

STRIFE FOR SCHOOLS

Administration Gives Accurate Accounting of Its Stewardship

M'CARDY DIVERTS FUNDS

Democratic Efforts for Education of Poor Men's Children Undone by Comptroller's High-Handed Disregard of Law.

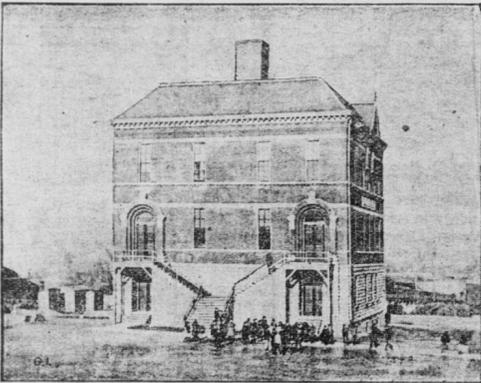
When President Corning, of the St. Paul board of school inspectors, addressed his annual report to Mayor Smith, in June, 1901, he said:

President of a board of school inspectors, composed entirely of Republicans, and addressed by him and them to the mayor of St. Paul. This mayor and his party appointees in office McCarty now seeks to displace, because their administration thought proper to meet the requirements of a situation created largely through Republican parsimony in the past, and which operated to deprive the children of our people of the inestimable boon of free access to the American free school system.

For many years the people of the city of St. Paul had been subjected to the deepest humiliation because of the want of proper school facilities. Not only that, but the necessary money to run the schools had not often been forthcoming, and none, either in or out of official life, could see where it was to come from. The teachers went without pay for months at a time. A few of them finally got tired of the situation, and removed to other cities where at least they were certain to receive their pay, when a year or so it was earned. But the bulk of the teaching staff remained loyal to the city, notwithstanding the years which were directed at them from other communities, that they were in the service of a city which was not able to pay them their salaries.

City's Credit Was Impaired. No one will ever be able to estimate the terrible injury which resulted to the city of St. Paul by the continuance of the failure of the city to meet its obligations

EDISON SCHOOL.



(Old Humboldt school remodeled). Cost \$16,000. Seating capacity for 230 children. Improved by present city administration.

on this account, having half-day sessions in many rooms, many of them ill-adapted to the use they are put to. As it seems evident that some relief must be had, we have made a very careful and conservative estimate of what we deem essential.

This was the situation at the opening of the present Democratic city administration. The board of inspectors at that time was composed of the following named gentlemen: Bernard Zimmerman, E. O. Zimmerman, H. C. McNair, J. W. J. Corning, E. E. McDonald, Christian Fry, Rev. James Wallace.

Republicans Were in Control. Everyone of these gentlemen is a good Republican, and every man of them was

In regard to the public schools. It went abroad that the schools had to be closed because there was no money to pay the teachers.

Yet there was no remedy. The constitution forbids the enactment of the special legislation which would have removed the difficulty. But finally the city made its own charter, and the difficulty was in a measure solved. Then it became necessary to get legislation to increase the tax levy. This was done, and extra provisions were made in the charter.

Here we have a Republican board of school directors urging on Mayor Smith and a Democratic council to grant the moneys necessary to give every child in the city a free school education. Then we have a Republican legislature to enable the city to increase its tax levy in order to enable all the children that wanted to go to school to do so. The Democratic mayor and council granted the demand of a Republican board of school inspectors, and the Republican legislature granted

HARRISON SCHOOL.



Contracted for to be erected at Magnolia and Arkwright streets. Estimated cost, \$25,325. Moneys mispent by McCarty.

appointed by a Republican mayor to displace a Democrat on the board, excepting Mr. H. C. McNair, who was originally and always an appointee of Mayor Smith.

