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Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the board of directors of the Ord irrigation district of Valley county, Nebraska, at their office in Ord in said district, up to 2 o'clock p. m. of the 2d day of December, 1895, for $50,000 of the bonds issued by said Irrigation district, all of said bonds being bonds of $500 each and drawing interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum, payable annually; the principal and interest of said bonds payable at the office of the state treasurer of the state of Nebraska, said bonds being payable in installments as follows: $2,500 thereof payable in eleven years from the date thereof; $3,000 payable in twelve years from the date thereof; $3,500 payable in thirteen years from the date thereof; $4,000 payable in fourteen years from the date thereof; $4,500 payable in fifteen years from the date thereof; $5,000 payable in sixteen years from the date thereof; $5,500 payable in seventeen years from the date thereof; $6,500 payable in eighteen years from the date thereof; $7,500 payable in nineteen years from the date thereof; $8,000 payable in twenty years from the date thereof.

The Board of Directors reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

Address all bids to E. P. Clements, secretary, Ord, Nebraska.

By order of the Board of Directors, made this 7th day of November, 1895.

J. A. PATTON, President.
E. P. CLEMENTS, Secretary.
N10 d20t

An Old Man's Long Journey.

A pathetic as well as remarkable story is that of William J. Norris, who, despoiled of his wealth at the age of 73 by a designing wife, drove alone behind a bronco from Pike's peak to Buffalo, a distance of 2,300 miles, to find a home with his daughter. A descendant and heir of an English nobleman, he served eleven years as a British soldier, for thirty years was a cattle buyer and farmer in western New York, for nine years a watchman in Denver, and for four years a policeman in Cherry Creek. He accumulated property, but in his old age was fooled by an adventuress, who left him nothing but two cows, a "prairie schooner" and a faithful bronco, which dragged him twenty-seven miles a day for eighty-seven days, until, absolutely penniless, he reached a haven in Buffalo last week. He is a wonderful old man, and that bronco is a wonderful bronco.

THE WORST SCHOOL I EVER TAUGHT.

Recollections of a Schoolmaster.

(Joseph T. Chadbourn in Youth's Companion.)

My stories are echoes from the old-time schools that used Lindley Murray's grammar, and to which Welch's facetious arithmetic propounded this problem, among others:

If 20 dogs for 20 groats
Go 40 weeks to grass,
How many hounds for 60 crowns
Will winter in that place?

In those days the "ferule" was an instrument of discipline, and sometimes a record of service. One of my veteran colleagues in the profession is said to have left to his heirs an caken ruler, or ferule, with fifty-eight notches in it, one for each winter of his teaching. Had I kept a similar tally, mine would have been notched but fifty-five times.

Now I am 73 years old, with nothing better to do than "tell tales out of school," and my difficulty is in choosing from among the varied teaching experiences of my life. Perhaps it will be best to begin at the beginning and tell of my first school, of which I took charge at the age of 19.

I was a very "green" country boy then, for my little education had been gained in my native school district and from two terms at Kent's Hill academy. It is still a wonder to me that any school committee could have been so rash as to give me a certificate, and yet I felt at the time that I was an important personage.

In this opinion I was confirmed by the attitude of my employers. The school was in one of those orderly, quiet country neighborhoods of which there are to this day many in the land. It was known locally as "the Deacon Pillsbury district," and there the farmers' families esteemed the schoolmaster next to the minister. In boarding around I was invariably lodged in the "parlor bedroom," and had mince pie at every meal.

The nine weeks of the term were so many visits to good friends, and teaching was almost a holiday business. I went to a new place every week, and found my opinions on all important subjects listened to with profound attention. No wonder I bore myself with dignity!

At the school house everything went so smoothly that I had occasion to punish but one boy during the term, and that punishment made a deep impression. It demonstrated that I could be "severe" if need be. Now I think I was too harsh with that boy, but he felt so guilty that he came to me on the last day of school and craved my pardon for having given me so much trouble, whereupon I pardoned him with a princely manner and an appropriate word of advice.

