

look over the school register sent by Mike Olsen, in "one-room school" file folder

homesteader letters: Irene Olsen

--schoolroom map pulled down to hide test on blackboard.

- or: students put something on blackboard which greets Angus...

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from • Educational News, March 23, 1889

- favorite book (Arabian Nights) "made me wish I would not need to go to bed at all."
- "was well thumbed"
- "iron sharpens iron"

schoolhouse

pics of Lincoln & Washington

(Mary Dawson letter) (Howard Gribble letter--students asked to compare their deeds)

maps that rolled up into case

(Mary Dawson letter)

rolled down to cover tests written on blackboard

(Irene Olson letter #2)

alarm clock on teacher's desk, facing away from students

(Mary Dawson letter)

schoolkids

winter underwear sewed on
(Eva Farrington letter)

wouldn't wash hair during winter
(Eva Farrington letter)

games: tag and anty I over (ante I over?) (my note: show how a game wd be a rage,
(Mary Dawson letter) everybody playing it every recess, then it'd
be dropped entirely for something else)

wagon with box on it, kids playing "freight lines"
(Mary Dawson letter)

Living in long-johns

- schlepids in winter?

the front of (the schoolkids) fat with coat and scarf

--check whether used in SKY

Frances Inman tape

99--factions in school she taught: Swedes & ^{*}Slavs(?). They'd fight, she'd
"get right in the middle of them and pull them apart."

116--began letting one faction out for recess at a time.

* Croations mentioned in Reeder's homesteading paper

from Jean Schwinden:

one virtue of a one-room school was that the younger students got to hear the older students' lessons--an intro, a beginning of repetition, for the info to soak in.

- use a Jack: it did him more good than Alec...
- They were in ^{S. Fork} 1-room sch (c Helmers & others) until 4 yrs ago when Alec started hi sch; then to Gros V. ..
- school in Gros V leads to friendship c Ray Heaney?

cloakroom/mud room

see "The Kiskis" in Schooling file

Loretta Edsall 1-rm school details, in "homesteader letters" file

Mary Dawson 1-rm school details: letter in "homesteader letters" file

Howard Gribble: 1-rm school details, letter in "homestead letters" file

Fern Edgers letters: death of her teacher in blizzard

Eva Farrington: 1-rm schl details in "homesteader letters"

Irene Olson: good schoolroom details in "homesteader letters"

27
used?

Spatter of arithmetic ~~thundering~~
on black board of school

- even. way they wrote on. board in Anna's school was
neater than in mine

used
in R Fair?

tadpoles in a jar in the schoolroom

--Angus about the boy who brings them: Thank heaven he hadn't yet figured how
to jug up skunks, coyotes, bears...

fidget

- schel sich

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R Fair

The Educational News, late 1880s

Feb. 2, '89 - pupil teacher exam in papers

March 9, '89 - "Teaching, like water, can rise no higher than its source, & like water, it has a large aptitude for running down hill unless a constant impulse be applied in other direction."

March 16, '89 - Amer'n univ's now total 365 - "believes in u's as a means of educating a nation, not of producing... an annual supply of 3 or 4 passable experts."
- "refuse to waste too time on sawdust of conflicting theories of mind."

The History of Scottish Education--James Scotland (v. 2) (1969)

46--"The old Scots 'adventure school', run for a meagre livelihood by a man or woman of small means and smaller scholarship, did not long survive the 1872 Act....The appearance in 1889 of free elementary schooling virtually killed the few which still existed."

on Lewis in 1881, "a pupil teacher who failed to secure a place in a training college opened an establishment in opposition to two local board schools."

49--19th c. hours and holidays: "The session ran from late August or early Sept. to late June or early July; the main holiday periods were 10 days at Christmas... a week at Easter--called in some areas 'the Communion holidays'--and 2 months in ~~summer~~ summer, arranged to suit local conditions."

"...the school day lasted from 9 till 4 and there was no work on Saturdays."

"in public schools...200 days of opening each session"

121--"A.S. Neill pointed out in 1917 that though any respectable farmer might enter a bar without comment, a teacher must not."

History of Scottish Education by James Scotland/3

51--school inspector in 1878 disturbed that teachers don't inveigh sufficiently against throwing stones at telegraph wires.

52--"in 1872 it was still possible to find a hundred children or more in the care of one teacher. In 1905 the maximum number...was reduced from 70 to 60...there were lower maxima for assistants and pupil teachers."

--"On the whole the traditional Scottish principle of co-education prevailed."

--teaching method was "chalk and talk"

53--"At Buckie in the 1880's, apart from the daily marking of the register and two periods a week of copy-writing, all the work was done standing."

--purely ~~mechanical~~ mechanical instruction, great stress on accuracy, no real contact with the world outside; weekly tests and monthly examinations; progressive schools might dramatise history and poetry, have "nature rambles", visit places of local interest.

