

LARGER LOOMS SCHOOL BOARD FUND DEFICIT

Grand Jury Investigation Expected to Reveal Astonishing Criminal Laxity by the Late Directors.

Teachers and Merchants May Have to Suffer Cruel Loss Unless the Sureties of the Old Board Can Be Held for the Growing Shortage.

WHEN the Grand Jury reaches the end of its search through the secret ways down which the city finances have gone it will know that the indebtedness of the School Department under the manipulation of the late Board of Education instead of being \$279,730—less about \$35,000 cash on hand—is nearer \$400,000.

When the full story of its infamy is told the last Board of Education will have the proud distinction of a place high up in the ranks of official corruptionists.

From their lofty position they may look down on 1300 teachers, janitors and other employees seeking in vain for about \$150,000, their lost November-December salaries, and on an army of merchants struggling for the payment of their claims of some \$88,000.

They will also look down on a host of creditors, whose bills were buried away in official pigeonholes and other hiding places till a more convenient day came around. Under the scrutiny of the Grand Jury experts, one fraudulent transaction after another is coming to the surface. Teachers were appointed under circumstances that would not bear record on the minutes of official sessions. Supply bills were contracted so far in excess of appropriations that even this easy-going, unconscionable board dared not act upon them, hence they were held back for the consideration of a succeeding administration, possibly for the purpose of making part of the great, stupid public which so soon ceases to remember the infidelity of its trusted servants. However, the Grand Jury is running down the trails by which the public was despoiled of nearly \$400,000. As the official criminality of the late Board of Education comes plainer before the host of victims the question of the individual responsibility of the members looms up. They were all under bonds, and if there is any virtue in bond conditions and other creditors may seize upon such security for at least a fractional compensation. The surety bonds of the board were as follows:

D. F. RAGAN, SAMUEL L. WALLER.

E. J. GALLAGHER, GEORGE I. DRUCKER, W. A. DERHAM, BENJAMIN ARNER, THOMAS E. BURNS, C. A. BANTEL, C. L. BARRINGTON—Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland; Frank L. Gilbert, Pacific Coast manager, 204 Sansome street.

PHILIP HAMMOND—Charles L. Hinkel, George W. Hinkel, Philip Hammond, T. R. CAREW—James B. Duggan, Joseph E. McGrath, T. R. Carew, E. L. HEAD—Jacob Schleicher, S. H. SEYMOUR.

All of these sureties appear on the assessment rolls of this city. The Maryland Fidelity and Deposit Company was on the bond of ex-Treasurer Wilber and settled for his indebtedness. There is no limitation to the liability of such bonds for acts performed by an official during his incumbency. Each member of the Board of Education is under bonds in the sum of \$2000.

The papers of his first mandamus suit were served on Auditor Wells yesterday by George C. Morse by her attorney, Warren Oney Jr. She avers in her complaint that she is a regularly elected teacher in the Webster Primary School, and on June 28, 1898, the Board of Education fixed her salary at \$73.90 per month for the ensuing year beginning July 1, 1898, and ending June 30, 1899, and that during January last she performed all her duties and presented her demand for that month's salary for \$89.20. It has since been deducted 20 per cent by order of the Board of Education. The case will be heard before Judge Daingerfield February 10.

Regarding the November-December salary accounts different figures have been given, but the following are the correct amounts as furnished by Auditor Wells:

November—Teachers, \$88,608.80; Janitors, \$5023.20; total, \$93,632.00.
December—Teachers, \$90,737.10; Janitors, \$5023.20; total, \$95,760.30.

While the overpaid salary was stated by Judge Seawell to be \$123,500, according to Mr. Wells' figures it is only about \$113,412, which under the court's ruling brings the teachers' indebtedness down about \$10,000.

A mass meeting of citizens will be held this evening in Department 6 of the new City Hall for the purpose of advocating the establishment of a State normal school in this city by the present Legislature.

EL DORADO'S ANNIVERSARY.

A Brilliant Social Evening in Native Sons' Hall Last Night.

The fourteenth anniversary ball of El Dorado Parlor, Native Sons of the Golden West, given in Native Sons' Hall last night, was a most brilliant affair. The hall, decorated with an exquisiteness that has seldom been surpassed in that building, was crowded with Native Sons and Native Daughters, who enjoyed a most carefully arranged programme of the latest dances. There were several hundred in the grand march, which was led by D. D. Lowney, the president of the parlor, who was floor manager, and he had for his partner one of the finest members of Orinda Parlor of the Native Daughters. The function was a grand success in every particular. The following were the committees that had charge of it: Arrangements—Lew B. Mayer (chairman), D. D. Lowney, J. G. Joly, Dr. E. Schuler, Charles Geiss, P. P. Mausberg, W. J. Guinnane, J. Frank Jewell, John E. O'Brien. Floor—F. A. Smith, Dr. W. J. Hawkins.

