

NORMAL SCHOOL HIT BY SKINNER.

Superintendent Com- plains Because Char- ter Exempts It.

ALBANY, April 16.—Senator Strana- han, of the Cities Committee, declared to-day that no changes would be made in the New York charter taking out the section giving the right to the city superintendent of schools to exempt cer- tain graduates from the teachers' training course and exempting pupils of the Normal College from the teach- ers' examination.

State Superintendent of Public In- struction Skinner was highly indignant to-day. He said: "This is the worst blow ever administered to the educa- tional system of this State."

He claims that the college graduates have heretofore shown an incompetency to pass examinations, and adding: "I find that the results of the pre- liminary examination held by the State Department of Public Instruction in September last, in the Normal College of the City of New York, for college graduates professional certificates were: 'Freshmen—Tried English, 53; Passed, 27; failed, 27. 'Sophomores—Tried mathematics, 42; Passed, 21; failed, 21. 'Sophomores—Tried mathematics, 25; Passed, 10; failed, 15."

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WIFE TOO BIG AND TOO COSTLY

Little Doctor Worsted in Row Over Alleged Extravagance.

A physician, small of stature, stood beside his much larger wife this morn- ing in the Yorkville Court and helped to rectify their domestic woes to Magis- trate Zeller.

He was Dr. Julius Droder, of No. 105 Second avenue, and was there on com- plaint of his wife, who charged him with disorderly conduct, though he de- clared that he was the worst party in the mix-up in his office last night, in which he and his wife were the prin- cipals.

The wife, Bertha, who gave her ad- dress as No. 116 First street, in a large woman. She was stylishly dressed. Her taste for good clothes and "high living," the doctor said, was the cause of their domestic troubles and of a separation which took place recently. They were married seven years ago. The doctor opened a modest office at No. 45 Ludlow street, where they lived, but as they prospered his wife insisted that they remove to a better locality. She prevailed and they moved to Sec- ond avenue.

The wife, according to the physician, was still not satisfied, and he observed in court that she was always pressing him with requests that they live better. "Her high notions," he said this morn- ing, "I could not gratify with the means at my disposal." Last night, the doctor said, she visited him at his office. The interview was stormy and Policeman Sahm had to restore peace, an important part of which was to drag the angry wife from the little husband's office. The Magistrate told the doctor he had better pay his wife about \$12 a week. He adjourned the hearing until Thurs- day afternoon.

PROF. HOWLAND DEAD.

Instructor of Physics Had Gained International Renown.

BALTIMORE, April 15.—Prof. Henry A. Howland, of the Johns Hopkins Uni- versity, died suddenly at his home in this city to-day. The cause of his death is generally attributed to a gen- eral breaking down of his system. Al- though the professor had been in ill- health for several months, it was not until a few days ago that his symptoms became at all alarming, and his death was entirely unexpected.

About fifteen years ago the professor gained world-wide reputation by his large diffraction gratings, which are ruled by a method of his own, directly on concave mirrors. An image of the spectrum is thus produced without the aid of lenses. According to his method as many as 30,000 lines to the inch can be made. The photographs of the solar spectrum that he succeeded in making with these grat- ings, surpass anything else of the kind that has ever been done.

Prof. Howland was fifty-three years old. He began as instructor of physics in Wooster University, in 1874, and went to Johns Hopkins two years later. He was a member of the Electrical Congress that met in Paris in 1881, and served on the jury of the electric ex- hibition there in that year, and for his services was made a Chevalier of the Legion of Honor.

New Theatre for 'Erisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 15.—A syndi- cate of New York capitalists has been formed to build a theatre in this city. The proposed structure will seat 2,000 persons and be devoted to vaudeville. Five hundred thousand dollars will be invested. The exact location of the building has not yet been decided upon.

"HANDS OFF THE SKIRTS!" SAYS PRESIDENT SEXTON.

Should Be Shorter, He Admits, but No Body of Men in the World Could Enforce Stan- dard, However Sani- tary.

President John H. Sexton, of the Health Board, though deprecating the fact that women who trail the streets with their long skirts spread disease germs, emphatically declares that he will do nothing toward enforcing the wear of a hygienic length.

"Though he has declared that the Health Board can do anything being a married man, as well as an astute politician, he realizes the obstacles in the way of enforcing such a sanitary regu- lation."

Just imagine sanitary inspectors ar- resting and arraigning before dignified magistrates scores of hapless women because their dresses are not to the san- itary standard of length or breadth. This and many similar mental pictures have come up before the rubicund Pres- ident.

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The Health Department may stop the wearing of long skirts. "Absurd," says President Sexton.

NUNS FOUGHT CONVENT FIRE.

Formed in Brigade and Saved Building from Flames.

(Special to The Evening World.) HAVERHILL, Mass., April 15.—Sister Mary De Chantal with twenty-two nuns fought a fire that threatened the dis- solution of the Convent of St. Joseph here to-day. The blaze originated in the St. James' Parsonage School, almost adjoining this building was destroyed, and the flames communicated to the convent. Sister De Chantal led the nuns, stationing one at each of several windows, while other sisters carried buckets of water to them. As the flames reached the windows the nuns used the water with good effect, also heating out sparks blown into the building. Several times they were hidden by dense smoke from crowds on the street, but they held to their posts and for two hours bent their efforts unceasingly toward saving the convent. They were successful, and when the fire was under control the throngs cheered them for their bravery. There were no pupils in the school when the fire broke out. The loss was \$5,000.

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HAD HUSBAND LODGED IN JAIL

Mrs. Wasserman Said He Meant to Flee the State.

Hyman Wasserman has been locked up in Ludlow Street Jail, in an action brought by his wife, Minnie Wasserman, for an absolute divorce. Wasserman failed to give the bail of \$500 fixed by Justice Freedman. Mrs. Wasserman alleged that he would leave the State to get out of the jurisdiction of the court, and thus escape paying her alimony. Mrs. Wasserman says she was married to the defendant about a year ago, but they had only lived a short time together when he abandoned her. She saved some \$50 or \$75, and when Was- serman discovered that he had returned a week, got her money and spent it.

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