

## LOW WAGE GIVEN SCHOOL TEACHERS DRIVES THEM TO OTHER VOCATIONS

(Written by State Superintendent Alfred Bayless.)

The last school census in Illinois gave 1,449,336 children of school age. Of these 978,554 attended the public schools more or less. The public schools are classified as graded and ungraded. A school which has but one teacher is classified as ungraded. Any school which has two or more teachers is classified as graded. In the graded schools there were 669,336 pupils. In the ungraded there were 318,218 pupils. The last number were distributed among 10,677 districts. Some of these ungraded schools are the best of schools. Many country districts pay their teachers as high as \$60 a month. In rare instances they pay as high as \$75 a month and in the smallest county of the state one district school teacher draws \$80 a month.

But there is a wide difference between the wage scale of teachers in the graded schools and teachers in the ungraded schools. The total amount of teachers' wages for the whole state last year was \$12,812,169.51. This large amount was divided as follows: The 2,394 men who taught in the graded schools received \$2,111,569.51, while the 2,854 men who taught in the ungraded schools received but \$999,858.98. This means that the average yearly salary of the men in the graded schools is \$882, while the average yearly salary of the men in the ungraded schools is \$257. A like comparison of the average yearly wages of women can be made by any one who will take the trouble to divide \$7,679,412.91 by 12,780 and \$2,639,668.12 by 8,443. These amounts represent respectively the aggregate wages of the women in the two kinds of schools. This comparison is not quite a fair one, however, because the number of ungraded school districts is 10,677, while it will be seen that the total number of teachers in these districts was 12,297, indicating that 1,629 districts changed teachers during the year. Dividing the whole amount of money paid ungraded school teachers which was \$2,939,527.19 by 10,677, the number of districts, gives the average paid for teaching for each district as \$275.82.

There are 84 counties in Illinois in which one or more teachers worked last year for less than \$25 a month. It is quite probable that some of the schools in these districts fall a little short of being first class. There were 6,243 teachers in Illinois last school year who worked for less than \$40 a month. Forty is altogether too small pay for a competent teacher. It is less than a carpenter, or a painter, or a tailor can make by just about half, and helps account for the fact that there were 552 fewer men and 837 more women in the schools last year than two years ago, while the net increase in the whole number of teachers was but 285. It helps account also for the fact that there is a great scarcity of qualified teachers. But there is an apparent disposition, in the country especially, to pay better wages whenever good service can be guaranteed. Indeed, it is becoming quite evident that the wages of teachers in the country schools must materially increase if those schools are to maintain their standing as the best kind of schools for the elementary grades.

At each of four meetings of county superintendents and normal school teachers which I have attended during the last month it has come out in the discussions that teachers quite frequently accept employment in the cities at a lower wage than they are receiving in the country. An inquiry into the cause of this tendency would be very interesting.

Incorporators are John A. Feeney, Fred Brooks, Edward Dishinger and Frank W. Feeney. The concern is capitalized at \$12,000 and its object is to engage in a general grocery business.

## PIONEER RAILROADER TELLS OF DITCHING OF DIX

How Old Locomotive Came to Grief in Duck Creek in 1863.

"Do I remember the ditching of the 'Dix' I should say I do," said Mark McGrath, the flagman of the Fifth and Warren street crossing, in Davenport. "It happened just before I went to work for the M. & M. railroad, which was then getting ready to be absorbed by the Chicago & Rock Island Railway company.

"The Dix was named after John A. Dix, one of the magnates of the road, and she was the locomotive which was hauled over the river on the ice in the winter of 1855. It was at that time the 'Tony' came over the ice. By the 'Tony' I mean the locomotive Antoine LeClaire, named after our big and good man here. The 'Tony' was hauled across the river on barges while the old wooden bridge was building.

"Those were good engines, but alongside the big 1400's and 1600's we have now they look like toy locomotives we are now buying for our children.

"The 'Dix' left her roundhouse where old Pat Summers was hostler in fine shape one day in the summer of 1863 and after taking her train started out up the Dutchman's grade. It was much steeper than now and the locomotives had to puff vigorously to make the climb.

