

WORKING SERIOUSLY.

The Presence of Ammonia in the Ordained Food of Man.

Its Detection Publicly Claimed by the Ohio State Food Commissioners.

The Ohio State Dairy and Food Commissioner, Gen. S. H. Hurst, has made public (Circular No. 6) the result of the commission's investigation of baking powder. This commission was formed by the legislature, with instructions to make an examination of the food supply of the state, and to give a report of such examination to the public. The examination of the baking powders was made by Prof. H. A. Weber, state chemist, and, relating as it does to an article of food, is of almost, if not quite, every one, is of particular interest.

OFFICIAL.

Proceedings Board of Education.

Regular Meeting.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 5, 1887. President Postelthwaite in the chair. Present—Inspectors Schurmeier, Minor, Simon, Ellis, Wright, Atley, Schiffmann, Cook, Berlandi, Haas, Dobner and Mr. President.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The President read the following letter from Inspector Gilbert:

Dear Sir—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th inst., and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the Board of Education.

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Where deposited—Bank of Minnesota, St. Paul, \$7,455.75 Respectfully submitted, Treasurer Board of Education.

Referred to Finance Committee. From the Kuttan Manufacturing Company—Giving the assurance that its closet system is in no case an infringement on the "privy furnace" of Dr. Ross, of Madisonville, Ky., and that all patents introduced by said Kuttan company into the school buildings of the Board of Education of St. Paul will be defended free of all cost by said company, etc.

From the American Steam Boiler Insurance Company—The Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company.

Inspection reports on condition of boiler plants in the High, Madison, Jefferson, Jackson, Washington and Lincoln schools, referring to their good condition.

Same reference. From the Superintendent—Sr. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 5, 1887.

To the Board of Education of the City of St. Paul: I present herewith my report of the public schools of this city for the month of November, with a detailed statement of the same. The first column shows the number of pupils admitted during the term; the second column the enrollment for November:

Table with columns: No. of pupils admitted, No. of pupils enrolled, No. of pupils suspended, etc. for various schools.

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Ninth—Your committee would recommend that the next school term begin on Tuesday, Jan. 3 next, the present term closing on Friday, Dec. 23.

L. A. GILBERT, Chairman.

The report and resolutions were read and received, the same was, on motion of Inspector Schiffmann, taken up by section and disposed of as follows: Section 1 was adopted.

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grades have been supplied with new reading matter, printed by order of the Board of Education. This printed material is nearly exhausted, and a new supply will be ordered very soon. It is estimated that either by ordering more leaflets printed or by the direct purchase of Reading Books Nos. 1 and 2 of same series, the Board of Education will be able to supply the "supplementary reading matter," and those most destitute are those that can least afford to be in this condition. Some schools purchase such reading matter by using a part of the appropriation made to the library fund from the amount of tuition received from pupils in the schools, but this is quite a severe strain on the funds, and it is hardly just to divert this fund from its regular channel. I should like to see the money derived from the tuition of pupils attending the evening schools added to the usual sum applied to the purchase of books for school libraries. In view of the seeming necessity of the case, I have decided to ask your honorable body to authorize the purchase of \$50 more than \$100 in the purchase of supplementary reading matter for the several grades in the public schools, and to refer the matter to the Committees on Schools and Text Books.

If this request does not meet with favor, the Board will purchase, through the proper committee, twenty-five copies of a First Reader and twenty-five copies of a Second Reader, to be used in the evening schools of the first and second grade pupils in the schools of the city. Heretofore the leaflets printed by order of the Board have been used, but now the supply is almost exhausted, and it is necessary to provide in some way immediately for these examinations, which must begin very soon.

In answer to the report of the schools for the month of November, presented above, I desire to say, in relation to the report of the same, that of the tardiness of both teachers and pupils, I do not believe a certain percentage of these cases is unavoidable, and a large percentage is due to carelessness. I hope that the tardiness of both teachers and pupils will be reduced to a minimum, but I have not yet given up all hope in the matter, and still expect to see a smaller number of cases of tardiness reported during the term.

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RESOLUTIONS.

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Nays—Inspector Dolner—1. Resolved, That the committee on Real Estate be authorized to rent rooms in the vicinity of the Longfellow school for the purpose of providing additional and necessary accommodation for school children, and to refer the matter to the Committee on Schools and Text Books.

The question being called on the amendment, the same was adopted by Yeas—Inspectors Minor, Simon, Ellis, Wright, Atley, Schiffmann, Cook, Berlandi, Haas, Dobner and Mr. President—10.

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