

WEBSTER DENIES THE FEELINGS OF SUPERVISORS

Superintendent Denies the Right of Board to Put Questions. Members Pronounce His Strictures Discourteous—City Engineer Files Report on the Lake Merced Water Sheds.

The feelings of the Board of Supervisors were considerably ruffled yesterday by a letter which was received from Superintendent of Schools Webster, in which he calls the board to account for directing him to reply to a question which he considers is not the board's business.

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors: I am informed that your honorable board adopted a resolution in the following words: "Whereas, the Board of Supervisors, Superintendent of Public Schools of this city and county, is hereby requested and directed to inform this board on or before November 15, 1900, whether he will audit demands for school property belonging to or under the control of the Board of Education, and if not, to report thereon to the Board of Public Works, acting jointly, same said demands to be rendered or sent to the Board of Public Works, acting jointly, prior to the presentation thereof to Mr. Webster for his application."

In reply to the application I beg to state that I do not recognize your right to direct me to do any work which is not my duty, and in any matter likely to come before me in my official capacity I know of no warrant of law or justice in a judicial course for such course on your part. However, disregarding your assumption of authority and in order to inform the board on the subject of the matter referred to in your resolution, as my attorney has advised me to do, I have in the different departments of the city and county, and in the various offices, in connection with the matter, I have the honor to say that I am not cognizant of any warrant of law or justice in a judicial course for such course on your part.

The Superintendent of Schools is discourteous to the board, said the Mayor. "The Superintendent has set himself above the law," said the Mayor. "The Superintendent has set himself above the law," said the Mayor. "The Superintendent has set himself above the law," said the Mayor.

Hitch in Pool Appeal Cases. The arguments on the appeal cases against the pool owners were not heard before Judge Cook and Dunne in bank yesterday.

GRAPE-NUTS. DID NOT LEAVE HIS JOB. A young man clerk in a large store in Kansas City had a serious ailment with food as related to his health.

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A Spanish Bunko Game. The Spanish bunko game, which has been exposed frequently during the last twenty years, lost a victim in this city last week by mere chance.

Supervisor D'Ancona Is Sued for Divorce. Wife Charges Him With Technical Desertion—Other Actions Instituted and Decrees Granted.

GARBAGE ORDINANCE UPELLED ON APPEAL. The conviction of G. Valente is reversed on appeal for lack of evidence.

A Religion of Laziness. Kieff papers give particulars of an extraordinary religious community in that city, whose chief tenet is idleness.

Supervisors Order Improvements in Downtown District. Grant Avenue the First to Be Paved. Ordinance Illegally Disposing of Old Material Adopted.

TO PAVE SOME STREETS

The desire of the Board of Supervisors to pave a few streets before retiring from office is bearing fruit, and it is possible that the present municipal administration will have at least three blocks covered with a modern pavement as a monument to its energy in the management of municipal affairs.

Supervisors Read, who evidently desires to keep up the good work, introduced the following resolution providing for the paving of the block on Market street from Second to Sansome, which was referred to the Street Committee.

Whereas, An undue amount of traffic from the business portions of that part of the city east of Montgomery street and north of Market street is diverted to the corner of Montgomery street and Market street, thus often causing that street to be largely impassable, and whereas, the continuation of the pavement of Market street from Second to Sutter and Sansome street, largely relieves the said congestion by opening up another route of travel, and that the paving of the block of Market street from Second to Sansome, which was referred to the Street Committee.

PHELAN BLAMES SPOILSMEN. Declares Suit Never Should Have Been Brought. Mayor Phelan gave out the following statement on the subject of the suit against the City Engineer.

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CEASE CASES

Board Directs Tax Collector to Bring Them to a Conclusion. Committee Will Consider Mayor's Veto of Exorbitant Demand for Ballot Paper—Morgue Building Ordered Completed.

Supervisor McCarthy called attention at yesterday's meeting of the board to the fact that the present delay in making the ballot paper is causing a great deal of trouble to the city.

Whereas, The Tax Collector was instructed by resolution No. 37, dated April 25, 1900, to collect the license tax on the telephone company, and to pay the same to the city, and whereas, the Tax Collector has failed to do so, and whereas, the Tax Collector has failed to do so, and whereas, the Tax Collector has failed to do so.

Division No. 5, A. O. H. At the meeting of Division No. 5, A. O. H., last week there was a large attendance. Among the visitors were County President J. J. Donohue, Judge Michael Conroy, Rev. Father Barry and twelve strangers, the good of the order committee took charge and presented an entertainment of the highest order.

Knights of Honor. The late Thomas H. Caswell, who was the foremost Masonic officer of the world, was a member of Saxony Lodge of the City of New York, and was elected Grand Master of the lodge for twenty-one years.

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NIGHT SCHOOL: HOW TO DO THINGS.

BY PROFESSOR H. G. BUBHLER. The general object of this course is to present in simple and practical form some fundamental facts and principles regarding the use of our mother tongue and the appreciation of its literature, which every intelligent person ought to know.

Good English is the English used by the best speakers and writers. Nothing more and nothing less. And "bad English" is simply the English spoken and written by the best speakers and writers. You observe that nothing is said in this definition about grammars or dictionaries. These much-quoted books, though they may contain some good things, are in general of little value.

In general the best way to become familiar with good English and to form the habit of using it is to read the best literature. Language, like manners, is learned for the most part by imitation, and a person who is familiar with the language of the reputable speakers and writers acquires good English without conscious effort.

UNITED STATES BRANCH. STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION AND AFFAIRS OF THE INSURANCE COMPANY. Real estate owned by company, \$2,140,000.00. Loans on bonds and mortgages, 200,000.00. Cash market value of all stocks and bonds, 3,706,900.00. Cash in company's office, 2,261,211.00. Interest due and accrued on all stocks and loans, 44,075.00. Premiums in due course of collection, 600,960.00. Rents due and accrued, 13,422.47. Amount receivable under perpetual policies, 508.37. Total assets, \$7,240,622.47.

LIABILITIES. Losses adjusted and unpaid, 622,399.13. Losses on fire risks, 25,238.42. Gross premiums on fire risks reinsured one year or less, \$1,777,285.82; reinsured more than one year, \$4,235,106.61. Gross premiums on fire risks reinsured one year or less, 1,288,612.94. Gross premiums on fire risks reinsured more than one year, 2,948,533.67. Amount receivable by the insured on perpetual fire insurance policies, 226,537.47. Due and accrued for salaries, rent, etc., 22,022.02. Total liabilities, \$7,240,622.47.

Improved Order Red Men. The funeral of the mortal remains of Sven Gumbirner, past great sachem of the Improved Order of Red Men, was held last Wednesday afternoon. Great Sachem Charles A. Dawson presided in the hall and A. Dawson at the grave.

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