

Santa Claus Headquarters at

Crawford's Great Central Store

Suitable Gifts for the Little Ones: Dry Goods Section

(Main Floor)



Dolls, Picture Books, Juvenile Books, Games, Stationery, Gloves and Mittens, Handkerchiefs, Dress Goods, Hosiery and Underwear, Ribbons, Perfumes, Neckwear, Children's Rocking Chairs, Doll Carriages, Mouth Organs, Pencil Boxes, Toy Trunks, Kindergarten Games.



Shoe Department

All kinds of Children's Shoes and Gaiters, Soft Soles and Moccasins, Rubber Footwear.

China Department

Toy Tea Sets, Plate, Cup and Saucer Sets, Cups and Saucers, Mugs, Mush and Milk Sets, China Banks, China Dogs and Cats.

Cloak Department



Children's Cloaks, Misses Cravettes, Children's Furs and Fur Sets.

Candy Section

Candy in bulk or fancy packages.

Hardware Department

Child Sets—Knife, Fork and Spoon, Pocket Knives, Skates and Sleds.

Infants Section

(Second Floor)

Baby Bonnets, Baby Rattles, Baby Jackets and Fancy Sacques, Stocking Caps, Booties, Baby Pillows, Baby Baskets, Baby Carriages and Robes.

Jewelry Section

Rings, Bracelets, Brooches, Neck Beads, Watch Chains and Fountain Pens.

Grocery Department

The best the market affords in every line. Special effort made on Fruits, Nuts and Candies.

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ABOUT SCHOOLS.

Supt. Hoffman Gives us Some Interesting Statistics.

THE SALARIES ARE HIGHER.

Teachers Are Scarcer, However, and Some Townships Have Difficulties in Getting Teachers.

In the county superintendent's annual report to the State Superintendent there are many interesting things. And this is especially so to those directly concerned with our public schools. Considering the amount of money spent in their support and the great number of persons employed in them it is not surprising that this should be so. Here are some comparisons of different items for the years 1900 and 1905.

Total amount spent for schools in 1900, \$162,094.33, in 1905 \$176,846.99.

Total amount paid teachers in 1900, \$102,207.65, in 1905, \$122,621.55

Total number between 5 and 21 years old in 1900, 7,765, in 1905, 7,556.

Average daily attendance in 1900, 3,642, in 1905 3,686.

Average salary of male teachers in 1900, \$36.83, in 1905, \$54.01.

Average salary of female teachers in 1900, \$29.97, in 1905, \$35.75.

Average number of months taught per year in each district in 1900 8.4, in 1905, 8.6. Value of apparatus taught in each district in 1900, \$15,070.00, in 1905, \$14,573.00.

Total number of teachers in each district in 1900, 277, in 1905, 226.

Number with state certificates in 1900, 8, in 1905, 13.

Number of schools visited by the County Superintendent in 1900, 55, in 1905 150.

In the above comparisons we note a remarkable improvement in practically every item. There is a difference of nearly \$15,000 in the money spent on our schools, and over \$20,000 paid to teachers. The total number of persons of school age now is 179 less than in 191, but the average daily attendance is 44 more. This is a result of the compulsory educational law and a system of reward cards which is used for regular attendance and punctuality. In the salaries of the teachers we note a good increase. The increase during the five years has averaged \$3.45 for males and \$1.15 for females per year in monthly salary. The trend is toward a nine months' school year. It has advanced two-tenths of a month in the five years. The value of apparatus is placed lower now by the several school secretaries than it was five years ago. This is no doubt correct as in many schools we find old, half-worn out charts, maps, etc.

There is a remarkable contrast in the number of teachers. There are fifty-one teachers less in the county now than there was here five years ago. There are seven vacant schoolhouses in the county owing to a lack of enough children to hold school. There is quite a difference in the amount of money each township spends upon its schools. Among those spending the least is Denison township with the following items:

Paid teachers, \$1830.20, Paid out of contingent fund, \$446.70, total, \$2276.90. An average township, is Willow with the following items: Paid teachers, \$2237.80, paid out of contingent fund, \$858.23, total, \$3096.03. The township spending the most for its schools is Union with these amounts: Paid teachers, \$3,075.00, paid out of the contingent fund, \$803.40, total, \$3878.40.

