

HE PROVES SCHOLARS ARE OVERCROWDED

Superintendent Recommends the Appointment of Twenty-Eight More Teachers.



SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS R. H. WEBSTER.

THAT the classes in the public schools are greatly overcrowded owing to the high classification inaugurated by the Board of Education was made plain by the report on the subject by Superintendent Webster, which was submitted at yesterday's meeting of the board. From data gathered by his three deputies, who have visited the various schools and carefully noted the conditions therein, Mr. Webster reports that there are 228 classes which have more pupils enrolled than there are desks to accommodate. Many classes contain more than fifty-five pupils, the limit which has been set by the board, showing that its order has been disobeyed by the principals. The Superintendent says in his report:

There are 1034 pupils reported as being without necessary desks, a condition most deplorable in view of the fact that in many instances a proper classification would remove this lamentable state of affairs. Health of children is threatened by crowding classrooms and the efficiency of school work seriously impaired. If the rooms of the school in which an additional class should be formed be all occupied, the congestion should be relieved by transferring the children to the neighboring school, or if this be not possible, by renting a suitable place in the immediate neighborhood of the school. Twenty-eight more teachers are needed in as many more different schools. Fourteen other schools are overcrowded, all of which would be much benefited by additional classes being formed.

There are 270 classes, each having less than 50 pupils enrolled, and 450, each having 50 or more enrolled, as follows: 25, of which 14 are receiving classes. Number having 51 pupils enrolled, 49; with 52 pupils, 10; 53 pupils, 45; 54 pupils, 55; 55 pupils, 52; 56 pupils, 29; 57 pupils, 26; 58 pupils, 20; 59 pupils, 19; 60 pupils, 2; 61 pupils, 2; 62 pupils, 1; 63 pupils, 1; 64 pupils, 1; 65 pupils, 1.

Teachers are trying to adjust their classes to the new course of study. The overcrowded condition of the rooms interferes with first-class instruction. In many rooms there are so many pupils that all the recitations cannot be heard during the day. Another teacher should be assigned to the Irving Scott Grammar School. The enrollment of the Irving Scott Grammar School shows 73 pupils in excess of the classification fixed by this office.

In primary classes a smaller class is not objectionable, as the attention of the younger children is more liable to wander, and with them the larger the class the more difficult the task of holding their attention. The class should never be so large that only a portion can recite each day. If possible, every pupil should be reached during every recitation. Pedagogues can be quoted to demonstrate that classes such as those being operated in this city and county are not only an imposition upon teachers, but an injury to children, both mentally and physically.

The report then quotes from leading educational authorities, including Dr. C. Dukes, P. A. Barnett, Joseph Baldwin, Kiddle and Schem and Albert M. Raub, who hold that a class should not have



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more than thirty pupils. Relative to the classification which the board has forced upon the schools, Mr. Webster recommends that three teachers be engaged for the Agassiz and Haight Primary schools; that at least seven desks be placed at the right end of the room in each of these schools; that at least twenty additional desks be furnished the Bernal School for pupils now unaccommodated; that twenty additional desks be placed in the Broadway School, and that an additional teacher be assigned to the Buena Vista School, as parents are unable to secure accommodations in the Columbia Grammar School, which is overcrowded.

Continuing, Superintendent Webster says: Additional desks should be placed in the Irving School and its interests would be well served by placing an additional teacher. Additional accommodations for the Chinese school in the Hamilton School, which has been provided and an additional teacher be assigned.

The Clement Grammar School is too crowded. Sixteen additional desks are required for the Cleveland School, as the classification is too high for the building. There are no desks in the school having seating accommodations at the Columbia Grammar School.

In the Cooper Primary School the four grades are very crowded, each containing sixty-three pupils. There are eight classes having fifty pupils. This classification might be adjusted by the transferring of some of the pupils to the Hamilton Grammar School. This adjustment would be made by placing twenty-eight pupils in the room at the present time, and the remaining twenty-eight pupils are to be placed in the room at the present time. An additional teacher should be assigned to this school.

The classes of the Denman Grammar School are crowded. At the Douglas Grammar School pupils applying for admission are refused. I recommend the formation of an additional class.

The Dudley Stone Primary School is crowded. I recommend the formation of an additional class at the Emerson Primary, where thirty-two pupils are unaccommodated. The formation of an additional class at Everett Grammar School, where fifty-one pupils are reported as being without desks.

The Fairmont is crowded and in need of an additional class. There are two rooms provided with desks of a very flimsy character, many of which are in such a condition that they have to be propped up with sticks, and it is not uncommon, as has been previously reported to your honorable body, for the children to be thrown out of the room when the sticks give away without any warning.

I recommend the appointment of one additional teacher at the Franklin Grammar School. At the Fremont School twenty-nine pupils are unaccommodated. One additional teacher could be well employed here.

At the Garfield School forty-six pupils are unaccommodated. I recommend the appointment of another teacher to this school.

