

SOLID NINE PLANNING A NEW SCHEME

School Districts Will Be Gerrymandered to Rainey.

SALARIES WILL BE READJUSTED.

The Mission High School to Be a Soft Place for a Favorite.

SUPERINTENDENT WEBSTER TALKS.

Mother of Pupils to Hold an Indignation Meeting—Mitchell Preparing to Fight.

There is a new scheme being hatched by the "Solid Nine" of the Board of School Directors. Failing in their attempt to provide places as teachers for some sixty or more of the friends of Boss Rainey, these directors now propose to gerrymander the school districts of the City in the interest of some favorite principals and their friends.

They do not call it by this name, of course. On the records of the doings of the board it appears that there is urgent need that the City be redivided, and a resolution to that effect was adopted at the last regular meeting. The work is allotted to the members of the committee on rules and Deputy Superintendent of Schools Stone. Now, as it so happens, the presiding sages of this particular committee are Dr. Ragan and Dr. Drucker, the two principal lieutenants of Rainey in the board, consequently the rank and file of the teachers view the prospective redividing of the City into school districts with peculiar interest.

Along with this gerrymandering scheme comes a plan to grade the schools according to their average attendance, and the salaries of the principals and vice-principals accordingly. This is where the chief beauty of the whole affair lies. Under the skillful maneuvering of Ragan and Drucker there is likely to be some startling reductions in the number of pupils attending some schools with a corresponding increase in others. The redividing plan in itself would be a harmless affair without the regrading prospect. This last thought emanates from the brain of Director Gallagher, who is Ragan's man Friday. The whole proposition meets with the approval of the solid nine, and Rainey himself has declared that it will act as a tonic for the school system of the City. With such endorsements as these it seems strange that the teachers should see anything in the matter to be suspicious.

The fact remains, however, that they do not like the prospect at all. The resolution provides that the work shall be completed by August 9. It was this resolution which Director Gallagher invoked at Saturday night's meeting to defeat the adoption of the salary schedule. This schedule was identical with that of last year and was satisfactory to both principals and teachers. On the first vote it was adopted, but it was not until Director Ragan, after securing a reconsideration, attempted to amend it by making the salaries of the principals and vice-principals according to the average daily attendance. Heretofore the schools have been graded, especially in the primary class, according to the number of classes. This plan was adopted by the Hyde board and met with the approval of the entire School Department at

the time. Thus far there has been no request from any of the principals, as far as can be learned, for either a regrading or a redividing. The execution of the two plans conjunctively, as is the idea of the "solid nine," will probably result in great confusion among the teachers and pupils and many salaries will be readjusted accordingly.

It is this last point that is uppermost in the minds of the promoters. At present the primary schools are divided into eight classes, with salaries ranging from \$90 to \$100 for principals. Rainey, it is understood, has devised a system under the proposed redividing of the City that will take care of his friends. It is a matter to gerrymander a district in such a way as to materially reduce or increase the average attendance. This is an old game that has often been practiced in politics, but this is the first time it has been applied in the management of a School Department.

Deputy Superintendent Stone admitted yesterday that the execution of the plan on the lines laid down by the resolution would result in readjustment of the salaries of some of the principals. He thought the plan a good one, providing it was carried out impartially and without reference to politics. He admitted that under the provisions of it, it was possible to cut off the attendance in some school materially, thus reducing under the grading scheme the salary of the principal and vice-principal accordingly. He believed, however, that no matter how the plan was carried out, it would be for the benefit of the school system as a whole.

Some of the School Directors do not view the situation so sanguinely. They see in the efforts of the "solid nine" a plan to increase the salaries of favorites at the expense of others who do not stand so well at the throne. The refusal of the board at Saturday night's meeting to adopt the salary schedule leads them to believe that there is a colored man in the fence, who is likely to make trouble at any time. The minority members of the board are of the same opinion. Director Head believes that in the end nothing but confusion and dissatisfaction can result if the plans of Rainey do not miscarry.

