

Reuse Of The Old Manfred School

Manfred School Board Minutes

June 1, 1910

Moved and second that we sell the old schoolhouse by auction to the highest bidder on Wednesday June 8th at 2 p.m.

June 8, 1910

At the auction sale of the old schoolhouse there were very few and slow bids. It was sold to C. C. Melby for \$310.00.

Wells County Free Press News Entries

June 24, 1910

The old school house has been sold to C. C. Melby, who immediately moved it to a lot across the street, and is changing it into a dwelling house.

August 19, 1910

C. C. Melby has been busy this week moving his family and household goods from his apartments over the store to his new dwelling house made out of the old schoolhouse.

May 19, 1911

Knud O. Melby made a deal the other day whereby he became the owner of the C. C. Melby dwelling. K. O. Melby and wife will likely move to town and leave their farm in the hands of their son, Oscar.

The New Brick Schoolhouse Takes Shape

Wells County Free Press News Entries

June 24, 1910

The old school that for years has been too small to accommodate all the school children is to be replaced by a new commodious four-room brick building. Miss Helen Hope closed a very successful nine-month term of school last Tuesday with a literary program which had drawn a crowded house of patrons of the school and children. The student attendance has been the largest in the history of the school and it is too large for one teacher. The school ground has been the scene of great activity of late. C. C. Melby moved the old school off, and after this Mr. Fisher with his teams (of horses) and men started to dig the basement, haul sand and rocks and make everything ready for the stonemasons and the bricklayers.

July 29, 1910

The basement of the new school house has been completed and part of the brick work commenced. The basement is divided into four rooms, two of them being large and well lighted will be well suited for a gymnasium and a room for manual training. When the building is completed it will give ample room for educating both the head and the hand of the pupils.

August 12, 1910

Work on the schoolhouse is progressing very fast. The walls are up and the roof ready for shingling. The lathing of the two rooms on the first floor is complete and prospects good that the building will be ready by the time school opens.

September 16, 1910

The new red brick schoolhouse of Manfred is just about completed. It is a fine building of which Manfred may be justly proud. Messrs. Harrison & Boas have done the work and done it well. School will start Monday next.

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Building Committee: Clarence Nelson, Nick Rogeness and O. K. Melby

September 14, 1910

The Building Committee was called to accept the School Building from the contractor. Committee found that the contract was not complete so they could not accept the same. Committee to meet again on September 17, 1910.

September 17, 1910

Committee members all present. After examining the building and the work done, was done according to specifications and contract – the board agreed with the contractor to accept the building with a discount of \$70 from contract for the looks of the windows on the west side of same not being straight. We agreed to pay the Contractor \$20 for putting in a partition and door around the stairway and we have before agreed with the contractor to pay \$50 extra for furnishing and laying maple floor in the two school rooms instead of fir floors as the contract called for. Clerk was instructed to issue warrant for amount balance due on contract.