I have spoken of the Haight in connection with the Agassiz School. Two rooms in that building are unoccupied. The fact that thirty children in the ten classes now in operation in that school are reported as being unaccommodated. Three additional teachers could well be employed in the Haight and Agassiz schools.

The Hamilton Grammar School is in a most crowded condition, nineteen pupils being reported as being unaccommodated. I recommend the establishment of a new class in this school.

Classes in the Hawthorne are crowded, and the Haight is crowded in some classes and the grade above the Haight. The enrollment of the Haight Grammar, Lincoln Grammar and the Noe Valley schools are very crowded and additional teachers could be well employed.

BILLY REGEER SAYS HE IS HERE PAID

Numerous Accounts Settled by the Directors of the University.

Several Resignations of Minor Positions Accepted and Appointments Made—Adjournment Taken to Tuesday.

Bills against the University of California amounting to \$30,000 were approved and ordered paid by the Board of Regents at their meeting yesterday afternoon in the rooms of the Mark Hopkins Institute of Art.

The reading by the secretary of the long list of bills brought on a mild tiff between Judge Wallace and General Barnes, which ended in a victory for the military regent. The general seldom has an opportunity to attend the sessions of the board, but when he does he enters into the work with all the ardor of a man just elected to office. Judge Wallace makes the proud boast that he has attended the meetings of the regents for the past twenty-five years, and when an attempt is made to introduce innovations which tend to do away with the dyed-in-the-wool practice of the board he strongly opposes the change.

An illustration of Judge Wallace's dislike for changes in the regular order of business of the board was given at yesterday's meeting. Each regent held in his hand a typewritten list of bills, and as the secretary called out the name and the amount due the members would check it off.

General Barnes saw the futility of such a course and threw down his paper in disgust. He sarcastically suggested that the regents also be given a list of bills, and the latter agreed with the military regent that the matter should be put to rest. The general expressed his indignation in the matter to Senator White, who in the chair said he could not change the order of things unless a motion was made the general consented to the change.

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GRACE DICKMAN IS NO LONGER A WIFE

Judge Bahrs Grants Her Petition for a Divorce From Her Artist Husband, Who Defaults.



MRS. GRACE DICKMAN AND HER DIVORCED HUSBAND.

MRS. GRACE MARIE DICKMAN and Charles K. Dickman are divorced. On the 21st of August the case was tried by Judge Bahrs behind closed doors. Dickman was charged by his wife with infidelity. However, he failed to appear, and the case went by default. Since the divorce was granted the matter of divorce has been kept extremely quiet. The case was withheld from the records, and if it had not been for chattering intimate friends it is probable that for some time to come the world would have been ignorant of the fact that the Bohemian Club man and his talented wife had been legally separated.

Both of the Dickmans are well known both in social and artistic circles. About seven years ago Mrs. Dickman was the reigning musical favorite here and took leading parts in all the society amateur operatic performances that were then so popular. Shortly after husband and wife left for Europe, he to study art and she to study music, and his artistic programme both Mr. and Mrs. Dickman carried out to the full. A few months ago the Dickmans returned after their long sojourn in Paris, and almost the first thing their friends heard of them was the fact that Mrs. Dickman was seeking for a divorce from the husband she had been married to for twelve years.

Neither Mr. nor Mrs. Dickman will return to Europe. Mrs. Dickman will remain to teach singing in the latest approved methods as represented by Julian and Bouby, her masters. Mrs. Dickman has opened a studio in the old Press Club rooms on California street.

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Since the adjournment of the two conventions it is apparent to every intelligent voter that the proper person to represent the Fourth Congressional District is Dr. C. C. O'Donnell, the independent candidate. As he has always proved himself anti-Chinese and anti-trust.

Volunteers of America. The annual convention of the Pacific Coast Regiment of Volunteers of America will be held in this city to-day and tomorrow. A night special service will be held in the armory of Post No. 1, at 30 Fourth street.

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CARPENTER TOZIER KILLED AT HIS WORK

The fall of an insecure scaffolding on a building in course of construction at the northwest corner of Sixteenth and Mississippi streets, at 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning, caused the death of A. E. Tozier and the serious injury of W. C. Carey.

Both men were employed in the employ of the Pacific Refining and Amalgam Company. Carey being on a scaffold and Tozier standing on a ladder underneath. In the course of the construction the scaffold gave way and both men were thrown to the ground. Tozier was found on the east side of the street with a fractured skull. Carey was badly bruised and his right leg was broken. He was conveyed to his home at 27 Washington avenue. Tozier was 38 years old and lived at 1252 Howard street. He was a widower and had four grown-up children, two of them being in Portland, Or.

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Divorce Suits Filed. Suits for divorce were filed by Henry Regeer against Philippine Dechant for cruelty. Carrie O. Borg against Edward H. Borg for desertion and Lydia A. Doyle against Michael E. Doyle for desertion.

West Goes to Niagara. Caleb W. West, special agent of the treasury, who has been assisting Special Agent Power at this port for some time, started yesterday for Niagara Falls to take charge of the work at that port.

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