crop.

Upland alfalfa is fast becoming a profitable crop. The Meade Globe says: Bob Campbell has 15 acres of alfalfa on the highest flat in Meade Co. and where it is 175 feet to water. He says it is larger and more thrifty this spring than that now growing on the bottom lands. The Globe will make the prediction that it will not be 5 years before on the uplands of Meade Co. will be growing hundreds of acres of as fine alfalfa as is now seen growing on the bottoms. Mr. Campbell says he always cut at least one crop of hay each year and some times three. Will some Illinois and Iowa farmers tell us how many crops of clover and timothy hay is cut from their land in a season? Do they ever get more than one?

The Athenium club will meet tomorrow with Mrs. Fred Gardner.

Mrs. J. H. Churchill who has been ill for several weeks, is much better.

Mrs. Welch has recovered from her recent illness and is now in charge of her business again.

FOR SALE CHEAP—One good second hand New Home sewing machine at the Central House.

Mrs. H. R. Brown and little daughters expect to spend several days at Kinsley next week visiting her parents.

The Improvement club will meet Saturday afternoon at the Christian church. It is very much desired that all who are interested in the work this club is doing will be present.

The ladies who are endeavoring to establish a kindergarten for the summer in Dodge City, will serve ice cream and cake at the Rink Saturday afternoon and evening. The proceeds will be used to purchase materials suitable for kindergarten work. Be sure to stop in when you are down town Saturday. You will be sure to meet your friends there.

Beeson's orchestra will furnish music at the High school commencement exercises on May 29.

The address to the High school class will be made at the coming commencement by A. B. Reeves.

A Rock Island trainman, Mr. Arthur Roberts secured a license here to marry Mrs. Marvel E. King. Both of the contracting parties live in Kansas City, Mo. Mr. Roberts found that he would not reach home in time to secure a license, without postponing the wedding day, so he came up here from Bucklin, secured a license, made his run into Kansas City, and was married the same evening in Kansas City, Kansas.

Jim Hamilton, of Kingman, at one time State treasurer and a prominent politician, says: "We old fellows who know nothing but to follow cows, will have to move on." He says that Kansas land out west is worth \$10 for wheat and only \$2 an acre for cattle, and that the big herds will have to move up to the northwest where the grass is good and let the farmers come on westward and take up the land for agriculture. The cattle kings have had a long struggle to keep the farmers out, but they are finding it a losing game and will seek pasture where grass will grow, but where farming will not pay.—Wichita Star.

Notice.

Sealed bids will be received by the City clerk for the construction of such sidewalks as the city may find under the provision of ordinance No. 264. Said bids shall be for the furnishing of material and the construction thereof of 1st, 2nd 3rd & 4th class sidewalks, each per linear foot for vitrified sidewalk brick, stone, paving cement. The time for receiving such bids shall remain open up to 4 p. m. June 3rd. The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

S. GALLAGHER JR.  
Clerk.

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