Another plan to assist a principal, who is known to be somewhat of a politician himself, by "fattening up" a school for his benefit, is well under way and the first gun was fired yesterday.

Ever since the Mission High School has been an assured thing there has been no end of wire pulling among the favorites and promoters to get the principalship of the new institution. The mantle has for some time been conceded to Joseph O'Connor, the principal of the Horace Mann Grammar School, and his friend and protector, the Director in charge, who hopes to aid O'Connor into getting a larger salary than the school would yield under ordinary circumstances. The new plan, for increasing the salaries of the principals larger in proportion to the number of pupils renders the scheme easy of operation.

Director Gallagher caused two letters to be sent out from the office of the board yesterday that explain the trend of affairs. The first reads as follows:

SAN FRANCISCO, AUG. 2, 1897.

To Principals: Any of the graduates of your school desiring to enter the Mission High School may report at the Horace Mann Grammar School for instructions Wednesday morning, and those desiring to enter other schools shall report at those schools at once.

E. J. GALLAGHER,
Chairman Committee on Secondary Education.

The letter was sent to the following principals:

Mrs. N. A. Wood, Hearst Grammar School; W. W. Stone, Burnett School; H. M. Fairchild, Irving Scott School; J. T. Hamilton, Lincoln School; Miss Cleveland, Rincon Grammar School.

The letter, on the face of it, seemed to be all right, for it gave the graduates the option of attending any school they chose, but one that went out a few moments later was not so considerate. It read this way:

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To Principals: The graduates of your school desiring to enter the High School will please report at the Horace Mann School on Wednesday morning, the 4th inst.

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Chairman Committee on Secondary Education.

This letter went out to:

Mrs. S. A. Miles, Sheridan School; Mrs. L. K. Burke, Columbia School; Mrs. Banning, Everett School; R. D. Faulkner, Franklin School; Joseph O'Connor, Horace Mann; Paul Taylor, James Lick School; Miss N. F. Sullivan, Mission Grammar; Miss McCarthy, West End School; Mrs. Green, Sunny Vale School; Miss Coles, South End School.

Superintendent of Schools Webster regards this as a scheme to push the new Mission High School forward for the benefit of whoever is to be the principal and at the expense of other schools.

"It looks to me," said Mr. Webster, "like a plan to advance the Mission High School for the benefit of some friend of the majority. To report at the Horace Mann School to begin with means to be assigned to the Mission High School without being allowed a voice in the matter, which is a great injustice to pupils."

The Polytechnic High School gives pupils a chance to prepare for the business walks of life and prepares them for a university course, and they should be allowed to choose that institution or any other that is more convenient as to location or more desirable to them in other ways.

"At present the Mission High School is located in hired rooms at San Jose avenue and Twenty-fifth street, and these will be totally inadequate to accommodate the 300 or 400 pupils that under the proposed arrangement will ask for admittance.

"A plan has been considered to put the instructors of one of the present high schools into the Mission High School, and thus save the City the expense of a fourth school, but I suppose this will not meet the ideas of the majority."

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BOUND IN HYMEN'S FETTERS

Nuptials of Miss Laura L. Gashwiler and Samuel M. Shortridge.

WEDDED UNDER A ROSE CANOPY.

Only the Immediate Relatives Witness the Impressive Ceremony.

ALL THE APPOINTMENTS IDEAL.

Unusual Number of Exquisite and Costly Presents—A Bridal Trip to Coronado.

The stern hand of the law and beauty's tender, pliant palm were joined together for ay and ever yesterday when Samuel M. Shortridge and Miss Laura Leigh Gashwiler stood before the Rev. J. Prendergast and pronounced the solemn words that made them man and wife.

Society, which for weeks past had been preparing for the event, had to be unavoidably disappointed, the ill health of the bride's mother, Mrs. J. W. Gashwiler, making a quiet wedding a necessity. However, the numerous friends of the prominent young couple, though absent, did not forget them on their wedding day.



