

SCHOOL BOARD ENDEAVORS TO COERCE TUTOR

Insists on Mrs. Reeves Withdrawing Her Suit for Reinstatement.

Unless She Agrees She Will Miss Appointment, Though Chronological Order Shall Be Violated.

The Board of Education made an un-announced attempt yesterday to coerce Mrs. Irene D. Reeves into an agreement whereby she is to withdraw a suit now pending in the Superior Court whereby she is seeking to be reinstated. As the price of withdrawing the suit, Chairman Mark informed Mrs. Reeves that she would be assigned to one of the five positions to be filled at next Wednesday's meeting.

The matter came up yesterday at a secret session of the board. Mrs. Reeves is now on the substitute list, to which she was assigned last February. She had been given a class in the Hawthorne Primary School, though holding a high school certificate. This was done at her own request, however, she having filed a request with the last board on October 10, 1899, in order to be temporarily relieved from more onerous duties. After being considered out of the Hawthorne School, the board refused to recognize the high school standing of Mrs. Reeves, and reduced her in grade by placing her on the substitute list. The board contended that by the mere fact of having requested to be given a primary class, even though it was but for a temporary period only, Mrs. Reeves had forfeited her high school standing. Mrs. Reeves took issue with the board and brought suit to be restored to her original standing in the department.

Mrs. Reeves had learned through The Call that five new positions would be filled by the board next Wednesday, in accordance with the priority of service rule, and that she was one of the five on the eligible list. Mrs. Reeves asked Chairman Mark point blank at the session yesterday if the board proposed to appoint her to one of the places. Mark replied that so long as Mrs. Reeves would persist in her suit against the board she would not be recognized as a member in good standing of the School Department.

"Unless you withdraw your suit," said Mark to Mrs. Reeves, "you will not be appointed to a position." Mrs. Reeves pleaded that the simple fact that she was seeking to be reinstated as a high school teacher through the court's aid should not interfere with her earning a living. Mark, however, stated that so long as she refused to accede to the board's request she would not be regarded as eligible for appointment or as a member of the department. The inconsistency of this remark is apparent when it is known that Mrs. Reeves is now in receipt of a salary as a substitute teacher. Mrs. Reeves declined to enter into any such compact as suggested by the board, which thereupon reiterated its determination not to appoint her to a regular position.

At the close of the conference Mrs. Reeves, who was extremely agitated, stated that her high school record was such that she could not think of waiving her rights as a high school teacher. "Directors Mark and Denman," said Mrs. Reeves, "both agreed that if I withdrew my suit I would certainly receive an appointment. I refused to entertain the proposition and the board would not yield its point. I taught in the Polytechnic High School for many years and I am sure the pupils will all testify to my ability."

If the board persists in its intention to refuse an appointment to Mrs. Reeves it will be a gross violation of the chronological order which the board has pledged itself to observe. No reports have been filed against her by principals, so the board cannot take refuge behind that plea. All that stands between Mrs. Reeves and an appointment is the fact that she is trying to obtain her rights by due process of law.

WILLIAMS PROVES TO BE A FALSE FRIEND

Accused by Mrs. Knowlton of Stealing Her Gold Watch and Bracelet.

Frank Williams, alias Contreras, appeared before Judge Fritz yesterday on a charge of grand larceny. He is accused of stealing a gold watch and bracelet from Mrs. A. Knowlton, 25 Fulton street, while on a visit to her.

Mrs. Knowlton testified that she went to San Jose to attend the funeral of her mother, and on returning on the steamer from Alviso she was introduced to Williams by her niece, who had been introduced to him by a lady friend. Williams was very kind to them, and on arriving here assisted them with their baggage and begged to be allowed to call. He called on one or two occasions, and the last time he saw her put her bracelet on top of the piano and her watch on top of her bureau drawer. He asked for a glass of water twice, and each time she went to the kitchen to get it.

