Aldrich Chas. Curator,
Historical Dept

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WAGES ARE INCREASED

Statistics Showing Wage Scale of Crawford's Teachers.

BETTER TEACHERS ASSURED

Through the Kindness of Supt, Hoffman We are Enabled to Publish the Following Article:

Wages of the rural teachers in Crawford county have taken a remarkable step forward this spring. At the regular March meetings of the several township boards the wages we re-adjusted for the coming year. Last year these wages varied from $42.50 per month, the salary of a first grade teacher in Union township, to $22.00 per month, the pay of a third grade teacher in Paradise. This year the highest wages are the same, the lowest will be $25.00 per month, and the general average will be considerably increased. Thus far sixteen townships have reported their their wage schedules for next year and of the number nine made a substantial raise. The increase varies from $5 per month to $1. Some townships that felt they were paying all the attendance in their schools allowed decided to hold nine months instead of eight months of school, We expect to receive reports from the rest of the county that will show a raise of wages in at least twelve of the twenty townships. This is an exceptional record for a single year.

This unity of action on the part of the one hundred seventy school directors and officers must have had something to promote it. What was it? We do not know but we have a guess. During the past year and a half there has been just about enough teachers to fill the schools. In some instances directors were compelled to hunt for, and almost coax teachers to come and take their schools. In a sense, there were enough teachers to fill all the places, but to find just the teacher who wanted this particular school was the directors' problem. Some whom he asked could teach nearer home, others get better wages somewhere else, and his hunt would continue.

This spring there were just twenty-five teachers quit teaching in Crawford county. Some were married, some were needed at home, some had ill-health, but perhaps a majority decided to quit teaching because there was not salary enough in the occupation. Many saw they could do better at something else and decided to take it up without further loss of time. The directors saw that they must do something to counteract this exodus from the teaching profession. They did not desire a poorer grade of teachers, hence did not ask the county superintendent to lower the standard and thus supply more teachers. They reasoned that if they wanted really bright, young people to become teachers and have charge of the educating and training of their boys and girls, they must offer such financial remuneration as to induce them to enter the teachers' profession They have come to the right solution and by another year more of our board, who were undecided as to what was best to do, will have reached the same conclusion.

It is generally the bright, active, ambitious teacher who quits for something better, not the indolent, inert, don't-care one. Then to better or hold our teaching force intact, we must meet the demands of the times. In our commercial age we must solve the problem in a commercial way. A good, fare, square educational and moral standard for teachers is invaluable. On those who fail to reach it, it may seem to work a hardship, but in keeping them from going out poorly prepared and wholly incompetent, to make a failure in the work they undertake, it is really doing them an everlasting favor. The blessing it brings to a school and community by bringing a thoroughly competent and wide-a-wake teacher needs no comment here.

To the teacher herself, it means a good deal to have a high standard in her county. The matter of higher wages we have already noted. We have in mind a number of instances where teachers, moving from our county to another, have had their Crawford county certificates accepted and indorsed in whole for the new county, thus saving them the expense of a trip to Sioux City, Carroll or Onawa, to write the examination. We know of county certificates that are good for nothing beyond the boundaries of the home county. A person poorly prepared goes out to teach; she satisfies no one—not even herself. Besides an innumerable number of trials and troubles are hers. Good wages and good teachers are inseparable. Poor wages and poor teachers are likewise nearly so. You cannot get something for nothing in the schoolroom anymore than you can in the store, on the farm, in life anywhere.

The following table shows the wages as fixed for 1905-06 in the several townships of the county, also the number of months school and the library each possesses. The starred townships last years' wages are quoted. They may be the same or different for this new year.