There are now 226 teacher's places in the county. 61 of these are in town and 165 are in the rural schools. There are 102 first grade certificates in force in the county, but only about 56 first grade teachers are teaching at present. Thirty-two of these are in the rural schools. Last June there were 41 graduates from graded schools in the county, 18 boys and 23 girls. There were last year 14 rural graduates, i. e. pupils finishing the eight year course of study. All the townships have rural libraries now except East Boyer, Union, Boyer and Washington townships pay the highest teachers' wages. One of them has reached the \$42.50 mark. There is no shortage of teachers there. In general, there is a lack of about a half dozen teachers for the winter terms. This is quite a problem and will need solution very soon. This shortage is quite general over the state as it seems many of our boards have not kept pace with other occupations in the raise of salaries. Does the remedy for the shortage of teachers lie in 1st. A raise of salary; 2nd. a lowering of the standard; 3rd, township consolidation of schools; or 4th, in the closing of the very small schools and transporting of the pupils to the others? Let our wise men solve the problem.

F. L. Hoffman, County Supt.

The most pleasant, safest and best remedy to use for Coughs, Colds, Croup, Whooping Cough, etc., is Kennedy's Laxative Honey and Tar. This remedy expels all cold from the system by acting as a cathartic on the bowels. Sold by Lamborn Drug Co.

PRIZES FOR CORN

The First National Bank of Charter Oak, Ia., has very generously made the following offer to the farmers of this county.

Any person from Crawford county, who brings or sends his corn to Ames, Iowa, at the time of the annual Corn Contest, which is to be held January 1-13, at the Iowa State College and wins in his district will receive prizes as follows: For winning first place, \$25.00; for winning second place, \$15.00; for winning third place, \$10.00. Should the winner in this district win over those in the Central section, the Bank will pay him an additional \$10.00 premium.

The above premiums are offered by this bank in addition to the liberal premiums offered by the Iowa Corn Growers Association.

The generous cooperation shown by this Bank, in endeavoring to substantially increase both the quantity and quality of Iowa's greatest crop, is certainly very commendable and deserves special recognition.

Nothing will cure indigestion that doesn't digest the food, itself, and give the stomach rest. You can't expect that a weak stomach will regain its strength and get well when it is compelled to do the full work that a sound stomach should do. You wouldn't expect a sick horse to get well when it is compelled to do a full day's work every day of the week. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure is a perfect digestant and digests the food regardless of the condition of your stomach. Relieves indigestion, Belching, Sour Stomach, and all stomach disorders. Sold by Lamborn Drug Co.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

The boys and girls of the High School will give in the near future, a production of "The Merchant of Venice" (up to date) for the benefit of the athletic associations.

Florence Baker is absent from school on account of illness.

Hazel Laub just returned from a visit at Des Moines and Indianola. At the former place she was the guest of Miss Polster.

John Flahive entered school Monday. Morrison Conrad is being detained from school on account of sickness.

Miss Nachtmann and Miss Mueller entertained the Teacher's Club last Friday evening.

The Senior literature class takes up the study of Carlyle's essay on Burns. All are glad to see the pictures, flags and statuary back in their old places in the H. S. room.

Teachers do not need to ask why lessons are unprepared nowadays. It's skating time.

Denison High School base ball team is booked for a game with the Omaha High School in the spring.

Rough skin and cracked hands are not only cured by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, but an occasional application will keep the skin soft and smooth. Best for Eczema, Cuts, Burns, Boils, etc. The genuine DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve affords immediate relief in all forms of Blind, Bleeding, Itching and protruding Piles. Sold by Lamborn Drug Co.

A FINE TEACHERS MEETING.

The teachers of Denison and the neighborhood to the number of sixty gathered at the central school building for their annual meeting and round-table. Supt. Fellows made an ideal chairman and by his practical questioning brought out some most excellent thoughts from those present. As an introduction to the program Miss Nachtmann sang a solo, which was liberally applauded. John Ainsworth read an original poem which set us all to thinking. Miss Randall of the college, gave a very entertaining reading that was enjoyed by every one.

