

TEACHERS AND CONTRACTORS
MAY SUE FOR THEIR BILLS

Ex-President Hyde Says the Auditor Must Pay Claims.

HE SCORES TWO BOARDS

Says the Last Two Bodies Have Been Extravagant and Arbitrary.

CANNOT DIVIDE SCHOOL FUND

The Ex-School Director and Attorney Says Mandamus Would Be Against the Auditor.

There has been considerable interest in the status of the public school funds for several weeks owing to Auditor Broderick's statement that there are no available assets with which to pay teachers their current salaries...

Auditor Broderick's statement seems to confirm the estimate of Chairman Walker of the Finance Committee of the Board of Education...

The case may appear clear to the taxpayer, it is well to refer to Auditor Broderick's figures. His statement of the condition of the funds of the department is contained in the following table:

Table with financial data: Appropriation for 1896-97, Balance from 1895-96, Total amount available, etc.

The chief contest in which the public is concerned is that between the chairman of the present Finance Committee and the chairman of the same committee of a former board.

The fact is that none of the figures are correct. The claim of ex-Director Hawley is that there is no deficiency in the funds...

FELL TO HIS DEATH.

A Chinese Plunges Down One Hundred Feet in the Palace Hotel.

Tried to Get Into a Moving Elevator, but He Slid Under It Into the Shaft.

Chin Wah Sing, a Chinese housecleaner employed in the Palace Hotel, fell down an elevator shaft yesterday morning and was killed.

When the coroner's deputies reached the place they found Sing lying on a pile of pipes. Scarcely a bone in his body escaped unbroken.

The accident occurred at the elevator on the Annie-street side of the building, the one chiefly used by the servants.

When the carpenter was safely inside the elevator, who was in charge of the elevator, closed the door.

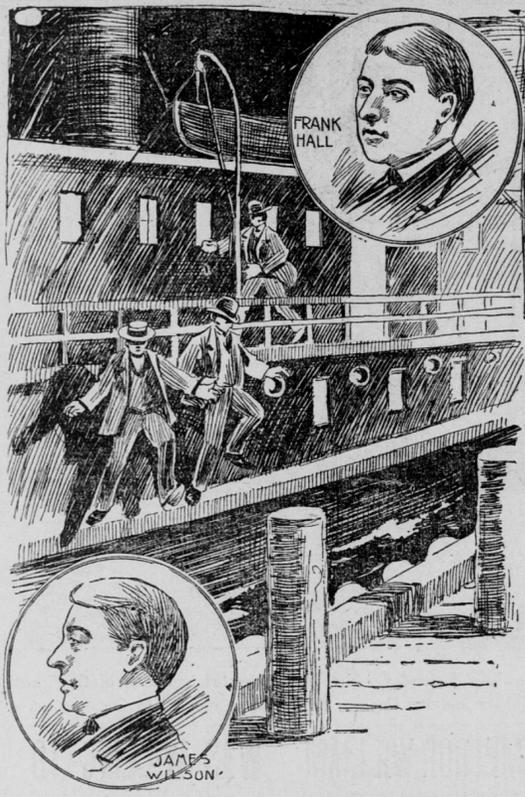
An excellent programme, consisting of boxing, fencing and tumbling was given.

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PROGRESS ON SIXTH

That Street to Have Electric-Cars and Bicycles.

The merchants on Sixth street are by no means satisfied with the partial improvement so far made on that street by the illumination lately added to its attractiveness.

The prime movers in the improvement of this street are: H. Wolf, J. F. Sweeney, L. V. Merie, H. Alsbach, S. Rosenthal, W. Marks, E. H. Plant and W. A. Eiting.

These gentlemen with others will institute a crusade against the cobblestones on the street, in favor of bitumen. They will also agitate for a better car service.

"We want," said H. Wolf, "a line of cars that will connect us with South San Francisco by giving transfers at Third and Townsend at that end of the line, and also to Market and the cars running to the Western Addition.

As far as the City Front and North Beach is concerned, we understand that the idea of the Market-street Railroad Company is to cross Market, go up Taylor as far as Kearny, where it already has a track that connects with Montgomery and Sansome. Once there it can run over its present route to the ferries and up Jackson to Kearny, where it can transfer to the cars on that line to the Beach.

The only thing, as we understand it, that stops the scheme is that the franchise of the Sutter-street road is now before the Supreme Court waiting for a decision. Then we expect to see a movement made in this direction.

These ideas of Mr. Wolf are shared by others and a new era of prosperity is looked for for the future of Sixth street.

At the next meeting of the club all the real estate owners will be invited to be present and to join the club. For, as the merchants express it, what will benefit the tenant will assuredly benefit the property-owners.