Township	Mos of School	Library	S & F 1st G.	S & F 2nd G.	S & F 3rd G.	Winter 1st G.	Wnter 2nd G	Wnter 3rd G	raise or same as last year
Soldier ..	8	very sml	$33 00	$31 oc	$30 00	$38 00	$35 00	$33 00	....$3 raise
Morgan ..	8	very sml	34 00	32 00	28 00	36 00	34 00	30 00	.... $2 raise
*Otter Cr	9	small	36 00	32 00	28 00	36 00	32 00	28 00	
St'ckholm	8	small	33 00	31 00	29 00	34 00	32 00	30 00	.....same
Jackson ..	9	excell'nt	35 00	30 00	30 00	35 00	30 00	30 00	.....same
*W. Side.	9	good	30 00	30 00	30 00	30 00	30 00	30 00	
Milford ..	8	excell'nt	37 50	35 00	30 00	38 50	36 00	31 00	... ..raised
Goodrich	8	good	32 00	29 00	25 00	35 00	32 00	29 00	.....same
Hanover.	9	small	30 00	30 00	30 00	30 00	30 00	30 00	.....same
*Ch. Oak.	8	good	32 00	30 00	?	35 00	30 00	?	
Willow...	8	excell'nt	32 50	30 00	30 00	37 50	35 00	35 00	..... same
Paradise.	9	good	34 00	30 00	25 00	38 00	34 00	28 00	.. ....raised
Denison .	9	small	32 00	30 00	26 00	32 00	30 00	26 00	..... raised
E. Boyer.	9	none	30 00	30 00	30 00	33 00	33 00	33 00	.....raised
Hayes...	9	excel l'nt	30 00	30 00	30 00	35 00	35 00	35 00	.....same
*Iowa ...	9	gd-new	30 00	30 00	30 00	35 00	35 00	35 00	
Nishna ..	9	just ordd	32 00	30 00	30 00	32 00	30 00	30 00	... .$2 raise
Wash....	8	gd-new	40 00	35 00	?	40 00	35 00	?	..... $5 raise
Union....	9	excell'nt	37 50	35 00	?	42 50	37 50	?	.....samed
Boyer....	9	exeell'nt	35 00	30 00	30 00	40 00	35 00	35 00	.....raise

Resolutions of Respect on the Death of Comrade L. A. Sewell.

WHEREAS, Taps have once more sounded and another comrade has stepped from our ranks, not to fall to the rear, but to go on before the column. Once more the elbow touch is broken and our ranks are made shorter for thd Supreme Commander has taken another of our number on the other side. Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we mourn the loss of Comrade Sewell. That we bow in submi sion to the Divine Will. That we command the bereaved family to that Being, who notes even the sorrowful. That we extend to the family of the deceased our sympathy in fraternity, charity and loyalty.

That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased. Ordered by the G. A. R Post at its regular meeting, March 25, 1905.

JEROME BLACKMAN, Com.
JOHN L. RICHARDSON, Adj.

A QUIET WEDDING.

Married, Wednesday, April 5, at the M E. parsonage, Rev. Emory Miller officiating, Mr. J. A. Williams, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Miss Metta May McHenry.

Mr. Williams is a solicitor for the Nonpareil and is a genial, royal, good fellow. Having done a great deal of canvasing in our midst he has a wide acquaintance with our young people.

Miss McHensy is a daughter of Mr, W. C. McHenry, her mother have died when she was quite young. She has lived most of her life with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Morris McHenry.

After rhe marriage they were served with a sumptuous dinner at the Morris McHenry home, after which they took the 1 o'clock train for their new home at Council Bluffs. We wish for them health, wealth and prosperity.

COURT NEWS.

The first case on the assignment was Willard Thresher Co. vs Herman Grill and was by agreement referred to referee to be agreed upon in the future.

The next was the case of Peter Kortum vs C. L. Patterson. Judgment was given out by default against plaintiff for costs.

In the case Herman Schlemmer vs Charley Erne by agreement judgement was rendered for $.0 and costs,

In the Neddermeyer road case against the county the plaintiff filed motion for a change of venure on the ground that all the jurors were prejudiced as tax payers

The case of F. W. Ellis vs the Bulletin Publishing Co. was settled and dismissed.

The case of W. W. Cushman is now on trial to a jury.

The case of State vs Fred Baynes and W. Hinrichson dismissed for want of evidence to convict.

Rowena H. Familton was granted a divorce from Wm. Familton, and Bridget Kerigan vs James Kerigan; Addie B Nellis vs Oliver A. Nellis; Addison Morgan vs Phillis P. Morgan.

AN OLD SETTLER CALLED HOME

Died on his farm in Iowa Township Wednesday morning at 2 o'clock.

Mr. Dennis B. McMahon, at the age of about 76 years old. Mr. McMahon has been a resident of Crawford county for about thirty years. He leaves a family of grown children, two girls and two boys all of whom are married and live near the old homestead. The funeral will be held at Manilla Friday at 10 o'clock a. m.