The next two winters I taught in the Deacon Pillsbury district, and indeed might have gone on indefinitely in that paradise, but for my ambition to earn higher wages than those kind people could afford to pay. Seventeen dollars a month was the largest sum ever paid a teacher there; but I had heard of a district in another county where a master was wanted at $24 a month—uncommonly large wages at that time.

In reply to my application for this post I received the following letter, which I still preserve as a memento:

"Mr chad bourn, deer sir, you can have this school and welcome, but i oughter tell you to begin with that it is a pooty tough deestrick. Weve got some hard boys here and some awful sassy, imppidunt gals. They lugged out the last tu marsters, and if you haint got considerable buckrum in you, thaill be likely to do the same by you.

"The school is sot to begin the sicond Monday in November, and there will be money enough for teh or leving weeks if you can manage to stay in the school house that long.

"Ef you conclude to take the school you had better come to my house fust, and i will try to look ye up a boardin' place, but ye will hev ter go to old Squire Hathaway, at Squacook Center, eight miles from here, fer a recommend. Yours respectfully,

"THOMAS KIMBALL."

The sanguine self-assurance of inexperience led me to reply that I would take the school, and on the Saturday before the second Monday in November I set off with that intent to walk a distance of about twenty miles. I went by way of Squacook Center to get my "certificate," as by law required.

Squire Hathaway, the only active member of the school committee, was an old fashioned country lawyer, whom I found at his little office over Squacook Center's one store.

"Wal, young man, what can I do for you?" he asked.

I made known my errand, and he at once took from a shelf Town's Fourth Reader, Murray's Grammar and Welch's Arithmetic, from which he chose a section for reading, a sentence for parsing and a sum to be solved. With equal dispatch I read the paragraph, parsed the sentence and solved the problem, and the old lawyer had signed my certificate within five minutes.

"Whereabouts in town are you going to keep school?" he inquired then.

"In district No. 7, of which Thomas Kimball is the agent," I replied.

The old squire whistled, straightened back in his chair and regarded me for a long minute in silence.

"Young man," said he at last, "as your wellwisher, I'm afraid I've been too hasty in giving you that 'ere dockyment."

"Why so?" I asked.

"Do you know the name they have for that district?' said he. "No? Wal, they call it 'Tophet'—for cause. You had better give me back that certificate and tell the agent I wouldn't give you one."

I laughed and put the paper in my pocket. At that the old squire laughed, too—a hard, dry, legal laugh.

"Oh, very well," said he. "There's nothing on the statoots to prevent you from going there; but you had better taken my advice and gone home." Thereupon he dismissed me, without even saying "good-bye," or "call again."

Country school districts, fifty years ago, often bore significant nicknames. I have taught in "Sodom" and "Gomorrah," in "Plagah," in "Sigotch," "Yaggar," in "Pumpkin Valley" and on "Turkey Hill."

The appearance of "Tophet" when I entered it that evening gave some justification for the nickname. It was an unsightly settlement, straggling three or four miles along the river, most of the houses being rude structures of logs or slabs, the homes of lumbermen and river men. Yet the school house was large and nearly new, having a main room of thirty by forty-five feet, designed to afford accommodations for sixty pupils.

Agent Kimball seemed surprised at seeing me, but said, hospitably, that I could stay at his house for a few days. There I soon saw that both he and his wife regarded me as a young fellow whose days in "Tophet" would be few.

On Sunday afternoon I walked through the district, and heard a great deal of profanity. Numerous groups of boys and girls stared hard at me, and something like a hoot was sent after me from one gathering. It was clear that the young folks regarded me at the outset as an enemy.

That night I slept little, and when the cloudy morning dawned I felt almost too homesick to eat of the excellent breakfast that good Mrs. Kimball, probably from the sentiment that prompts jailers to give a good meal to a man who is about to be hanged, had provided for me.

