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STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S DECISION ON NEW SCHOOL DISTRICTS LAW

CONSOLIDATIONS NOT LIKELY

Law is So Framed That but Few Districts Can Advantageously Avail Themselves of Its Provisions.

The state superintendent of public instruction is being subjected to a series of interesting inquiries respecting house file No. 493, which was passed by the recent legislature. It provides for the organization of school districts by the consolidation of two or more adjoining districts. Many people are finding it difficult to distinguish between certain features of the new law and the old one, similar in character. The chief difficulty seems to be to decide whether the consolidated district shall assume the liabilities of the several districts embraced by it, or whether these obligations shall be borne by each district.

Supt. Olsen readily decides that the consolidations formed under the new law will have to assume all the liabilities of each of the districts absorbed, no matter what these liabilities may be. The fact is, the bill by which the law was enacted contains no explicit reference to this provision and the superintendent concludes that in the absence of this provision the consolidation will have to bear the debts. He bases his conclusion upon the following provision of the new law, together with the fact that the law makes no other reference to the subject under discussion:

"Independent districts organized under the provisions of this act shall succeed to all the rights and be subject to all the liabilities of the several consolidated districts, etc."

This law is being confounded with an old statute relating to the organization of township school districts which provides that each district or township in the consolidation shall bear its own obligations and be subject to all its separate liabilities.

While there may have been some demand over the state for the new law regulating the consolidated school districts, it is not at all doubtful that the plan will never be very extensively operated. Serious objections would be made to it as a general practice and the reasons for the objections are easily seen when the effects of the law are studied. For instance, an independent district is to be organized from half a dozen districts; unless the liabilities of these districts are nearly equal there will be some very earnest objections when the taxpayers of one district, that may have been comparatively free from debt, are called upon to share equally the obligations of their neighbors over in an adjoining district. Perhaps four of the districts may have been without any cumbersome liabilities and the other two heavily involved. The people living in these four districts will have to bear two districts. And it is not a far-fetched argument to venture that somebody will have a slight complaint to offer. Under the old law, which provides for the organization of township districts, as has been stated, this objectionable feature does not exist, as each district bears its own debts.

The only obvious method therefore by which this new law may ever be satisfactorily operated is by applying it when all the districts to be consolidated are either free from liabilities or have obligations equal in amount. Such a state of affairs in either case will be no doubt hard to find and the most probable result of the recent law is that it will never become very generally used.

Hottie Exploded and Hurt Boy.
Willie Swansick, an eight-year-old boy, living at 424 Wabasha street, met with a painful accident yesterday morning. He was playing with a bottle of dynamite. The bottle exploded and the boy's index finger on his right hand was badly lacerated and burned. Dr. Richardson dressed the wound, and says that there will be no serious results.

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MARRIAGE LICENSES.
Andy McCormick, Mary Hannan, Arthur Miller, Irene Schelly, William Olson, Tillie Grenblad.

BIRTHS.
Mrs. Erickson, 625 Smith, girl.
Mrs. E. W. Wyland, 586 Euclid, boy.
Mrs. John Schrott, 122 Rondo, boy.
Mrs. J. W. C. Van Kirk, Gilman Terrace, LaSalle avenue, boy.
Mrs. John F. Rogan, 87 Edgerton, boy.
Mrs. M. Christensen, 534 Thomas, girl.
Mrs. J. E. Hoyer, Kensington, girl.
Mrs. Rudolph Witzel, East road, girl.
Mrs. John Thutnie, 1801 Laford, boy.

DEATHS.
James Magie, 106 Leech, 40 yrs.
Wm. L. Peterson, 124 McMenemy, 77 yrs.
Emma Smith, 312 W. George, 60 yrs.

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MORE DELAYS IN SIGHT

NEW YORK BANK ATTACHES THE TARBOX JAIL SITE

ECHO OF BANKRUPTCY CASE

American Exchange National Bank Is Seeking Mrs. Tarbox's Share in the Purchase Price of the Land.

A disturbing element was injected into the county jail site matter yesterday when, at the meeting of the board called to consider the opening of bids for extra work accruing from the proposed change, the members were informed that an attachment had been levied against the Tarbox property by the American Exchange National Bank of New York city.

The attachment, following fast on the heels of a suit by the bank against Tarbox, Schlick & Co., to recover a balance of \$18,500 accruing from a mortgage of \$5,000 standing against the property, hadly started the commissioners, and it was only after repeated assurances from the several attorneys concerned that the county's interests would not be jeopardized, that the members mustered up sufficient courage to proceed with the remainder of the work on hand.

The present trouble all grows out of the bankruptcy proceeding in which Mr. Tarbox figured some time ago, notes aggregating nearly \$80,000, and endorsed by Mrs. Tarbox, standing against him. These notes were held by Eastern banks, and when the crash came, Mrs. Tarbox succeeded in settling them by the payment of 30 per cent of the sums due. No release on the remainder was ever given, and now the bank hopes to realize, by securing the amount coming to Mrs. Tarbox, which would be about \$3,000. Conditional on the amount being turned over to them the bank would release all claims to the property. The payment of the mortgage is assured, but the bank hopes to realize additional on the paper it holds by obtaining what is Mrs. Tarbox's share.

This was the status of the situation as given by M. D. Munn, who appeared for Mrs. Tarbox, he assuring the board that the bank would not block the transaction if the money was forthcoming, while as for Mrs. Tarbox, who, at present, held the upper hand, she would not do anything that would tend to disturb the agreement already made. He assured the board that Mrs. Tarbox would sign the deed.