"Engineer Morgan and Fireman Gilen were in the cab as the 'Dix' pulled out. Everything went well until Duck creek bridge was reached. The boiler went into the air and then came down on top of the trucks and the tank which were ditched with poor Morgan and Gilen beneath them.

"It is a coincidence that two lives were lost in that accident, the same number of victims who lost theirs in last Sunday night's explosion.

"The 'Dix' was scrap iron. Her sepulchre was the bed of Duck creek. The 'Tony' went the same way. In 1863 after having rendered service for nearly eight years she blew up her boiler at Durant, a station about ten miles west of where poor Calhoun and Pinney's engine went to smash. In the wreck of the 'Tony' the fireman named Smith was caught and crippled for life, but the engineer escaped.

"Another explosion was that of the old locomotive 'Davenport', which occurred in the roundhouse here in 1864. Pat Summers was in the roundhouse at the time and miraculously escaped unhurt. John Annable was also there but escaped providentially.

"In 1857 the locomotive boiler used as a stationary engine boiler for the motive power in the shops, also blew up killing two persons and damaging property to the value of \$5,000 or more.

"When I compare the giant locomotives today with the old 'Dix', 'Tony', or the 'Davenport', or the old 'Samson', and the 'silver engine', once such a source of pride for Davenporters, I cannot but shudder to think of the long chances the engineer and fireman must take in jumping when they are obliged to leave their seats in a hurry. Some of the cabs are eight and nine feet from the rail, and a leap from one of them in the dark, from a rapidly moving locomotive is a hazard which menaces life and limb.

"I hear that the crown sheet of the locomotive which exploded Sunday night showed evidences of crystallization. I believe the explosion was due to that condition of the boiler which made it lack the necessary tenacity.

"In the roundhouses the hostlers have a habit of using only a little water when they first kindle the fire to get up steam. By an oversight, it is easy to see how the boiler can be burned, and thus crystallized rendering its tension such as to be unable to withstand the 200 pounds pressure which the big engines usually carry."

Mr. McGrath was for years a fireman on the Rock Island road. He is still in the employ of the road as a brakeman on Fifth and Warren streets.

When you're broke the girls will shy. They turn and fly as you come nigh. Brace up old man, show some pluck. Take Rocky Mountain Tea; it'll change your luck.

—T. H. Thomas' pharmacy.

## DAVENPORT DOTS.

Orders New Trial.

Judge House has filed his decision in the case of A. P. Huggard vs. the Glucose company wherein he granted the motion for a new trial upon the showing made by the defense in reference to the perjury of W. T. McDonald. The judge is severe in his arraignment of Mr. McDonald and states that in all of his testimony he failed in any way to connect Mr. Ely with the snoring of testimony in the case. McDonald the judge characterizes as a conscienceless fellow whose evidence had no value, and it appears upon the decision that no stock was taken in his testimony whatever. The location of the piece of pipe, which is alleged to have hit Huggard, was fixed by McDonald, and on that ground, the judge has ordered a new trial.

Leonidas Hearing On.

The hearing of the issues between P. W. McManus, administrator of the estate of the late Ellsworth Leonidas, who was shot to death by Mate Dan Breen upon the lower deck of the steamer Dubuque, at the Davenport levee in July, 1902, and the Diamond Jo company, began in chambers in Judge House's court yesterday afternoon.

Quinn Has Gold Star.

Detective John Quinn of the Davenport police department, is now wearing the gold star which was recently voted to him for being the most popular police officer in Davenport. The contest was the one inaugurated by the Davenport Workmen's Industrial Home association at the fair held at Armory hall.

Grocery Company Formed.

Articles incorporating the John A. Feeney company have been filed in the office of the county recorder. The

Will Give Away Turkeys.

The Tri-City Railway company and the Bettendorf Metal Wheel works will this year observe their annual custom of presenting each of their employees with a turkey for Christmas. The Tri-City Railway company has placed orders for 400 turkeys for its employees and the Bettendorf Metal Wheel company will give away 260 turkeys to the married men in their employ and a pair of gloves to the single men.

Shoe Company Incorporates.

