

TEACHERS GOT SMALL WAGES

OLD RECORD OF SCHOOL BOARD TELLS WHAT PEDAGOGUES RECEIVED IN 1863.

School teachers in Ottumwa half a century ago were not paid very big salaries and in the first election of teachers to serve in Ottumwa's public school of which there is any record, one of these, the principal, balked at the wage and refused to take the place.

The record that was dug up recently shows that the first election of teachers in the Ottumwa schools took place on September 21, 1863, just fifty-three years ago.

D. D. Gleason was elected principal teacher at the salary of \$35 per month, but the wage did not prove tempting enough for this pedagogue of three generations ago and he refused to accept the position.

Upon the refusal of Mr. Gleason to accept the place of principal teacher, John B. Smith was elected to that place on October 17, 1863 at \$40 per month and it was on that date that the other teachers were advanced five dollars in their pay.

Mr. Smith taught his classes in the old court house, a frame structure that stood on the present site of the Haw Hardware Co., at Third and Market streets. The building was 24x24 with an outside stairway.

After leaving the schoolmaster's post for twenty years employed by the old Johnston Ruffler Co., having charge of the electro plating department. He was the father of Mrs. H. P. Keyhoe, 312 Albany street.

Although the oldest record of a teachers' election is in 1863, the school district was organized September 6, 1858. Those who are able to recall the early school days in Ottumwa have seen great changes in the number and type of school buildings, the methods employed and the number and wages of the teachers since Ottumwa's first organized public schools were begun.

Sigourney Club Buys Woodin Home. Sigourney, Oct. 21.—At a recent meeting of the directors of the Sigourney Community club, they purchased the G. D. Woodin residence property for a club house.

OLA J. LIND DIES AT EDDYVILLE. Eddyville, Oct. 21.—The sad death of a prominent citizen occurred Friday when Ole J. Lind passed away at his home in Eddyville.

HAVNER TO TOUR KEOKUK CO. OCT. 23. Sigourney, Oct. 21.—H. M. Havner of Marengo, republican candidate for attorney general, will make an automobile speaking tour of Keokuk county next Monday, October 23.

WOMAN LIVES WEEK WITH BROKEN BACK. Marshalltown, Oct. 21.—The death of Mrs. W. H. Byerly, aged thirty-three years, brought to a close a remarkable case of a woman living a week with a broken back, which usually is instantly fatal.

WHEAT IN BOOMING REVIEW OF THE WEEK SHOWS ARGENTINA AND CANADA ARE IMPORTANT FACTORS IN UNUSUAL ADVANCE.

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One of the chief uncertainties this morning was the difficulty of judging the permanence of the interruption to Canadian threshing.

Corn, oats and provisions have followed wheat sharply upward. The biggest net gains for the week have been in corn and pork—respectively 7 1/2c to 7 3/4c a bushel and \$1.05 to \$1.25 a barrel.

PRESS COMMENT. Muscatine Journal.—W. L. Harding republican candidate for governor will win by 50,000 votes if the figures which are included in the state poll just taken by the Des Moines Capital are substantiated by the flood of ballots on November 7.

This is the third time the Capital has polled the editors of Iowa's newspapers on the results of Iowa's elections. Two months before the primary election, a poll was taken to ascertain the Harding-Cosson-Allen sentiment.

As election day approached, a marked change was evident in sentiment throughout the state. Harding's candidacy came to the front, particularly in the rural districts.

The vote showed the attorney general would win by a big majority. No one questions that Cosson's popularity would have given him the nomination if the election had been held in April instead of June.

SANITARIUM HAS TREATED MANY CASES. Iowa City, Oct. 21.—That the state tuberculosis sanitarium at Oakdale has treated 2,500 cases of tuberculosis in eight years and has aided recoveries in at least half of them was pointed out by Dr. H. V. Scarborough, superintendent, to commercial club secretaries meeting here in their third semi-annual conference under the auspices of the state university.

CLAIM BIG DAM IS RIVER OBSTRUCTION. Keokuk, Oct. 21.—Attacking the Keokuk dam as an obstruction to navigation, the Streckfus Line has filed a damage suit for \$50,000 against the Mississippi Power company in the United States district court in Springfield, Ill.

MISSOURI FARMER HAS BIG STOCK SALE. Monroe City, Mo., Oct. 21.—G. W. Diacher, residing a few miles north of this city, held a public sale at his farm amounting to nearly \$1500.

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FOOD STUFFS VARY IN PRICE

POTATOES STILL ADVANCING—NEW FRUITS AND VEGETABLES IN THE MARKET.

Potatoes are still advancing swiftly in price. The heavy rains in the western states and the railroads' inability to furnish cars for moving the crop, together with the possibility of cold weather, have forced the farmers to store their tubers, and now they must make a second handling of them in order to get them on the market.

Other vegetables and fruits are more plentiful. Fancy apples of the highest grade from Washington in bushel boxes, are now in the market and are retailing at five cents per pound.