The following new members were added to the roll at the meeting on Tuesday night:

I. S. Cohen, Marks Bros., John F. Sweeney, L. A. Devoto, Geo. Jacobs, Louis Rubenstein, O. J. Healey, H. Wolf & Sons, Schmitt Bros. & Co., D. Davidson, J. W. Kelly, J. M. Sweeney, J. Gregory, M. Giannotti, W. L. Carlson, A. La Balle, J. C. Broderick, J. P. Moore, C. H. H. Plant, W. A. Fratt, A. Neumann, H. Erlich, Owens & Starr, C. R. Poor, Bennett Bros., S. Goetzthal, James A. Sorensen, Moore & Sims, L. V. Merie, C. Krieger, George A. Root, Mrs. H. Jacobs, W. A. Eiting, J. K. Smith, Bon T. F. Dugan, Wright & Saw, Leon D. Stone & Co., F. E. Neuman, Highland Lunch Company, Meyer Bros., Dan J. J. Jellish & Woodruff, S. Kapka, C. W. Miller, New York Shoe Company, A. Brady, Hughes & Lane, Janssen & Thiele.

BOOM IN DIVORCES.

Five Suits Filed Yesterday and Three Separations Granted.

Ella V. Green has been granted a divorce from R. W. Green on the ground of extreme cruelty.

For extreme cruelty Christine Mayhugh has been given a divorce from Charles R. Mayhugh.

Mrs. Kate R. Austin has been granted a divorce from David A. Austin on the ground of desertion.

In the divorce suit of Grace Hamilton against Walter J. Hamilton an order was made by Judge Belcher yesterday dismissing the action without prejudice to the commencement of a new action.

Suits for divorce have been filed as follows: Rebecca Fisher against Will E. Fisher, for cruelty; Louise Mollart against Clemens Mollart, for desertion; May Heindorf against Heinrich M. H. Heindorf, for desertion; Margaret C. McKeany against Andrew J. McKeany, for failure to provide for the family; and against Walter J. Hamilton, for cruelty.

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Two Manacled Prisoners W. A. Gillespie Here From Attempt to Swim Ashore. Pennsylvania to Fix Hotel Accommodations.

They Are Supposed to Be Highwaymen Wanted in Fresno.

He Estimates That at Least 5000 Eastern Delegates Will Come to This City.

Frank Hall and James Wilson Make Desperate Attempt to Get Away From a Sheriff.

The early risers who frequent the water front viewed something out of the ordinary shortly after 4 o'clock yesterday morning, when the Stockton boat reached her mooring.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, AT 12 M. SHARP, BY

Von Rhein & CO.

513 CALIFORNIA STREET. LARGE SIXTH-STREET CORNER.

McAllister Street—A Grand Lot. 40x137 1/2 ft. (nearly) side of McAllister, 137 1/2 feet W. of Fillmore; better lots for residence or flats on the peninsula.

Woodward's Garden Lots. 4 Lots—Valencia, bet. 14th and 15th. 4 Lots, each 25x100; E. line of Valencia st., 120 feet N. of 15th; 14th and Valencia is a prominent tract; price.

Mission Street, bet. 13th and 14th. 40x100; W. line of Mission st., 237 feet S. of Rialto.

Ridley Street Building Lot. 25x95; S. line of Ridley st., 63 1/2 ft. of Jessie, bet. Valencia cable and Mission-st. electric road.

Jessie, Near 13th, Rents \$73. 25x95; No. 1436 1/2 Jessie st., of 13th; 2 new flats; each 5 rooms and bath; at reduced rents of \$36.

Julian-Avenue Flats—Rents \$42. 40x24; No. 17 to 23 Julian ave.; E. of Valencia st.; 275 feet S. of 15th st.; always rented.

NE. Cor. 13th & Stevenson, in 1 or 5 Lots. 78x135; NE. cor. of 13th and Stevenson sts., with Chinese washhouse; rent \$20; as a whole or in lots; 3 rooming flats; 2 rooming Stevenson.

Jessie Street—6 Building Lots near 13th. 25x90; W. line of Jessie 95 feet S. of 13th; 2 lots, each 25x90; 100 feet S. of 13th; 2 lots, 30x70; adjoining above on the south.

Stevenson Street Building Lot. 40x100; E. line of Stevenson st., bet. 8 and 9; 40x100; suitable for cottages or flats.

Dolores, Opp. High-School Site. 3 lots; E. line of Dolores st., bet. 10 and 11; 2 lots each 25x110; connecting 118 feet S. of 11th st.

Flats near the Park—Rents \$52. 25x80; No. 43-49 Tremont st., off Waller, near Clay-st.; 4 flats; only 2 years built; Highest-class.

Lafayette, Near Green—Rents \$38.50. 23x90; No. 7 Lafayette st.; off Green, near Dupont; 3 story tenement.

Third Ave., near California—Rents \$20. 25x120; No. 213 Third ave.; modern cottage; 5 rooms, bath, basement, garden, etc.

Flats, 21st, near Valencia—Rents \$39. 25x114; 3357-59 21st st., bet. Valencia and Guerrero; 2 flats; rent \$39; a third flat is particularly desirable; Worst case cure in 10 to 25 days. 100-page book free.

Darolle's Laundry, Chenery Street. 100x115 fronting Chenery, and 150x150 fronting S. E. St. 17; 2 frame and brick buildings; 100 feet front; for laundry, dwelling and stable.

