

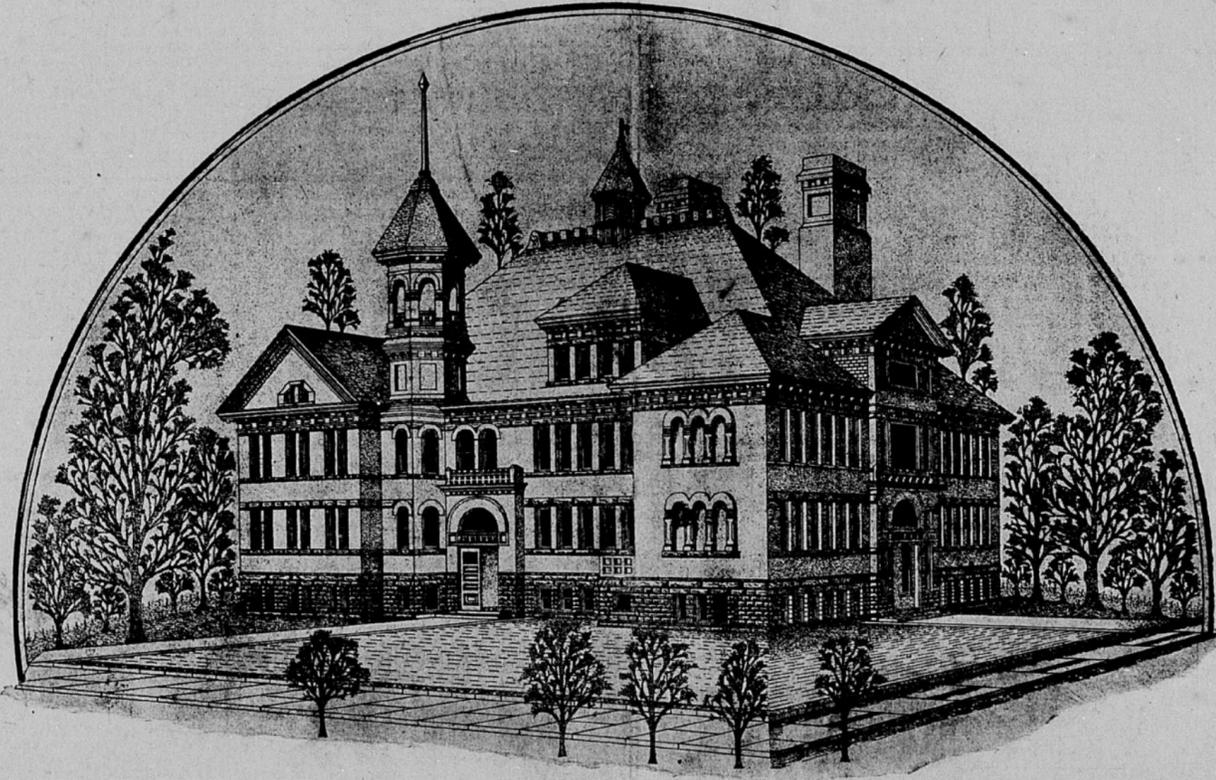
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Denison's Fine New Educational Building.



THE HANDSOME NEW HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING COMPLETED JANUARY 1, 1900.—MODERN IN EVERY DEPARTMENT.—A \$40,000,00 BUILDING.—W. R. PARSONS & SON, OF DES MOINES, ARCHITECTS; J. F. ATKINSON, OF MARSHALLTOWN, CONTRACTOR, AND L. A. SEWELL, SUPERVISOR. HIGH SCHOOL, KINDERGARTEN AND OTHER DEPARTMENT NICELY LOCATED.

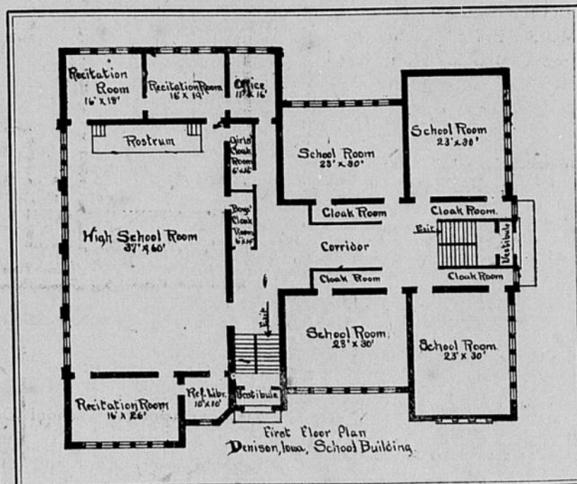
The New High School.

THE new High School, the cut of which is shown above, is the pride of all Denisonites. No town of the same population, can boast of so fine a structure, and many towns much larger possess school buildings inferior to this one. Denison is now better equipped than ever before to sustain its already enviable reputation as an educational center.

For some years the necessity of increased school accommodations have been apparent, and the over-crowded condition of the three buildings, rendered it necessary to use the McKim hall basement for the kindergarten and the city hall for the grammar grade, demanded immediate relief. At the regular March meeting it was decided to submit to the voters a proposition to bond the district for \$15,500 for the purpose of erecting a new high school building. While the proposition easily carried, many voted against it because they believed the amount requested insufficient to construct a building worthy the "New Denison" of rapidly increasing growth and importance. This sentiment was so strong that a new election was ordered, and by an almost unanimous vote, the substitute proposition to bond the District for \$7,000 additional for building purposes, and \$1,000 for site carried.