MRS. S. M. SHORTRIDGE (formerly Miss Laura L. Gashwiler).

Kindest wishes and congratulations accompanied the many gifts of dazzling silver, exquisite crystal and elegant jewels.

Prominent among these presents were a magnificent cut glass silver-mounted loving

cup, the gift of the groom's mother, Mrs. T. C. Shortridge, and a crescent of diamonds, the gift of the bride's mother.

Although the ceremony was extremely private, only relatives and a limited number of intimate friends being present, the preparations for the wedding were as complete and elaborate as though a host were to have been entertained.

Fragrant flowers, sturdy palms, cool green brakes and tender smilax fashioned a bower of exquisite beauty, within which the happy couple stood while the binding words were spoken.

Most pleasing results were produced by the artistic arrangement of the flowers. In tall vases great bunches of American beauties nodded their fragrant petals; crystal bowls were filled with bridesmaid, La France and delicately tinted Ophir roses; and lilies, pinks, sweet peas and maidenhair mingled in sweet disorder in the various receptacles fashion designs for flowers.

The bridal bower was all in cool green and pink. Overhead long Bavarian brakes formed the canopy. On either side, like sturdy sentinels, stood giant palms, and in the soft verdant background nestled pink roses and sweet peas.

The ceremony was most impressive. There were no ushers, no bridesmaids. Jared Irwin, the bride's brother, gave her into the keeping of the groom. E. H. Sheldon was best man.

After the ceremony congratulations were general and then an elaborate breakfast was served by Wheeler. The guests were seated at tete-a-tete tables. At the small round table of the bride the newly wedded couple, Mrs. Shortridge and Mrs. Gashwiler found places.

During the service of the dejeuner the Hungarian band, under the direction of Roemer and Jaulus, rendered choice selections.

The bride looked extremely handsome

in her stylish tailor gown of tan cloth. The jupe was destitute of all trimming and the corsage was finished with a white satin vest. In her white satin club tie was fastened the diamond crescent, the gift of her mother. The hat matched the dress in shade perfectly. It was of a coquettish little shape and trimmed with white wings and bands of emerald-green velvet.

Mrs. Shortridge, mother of the groom, wore an elegant black satin gown, trimmed with old Chantilly.