As a precautionary measure, however, he asked that the board secure a stipulation between the parties concerned in the suit before the contract for the removal of the buildings was let. County Attorney Kane figured a better way out of the difficulty, and on his recommendation the contract was let, the same to be

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- Cooking Apples, per peck 35c
- Fancy Strawberries, per box 7c
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- Evaporated Pears, fancy 18c quality, per lb 10c

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- 25c size cans for 20c
- 35c size cans for 30c
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- 1-lb. glass jars Lobster Meat, each . . . 38c
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subject to his approval in the event that the title to the property could be secured free of incumbrances.

As usual, the regular star chamber session prevailed, the motion for the same being made by Commissioner Lott, but not without a protest from Commissioner Webster, who said the public was entitled to know all that was going on. The session was given over to the legal status involving the situation, enlightenment being given by County Attorney Kane, and M. D. Munn, attorney for Mrs. Tarbox.

As nothing could be done until the mix-up has been cleared away adjournment was taken until Monday, the abstract title being given over to the county attorney, who will in the meantime examine it and report.

Attorney Fitzpatrick, who represents the bank, admits that the action is brought to secure, if possible, the portion of the sale money coming to Mrs. Tarbox in order that it may be applied in wiping out some of the indebtedness accruing from Mr. Tarbox's failure, but says that the amount in question is trivial, only \$90. Other parties may hold sufficient paper to eat up the balance, but that is all his client wants.

APPREHENSIVE OF DELAYS.

While both parties are anxious for the sale, the mortgagees, in order that their claim against the estate may be satisfied, and Mrs. Tarbox, that she may realize her equity in the property, yet the entire affair may resolve itself into a middle, and this is what the commissioners are fearful of.

Besides the mortgages there are taxes, commissions to real estate agents and bonus to the tenants to satisfy, and the amount might in the end be more than the price received for the property from the county, \$49,500. In this event the minor charges might be contested by the bank, with the result that the property would be tied up in litigation and the county debarred from going ahead with the jail.

While the commissioners have been assured by Attorney Munn that his client will sign the deed and thus give the county immediate possession and a clear title, yet there is an unconfirmed rumor that Mrs. Tarbox is opposed to relinquishing her equity in the estate. Under the attachment, and others that might follow, Mrs. Tarbox would realize nothing by the transaction, while, if she were to wait, the difficulty might be satisfied in some other way.

In Labor's Field.

President Henry Gliese Jr., occupied the chair at the meeting of the Cigar-makers' union last night when two new members were admitted, one retiring by card, and one by traveling card. The agitation committee reported the distribution of 10,000 circulars calling attention to cigars made by scab labor. The dance committee was allowed until next meeting to report. The union approved of the applications of unions to strike for better wages. The union is opposed to relinquishing her equity in the estate. Under the attachment, and others that might follow, Mrs. Tarbox would realize nothing by the transaction, while, if she were to wait, the difficulty might be satisfied in some other way.

Stonemasons' Union Growing.

The Stonemasons' union held a meeting last night, with the president in the chair. Andrew Vogler, C. Johnston and J. Berkman were initiated, and five applications for membership were received, and referred to a committee to retain the business agent two weeks longer. The business outlook was reported exceptionally good, and the members of the union are working, and the bosses looking for more men. Receipts \$52.40, disbursements \$24.15.

Bricklayers Give Indorsement.

The Bricklayers' union met last night with the president in the chair. The meeting was of a routine character. The union indorsed the application of James Burrows for the position of inspector of public schools in course of creation. Mr. Burrows will require no introduction to the people of St. Paul, where he has been referred to with respect since 1856. The Capitol and Jefferson schools are among the buildings to be erected. Business was reported as being good. Receipts \$48.75, disbursements \$19.50.

Union Meetings Tonight.

The following unions hold meetings tonight in Assembly hall: Painters, Steamfitters' Assoc., Tenders' and Trades and Union Assembly.

KICK FOR LOWER RATE

WOODMEN TO WAIT ON RAILROAD MEN TODAY.

The rate announced by the railroads for the convention of the Modern Woodmen has not proved acceptable to that body, and with the assistance of the Commercial club and the Chamber of Commerce it is proposed to bring strong pressure to bear for more favorable terms.

As the rate stands at present, the one-fare return ticket is limited to a radius of 200 miles from St. Paul, and is good for only two days. It is proposed to get the distance limit extended and the time lengthened to four days.

It is claimed that other national conventions, notably the G. A. R. and the Christian Endeavorers, have secured a flat rate of single fare return, whereas the case of the Woodmen is an added charge of 50 cents is imposed for a distance greater than 200 miles from the city. Another fact which makes the Woodmen think they are entitled to some consideration in the matter of rates is that they will bring to the city probably 50,000 or more delegates.

A committee of Woodmen and representatives of the Commercial bodies will confer with the railroads today, at which meeting the whole question of rates will be thoroughly discussed.

Latest Game Laws of Minnesota.

Copies of the game laws of Minnesota, including all amendments enacted by the last legislature, can be had on application at the city office of the Great Northern Railway, corner Fourth and Robert streets.

Important Changes in Time.

Commencing Monday, April 29th, the Burlington Route morning train for Chicago and St. Louis will leave the Union depot, St. Paul, at 8:05 a. m., except Sunday, ten minutes earlier than heretofore. This train arrives at Chicago 9:35 p. m., same day.

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