—Crop assuring garden seeds at 12-4t. THE BALLE-BRODERSEN CO.

FIRE AT THE POOR FARM.

One Inmate Perishes in Burning Building. Entire Building Swept By Flames.

At 3:15 o'clock on Sunday morning, the family of F. M. Cole, who occupy the poor farm a mile east of this place, discovered the building to be on fire. A hasty effort was made to get the family and the fifteen inmates out. The household goods were then removed from the lower story, it being impossible to remove those of the upper part.

After all that could be done had been accomplished, it was learned that Perry Wilson, a weak minded inmate was missing, and his charred trunk was later recovered from the ruins. It is positively asserted that he was gotten out and was seen outside the building and is supposed to have returned to the room to recover some of his belongings, when he was overcome and perished.

Mr. Cole and family are very much affected by this part of the loss and can give no other explanation of how it could have happened. Besides this, the only one injured was old Mrs. John Anderson, who fell, while trying to cross a ditch to get to a safe distance, breaking her wrist. Mrs Cole is nearly prostrated as a result of the exposure and nervous shock.

The inmates were at once removed to the homes of Ira Springer and Joseph Kepford, nearby, where they are getting the best care possible.

The fire is said to have originated in some unaccountable manner in the woodshed, which is at the east end of the wash house, east of the south-east corner of the building, and the wind being south-east, the fire was driven rapidly through the main building, as everything was very dry at the time.

The fire was discovered at 3:15 and at 4:25, in one hour and ten minutes, not a thing was left above the ground.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF CITY.

Statement of Receipts & Expenditures For the Past Year of the City of Denison,

RECEIPTS FROM APRIL 3 1904 TO APRIL 3 ,1905

Balance on hand Apr. 3'04		$ 887 46
Corporation tax	5104 29	
Bond tax	2487 47	
Library tax	1019 08	
Library tax from Independent district	100 00	
Carnegie donation	2500 00	
Road Tax	701 63	
Poll "	143 00	
Mulct "	4417 20	
Water Rent	3424 76	
Sewer Subscription	100 00	
Licenses	108 85	
Fines	31 00	
Park Rent	5 00	
Scale Rent	60 00	
sale of Scales	130 00	
Sale of old plank	36 53	
Sale of Time Warrants	3000 00	
Sale of bonds	20166 66	
		$ 43535 38
Total		$ 44422 84

EXPENSES EROM APRIL 3 1904 TO APRIL 3 1905

Salaries	2065 00
Street work and supplies	3811 09
Street and city Hall lights	2543 70
Pumping	1145 67
Lumber	1131 94
Hardware and water works.	620 72
Fire department supplies	22 99
Election expenses	98 75
Printing	88 95
Officers fees	259 85
Office supplies	58 52
Sewer repairs	8 83
Telepone	7 00
New bond issue	28 89
Library	3023 61
Municipal league dues	15 00
Delegate expenses	30 78
City Hall and stand pipe improvement	241 25
Chemical engine	600 00
Freight on Pump	35 84
Interest	2420 20
Bonds paid	7000 00
Time warrants paid	12041 75
	$ 37300 33
Balance on hand April 3 1905	$ 7122 51

Of the above balance of $7122 51 the following amounts are not available for running expenses.

Amount set aside for paying balance of old bonds	$ 4045 52
Amount belonging to library	1622 90
Leaving a net available balance of	1454 09

PRESENT CITY INDEBTEDNESS

Bonded debt	$ 20000 00	
Time warrants	3000 00	
New City pump	550 00	
Setting and connecting same	85 00	
Salaries and current bills unpaid	1403 77	
Total		$ 25038 77
Less available balance on hand		1454 09
Net debt		$ 23584 68

U. G. JOHNSON
W. T. WRIGHT
GEO. O. DAVIS
Finance Committee

The Halifax Maritime Merchant professes to know that the people this side of the Canada line are worrying because the exports in American breadstuffs declined 50 per cent in 1904. Our experts declared some time ago that the decrease in exports was due solely to increased consumption at home. If we need it and can afford to eat it, as we surely can, it is clearly a case when we can keep cool and "let the other fellow worry."

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