

SCHOOL BOARD FINDS THE YEAR WITH A FARCE

Gallagher Elected City Superintendent of Schools With Assumed Seriousness.

Members Viciously Attack Judge Belcher With Opprobrious Epithets and Vile Language—Disgraceful and Degrading Evening Session.

The gang commonly dignified by the title of "Board of Education" wound up the business of the old year with a piece of burlesque legislation, farcical to the point of idiocy, such as could have been conceived only in the whimsical muddled brain of a chronic spoilsman or the twisted intellect of a mental incompetent. The board will meet again at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning to go through the formality of adjourning sine die, but its term expires by law at 3 p. m. of that day, and the people will be rid of one of the most corrupt public bodies that ever disgraced a community. But it cannot get rid of the legacy of shame which the outgoing board will leave behind, to be a lasting blot on the history of the city and county of San Francisco.

Last night's session was a fitting close to a season of corruption and rascality which has marked the acts of the majority of this public body in the last two years. Although the session ended with a farce, it began with one of the most disgusting exhibitions of foul-mouthed vulgarity and boisterous badinage that ever disgraced the proceedings of a public body in the United States.

The members of this savory body who have managed to retain as much of their respect as was possible in the tainted atmosphere of the jobbery had the decency to absent themselves from the final adjournment of their erstwhile associates.

The first act on the programme was a vicious attack on the character and motives of the learned jurist who had the audacity to publicly criticize the acts of the board. The character of the attack was in casting reproach on the department of the city government that should be above suspicion. The men who have been entrusted with the duty of educating the children of the city are the men and women who are to have the care and education of the children of the city. It was utterly unprintable in any publication that makes the vilest pretense to decency, and yet it is to be inscribed on the official record of the city and county of San Francisco, for the chief offender against decency insisted on the character of the attack down to form part of the proceedings that body. The object of his wrath was impugned and he was not returned by the board. The truce did not open his charge that he had been "impeached" by the board. The school board was the part of a conspiracy in which money played an important part.

He was followed by a fellow-member, Gallagher, who lamented that the report of the Finance Committee, of which he was chairman, had not been returned by the printer, because it covered the ground of a more thorough investigation. He meant that the language in the report was fouler or more indecent. But he was not returned by the board. The printer, because it covered the ground of a more thorough investigation. He meant that the language in the report was fouler or more indecent. But he was not returned by the board.

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RABBI VOORSANGER NOT A CANDIDATE

Says He Has No Desire to Be the President of Berkeley University.

THE publication in The Call this morning of the fact that my name had been proposed to the Regents of the University of California for the presidency of that institution came to me as a complete surprise," said Rabbi Voorsanger last evening. "I did not authorize the use of my name and I do not desire to be considered a candidate.

"I have never given such a matter a thought and my ambitions do not run in that direction. For the past twenty-five years I have devoted my best efforts to my chosen calling and have found encouragement and satisfaction in it. I desire to pursue my chosen life's work to the end. Thirteen years of this time has been spent in San Francisco and during that period I have formed ties that it would be extremely painful to break. Therefore, I do not feel that I should be considered in the matter whatever.

"The office of president of the University of California is a highly responsible one. It requires for its successful conduct a man who is, many-sided; one who can be calm and dignified; one who is well matured in years but is young in heart; one who, while being a student, is also a financier, a diplomat, a man of wide mental grasp—in fact an official who is everything to the institution, the welfare of which he is supposed to promote.

"I do not feel fitted for such a task and am satisfied that my ambitions run along the lines of life I am now pursuing. Whatever abilities I may possess belong to my people. I have worked hard for them and they have done much for me. I do not think they would expect or desire me to abandon this work, even to go into wider and more active fields. The question as to what I would do in the event that the honorable position came to me unsolicited is one that I do not desire to discuss for the reason that such a supposition is nonsensical.

"There are able men in this State who are thoroughly equipped for that position and who, if properly approached, would accept it and give to the State the best that is in them, and for this reason I think it is well to not confuse the situation by having too many local names before the Regents for consideration. By following this theory antagonisms may be avoided. I have been approached by enthusiastic friends to-day who thought highly of the proposition, but I figuratively poured cold water down their necks by asking them if their vanity was not biasing their judgment.

"No, I wish it understood that my desire is to follow to the close of my life the calling in which I am now engaged. In that line I have seen many objects before me to be accomplished and I would prefer to be not diverted from my task. Let the honor and the obligations go to some fully competent man who is seeking the place."

The fact, exclusively stated in The Call yesterday, that Dr. Voorsanger had been proposed for the office of president of the Berkeley University created a great deal of interest, and the Rabbi would certainly have had reason to be flattered had he heard the comments upon the proposition. In fact, his friends are quite enthused over the matter, and it is probable that they will advocate him for the place unless there is some unexpected change in the circumstances.

The situation at the present time is, that while Dr. Voorsanger declines the nomination, his close friends say that if circumstances so developed that the regents selected him his high regard for duty would cause him to accept the responsibility, notwithstanding his longings might be in other directions. Furthermore, that if he did accept the exalted position he would go at the task with all his energies with the idea of making it his life work.

Thus far the regents have not conferred upon the selection of a successor to President Kellogg, but they are individually worrying a great deal about this grave duty which must be performed between now and March next. It is understood that the regents' committee has for consideration the names of several well-known men who are not candidates and who do not know that they may be selected for the place. The regents will deliberate on the qualifications of the men under consideration and if they decide that a certain one is capable they will name him first and let him file objections afterward.

ing the case to the highest court if necessary.