--"The tawse (evidently a belt for spanking) was still in daily use." But teachers and bd members became troubled over excessive "belting".

OVER

TEACHING AIDS:

54--"The common writing surface as late as 1900 was the 'slate', a rectangle framed in wood on which calculations could be made and washed out easily."

--textbks: "Under the board system, when penny-pinching was the rule, they were often closely printed on inferior paper with smudgy illustrations."

56--between age of 10 & 13, child could leave school if ~~he~~ school inspector improved his performance: "in reading plain narrative, in writing to take five lines of dictation 'in a fair, small hand', and arithmetic notation up to a million, with the four simple rules, money and time." Then wd be issued a Labour Certificate.

blackboard of real slate

--someone breaks into the schoolhouse and destroys it with a sledgehammer, to spite
Moe?

ch. 37
possible

argument over whose turn to bring in firewood:

"You've lost a day."

Rob took that as if I was accusing him of grand theft.

the schoolhouse smells of summerlong smoke when Paul and Moe go to open it after 1910 fire.

bowled~~ed~~ kids (from riding horses to school)

Bill Reinking

Editor of the Gleaner: double-chinned, rather pear-shaped man; high-hipped and broad-butted; wears a mustache.

--let the Gleaner serve a natural role in the book, but unannounced: just there, giving comment and reference, in ch. openings, Jick's dialogue with his mother; perhaps have the editor seen and described, tho never met in first-person, at the rodeo.

? --his father, Austin Reinking, is Gros Ventre supt of schools; ~~x~~ Angus is in touch with him because his S. Fork kids go on to GV high school. (a charge in the course of the book is from S. Fork kids simply getting a common school diploma, after 8 grades, to going on to high school.)

We have to

take to the brush/took to the brush (i.e., bailed out of a situation)

, to have a wee

curiosity (trait for a schoolkid)

this [Sunday] coal." Before agreeing,

I asked Ninian why the school had waited until I was gone, to go modern.

He suggested with a straight face ~~I had better search in my own soul for~~
that I was a man whom improvement

did not easily visit.

taint was everywhere

--guilty or shamed kids in schoolroom

That whistledick.

- school boy calls another one...

possible move: Horses you had to be careful of...graf, from Jick's ch. 1 visit
to Craig's to his ch. 2 visit there.

Friedt interview, 380, schoolkids singing "My Country Tis of Thee"--

Angus perhaps sings them the British version (parody of "God Save Queen.")

school is on S. Fork because ranchers and homesteaders there have head start, children of school age. ("We'll do our mightiest to catch up with them," somebody in Sc Hn jokes.)

--Or at least some of us are (aimed at Angus as bachelor)

--Oh, I'm game to help, Angus says.

Frances Inman interview--

They went to school to me.

...while he and the others maybe were my pupils, my charges for the long hours of the schoolday, there was territory inside the head that they kept to themselves.

Lady

. . .if ^{he} I wanted to think about--and being a
worrying child, ^{he} I did--
^{he}

geography: Angus remembers the ocean--Susan Duff or other pupils too?

I had the luck that the children were young...

watching for ticks

- Angus does this, on his schlpids

preacher to Angus, hopes the kids are getting a Christian education.

--A kirk education, do you mean?

--Preacher: well, these are mainly Scots families...

--Angus: And the Van Bebbers and Hahns...?

- If my name was Hans, you'd want me to go strong o' Luther, wud you?

Scottish term: schoolmaster (in Montana, it becomes teacher)

--in Mont. it also becomes mostly a woman's job, against the males in the old country

wild rosies (small, pink)

--one of Angus' students bring him bouquet

--another one is obstreperous, brings him only his sullen presence (animus?)
animosity

Janice Jones

p. 210 - To stop a nosebleed, roll a piece of brown paper into a tight ball & push it up under your upper lip & hold it there.

Angus uses at school. >

add to
Susan's pleasure
on horseback, as
Marty runs

?

"On frosty mornings I would tuck my feet under Old Jerry's mane...and they were warm and comfortable."

--S. Times Dec. 4 '81 clip on George Dennis; in "homesteads" research file

"I knew that a snake, however thoroughly crushed, would not die until sunset."

--source: Lost art of Profanity ph'copy in "sayings" lingo file

"If you kiss the upturned hem of your dress, the wish will come true."

--source: "Folk Beliefs Popular in the Lower Snake River Valley" in "sayings" lingo
file

Angus?

what

Their passion for ^{what} awaited within pages made him try it aloud to them (the end of each day)

I could not bring myself to put my father's name on my son.

It seemed (Rob) only had to wink in her direction and out came a baby.