New England walnuts, selling at retail at twenty-five cents per pound are now offered to the public. New figs and dates are also to be found. Sweet potatoes are cheap, but will advance because of the scarcity of Irish potatoes.

DIRECTS VERDICT FOR R. R.; MAY APPEAL. Sigourney, Oct. 21.—On Tuesday morning a jury was empaneled in the district court in the case of J. M. Borroughs vs. M. and St. Louis railway company.

The case was heard by a jury in October 1915 and a verdict returned for plaintiff in the sum of \$5,000, but the court granted a new trial on account of misconduct of the plaintiff's attorney in his argument to the jury.

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ADAMSON LAW BAD FOR LABOR

Chief Telegrapher Hints Employers May Use It to Cut Down Wages

Chicago, Oct. 21.—Labor will be harmed and not helped by the Adamson law. This is the preface to a statement by G. Dal Jones, chief telegrapher of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, No. 91, in declaring himself for the election of Hughes.

"There is a strong suspicion among thoughtful laboring men that the cause of labor will experience more harm than good from the Adamson law. Instead of having a hand in fixing their own wages, unions interested are discovering that the effect of the law is to take away from them the right of collective bargaining.

"Par sighted labor leaders do not want wages fixed by law. They see the pitfall for labor. They see that capital could beat them in the game of appealing to congress. The first attempt to fix wages by law resulted in a victory for the railroad brotherhoods.

"Would not the second attempt result in a victory for capital as against labor? Who can guarantee that a majority in congress will always vote on the side of labor? It is said that the brotherhoods secured the law by making a threat. Capital can threaten, too. A threat by capital to close down factories might frighten congress to reducing wages during hard times."

ELDON. Eldon and vicinity had their first snow storm of the season Friday morning, lasting all day.

Los Angeles, Cal., Monday by the death of his father, H. C. Haydock, who passed away Sunday, Oct. 15 at 12 o'clock.

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MINISTERS TO MEET HERE

OTTUMWA DISTRICT M. E. CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN WILLARD STREET CHURCH.

(From Saturday's Daily.) The Ottumwa District Conference will meet in the Willard Street Methodist Episcopal church next week, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. It will call together ministers and laymen from thirty-five different pastoral charges and will present inspiring programs. The attendance will reach about 100 delegates.

7:30—Praise service with vocal solo by Earl Kirkhart, Willard Street church choir. 8:00—Sermon, C. L. Tennant. Tuesday Morning, October 24. 8:30—Prayer. Address The Church, F. E. Day.

9:15—Minutes business. 10:00—Sunday school work, Miss Elizabeth Ryan, Newton, Iowa. 10:30—The Financial Plan Adopted by the General Conference, H. B. Scoles.

11:00—Methodist unification, followed by general discussion, C. A. Field. Tuesday Afternoon. 1:30—Prayer. Address, The Ministry, F. E. Day.

2:15—The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Miss Nainette Hinkle. 2:50—Educational address, Dr. E. A. Schell, President Iowa Wesleyan college, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. 3:25—The Woman's Home Missionary Society, represented by Mrs. F. E. Day.

4:05—Report of the district stewards. Tuesday Evening. 7:30—Vocal solo, Miss Bertha Wormhoudt. Address, Miss Elizabeth Dean. 8:15—Address, The Iowa Situation, C. S. Cooper.

Wednesday Morning October 25. 8:30—Prayer. Address, The Twentieth Century Issue, F. E. Day. 9:15—Minute business. 10:00—Our Hospital Ministry, W. P. Stoddard.

10:20—The Retired Minister, J. C. Kendrick. 10:40—Conversation. Our Aims for the Year, led by the district superintendent, W. H. Perdew. 12:00—Adjournment.

Note.—Dr. Day's addresses are to take the place of the usual devotional exercises. These addresses are intensely devotional and articulate with each other so as to make a complete whole. The entire district should hear them.

THE FALL MEETING of the district stewards will be held Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 in the Brotherhood room of the Willard Street church. As there is very important business to be brought before them it is greatly desired that a large representation be secured for that gathering.

AUTO DRIVER IS PARTIALLY BURNED. Clarinda, Oct. 21.—Albert Pullen, 67 years old, who killed and was himself consumed by fire which followed an automobile accident a few miles from Clarinda.

HELENWOOD COUNTY IN HENWOOD SESSION. Helena, Mo., Oct. 21.—A large crowd of Andrew county voters heard an address by Berryman Henwood, of Hannibal, who is touring this section of Missouri in the interest of the republican ticket.

CORN HUSKING STARTS. Solon, Oct. 21.—Corn husking is starting in earnest here. The early frost and the windy weather this fall has caused the ears to dry rapidly. The crop is a week or ten days ahead of the average in ripeness.

