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May Be Half and Half Proposition

Two Buildings Seem the Probable Solution of High School Proposition.

The school board met Monday afternoon at 7:30 p. m. J. P. Higgins, president, presided. The high school proposition was the main item on the agenda. The board discussed the proposition for a long time and finally decided to hold a public hearing on Monday night next week.

Although the plans of the school board are not yet definite, it is very likely that Chanute will have a high school building. Instead of one building, one on the west side and one on the east. One would be for the seventh, eighth and ninth grades and the other for the tenth, eleventh and twelfth. The board also discussed the proposition for a new school building under the present plan. The board is of the opinion that the present plan is a necessary one for the great number of students that are now being passed on in annexes and other makeshift buildings. The board, however, is of the opinion that the excess of pupils is a serious problem.

The plan was discussed and the board decided to hold a public hearing on Monday evening at the high school auditorium at this time with committee members from the Merchants Association and the Commercial Club. The board will meet again on the following Monday evening. One of the members of the school board said this morning that he thought a hundred thousand dollars would put Chanute schools in apple pie order, and believed that a proposition satisfactory to the majority of the people could be presented to them. The need of high school and ward buildings is apparent and an extra effort will be made this time to get the proposition arranged in a satisfactory manner.

Reception for Leroy Smith

A reception was given for Leroy Smith, Sunday February 9, at the home of Mrs. C. McMillen, at 1211 W. Main. Leroy intends to return to Kansas City in the near future, where he will resume his work in the Spauldings Commercial college.

F. H. Zink went to Altoona Monday on business.

Lack of Information May Have Caused Slowness in Caring for Lawbreakers.

County Attorney E. W. Grant was complimented on the way he handled the bootlegging cases, in a commissioners meeting Tuesday afternoon, after the fact of their existence had been brought home to him.

In discussing the bootlegging situation in Chanute last Tuesday at the regular meeting of the Commission, Grant came in for a small amount of criticism in allowing matters to drag. It is now the prevailing opinion that he had not been properly apprised of conditions as they existed here, for they lost a time after that meeting in coming to Chanute and sent several over the road in short order. Commissioner Johnson, who brought up the bootlegging condition at the meeting on last Tuesday yesterday said "I think that Grant is to be applauded for the manner that he has carried matters through and I am convinced that he is a good conscientious official."

The fact that a resolution had been passed asking the Sheriff to appoint Chief Grady, deputy sheriff of Neosho county and that the request it had not been complied with was mentioned. Johnson said "I suggest that it is the duty of the commissioners to do all they can to make such arrangements as will enable the peace officers of the town to cope with all unlawful situations that may come up." The commission adjourned to meet on Friday afternoon at two o'clock.

LAMP EXPLODES; WOMAN BURNED

Winfield, Kas., Feb. 10.—The farm house belonging to John Stout, near Burden, was destroyed by fire Monday following an explosion of a lamp. Nothing was saved. Mrs. Stout was severely, perhaps fatally, burned about the face and hands.

Miss Bess Mills returned from an extended trip through the west and north west part of the United States. Miss Mills left for the Coast last July and on her way home visited in Colorado.

Vaughn Wilson returned to Erie Monday after spending several days in Chanute.

Mrs. Bert Champion and Pansy Otto went to Nowata Sunday after visiting here with Mrs. Ben Snyder.

Miss Virginia Wells returned Sunday to Colony after spending a few days with Edna Davis.

Mrs. C. F. Prange of Webb City is spending a couple of weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Watson Stewart.

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LIBRARY BOARD ELECT OFFICERS

More Funds and More Books and Magazines

The election of officers was held at the meeting of the Library Board in the Library Hall Monday afternoon. The election resulted as follows: Parks Helmick, president; C. P. Traxel, vice president; Mrs. F. L. Breyfogle, secretary; and S. J. Bailey, financial secretary.

A vote of thanks was given to J. M. Massey the retiring president for his six years of untiring efforts for the Public Library. A vote of thanks was also taken for Mrs. J. W. Lapham and Miss Mary Fortney who have had charge of the story hour during this winter.

The book committee set aside a thousand dollars for books and magazines for the coming year. Most of the magazines are ordered for the present year and will include as many as were purchased before the year of 1912 when it was found necessary to economize in the matter of that style of literature.

A large shipment of juvenile books have just been received and the board will ask the teachers of the schools to cooperate with them in the selection of books for pupils. Graded lists will be furnished the teachers by the librarian.

The services of Miss Ada Allen, the librarian, were retained for another year. In the absence of the newly elected president the former president, J. M. Massey presided at the meeting.

Those who have the most of happiness think the least about it. But in thinking about and in doing their duty happiness comes—because the heart and mind are occupied with earnest thought that touches at a thousand points the beautiful and sublime realities of the universe.—Thackeray.

Distinguishing Names.
"In a certain Swiss valley," writes a traveler, "family after family there bears the same name—Treich—all relationship being lost in antiquity. So, to distinguish the guides, they must be known—you may see it in Baedeker—as Joseph Treusch the Red and Joseph Treusch the Black."

So They Danced After All.
At the conference of orthodox rabbis held in London last March a resolution was adopted discouraging dancing on the ground that "the practice of dancing—men with women—is contrary to good morals."—New York Tribune.

Most Noiseless Goods He Had.
The new clerk was doing his best to be accommodating, but it seemed to him that his customer was trying to call for things of which he had never heard. Finally she asked, "Have you any silent clothes?" Doubt clouded his face for a moment, then he brought down a box and triumphantly spread out a muffler.