The articles of incorporation of the Kambach Shoe company, have been filed by Ruymann & Ruymann, with the county recorder. The capital stock of the new corporation is fixed at \$20,000, and the business of the concern will begin when \$10,000 is secured, the time being fixed at Jan. 2. The incorporators of the new concern are John Kambach, John Rohlf and N. J. Nelson.

Obituary Record.

John Day, son of the late John Day, the well known grocer on Fulton and College avenues, died at Mercy hospital yesterday. He had been sent there violently insane only five days ago. He was about 35 years of age, unmarried, and was born and reared in this city.

At the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Hartz, of Hadlial Heights, Wednesday, occurred the death of

John Hartz, aged 4 years and 3 months. Diphtheria was the fatal ailment.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Siefers of the Lost Grove road east of the city are mourning the loss of their 17-day-old infant son, Walter, who died yesterday.

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## MOLINE MENTION.

Church Annual.

Plymouth Congregational church of East Moline held its annual business meeting Wednesday evening and heard reports of excellent progress made during the last year from the church officers, the Sunday school and Plymouth circle. The membership now numbers 25 and is steadily growing, and it may yet be decided to build a church during the year to come. The church and its pastor, Rev. J. W. Davies, are warmly drawn toward one another and under this influence great good in spiritual helpfulness and material growth is expected. The officers elected are: Clerk, Lillian Stultz; treasurer, Bert Siegrist; organist, Clara Peterson.

Janitor is Policeman.

Determined to put a stop to the practice of residents of cutting across the Irving school property, the board of education has sworn in the janitor of the Irving building as a special policeman. The new officer has been instructed to rigidly enforce the order to stop the use of the lot as a public highway and to arrest any who may persist after due warning. It is said that the threats of arrest recently made have had no effect and that some pedestrians have even gone to the extent of removing the signs which were put up.

Rebekahs Elect.

Myrtle lodge of Rebekahs have elected the following officers: Past noble grand, Gertrude Christison; vice noble grand, Gertrude Christison; noble grand, the Wilson; recording secretary, Thillie Brown; financial secretary, Mrs. Annie Newton; musician, Mrs. Goodnow.

Announces a Refund.

City Attorney Kohler announced what will come as a timely Christmas gift to Seventeenth street property owners. It is that 9 per cent of the assessment levied upon owners of property abutting upon that thoroughfare for the improvement of sewers and watermain, will be refunded to them. The reason for this action is that the cost of said improvement did not come up to the estimate made by the city engineer, and in cases of this sort the remainder of the assessment is refunded to those upon whom it fell.

Obituary Record.

Ellen Tuborh Thomas Hanson, who resides at 145 Sixth avenue, died yesterday after an illness of four weeks with bronchitis and whooping cough. She was 4 years and 8 months old. The funeral will be held from the home Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Interment at Riverside.

MANLOVE ENJOINED FROM MAKING TAX INVESTIGATION

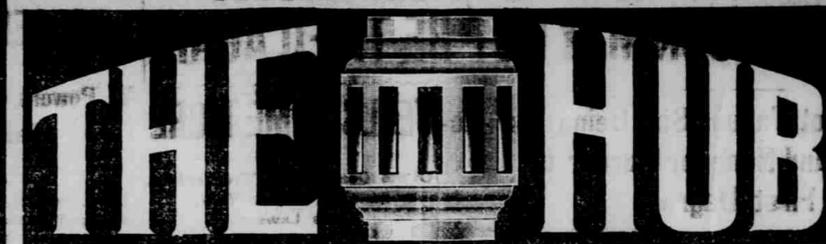
Action Begun in McLean on Opinion From Attorney General Hamlin.

As an aftermath to the recent employment of a special agent to investigate the delinquent tax list of McLean county, a test suit has been filed in the circuit court at Bloomington by William R. Bach, state's attorney, and E. W. Ogilvie, a young attorney of that city. The suit is directed against George M. Manlove, representing the Springfield Accounting company, and others concerned. Mr. Manlove recently collected something like \$140,000 in back taxes in Rock Island county.