When Williams left a few minutes afterward she missed her bracelet and gold watch, and on looking out of the window saw him running down the street. No one else could have taken the articles. The case was continued till Tuesday. Neither of the articles has been recovered.

Williams was also charged in Judge Morgan's court yesterday with obtaining goods by false pretenses. He is accused of getting a \$50 suit from a tailor on O'Farrell street by representing that he was connected with a firm in the city, which representation was found to be false. The case was continued until tomorrow.

THROWS OPEN HER HOME IN CAUSE OF CHARITY

Musical in Aid of Little Sisters' Infant Shelter Was a Great Success.

A tea and musical for the benefit of the Young Ladies' Auxiliary of the Little Sisters' Infant Shelter was held yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. E. B. Cutter, 2810 Washington street. The parlors and halls were beautifully decorated with choice flowers and hothouse plants. Among the features of the programme were the musical numbers of the Misses Helen and Nonnie Dodd.

The fishpond was well looked after by Miss Jessie Dorr and Miss O'Farrell. The candy stand was under the supervision of Miss Erna Schmidt and Miss Christine Judal. Punch and lemonade were served by Miss Elsie Dorr and Miss Cutter. On the upper floor the ice cream booth was presided over by Miss Mary Billings, Miss Sewing and Miss Mills.

In the evening a fine musical programme was rendered by a selected orchestra, and at the close of the music the young people indulged in an impromptu ball. The success of the affair may be attributed to the following officers of the society: Miss Mabel Wheaton, president; Miss Deshbi, vice president; Miss Alice Gilbert, Miss Rhoda O'Farrell, Miss Daisy Burns, Mrs. Leonard Rowell, Miss Jessie Dorr, assisted by Mrs. Frank Ames, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Watson Pennington and Mrs. C. E. Moore, directors.

LOAN EXHIBITION WILL REMAIN OPEN THIS WEEK

Paintings of the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries in Hopkins Art Institute.

The loan exhibition of paintings of the sixteenth and eighteenth centuries, including many of the old masters, has met with such success at the Mark Hopkins Institute of Art that it has been decided to keep the exhibition open for another week. Yesterday afternoon numerous art critics paid the institute a visit, fearing that this would be the last opportunity they would have of seeing the famous pictures. Among the exhibits that invoke great praise is a portrait on wood of a man in the eighteenth century. In the corner of the exhibit is a portrait of a woman of the subject are portrayed. A study of Dr. Gerhard von Langerken, secretary of the Court of Justice of Omsk,

made to the Galveston fund by the public schools: Burnett, \$57; Columbia, \$1 50; Golden Gate, \$3; Hawthorne, \$12; Humboldt, \$15 51; Laguna Honda, \$2 50; Henry Durant, \$68; Denman, \$58 08. The contribution from the Henry Durant was largely made up through a fair given by Mrs. de Roos, who is well known for her benevolence and deep interest taken in all charitable matters.

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Calvary Presbyterian Church. Members of Calvary Presbyterian Church will hold their last services in the church auditorium to-day. At the evening service the pastor of the church, Dr. Hemphill, will preach on the subject, "How to Get the Greatest Blessing on the Last Sabbath in the Old Church." On Wednesday evening the last regular prayer-meeting will be held and the final service will be held Friday evening, which will take the form of a social gathering.

Music at Trinity Church. A special musical service will be held at Trinity Church this evening. The programme has been selected chiefly from works by American composers and includes several numbers never before given in this city. The choir will sing two movements from Edgar S. Kelley's music to "Ben Hur" and also Dr. Stewart's prize anthem, "Behold, and lo, a Great Multitude." A short selection from H. W. Parker's oratorio, "Hera Novissima," will be given, and also a new solo composed for Mrs. J. E. Birmingham by H. J. Stewart. The soloists are: Miss Millie Flynn, Mrs. Eva Tenney, Mrs. J. P. Birmingham, Miss Xena Roberts, H. M. Fortescue, T. G. Elliott and F. G. B. Mills. H. J. Stewart, organist and musical director. No tickets of admission are required.

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