After breakfast Mr. Kimball handed me the school house key with a singular grin, and said, "Wal, good luck to ye." But his tone was not hopeful.

I plucked up all my natural courage and walked briskly to the school house, which I was surprised to find thronged with uproarious youngsters, although I held the key. When they saw me coming there was a tremendous yell—then silence.

I entered, took possession of the teacher's desk, faced the sharp eyes, and saw at once that my pupils intended early hostilities. Especially formidable-looking was a group of stalwart boys, whose ages ranged from 16 to 20 years. Most of them wore red shirts and tight-fitting trousers, knit like thick double mittens. Some wore Indian moccasins, some long-legged boots, into which their knit trousers were tucked.

"We can handle him!" I heard one say. "He looks scairt!"

"Scairt" I was, but was certainly not "scairt" so as to give up without a struggle. So, affecting to be cool, I hung up my hat and coat, and then rapped on the desk with my ferule, according to old custom, to call the school to order.

All understood what the raps meant, but only a few of the little ones sat down on the benches obediently. The big fellows stood insolently staring at me, and some of the largest girls sat on the desks chewing gum.

I rapped more loudly and said, "The boys will take their seats on their side of the room; and those young ladies will please be seated on the benches instead of the tops of the desks."

"Du tell!" drawled one of the chewing damsels.

"You don't say so!" cried another.

At this a burst of laughter came from the boys; and ten or twelve of the larger ones perched themselves on the desks. Then all looked me in the face and laughed derisively.

"Be seated instantly, every one of you!" I exclaimed, endeavoring to speak with authority.

"Oh, hear his voice tremble!" cried the young Amazon who had said "Du tell!" "My, what a terrible schoolmaster he will be! I'm afraid of him!"

"You can't keep school here!" shouted a boy, while the rest whistled and cat-called.

"Better take your new hat and leave!" another advised.

"Put him out!" cried a third.

For a moment I stood irresolute, for I knew that I must fight or quit. Then pride, indignation and Yankee "grit" came to my aid. I walked to the door, locked it on the inside, and threw the key into the stove. Then I flung off my coat, jumped at the nearest of the big boys, collared him and threw him into a seat with such force that the bench broke under him.

Up he jumped and sprang at me like a young wolf. On came his fellows, too. In a moment more a battle royal was in progress.

"Put him out!" was their war cry.

We fought up and down and all around that room for a time, they trying to clutch me rather than to strike me down. We tore out the entire forward row of desks and seats. The stovepipe fell, filling the room with smoke, but we paid no heed to that. At last, they bore me down and would have dragged me out of the house, if the door had not been locked.

Then they opened a window and attempted to lift me bodily and shove me out. They would have ejected me, I think, but for the interference of the very girl who had cried, "Du tell!"

Moved by some sudden impulse, she dashed into the row, pulled away one of the young villains who was holding my arms and slapped the faces of two or three others.

This enabled me to wrench myself free. I floored two boys, reached the stove and seized the fire poker, which I brandished so savagely that my assailants fell back. They were more confused than I, and seemed to feel more suffocated by the volumes of smoke from the stove.

"Take your seats!" I shouted, "or I will down every one of you!"—and charged upon them with the poker. I hardly think that I should have struck any of them with such a weapon, but I was angry enough to use very ungentle means. But all dropped on the benches, and some, indeed, took refuge under them.

The larger girls had stood, rapt spectators of the fight; but the smaller children, many of them crying from fright, were hiding under desks and in corners. The school room, with shattered desks, stovepipe down, hats scattered, dinner pails upset, was in a shocking state.

When I put down the poker and called for two boys to assist me in replacing the stovepipe, two of my late adversaries came forward. Then they obeyed when I ordered them to clear the floor and pile the broken desks in one corner of the room.

Next I took the names of the scholars, and learned that the big girl who had cried, "Du tell!" was named Flora Rangely.

