

### GRAMMAR TO GIVE WAY TO EUPHONY

Board of Education Considers Change in Civil Service Requirements

Construction of Sentences and Knowledge of Speech to Overshadow Syntax

The schools committee of the board of education reported at the meeting yesterday afternoon that it had discussed the amendments to the civil service examination for prospective teachers and recommended certain changes.

Superintendent Roncoverli wanted to know if the committee desired to eliminate grammar as one of the subjects for examination.

The president replied in the affirmative, and said instead the candidates should be examined as to practical knowledge of English speech and formation of sentences.

Director Power expressed surprise that he had not been notified to attend the meeting at which final action was taken on the proposed amendments, as the matter had been referred to conference, and as a matter of ethics should have been asked to attend.

Then followed a discussion as to whether it should be grammar or euphony, but before this had proceeded far the whole matter was referred to a conference of the four members and the superintendent.

**SALOON IS PROTESTED**  
The Victoria Colonial club and Gerald H. Catania filed protests against the establishment of a saloon within 150 feet of the Washington Irving school.

Director Power stated that the police commissioners had denied the permit for this saloon. It appeared, however, that the matter had been brought before the commissioners again, who, through Chairman O'Grady, wanted to know if there is not some loophole through which a petitioner, who is a widow, with two children, can not be granted the permit, as she simply wants to move from her present location to a place directly opposite the school.

He had said that it is not opening a new saloon, but simply a renewal. It also transpired that the woman has been offered more than \$1,000 for her license if she secures it.

The board decided to send a strong protest to the police commissioners against granting the permit.

**WANT FATHERS AT MEETINGS**  
Mrs. H. Hertzler, secretary of the Mothers' club of the Bryant Cosmopolitan club made a request for the use of the auditorium of that school monthly for the use of the Parent Teachers' club to enable fathers of pupils, who work in the daytime, to attend the meetings. The subject will be inquired into at conference.

Hale Brothers made a request for permission to display in a window of their store some of the handiwork of the girl pupils of the polytechnic high school. This was granted.

Director Kincaid announced that there will be an exhibition in the Jean Parker school on the afternoon of April 25 of the work of the girl pupils in home economics, which includes crochery, dress making and millinery. In the evening there will be sketches by the girls, showing how they are taught these branches.

The request of T. Bacigalupi for continuance of teaching of the Italian language after school hours at the Garfield school was denied. The principal of the school, to the effect that during these after school hour lessons school property has been damaged and the teachers do not seem to have control of the pupils.

**TEACHER FACES CHARGES**  
The superintendent presented a report against the efficiency of Lena M. Snooks as a teacher and her trial on this charge will be had before the board next Monday afternoon.

The Haight and Ashbury District Improvement club asked for permission to dedicate the Polytechnic high school. It was announced that the school will not be ready for dedication for more than a year and that the board has adopted a resolution that it take charge of all dedications.

Superintendent Roncoverli thought all improvement clubs and not one ought to take part in the dedication of this particular school.

The matter was laid over for conference.

**ACCOUNTING IS ASKED**  
The board of public works will be asked to close all accounts with board school buildings in order that the board of education may know how much there is to the credit of each school.

The Pope Improvement club asked for the establishment of the grammar grade at the Grattan schools. This will be reported on by the schools committee.

Elizabeth Errett, a teacher on leave, was permitted to cancel the time granted and return to the school to which she was previously assigned.

S. F. Robbins made a request to be allowed to teach the musical theory to pupils of the grammar grade. The board declined to take up the matter at this time.

**LEAVES ARE GRANTED**  
Mira P. Hackley, a teacher in the Longfellow school, was granted leave of absence on account of serious illness and allowed half pay for one month.

On the request of Principal Susie H. Earle, Miss M. R. Carey was appointed yard teacher at the school, with additional pay of \$10 a month, vice Miss Lillian Koch, resigned.

Ethel L. Williamson, an unassigned teacher, was granted a leave of absence.