Kramer, VV

126--schoolmen scorned for giving children "no other idea than that God made the world out of the nine parts of speech"

R Fair students:

p. 113⁺: Hahn Mos. (Fritz; Ed in ^{Manah} ~~Engl~~ ~~Ch~~, p. 126)
(S. Fork)

Petersens (Emir; Karen

Roccis (Daniel; Bob in ^{Manah} ~~Engl~~ ~~Ch~~, p. 126

Van Babbens (Eddie

(N. Fork) 3 Friedlators (Meg; Jenny; Freddie

Susan Duff (Samuel

Jimmy Spedden

Betsy Frew

Barclay girls (4?)

Daniel & Rachel Crutline

Vanish McCasill

Angus's school yrs before meeting Anna, April '97:

'93-4

'94-5

'95-6

Pine Butte one-room schoolhouse

36'x18' (i.e., twice as long as wide.

3 windows each side

Margaret Emerson, Ian Walker's sister, was also in the Conservancy group in June '03 and had attended (Ian, too) a one-room school. She remembered:

--barrel stove

--the recitation bench at the back (near teacher's desk) where a class would gather to read aloud, spell, whatever

--spelling bees between the grades

--flagpole out front; pledge of allegiance would be recited, then start school

The flag was a nice new one, donated to the school by Doc Oo when Oklahoma became a state, and I could hardly wait until I was an 8th grader...

ch. 2 teacher is Miss Trent, who has moved out of George and Rae's to homestead;
she sells the homestead (can she do this before proving up?)--Oliver ruefully says
did know
"She knew her arithmetic"--and moves away.

down
--~~Out~~ From curiosity I once sent for her file (give her bckgrnd or something germane
about her teaching approach. Paul: Well, yes.)

His feet were ahead of the rest of his body in growing, so he was able to wear
(his father's dress shoes?)...

cold-eyed as a coyote pup

one Scotch Heaven family has the trait of being left-handed;
yr after yr Angus has to put these kids on far end of desk row, so they're
not writing into a right-handed seatmate.

The left-handed freew

Peterson: teased by ~~xxxx~~ schoolmates as "Peter Skin"

- Angus has to stop schldicks from ↑

- his father: Einar Peterson

so cross-eyed she could see a fly on each ear
- Angus has to deal w school kids taunting cross-eyed girl

work ahead--common phrase in my schoolwork: if
you want to work ahead . . .

Bygone

83 - & gates to open on way to school

child with double crown. (Someone has written of this--who?)
(" abroad, where natives were fascinated with it)
Max Havelaar?

Angus yr after yr sees the crowns of kids' heads as they bend over their
schoolwork in his classroom.

a smatter of this, a dolloß of that. (teaching)

inkwell

bare dirt around schoolhouse where children have played

school: how kids got there

small "house" on sled runners
(Irene Olsen, letter #1)

3 kids on white horse named Barney
(Margaret Saylor letter)

horses tied to rings stapled into schoolhouse
(Mary Dawson letter)

ride to town, turn horse loose to come home, send saddle with mail carrier
(Mary Dawson letter)

homesteader letters, Mary Dawson 6/7/83

--drop the horse's reins and read all the way home

homesteader letters, Howard Gribble:

--higher grades in the back of the schoolroom

Malvina Peyser: name used in earlier book?

Margaret Saylor: 1-rm schl details in "homesteader letters"

--gentle white horse named Barney whom 3 kids cd ride to school

Melba Nichols: anecdote in "homestead letters":

"...my little first grader, Elizabeth, drove her horse $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 miles over the hilly prairie--how did her parents know ~~xx~~ whether she arrived safely?--no telephone. What a good old horse to come to school. Of course he would go home. My little girl always asked permission--"May Wurl (the Vs got changed) harness my horse?" Wurl was always glad to.

pum-pum-pullaway: children's game, described in DARE IV, p. 260

--for Whistling Season: have a game be all the rage at recess for awhile, then another is all anyone wants to play.

used >
in Angus' schoolroom, some of younger kids pick up what is being taught the older ones. But some older ones have to repeat a grade, time and again-- of one of these (or perhaps a whole family), Angus echoes John Waldner's lament--this boy wasn't born to read and write.

Angus learns to graduate (or pass) them according to size or age --
"when they get big enough" -- instead of ability.

Yet a lad such as OO knew alphabets of his own.

"...we smiled and said in unison 'DARE,' and hooked little fingers, because that is what people are supposed to do when they say the same thing at the same time."

--DARE newsletter, fall 2002

"I knew that if two children happened to say the same words at the same moment, it was advisable to perform at once a certain ritual and then remain silent until someone else had spoken."

--source: Lost ~~of~~ Art of Profanity ~~kp~~ ph'copy in "sayings" lingo file

flagpole & well the upper & lower perimeters of schoolgrounds