Bound to Win.
Willis—"I see you have all the modern conveniences for women in this institution of yours." Gillis—"Yes. Two of the highest paid gossips in the city are always in attendance."—Life.

The Best Teacher.
Men do nothing excellent but by imitation of nature.—Jean Jacques Rousseau.

Preliminary Contest Tuesday Night

Students Chosen For Parsons Chanute Meet--Music by Quartettes.

In the preliminary contest held Tuesday evening at the Presbyterian church, Miss Mae Filson was awarded first place in essay work.

The decision was in favor of the negative side of the question "Resolved that the Philippine Islands should be granted their independence within one year." This is the question that Chanute will debate with Parsons. Parsons submitted the question and Chanute has chosen the negative side for theirs to debate. Henry Schmutz took first place and Miss Cecyle Lomax, second.

In declamation Miss Emma Lou Moninger was awarded first place.

The program was as follows: Essays, "Voice of Nature," Karl Jones; "America, the Melting Pot," Miss Mae Filson; Debate, "Resolved; That the Philippines Should be Granted Independence Within One Year," Affirmative, William Hudson, Halbert Unruh, Tom Owens, Rebutal, Halbert Unruh, Negative, Harold Miller, Cecil Lomax, Henry Schmutz, Rebutal, Henry Schmutz; Declamations, "Christmas Substitute," Hester Clover, "The Set of Turquoise," Mabel Powell, "Laddie," Phillip Jones, "The Lance of Kanana," Emma Lou Moninger; Girls' Quartette, "Rock-a-by Lady from Hush-a-by Street" [Chapman], Genevieve Dunakin, Mida Comer, Lael Bailey, Cora Shinn; Boys' Quartette, "Goodnight" [D. Buck], Edwin Bideau, Raymond Justice, Marriott James and Raymond McKinstry.

The debate was a hotly contested one and each debater showed much thought and work on his chosen line of arguments. The three for the negative appeared to have more numerous reasons for their side of the case but the affirmative covered well those that they brought up. William Hudson, first speaker for the affirmative opened the debate with a line of argument denoted to prove the Philippines capable of self government and that the principle of holding the Philippines subject to the United States was contrary to the principles for which the Americans fought in 1776.

Harold Miller opened the debate for the affirmative with an argument supporting his statement that the Philippines should not be given their freedom within one year on account of their incapacity; that they had not yet learned the art of government and that internal war would result in the struggle for tribal supremacy.

The same lines were followed by the other debaters and Henry Schmutz acquitted himself in his usual good style. Miss Cecyle Lomax, who held the distinction of being the only girl entered in the contest and her first try at debate was especially convincing in her

arguments, presenting them in a straightforward way, without any useless trimmings. This will be the second debate held in Parsons between the two schools and one has been held here. Chanute has been very successful and the preparation already made shows that there is not much to be feared for the result unless Parsons has a much stronger team than it has ever put on before.

The program was closed by the boys and girls quartet sections and the judges decision.

Horses and Music.
The Swiss horse is apparently a very musical animal—or not, according to the hearer's ear. Strings of bells are hung round their necks, producing a musical jangle at every step. Some of the horses with the most bells, I noticed, were the thinnest—apparently they went without food to buy bells. A horse like that ought to be restrained.

Beyond His Power.
James I, being requested by his old nurse to make her son "a gentleman," answered emphatically: "I'll mak' him a baronet, gin ye like, luckie, but the o'ell' himself' couldna' mak' him a gentleman."

What He Didn't Understand.
"Yes," says the cousin from the east, who is being shown over the fringed ranch, "but there is one thing that puzzles me. How do you get the water away up here?" "We bring it down from the mountain in those fumes," explains the western cousin. "I see all that plainly enough, but how in the dickens do you pump it up to the top of the mountain?"

Not Sought After.
A great German doctor let it be known that he was blessed with a wife "who could make red hair as white as a lily," but no modern woman would wish to patronize her.

Fairy Tales Barred in Austria.
The fairy tales of Grimm and of Hans Christian Andersen are excluded from the Austrian schools by a recent order, "because of their slight importance."

Bad Accident.
Nothing was saved except the front wheels, the engine being badly cracked by the heat. Mr. Schneider lost a Panama hat, his gloves, inner casings and other extras.—Yakima (Wash.) Republic.

Liberty.
We know the austere condition of liberty—that it must be recognized over and over again; yea, day by day; that it is a state of war; that it is always slipping from those who boast it to those who fight for it.—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Not Much Disconcerted.
A workman on a building in New York city was recently buried under tons of earth. After being rescued he shook the sand from his clothing and announced that he was "all right" and resumed work with a shovel.

Amenities.
"I've just been introduced to Professor Synthe; such a charming man to talk to! He doesn't make one feel a fool, in spite of his cleverness." "Ah, my dear, but that's because of his cleverness."—Punch.

No Time for Trifles.
"Have you ever stopped to consider the fact that if you had \$1,000,000 the interest on it at the safe rate of 4 per cent. would amount to \$40,000 a year?" "No; I've been kept so darn busy earning my \$3 a day that I haven't had time to pause and consider fool things like that."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Makes Good Road.
In the "gumbo" regions of the lower Mississippi valley, where the roads have been the worst in the world, progressive citizens have taken to burning the clay of the soil and spreading this material over the highways. The "gumbo" is so changed by the heat that it presents a fairly hard and mudless surface, even after a heavy rain.

Some Encouragement.
"That girl has rejected me three times," confided the disconsolate youth. "Well," replied Miss Cayenne, "you should feel encouraged. A girl who will listen to three proposals from the same man must think something of him."

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