The dishonesty of the criticisms made by the Republicans politicians in this campaign, at the instigation of City Comptroller McCarty, because of the liberal expenditures of the public funds for the construction of schools, is shown quite clearly by another brief extract from the report of President Corning, as follows:

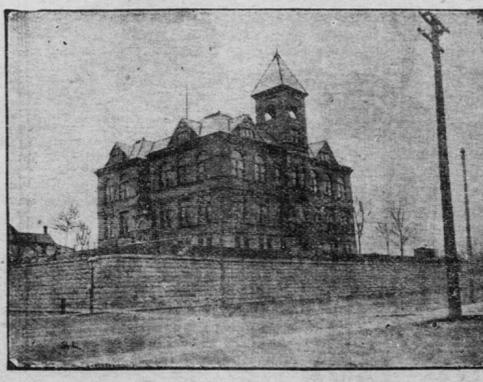
Sacrifices Were in Vain. This is the language of a Republican

the demand of the Republican city delegation.

Attempts to Present Facts. Yet, the voters of St. Paul are now asked soberly by Mr. McCarty to condemn Mayor Smith and the Democratic council for the increase of the levy and the appropriation of the moneys thus realized. It was mainly through the initiative in every instance of Republicans, concurred in by Republican officials, and because they were absolutely necessary to the good government of the community, that the moneys were appropriated.

The first step taken to secure the added appropriations for school purposes was taken by State Inspector E. O. Zimmerman, a prominent Republican. On

GRANT SCHOOL.



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July 3, 1900, Mr. Zimmerman offered the following resolution at the meeting of the school board: That we present to the mayor, for the consideration of common council, for the annual budget for 1900 and 1901, For salaries of teachers, \$400,000 For salaries of officers and clerks, 7,500 For maintenance of buildings and janitors, 2,000 For fuel, 21,500

For supplies, 15,000 For repairs (for use), 25,000 For buildings, sites and repairs, 175,000 Total, \$407,500

It was adopted by the following vote: Inspectors Fry, McDonald, McNair, Zimmerman, Egan, Seward and Wall, 10; E. O. Mr. President, 7. Nays—0.

Democrats Approve Building Plans. It will thus be seen that the sum of \$175,000 was designed to be devoted to buildings, sites and repairs during 1899-1901. The annual budget thus prepared was presented to the council accordingly. It was adopted in its entirety. Subsequently by a resolution originating in the assembly this amount of \$175,000 was reduced to \$107,250 because it was found under the charter that this was the limit allowed. This left the total amount voted by the Democratic council in 1899 for the schools of St. Paul still approximating \$70,000.

Now, how was this sum expended? The appropriations for salaries of teachers, officers, clerks, engineers and janitors were, of course, devoted to the purposes designed, and the report of the board of school inspectors for 1900 shows how every dollar of it was expended.

From the \$107,250 appropriated for sites the following expenditures were made: McKinley school, now in process of construction, Carroll and Mackubin streets, in the Eighth ward, \$54,500.00 Sites, \$15,000.00 Pacific streets, in the Second ward, \$24,177.58

In addition to these expenditures there was on the same account expenditures made for plumbing in the Central High, Grant and Rice schools.

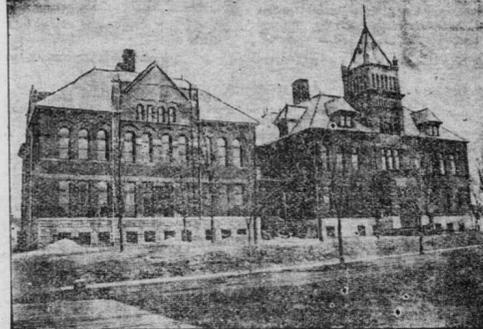
Attempt to Provide Adequate Facilities. On July 5, 1901, the annual budget was prepared by the board of school inspectors, which had, in the meantime, become Democratic, and was composed of Messrs. B. Zimmerman, E. O. Zimmerman, Fry, Rasford, Egan, Seward and Wall, and adopted, unanimously, for the ensuing year. It was as follows:

Teachers, \$400,000 Officers, 7,500 Engineers and Janitors, 2,000 Fuel, 20,000 Supplies, 10,000 Repairs, 15,000 New buildings and sites, 125,000 Total, \$685,500

This budget was submitted to the Democratic council and was concurred in, the entire amount being allowed. It will be seen that it allows \$125,000 for buildings and sites. This latter amount was designed to be devoted to the following purposes:

Davis school, in the Fifth ward, \$43,325 Addition to Grant school, at Magnolia and Arkwright streets, in

LONGFELLOW SCHOOL, AND ADDITION.



