

STUDENTS SHOULD EAT.

Doctors Oppose Continuous Sessions at the High School.

Dr. W. A. Briggs Presents the Board of Education With Some Facts and Figures.

Can High School students study on an empty stomach? This is the question that the City Board of Education will have to decide at its next regular meeting. It has been the practice at the High School to have one continuous session from 8:30 in the morning until 1:30 in the afternoon during the summer months, instead of having two sessions with an intervening recess for a square meal.

The doctors say this is not right, and at a special meeting of the Board of Education last night a committee of local medical men unbonomed themselves on the subject. There were present Drs. W. A. Briggs, Fowler, Huntington, Parkinson and Merrill, and the members of the board present were Messrs. Erlwin, Sherburn, Payne, Tufts and Gardner.

Dr. Briggs was the first to address the board. About a year ago the matter of school hours was taken up by the local medical society, he said, and a resolution was adopted opposing the early-closing idea. Being rather late the matter was dropped for that time, but the subject was never better, and that the trustees, instead of stealing, are actually saving \$100 a month on the salaries now authorized.

After five fifteen minutes of continuous concentration, or after each period given in his scale of ages. There is no reason why the children cannot have an hour for lunch during the summer months at any other time. The summer in Sacramento is not so bad as it is pictured, or reported to be. We believe that mental work can be carried on comfortably and with advantage when the thermometer is at 90°.

Dr. Huntington said that inasmuch as Dr. Briggs had gone over the ground so thoroughly, and as he (the speaker) had another subject to bring before the board later on, he would be brief. He heartily endorsed the remarks and ideas of his friend and colleague who had just spoken. He referred to the importance of a hearty noon meal for children whose brains are being taxed severely by study.

Dr. Merrill voiced the remarks of those who had preceded him. There was no doubt as to the soundness of the theories advanced by Dr. Briggs, he said, and he hoped for the sake of the health of the rising generation that the board would set upon the suggestions of the committee.

Mr. Weinstock also spoke on the subject. It seemed very clear to him, however, that health should not be sacrificed for education. It was a very plain proposition. The continuous-session plan was to his mind injurious and pernicious. Mr. Weinstock said he had heard heartily in accord with Dr. Briggs, and hoped the board would remedy the evil.

Professor Pond opposes it. Professor Pond, Principal of the High School, informed the board that he had given the subject under discussion considerable thought, but he did not concur with the doctors' suggestions in many respects. He said he believed the doctors were right in changing the present system. He admitted their theories, but he did not think they were practical.

Professor Pond explained that he did not mean to dispute the soundness of the doctor's theories. He only doubted that the improvement expected would result from a change from the present system. This ended the discussion on this subject, and after Dr. Huntington made a few remarks regarding the overworking of shade-trees on some of the school grounds, the committee withdrew.

The board took the matter under consideration and will dispose of it at the next regular meeting.

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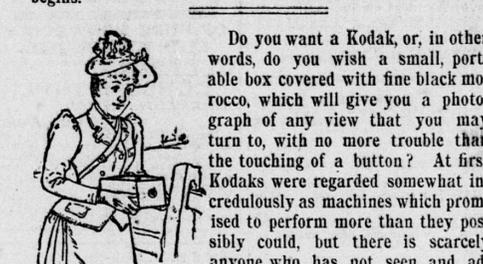
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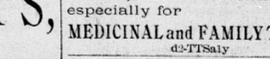
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