In the bill filed Bach sets forth the results of his visit to Springfield to interview Attorney General Hamlin, in which Mr. Hamlin stated that the proceedings on the part of the board of review were illegal when it permitted a division of the returns from delinquent tax payers to be made with Manlove.

Each further says the action of the board in continuing Manlove in the position of deputy supervisor of assessments after he had reported the decision of the attorney general was illegal. Manlove was discharged by

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## SPENCER CHURCH CHRISTMAS

Sunday School Entertainment Monday Evening.

Christmas exercises of the Sunday school of Spencer Memorial Methodist church will be held Monday evening, beginning at 7:45 o'clock. The program is to be as follows: Christmas hymn; scripture reading; prayer; class recitation, "Jacob's Ladder;" duet, Lucretia and Jessie Groves; drill, primary class girls; instrumental solo, Ernest Henning; recitation, Viola Larison; duet, Hazel Beckwith and May Coopman; recitation, Clarence Curtis; recitation, Emma Goble; solo, Elizabeth Miller; recitation, Wendella Connell; drill, primary class boys; duet, Rev. E. W. Thompson and Miss Hattie Wiggins; recitation, Pearl Saville; recitation, Andora Larison; recitation, H. M. McCaskin; recitation, Georgia Gregory; anthem, choir.

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- Oil or Mustard Sardines, 6 for 25c
- Seedless Raisins, 2 lb pkg 15c
- Home-Made Mince Meat, 3 pounds 25c
- Ginger Snaps, per pound .5c
- Good corn, per dozen, 90c
- Qt. Bottle Maple Syrup 25c
- Catsup, 3 large or 6 small bottles for 25c
- Cocoanut, per pound 15c
- Tall Salmon 3 cans for 25c
- Diamond C Soap, 10 bars 25c
- Sultana Raisins, 2 lb. 15c
- Good Prunes, 2 lb. 15c
- Santa Claus Soap, 9 bars 25c
- Yeast Foam, package 3c
- Horseshoe Tobacco, per lb 45c
- Star Tobacco, per lb 45c
- Monarch Gelatine, 2 pkgs. 25c
- 3 cans for 25c
- Good Tomatoes, per doz 90c
- 3 cans for 25c
- Early June Peas, per doz 90c
- 3 cans for 25c
- Citron, per lb 17c
- Gold Dust, 4 lb pkg 15c
- Currants, 2 pkgs 15c
- Pet Cream, 3 large or 6 small cans for 25c

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- Cream flour, every sack guaranteed \$1.45
- 10 pound box fancy prunes, per box 60c
- Holland Herring, per keg 60c
- 3 cans Sugar Corn, best on the market 25c
- 3 cans Early June Peas 25c
- 2 pound can Tomatoes, per can 65c
- Fancy Japan rice, per lb. 65c
- Japan tea, per pound 25c
- Nice picnic Hams, per lb. 65c
- Soda and oyster crackers, 2 lbs for 15c
- Navel sweet Oranges, per dozen 15c
- For this week only I will sell 10 lbs granulated sugar for 50c

## PURITY AND CLEANLINESS

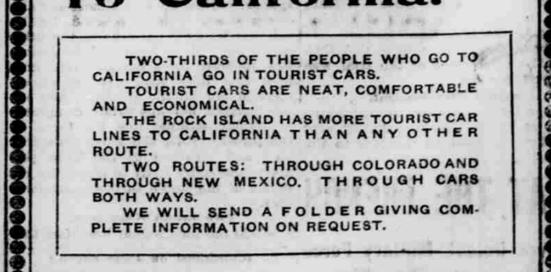


as to persons are so much a matter of good bathing equipment that I wish to emphasize our facilities for outfitting bathrooms with the best and most sanitary apparatus. In such cases it is to your highest interest to consult us, see samples here and get our estimates free of charge.

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## Go "Tourist" To California.

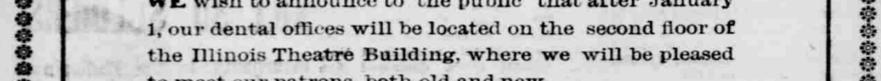
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## Notice of Removal.

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