CRUSHED TO DEATH UNDER CAR WHEELS

George R. Turner, Formerly City Surveyor, Killed on Polk Street.



George R. Turner, who some years ago served as City and County Surveyor and later as deputy in that office, was knocked down by a Polk-street car last night at the junction of Polk street and Pacific avenue and so horribly injured that he died less than an hour later.

The story of the accident as told by W. J. Williams, who witnessed it, is as follows:

"Car No. 15, westbound, came down Polk street, and, as usual, stopped at the curve. The conductor ran ahead and signaled to the gripman that the coast was clear. The gripman, as is customary, rang the bell, caught the cable and let go again. "As the car was rounding the curve an old man started to cross Pacific avenue from the south side. The gripman saw him, rang and warned him to go back. A number of passengers on the dummy of an eastbound car also called to him, but the warnings were useless. He

stepped right in front of the moving car and the next moment was doubled up under the dummy."

A crowd soon gathered, and kind hands removed the bruised and bleeding body from under the wheels.

A patrol wagon was summoned, and Turner was taken to the City Receiving Hospital, where he died on the operating table. It was found that the skull was fractured in two places and the left arm, left ankle and several bones in the back were broken.

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J. A. Konkle Convicted of Beating His Four-Month-Old Child.

J. A. Konkle, a bricklayer living at 232 Minna street, was convicted by Acting Police Judge Barry yesterday of brutally beating his four-months-old child. He will be sentenced to-day.

Mrs. Caroline McCarthy, the owner of the house where Konkle and his family lived, testified to hearing the child scream, and when she entered the house she saw the child on the mother's lap and the father was beating it with his fists. The father said that the child cried so much that he would choke it to death. The house was in a filthy condition, and a two-year-old boy was wallowing in filth. Both father and mother were under the influence of liquor.

Judge Barry severely censured Konkle for his inhuman conduct, and intimated that when he appeared for sentence he would give him the limit. Mrs. Konkle has been taken care of by Sister Julia.

Dr. Christie Will Lecture.

This evening the Rev. Dr. Christie, late of Melbourne, Australia, will give an address under the auspices of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of Calvary Presbyterian Church in the lecture room of the church, corner of Geary and Powell streets. Dr. Christie is well known here, and has already spoken several times to large audiences in Calvary Church. The public are invited.

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THE DEADLY DUMMY AT WORK

worth street. He leaves three sons and two daughters, all grown up. S. M. Obradovich, the gripman of the car, was arrested at about 8 o'clock and charged with manslaughter, but was released on his own recognizance by Judge Conlan. His story completely exonerates himself from blame. He will be given a hearing at 10:30 o'clock this morning.

WALTER S. HINKLE FOUND DEAD IN BED



The Ex-Assistant District Attorney the Victim of Asphyxiation by Inhaling Illuminating Gas in His Sleep.

WALTER S. HINKLE, ex-Assistant District Attorney, was found dead in bed yesterday morning in his residence, 2409 Webster street. He had been asphyxiated by illuminating gas. As the lower sash of the window had been raised by the deceased before he went to sleep, and as the stopcock of the gas fixture was quite loose and partly turned on, allowing the deadly fluid to escape, the inference is that he turned the stopcock carelessly and turned on the gas without knowing it. Dr. Charles Cross was called in as soon as the body was found, and after an unsuccessful effort to resuscitate the deceased he informed Coroner Hill. The Coroner, in deference to the wishes of Mr. Hinkle's wife, allowed the corpse to remain where it was, and, hastily summoning a jury, held an inquest at the residence, the jury rendering a verdict to the effect that death was accidental.

Mrs. Hinkle said that her husband was used to sleeping in the room in which he was found dead, while she and her little boy and girl occupied another apartment. She heard a slight noise in her husband's apartment soon after he retired, but she thought nothing of it and had no suspicion that anything was wrong until she entered his room yesterday morning to call him to breakfast.

Mr. Hinkle was 37 years old and was a native of Petaluma, in this State. He studied law and entered the law office of General W. H. L. Barnes, and it was there that he made the acquaintance of the general's son, W. S. Barnes. When the latter was elected District Attorney he appointed Mr. Hinkle as Assistant District Attorney. In that capacity the deceased prosecuted many important cases, and with marked ability.

During the trial of M. B. Curtis, otherwise Sam'l of Posen, the actor, for the murder of a policeman, Mr. Hinkle became acquainted with Miss Beatrice Moses, who was reporting the trial for the Chronicle. They were married soon afterward and two bright little children were the result of the union—a boy of 6 and a girl of 4 years. A sister of the deceased is the wife of Bert Morrow, a son of United States Circuit Judge Morrow.

A STERN PARENT.

W. H. Nolan, a Teamster, Would Send His Son to Prison.

W. H. Nolan has met defeat in his second attempt to send his son, Francis L. Nolan, to Whittier Reform School. For some reason, apparently unaccountable, Nolan wishes the State to care for his offspring, and has retained counsel to further his ends.