That forenoon I allowed no recess, because I did not think it quite safe to unlock the door, but at about 1 o'clock I dismissed the school for the rest of the day, after giving the pupils a piece of my mind.

"This is the worst school I ever saw," I said. "But understand, I am going to teach here, if you do not take my life. For the present I shall build the fires and care for the school room myself. None of you will be admitted until half-past 8 each morning. I know now what to expect from you, and I warn you that I shall strike quickly and hard."

They went away quietly and left me sitting very tired, until Kimball, the agent, came.

"Wal, wal," said he, "you are alive yet!" and he glanced at the heap of shattered desks. "You didn't come home to dinner, so I thought I'd come over; I didn't jest know in what shape I might find ye. I asked one o' the boys I met out here how he liked the new master. He said you was a man-eater."

I did not think it expedient to tell him that I had won the opening battle only by a queer piece of good fortune, and that I was much afraid of the morrow.

Early next morning I built the fire, tidied the school room, and seated myself at my desk with my ferule and the fire poker. I called the school to order without difficulty, gave the classes the best instruction in my power, and was pleased to see that I was creating a better impression.

Flora Rangely, my unexpected ally of yesterday, watched me approvingly, and I was foolish enough to show her rather more attention than I did the other girls. This seemed to me a proper display of gratitude, and besides, I thought it would be good policy to keep the energetic Flora on my side. Experience had not then taught me that a youthful pedagogue should show no partiality for one of his young lady pupils.

How was I to know that Luella Bailey would bitterly resent my small attentions shown to Flora? Certainly Luella cared nothing for me, but she had been considered the belle of the district, and was full of spite when any other girl seemed preferred by any youth. She was tall, strong and very comely, with large black eyes and a profusion of curling black hair.

The young men and boys behaved very well for three weeks, and I was beginning to believe that I should have little more trouble with the pupils, although I could not help noticing that Miss Bailey seemed hostile to me. But one day she replied to a question so impertinently that I requested her somewhat sharply to be more ladylike in future.

For an instant she regarded me with eyes that fairly snapped with anger, and then cried out scornfully:

"Oh, of course there's only one lady in this schoolhouse!"

"What do you mean by such a remark as that!" I exclaimed, for I did not comprehend the inuendo.

"None of your business, if you don't know," she retorted; then she jumped up from her place in class, without permission, slapped her grammar down on her desk and sat down with a flounce.

That was rank insubordination. "Come back to the class," I ordered her sharply.

"I won't!" she cried.

I at once advanced toward her seat, intending to escort her back to the class, but before I was half way up the aisle, she seized her heavy slate and hurled at me with all her strength. It went over my head, flew clear across the room, and smashed three panes of glass in the window by my desk.

Then she threw her grammar, her arithmetic, her reader and every other book that she could reach. I have never seen a girl so furious. She would have flung an axe at me if there had been one at hand, and I really thought she would have flown at me with her finger nails.

Several of the books struck me, and in the irritation of the moment, I was much inclined to use corporal punishment. Fortunately for my self-respect I restrained this impulse and laughed at her.

"You are a young woman, and I cannot lower myself so far as to strike you, or punish you as you deserve," said I. "You take advantage of the fact to insult me and defy me. I could call in the school committee and have you expelled, but I will not. I shall, however, give you no lessons for one month, and you need not present yourself in the classes."

"Oh, you needn't trouble to say all that!" retorted she ,sullenly. "I will never set foot in your school again." She was as good as her word.

There were several minor outbreaks before the term ended, but I quelled them all and taught every school day. This gave me a county reputation, as a successful master for bad schools, and the school committee commended me highly.

Still I never regarded my work there as an entire success, which it might have been had I not shown partiality to Flora Rangely. But for that error in judgment, I think that I might have laid the foundations for a good school in "Tophet," but as matters stood I deemed it best to decline to teach there again.

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