"The Cloister and the Hearth." The pains Charles Reade took with this book, called first "A Good Fight" and afterwards "The Cloister and the Hearth," were almost superhuman. His letters at this time are full of it. "I am under way again," he writes, "but rather slowly. I think this story will almost wear my mind out." Again, "I can't tell whether it will succeed or not as a whole, but there shall be great and tremendous and tender things in it. It is interesting to trace through these letters the gradual evolution of characters and scenes that have charmed millions of people since now getting to France after many adventures in Germany. The new characters I have added—Denys, a Burgundian soldier, a crossbowman—will, I hope and trust, please you." Never was hope better founded. Since those words were written many and many a reader has lived over and over again the sayings and doings of this honest, true-hearted adobe diable est mort. Denys, "foible," as we are told, was woman. "When he met a peasant girl on the road he took off his cap to her as if she was a Queen, the inevitable effect of which was that she suddenly drew herself up quite stiff like a soldier on parade and wore a forbidding aspect."

Alas for Greek Bachelors. According to a note in the Courrier de Paris, the Athenians and Greeks collectively intend to exclude all bachelors from the Panhellenic idea of a commonwealth; if he is represented, that is as much as to say, for a representative he ought never to be, for he does not represent except himself? And herein the Greeks seem to fancy that the bachelors found in the colonies that all citizens will marry, and the lawful and legitimate population of Athens will increase, while every young Greek having before him as the summum bonum a seat in the Chamber will know that his best assurance thereof will be the votes of the bachelors. The idea is simply absurd, and there are so many canards of antiquity and crudities of the past that doubt about the story. Europe will witness the experiment of the Parliament of the married men with much interest. It will not last long, because when women are elected to Parliament they will restore the bachelor legislator, as the sittings of the bachelors for them without him. But it is a retrograde measure in any case. A Vienna savant has lately announced that "love itself is probably a microbe." The microbe, he knows, always slays the unfit; therefore, the married men are the unfit; therefore, the bachelors are the fit for a seat in Parliament.—Pall Mall Gazette.

Luxury and Extravagance. In general the destruction of wealth is a social as well as an individual loss. The wealth that is used upon riotous living is diverted from better uses. Extravagance is not necessarily luxury. The mere transfer of wealth from one hand to another does not involve destruction. Consumption means using up. When a nation spends \$250,000 for a great picture the wealth is not destroyed, for it is simply transferred. When the "Jubilee Plumber" ran through \$2,500,000 in twelve calendar months the wealth of the world was diminished only by the amount of it, and those who sponged on him put down their throats and otherwise wantonly destroyed. In so far as it was simply transferred to others to whom he paid extravagant prices it was not destroyed.

To give high prices for articles which are rare is not necessarily luxury, for the price and the rare edition of the old master both remain. It is true that extravagance may mean the transfer of wealth to those who will not use it well, but it does not usually mean this. It generally involves a transfer to the hands of those who will use it wisely.—International Journal of Ethics.

Funch in Boston. Mrs. Browne—Yes, we used to let Tommy sit on the dictionary when he took his piano lessons, but his father put a stop to it.

Mrs. Greene—Why so? "Fraid it would hurt the book?"

Mrs. Browne—No; it was too much like punning; playing on words, you know.—Boston Transcript.

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Phelan Made Numerous Futile Nominations—He Vetoes Hall of Justice Contracts—No Gas Inspector Elected.

A resolution came before the Board of Supervisors two weeks ago imposing a license of 5 cents the square foot on all fence signs exceeding in height twelve feet. It came up for and was referred back to committee in order that the fence artists might have another chance to press their suit. As a result the committee report came in at yesterday's meeting recommending that the fence limit be increased to twenty-two feet. Supervisor Britt, chairman of the committee, worked the report through. When the committee recommendation came before the board yesterday it was lost through the need of three votes, and the motion was on the original resolution of twelve feet.

It carried with eight votes, despite that Crusee Phelan's Friday Dodge made one of his well known speeches against the order. He was seconded by Britt, who thought that a thirty-foot side of paint of nondescript colors was not so scar on the eyes as the ugly, gaudy colors would be nice for the children to look at.

Mayor Phelan also attempted further nominations for the office of Gas Inspector, but the incumbent, Charles J. Taylor, is highly satisfactory to the board, and all of the Mayor's nominations until the board told why it did not elect the new referee and the Mayor kept to his throat, and other business was brought up.

Crusee Phelan's failure to make a report of his tax collections to Auditor Broderick induced the board to pass a resolution instructing him to report in detail at once the names of property owners paying delinquent taxes for the years 1888-89 to 1894-95, including 1881-82, 1887 and 1888.

Boxing permits were granted to the Excelsior Club for a contest between January 15 and 16, 1899, at the new boxing station on Seventeenth street were rejected. Both proposals exceeded the limit of \$500 fixed as the cost of the building. New plans were ordered drawn.

The Spring Valley Water Company was required to place its first-class water at the corners of Seventh and Market streets and Ninth and Market streets.

The resolution granting permission to marry by the plans of the Hall of Justice was adopted.

The board will meet on Tuesday next, when it will turn over its duties and legacies to the incoming Supervisors.

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HOW JUDGE BELCHER WOULD TREAT THE SCHOOL DIRECTORS.