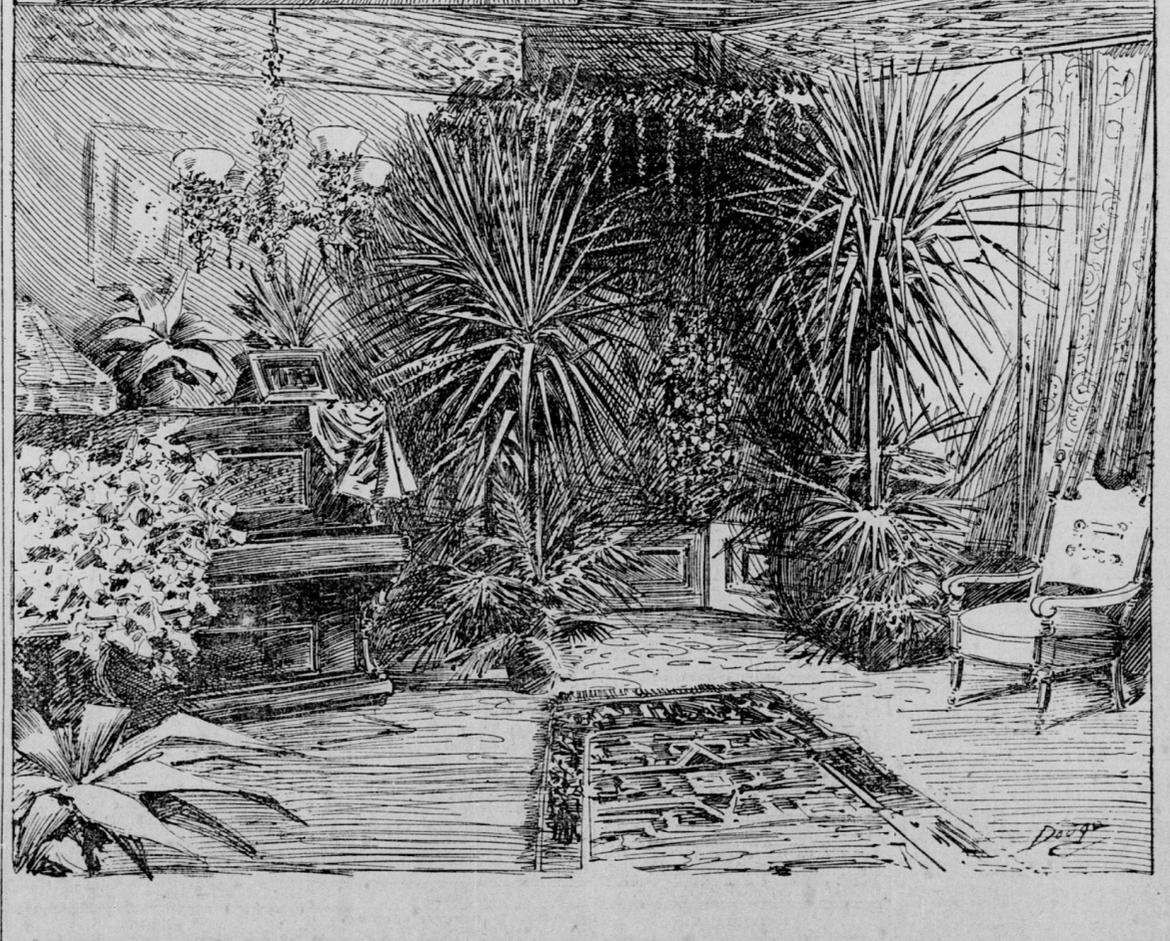
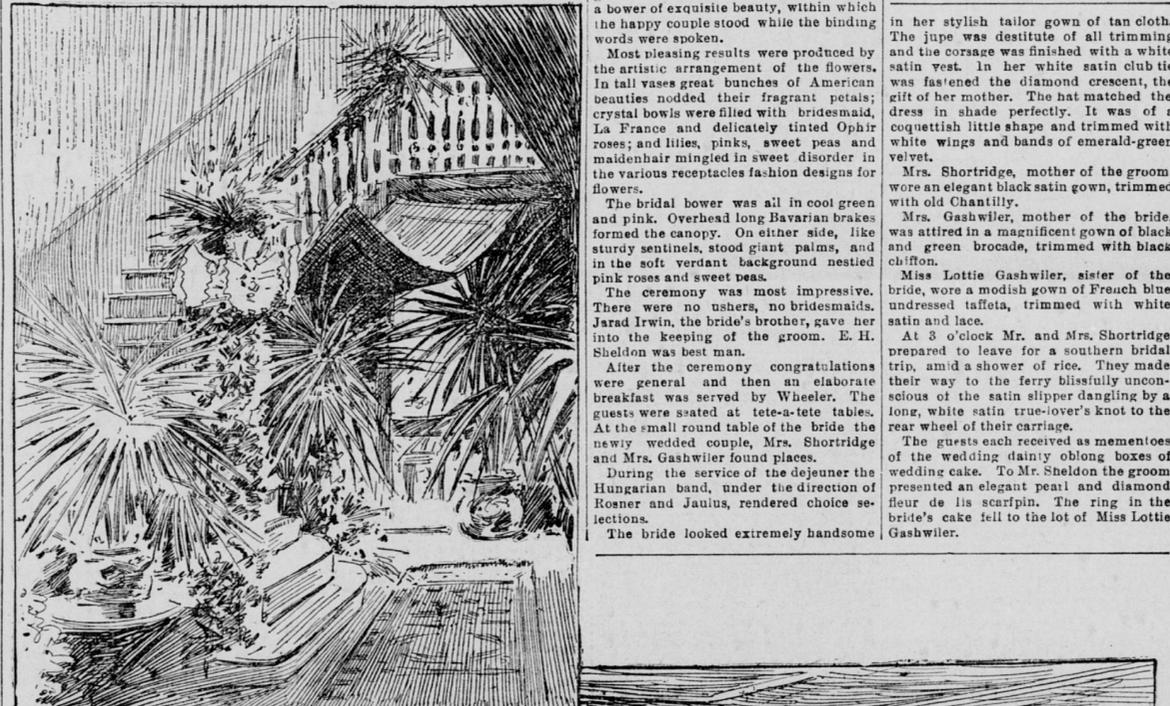
Mrs. Gashwiler, mother of the bride, was attired in a magnificent gown of black and green brocade, trimmed with black chiffon.