Yesterday a petition for the commitment of young Nolan, signed by his father, was taken up by Judge Dunne. Nolan Sr. endeavored to prove that his son was of a vicious nature, quarrelsome and a worshiper at the shrine of Bacchus. The proof failed and the contention on behalf of the defendant, that the only vicious trait he ever manifested was an honorable desire to keep his father from marrying his housekeeper two months after his wife died, was established. Judge Dunne then refused to hear any more testimony on the case and ordered the petitioner discharged.

The fond parent's counsel immediately noted exceptions to all the rulings of the court and the case will be carried to the Supreme Court by the father who would send his son to prison.

As young Nolan proved that he has worked for a living since he was 14 years of age, has never been arrested for or suspected of crime, Judge Dunne thought that sending him to the State would be an outrage, and though it disappointed the anxious parent the court released the prisoner. In a subsequent session of the Court, it is thought, will be burdened with the father's bitter tale of his son's "evil ways," but as the trial court is the best judge of the honesty of witnesses it is hardly likely that the higher tribunal will interfere with Judge Dunne's ruling.

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NEVER WAS IN THE TIVOLI WINE ROOM



PRETTY IRENE DUVAL, premiere danseuse of the Tivoli chorus, is hurt at the insinuation cast upon her fair name and fame by the other ballet queen, Gertrude Hayes. Miss Duval smarts especially at the reflection made by the winsome Gertrude to the effect that she (Irene) had met the famed social leader, Ed Greenway, in the "winerom." Miss Duval never goes out without her mamma and never even saw the inside of a winerom. In fact, the rules of the Tivoli management are so stringent that a visit to the winerom means instant dismissal. It was with tears in her pathetic blue eyes that Miss Duval sought to straighten the matter out and appear before the reading world in her own true character.

"Mr. Greenway selected me," she said, "me and Josie Davis. He sat in a box at the performance of 'The Yellow Dwarf,' and decided he would like us to be the pages at the Mardi Gras. We were introduced to Mr. Greenway in front of the theater, and he made all arrangements with us there. I am not going to the ball with the intention of having a good time. I am going because it pays well and I need the money."

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FLAMES DRIVE LODGERS FROM THEIR ROOMS

The Fatjo Hotel Visited by Fire.

DAMAGE WILL REACH \$5000

HOT ASHES IN A BARREL THE CAUSE OF THE BLAZE.

A Dance in the Next Building Was Interrupted for a Moment, but the Fiddles Played While the Building Burned.

Fire broke out in the Fatjo Hotel, at the corner of Polk and Bush streets, shortly before 8 o'clock last evening and before the flames were subdued, about \$5000 damage was done to the building and contents.

The blaze was first discovered by people on the street, who observed flames bursting through the roof of the building. The alarm was turned in by Fred O'Brien, a newspaper man, and the department responded quickly, but it was some time before a stream could be put on the fire. It looked for a time as if the entire building would be consumed, as it is a wooden structure, but when the firemen got to work the fire was quickly controlled.

As the hotel was filled with lodgers there was considerable excitement when the flames were discovered. Fully forty people were in the place when the fire broke out, but all escaped without injury. A dance was in progress next door to the hotel and when the flames burst through the roof the dance hall was lighted up and those making merry supposed that the building in which they were was on fire, and there was a wild scramble for the door. After it was learned that the dance hall was in no danger, the guests returned and the dancing continued while the hotel burned.

Just how the fire started is not known. It was thought at first that it started in the kitchen of the hotel, but Captain Comstock believes it originated on the stairway in the rear of the hotel and was caused by hot ashes in a barrel. The flames ate their way up the stairs to the top story, bursting through the roof. Nearly every room in the house was damaged by fire, water and smoking, the loss to the contents will probably reach \$2000, while that to the building will exceed \$1500. The A. H. Smith Drug Company, Irvine Brothers' grocery and A. Huber's confectionery, on the first floor of the building, were all damaged by water and their loss will bring the total loss from the blaze up to \$5000. This is only partially covered by insurance.

JOHN FOUGA PROMOTED. The Popular Assistant Clerk of the United States District Court Is Made a Deputy.

John Fouga, the popular clerk in the office of United States District Judge George E. Morse, was promoted yesterday by United States District Judge de Haven to the position of Deputy Clerk. The promotion was made on the suggestion and recommendation of Mr. Morse, and in pronouncing sentence—or rather in making the appointment, the court complimented Mr. Fouga on the thorough and conscientious manner in which he had performed the duties of his office.

Mr. Fouga has been in the office for the

past twelve years, and he and Deputy Clerk Manly, by reason of their long experience and knowledge of the work entrusted to them, have become almost indispensable. The large increase of Chinese immigration cases during the past two years, and the passage of the Federal bankruptcy law, have added largely to the work of the office. The appointment of Mr. Fouga as a deputy authorizes him to sign papers as such and greatly expedites and facilitates the business of the office.

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