The topic, "Busy work," was presented by Misses Stoner and Jordan in two strong and well delivered papers. Prof. Johnson read a paper supporting the idea of manual training in the rural schools. This topic brought some lively discussion as some held that it was impracticable in the country school. They called the debate a draw and will continue the discussion in a future meeting.

Mr. A. G. Meyers asked how far the patrons should be allowed a hand in managing the school, and quite a variety of opinions were found to be held by those present. Prof. McDaniel sent a good paper in "How far the Child Should be Allowed to Select their Work."

Children often go years to a country school and never study grammar, physiology and other subjects. When they enter a graded school or college they are an enigma to classify. The thought was given that teachers should appeal to the parent, the board and County Superintendent for aid in enforcing the course of study. All in all, a fine meeting was had and much good received by those who stayed throughout the session.

The season of indigestion is upon us. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure for Indigestion and Dyspepsia will do everything for the stomach that an over-worked stomach can not do for itself. Kodol Digests what you eat—gives the stomach a rest—relieves sour stomach, belching, heartburn, indigestion, etc. Lamborn Drug Co.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR EVERYBODY.

OUR STORE has again taken on a Holiday Dress. We have put in stock as fine an Assortment of Holiday Merchandise as Denison has ever seen and we solicit a share of your business. In our immense line you will find the best in BOOKS, FANCY, GOODS, PICTURES, BIBLES, CHINAWARE, VASES, DOLLS, TOYS, Etc. Prices as low as consistent with good goods.

Our Book Dept.

Is filled with the newest copyrights at \$1.25, Standard Poets from 25c to \$2.00. Boys and Girls books from 10c up. Juvenile books, from 5c up.

Fancy Goods.

In Metal, Celluloid, Leather and Burnt Wood, in endless variety at popular prices, ranging from 10c to \$10.00. Something to please everyone; standard Fiction, big list, at 25c up

BIBLES.

A big stock of Bibles always on hand. Also Pelovbet's notes on the S. S. Lessons, for 1906, price \$1.00.

In Fancy China

You will find in our line both Plates, Cups and saucers, Olive and Salad Dishes, Nut Bowls, Vases, Etc., in Haviland China and German China. Many very pretty things that will not be seen elsewhere.

Toys and Dolls

THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS DELIGHT can be found in endless variety, large and small and at all prices from 1c up. We are recognized by the wholesale trade as the biggest buyers of Toys and Dolls in western Iowa, and are able to get prices way below our competitors, and we give you the benefit. Bear these facts in mind.

Christmas Trees

AND TRIMMINGS, ON THE 10th.

Now we want to see our old customers and all who are interested in Christmas Presents. Always welcome as lookers or buyers.

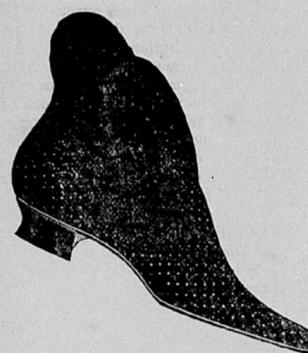
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Kelly's Shoe Store

Canned Goods Season

The time for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables is nearly passed, but few people realize how nearly Canned Goods can be made to take their place, not what a wide selection is offered. We believe we carry the Best Line of Canned Goods in Denison. In Fruits we offer Peaches, Pears, Plums, Apples, Grapes, Raspberries, Strawberries, Blackberries, Grated Pineapples, Blackberries and Apricots. In Vegetables, Tomatoes, Peas, Kidney Beans, Hominy, Cauliflower, Spinach, Squash, Pumpkin, Corn, Asparagus, Boston Baked Beans, Strawberry Beets. In Miscellaneous Lines, Soups, Catsups, Sardines, Oysters, Salmon, Shrimp, Olives, Shredded Cod Fish, Veal Loaf, Fine Cheese, Dried Beef, Potted Hams, Jellies, Salad Dressing and Breakfast Foods of all kinds. Hams, Tongue and Seaquads. Canned Goods make winter housekeeping a delight. We have the best of everything you may need.

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