**DEPUTY QUARANTINE OFFICER DISMISSED**  
State Commissioner Promotes Department Clerk

SACRAMENTO, April 17.—O. E. Bremner, chief deputy quarantine officer of the state horticultural department, stationed at San Francisco, was dismissed today by Commissioner Cook, and Frederick Maskew, formerly a clerk in the department, appointed to the place.

Bremner's dismissal followed a conference in the office of Governor Johnson, at which Bremner and Cook confronted each other. Cook declared Bremner had been the cause of discord, Bremner retailed that the discord consisted in his refusal to countenance illegal and wrongful acts of Cook; that Cook had been guilty of falsehoods and endeavored to hide his incompetency by prevarications.

The chief task of the office is to prevent the entrance of fruit and tree pests into this country by steamer.

### SALOON LICENSE MATTER UP TODAY

Commissioners to Decide on Application for Fifth and Market Permit

Leading Business Men of District and Chamber Committee Oppose Petition

Whether there shall be a saloon license granted for the southeast corner of Fifth and Market streets will be determined finally this afternoon at the meeting of the police commissioners, when the application of Frank Corr, who desires to open a retail liquor house in the rooms formerly occupied by the City and County bank, will come up for final action.

A bitter fight has been waged on Corr's application by leading business men of the district, including Marshal Hale of Hale Brothers and Benjamin F. Schlessinger, general manager of the Emporium. The downtown committee of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce is also opposing the license and will be represented by several leading members at the commissioners' meeting today.

It has been the continued policy of this committee for a number of years to oppose the granting of any additional liquor licenses between Third and Fifth streets in Market, and also to oppose transfers within these limits.

**ROLPH TAKES NO PART**  
The police commissioners have had the matter before them for two weeks and are prepared to decide today. Mayor Rolph, although personally opposing the location of a saloon on this corner, will take no part in guiding the actions of the board. He said:

"I have not as yet interfered by giving directions or instructions to the police commission as to what they shall do with regard to matters coming before them. To do so would, in my opinion, involve me in the interference of the detail work of every commission; and when it comes to saloon licenses I can not interfere in one case without setting the precedent and having to deal with practically every case as it appears before the commission."

**DOES NOT INTERFERE**  
"I am trying to set the example in the city's affairs, as is done in private concerns, of allowing the heads of departments to be responsible for the proper conduct of the work entrusted to them and then holding the heads of the departments responsible to me. I have not interfered, nor shall I interfere, with the commission in this particular saloon application."

"So far as my personal views are concerned with this particular application before the commission, I feel that in the interest of the community no saloon license should be granted, where it is applied for, on this particular corner of Fifth and Market streets, for the many reasons that are so obvious to every one."

Commissioner James Woods said last night that he did not care to announce his position in the matter until today. After reading the statement made by Mayor Rolph, he said:

"What the mayor has said is entirely logical and reasonable. The statement speaks for itself and I approve his attitude."

**EDNA LOFTUS BREAKS INTO LIMELIGHT AGAIN**  
Edna Loftus, one time stage beauty, is once more in the limelight. In Police Judge Sullivan's court yesterday morning J. W. Gilbert, a chauffeur, obtained a warrant for Miss Loftus' arrest on a charge of defrauding him out of auto hire on March 21.

**Yesterday's Fire Record**  
1:29 a. m.; box 718.—One story basement frame, 680 Forty-first avenue, owned by L. Feidler; unoccupied dwelling. Loss almost total; cause unknown. Reported that this building had been vacant about one year.

4:36 a. m.; still, engine 26.—One story frame, 427 Cleveland street; owner unknown, occupied by I. Freedman as clothes cleaning and pressing establishment. Loss to building slight, contents none; cause carelessness in leaving gas stove burning.

**YOUNG RUNAWAY IS FOUND**—Percy E. Davis, a 16 year old boy, who ran away from his home in Berkeley last week, was taken into custody on the water front yesterday and has been sent back to his parents.

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