Miss Lottie Gashwiler, sister of the bride, wore a modish gown of French blue undressed taffeta, trimmed with white satin and lace.

At 3 o'clock Mr. and Mrs. Shortridge prepared to leave for a southern bridal trip, amid a shower of rice. They made their way to the ferry blissfully unconscious of the satin slipper dangling by a long, white satin true-lover's knot to the rear wheel of their carriage.

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Scenes at the Shortridge-Gashwiler Wedding at the Residence of the Bride's Mother.

CHINATOWN EMBROIDERED OVER SLAVES

The Feud Becomes More Bitter Each Succeding Day.

DENONCED AS BLACKMAILERS.

Trying to Impugn the Motives of the Members of the Society.

TIME FOR CITIZENS TO TAKE PART.

A Crying Need for Action to Put a Stop to Slave Traffic in This City.

The case of Kan Kam Oi, the girl detained on board the China pending an investigation, came before Collector Jackson yesterday afternoon for a hearing. The efforts of the attorney for those who desire to have the girl landed were entirely devoted to denouncing the Chinese Society of English Education, which has interested itself in the matter and which has obtained the proof regarding the girl's birth and parentage. As the Collector is not empowered to administer an oath all the testimony was simply statements from the witnesses, and wide latitude was permitted in the matter of asking leading questions, of which the attorney was not slow to take advantage.

It was pretty conclusively proven that the house where the woman, man and girl all say Kan Kam Oi was born was at the reputed time of her birth used entirely as a storeroom, and that no sleeping apartments were there. The attorney for the defense made strong statements regarding the character of the men who composed the membership of the society, and claimed that they were well known as blackmailers. He also stated that the testimony was simply statements from the witnesses, and wide latitude was permitted in the matter of asking leading questions, of which the attorney was not slow to take advantage.

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Those who oppose the society say that the members whose names are in the public are but bluffs and that the real men are never known as being connected with it. According to the books of the society the president is Dear Woo, who is recognized as one of Chinatown's most prominent merchants. When seen regarding the matter he expressed himself as being in earnest in his endeavor to have the traffic stopped and said that while he contemplated no danger to himself, he knew that the men interested in slave dealing were so well fortified financially that they could go to any length in their efforts to cast odium on the society and its work.

The publicity which the matter has obtained has had the effect of bringing prominently before the people the fact that slavery does exist in San Francisco and an effort will be made to have a mass-meeting of prominent citizens to take up the matter and memorialize Congress in the matter and see if something cannot be done to stamp it out. It is a matter in which those who are directly interested in mission work in Chinatown are expected to take active part and the prominent ministers of the City will probably take the initiatory steps in the matter as it directly affects their work.

It is claimed by the secretary of the society that the names of prominent members of the club have been forged to demands upon the keepers of slaves, demanding money, and this has brought from the club a poster, which had been prominently placarded all over Chinatown, to the effect that such demands are unauthorized and that any one asking for money or receiving money in the name of the society is a fraud.

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