BANDITS KILL MAN. Police Of Chicago Searching For Three Robbers Who Shot One Victim And Wounded Another. Chicago, Oct. 21.—The police today was searching for three masked bandits who last night shot and killed Louis Lichtenstein, a newspaper advertising solicitor, after falling to obtain a bag of jewels for which they invaded a garage where the victim lived with his brother-in-law, Emil Noel, a jeweler.

NOT ENOUGH CARS

Railroads of the Country Experiencing the Greatest Shortage in All Their History.

New York, Oct. 21.—Railroads of the United States are suffering from the greatest shortage of cars ever experienced in this time of the year, according to figures made public here. On September 30 there was a net shortage of 61,030 cars. This compares with surplus of 131,027 cars on October 1, 1914, and of 78,299 on the corresponding date last year.

The greatest shortage is in box cars, totaling 33,016 while coal and gondola cars are lacking to the extent of 19,872. The greatest shortage of box cars is in the granger states while the lack of coal and gondola cars is felt most severely in the central and eastern sections.

Railway men say the high point of the shortage will be reached sometime next month and that mild weather would tend to minimize the difficulty.

CHARLES W. VA., Oct. 21.—Lumber mills at Baskin, La., of the West Virginia Lumber Co. will be closed indefinitely by January 1, according to an announcement made today. The company says it has plenty of orders but shortage of freight cars prevents shipments with any regularity.

STORES ARE READY FOR HALLOWE'EN. While the busiest and most hurried nation in the world, America is not too breathless to remember her holidays, and there are few to whom giddy but mysterious Halloween has no charms.

Parties during this month's last days will carry reminders of October 31 and the shops are full of clever and beautiful things to enhance the interest of the affair. Black cats stalk creep paper for decorating purposes, while black witches bend over caldrons at each plate on the festive board.

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THEOPHILUS IS SOLID AT HOME

CANDIDATE FOR SUPREME COURT IN IOWA HIGHLY ENDORSED BY DAVENPORTERS.

Davenport, Oct. 18.—Judge William Theophilus, maligned by those at a distance in Iowa who do not know him personally and who have been misled by hearsay gossip put out for political effect, not only has the confidence and respect of all Davenport, but many of the leading citizens of the community, regardless of party, have issued a statement over their signatures in order that his worthiness for the supreme bench might be known to all the people of Iowa.

"It having come to our notice that at the Des Moines annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal church at Glenwood, Ia., on September 8, 1916, resolutions were adopted reflecting on the personal character of the Honorable William Theophilus and falsely insinuating that he is the candidate of the saloon interests and unworthy to be a member of the supreme court of Iowa, the undersigned residents of Davenport, Iowa, keenly resenting the unfairness and injustice of this attack (made by men who have no personal acquaintance with Judge Theophilus) and in order that the truth concerning the high personal character of Judge Theophilus and his worthiness for the supreme bench might be known to all the people of Iowa, desire to state:

"That William Theophilus has lived in this community since 1894, engaged in the practice of his profession from 1894 to 1911 and a judge of the Seventh judicial district of Iowa since January 1, 1911. As a lawyer and citizen he stands in the community as a man of splendid character, high standards and unblemished reputation. His record as a judge is one of absolute judicial integrity, of unswerving devotion to truth and right, of broad learning and proved capacity. He possesses in a marked degree the judicial temperament and it is but the simple truth to say he is just and upright judge. On several occasions the supreme court of Iowa has itself testified to his judicial character and capacity by assigning him to the trial of important cases outside of his own judicial district.

"We make these statements as an act of simple justice, in the interest of truth and fair play. As his neighbors we know thereof we speak."

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L. Simon, Simon & Landauer. George T. Baker, member state board of education. C. A. Ficke, lawyer. Harry W. Phillips, contractor. Edward K. Putnam, managing trustee W. C. Putnam estate.

Frank W. Mueller, president Mueller Lumber Co. George E. Decker, physician and surgeon. John N. Van Patten, president J. P. Van Patten & Sons. Miss Goldie Anderson was hostess to the Rebekah club Friday afternoon at her home in Libertyville. A large attendance was out and a pleasant afternoon spent in fancy work. Refreshments were served during the after part of the afternoon. The club will meet with Mrs. Will Robertson Friday Oct. 27.

OLDER BOYS WILL CONFER ON NOV. 2-6. Hannibal, Mo., Oct. 21.—The second annual Old Boys' conference for Hannibal and vicinity will be held here November 3, 4 and 5. At a recent meeting of the Older Boys' Council it was decided to hold the conference earlier this year than last. All the Sunday schools of Marion county will be invited to send delegates. The delegates will be limited to boys over fourteen years of age and over.

KEOKUK CO. TEACHERS MEET. Sigourney, Oct. 21.—The Keokuk County Teachers institute was in session at Sigourney on Thursday and Friday of this week, under the direction of County Superintendent Harry S. McVicker. All of the schools in the county were dismissed to allow the teachers to attend and more than two hundred are enrolled. A number of prominent educators of the state were present and delivered lectures to the teachers. Prof. A. W. Jessup of the state university delivered a lecture Thursday evening.