August 18th the contract was awarded to J. F. Atkinson, of Marshalltown, Iowa. From that day the work was rapidly pushed

and the building is now completed, and has been occupied for one month. Wm. Rath, of Denison, had the painting and oiling contract, and W. R. Parsons & Sons Co., of Des Moines were the architects. L. Sewell personally supervised the work. The building is 108 ft. by 96 ft. with stone foundation and trimmings. The walls are built of brick from C. Green's brick yard, and veneered with Omaha hydraulic pressed brick. The



wood-work in the interior is oak and the floors are hard pine. On the basement floor, most of which is cement the work of Faus Bros., are the furnaces, closets, engine room, coal room and kindergarten. The closets and heating apparatus are the

work of the American Warming and Ventilating Co. The building is heated with hot air from five furnaces, all the air being supplied from out-of-doors and forced through the pipes by a huge fan driven by a nine horse power gasoline engine. The kindergarten room is in reality not a basement, it being but about two and one-half feet in the ground. It is 53 ft. by 26 ft., splendidly lighted, airy and absolutely free from dampness.

THE KINDERGARTEN.

The Denison kindergarten is fully equipped for thorough work and the effect of the kindergarten training is already very ap-

parent in the grades. But very few towns in Iowa are so advanced educationally as to support a public kindergarten. The private kindergarten is always for the rich and not the poor. The last Teachers' State Association recommended the establishment of public school kindergartens in

every town and village in Iowa just as rapidly as well trained teachers could be educated for that purpose. Denison leads the van in the establishment and maintenance of the kindergarten, and is to be congratulated on the possession of this room so well adapted for the purpose. Miss Elva D. Bond, assisted by Miss Grace Brown has this department in charge.

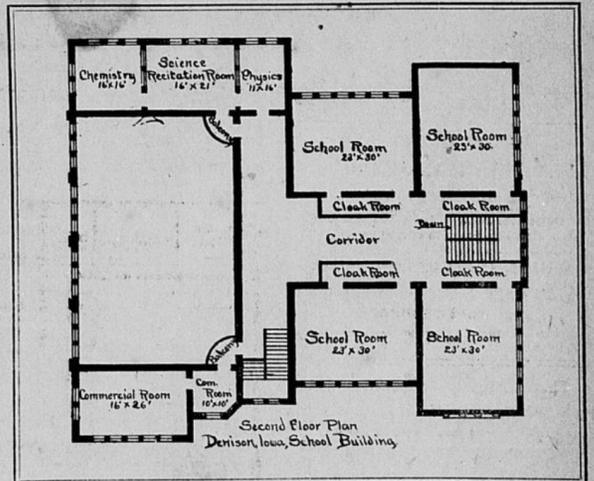
EXCELLENT CORPS OF TEACHERS.

On the first floor there are four grade rooms, each 30 ft. long and 23 ft. wide and 12 ft. high, lighted from one side and with a seating capacity of 50 pupils each. Miss Ida Craft presides over the primary department in the south-east room; Miss Maude Bryan teaches the south room; Miss Margaret King the north-east room and Miss Gertrude French the north room.

The high school room in charge of Prin. Geo. R. Davies and Assistant Emma Rollinson, is a "Thing of beauty and a joy forever", sixty feet long, thirty-seven wide and twenty-two high, well lighted and with a seating capacity for 170 pupils, it makes a magnificent assembly room, of which teachers and pupils are justly proud. South of the high school room is a small office adjoining a class room, making together excellent science rooms. On the north are two smaller class rooms, and a third room which will probably be used for a reading room. The halls are roomy, and are provided with open cloak rooms.

On the second floor there are four grade rooms corresponding in size to those on the first floor, but three of them now being occupied by Miss Margaret Gillmor

occupies the south room with the 8th grade, Miss Mable McAhren the north-east room with the 7th grade and Miss Emma Raine the south-east room with the 6th grade. Supt. Failor's office is also on this floor, conveniently located at the left of the south flight of stairs, and south of the high school room. On the north also are three class rooms corresponding to those in size.



The building, grounds and equipment are easily worth \$40,000, making a magnificent school property.

Patrons of the school are cordially invited to visit the schools and the school building. Neither can be appreciated until seen.

THE SCHOOL BOARD.

This article should not close without mention of the faithful services of the school board. Its president, E. S. Plimpton; its members, R. Knaul, B. Y. Nicholson, A. J. Bond, L. A. Sewell

and its secretary, C. M. Staley deserve great credit for the execution of this difficult undertaking. A public enterprise of this sort always necessitates sacrifice of private business interests. The public owes them a debt of gratitude.

Denison has always taken an advanced position towards education. The old brick school, still standing and in use, evidences the far-sightedness of the

pioneers of our city. The handsome brick structure in north Denison, the commodious college buildings, and, as a crowning effort, the new high school, stands as lasting monuments to the enlightenment and progress of our people. There can be little danger of moral or intellectual decay in a community which makes such evident efforts to provide for the education of its youth.

The new building is a handsome home-like one and already the fortunate pupils are rejoicing over the care taken for them by their elders.