Greenwich, E. of Montgomery—Rents \$25. 43x75; 103-105 Greenwich st., E. of Montgomery; one 2-story room and 2 cottages; with some repair would rent for \$28; must be sold.

Corner York, 26th and Serpentine Ave. 120 feet on York st., 69 1/2 on 26th and 38 on Serpentine; as a whole or in 4 lots.

5 Lots on Precita Ave., opp. Howard. 80x123; S. line of Precita st., opposite Howard, 500 feet W. of Polson; a fine near of above, facing California ave.; 55x50.

The Railroad Commission did nothing of vast importance or interest to the public at its regular meeting yesterday afternoon.

Communications were read by Secretary Newman from various railroads in regard to making a report of every tariff to the commission, and in regard to a uniform system of bookkeeping which, it was proposed, all the railroads of the State should adopt.

The replies on these matters have been published and are in the interim report recently distributed. As to tariffs, many small railroads and other transportation companies of the State replied, in brief, that they carried no passengers and no freight outside their own private business, which business was in most instances, stated to be that of logging or lumbering in their own camps, or for their own mills, and that they had no tariffs of any nature to submit.

The reading of these communications brought out some discussion in regard to tariffs and charges made by stage lines and small steamboats on inland lakes. The opinion was expressed by Chairman La Rue and Commissioner Stanton that the small transportation companies of this kind also come within the province of the commission, and the result will be that the secretary will communicate with as many of them as he can find.

The replies in regard to uniform bookkeeping showed, with some few exceptions, a general disposition to acquiesce in the plan of uniform bookkeeping suggested by the commission, and were made by the companies they were to the effect that the interstate commerce system be adopted. No action was taken.

A communication was read from the Canadian inquiry into Transportation Charges on Farm Products, was read. It asked for the tariffs in this State on a variety of things from milk to hop poles. The secretary will give what information he has.

After the meeting adjourned Commissioner Stanton was asked concerning bringing up before the board again of the commission's right and duty under the constitution of proceeding to make an investigation of rates and charges and bonds on its own hook, under its constitutional authority. Nothing toward an independent investigation will be done at present.

Populists on Bills. The executive committee of the People's Party met at their headquarters in the Murphy building on Tuesday, January 23, and organized by electing J. A. Anthony chairman and T. H. Hatch secretary. Resolutions were adopted in favor of the bill before the Legislature for a reorganization of employment agencies and also for an amendment to the constitution for the incorporation of children for seeking work on the street. Resolutions were also passed against the Loud Post bill.

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A report was received from the committee appointed to induce the Olympic Salt Water Company to put sidewalks in front of its property on Point Lobos avenue, in the largest of the many much-desired accommodations would be complied with.

A resolution was introduced instructing President Fletcher, now in Sacramento, to advocate the bill now before the Legislature increasing the pay of the chief and captains of the San Francisco police.

An amendment was offered to the resolution advocating an increase in the pay of the chief of the Fire Department to \$9000, assistant chief \$3000, secretary \$3000 and district engineers to \$2100. Both were carried unanimously.

NEW TO-DAY. EASTON, ELDRIDGE & CO. REAL ESTATE AGENTS AND GENERAL AUCTIONEERS.

AT AUCTION TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1897. At 12 o'clock noon, AT OUR SALESROOM, 638 MARKET ST.

Business and Residence Property.

Southeast corner Broadway and Mason street; 100x100 ft. lot; high basement; brick building; containing store and several tenements; this is a good bet in the future; full rent \$107; several case roads; street in basalt rock; corner lot, 98-9-1338.

North line (No. 1222) of 12th st., 137 1/2 feet of 5 rooms; this must soon be a business; Post, Sutter and Geary streets; large lot, 25x120.

Golden Gate Park Residence. East line (No. 216) of Ashbury st., 100 north of Fell—Handsome 2- or 3-story bay-windowed residence; 7 rooms and bath; high basement; cement concrete foundation; brick foundation; fine home; one-half block from Golden Gate Park; several case roads; lot, 100x120.

Mission Investment Property. Northeast line (Nos. 83, 83 1/2 and 85) of Moss st., bet. Folsom and Howard and Sixth and seventh—Buildings comprising 12 tenements with a garage; full rent \$80; splendid street-car accommodations; lot 60x75.

Magnificent Corner Lot. Southwest corner of Pacific and Jones sts.; would pay well for a building; electric cars above; good location for business; Pacific st. in basalt rock and cement street walk; Jackson and Hyde-avenue; cause; large corner lot, 60x52 1/2.

Pacific Heights Residence Lots. West line of Pierce st., 45 south of Vallejo; two handsome residence lots; grand marlin view; view of the bay and city; electric cars above; and below and sewer; examine these for a home; street in basalt rock; lot 27-28-29-30-31-32.

Oak-Street Business Property. South line of Oak st., 187-1/2 feet of Devisadero; two handsome business lots; electric cars above; and below and sewer; examine these for a home; street in basalt rock; lot 27-28-29-30-31-32.