At Iglehart street and Prior avenue. Cost of addition, \$24,512.50. Seating capacity for 450 pupils. Erected by present city administration.

the First ward, Magnolia and Forest streets, in the Eleventh ward, \$21,846 Baker school, Raymond avenue, SE, \$15,205 Anthony Park, \$15,205

McCarty Diverts the Funds. Now, the money which the board of school inspectors asked should be devoted to the construction of these schools, which the council appropriated to that purpose, is not forthcoming. It has been used by McCarty for some other purpose than that for which it was appropriated.

He spent it, he says, in paying some of the other bills of the school department. In other words he diverted the money to some other use than that for which it was designed. He set himself above the law, defied the will of the council, ignored the repeated warnings and directions of the city attorney's office, and used the moneys for what he pleased to use them, rather than for what the law and the city government said they should be used for.

The result of this is that while all the schools here mentioned have been contracted for, the money is not available to pay for them. The people of the First and Fifth and Tenth wards must accordingly go without the necessary provision for the schooling of their children until this high-handed official outrage of McCarty has been remedied, and the necessary moneys are forthcoming. How much this means the people of the First ward understand specially well. But they are mostly good Republicans, and are expected to offer no objection. The people of other sections have general knowledge of it also.

Here is an illustration. In the First ward alone there were in the month of March last, thirteen rooms in the public schools in which the pupils were also only to get a half day's schooling. It was to remedy this state of things that the addition was ordered to be made to the Grant school and that the Harrison school was ordered to be built. But the people of the ward will have to go on just as before until the deliberate act of official



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WINTER WORK AT HOME MEANS FOUND TO HANDLE CLAIMS THE YEAR ROUND

Special to the Globe. NOME, Alaska, Feb. 22.—Nome is still in the grasp of old B-ras and likely to remain so for some months to come yet at least. Of course during the long winter, with the mercury dodging down to forty degrees below zero, mining operations are practically suspended. The annoying situation is, however, to be obviated before another season comes around, and a tremendous placer wealth which now mocks the gold-seeker like a mirage as he gazes upon the auriferous sand through the ice is to be accessible all through the long and tedious winter. This wonderful result is to be brought about by the introduction of some new-fashioned thaws, which will prove the open sesame to the much-coveted wealth and will permit the working of placer claims all the year round.

Fuel a Great Problem. It is an admitted fact that the Nome, Koyukuk, Bluestone and Arctic mining districts are beyond all question as rich as any other yet discovered. Owing to the total absence of fuel in the winter, however, and the high price of it in summer, no mining operations can be carried on in that country until the ground has been thawed out in the summer by the forces of nature. No thawing of ground can be done in that country as has been done in the Klondike, with steam thaws because in the latter region there is a total absence of any natural growth of wood. Even if coal could be obtained in Nome for a reasonable price, it could not be transported to the claims in sufficient quantities for steam creating purposes except at a price which would be greater than the amount of gold released thereby from the ground, as the entire coun-

try is covered with a tundra, composed of moss, muck and water, over which no team can travel with a heavy load. It therefore became apparent that if mining was to be carried on successfully in Nome during the winter months on a scale similar to that conducted in the Klondike, it could only be done by the introduction of some new process of creating heat.

Produce a Dry Gas. Some of the heaviest owners of placer claims conceived the idea of interesting Mr. Charles A. Kuenzel, the well-known German inventor. In the matter, and by the aid of his system of producing a dry gas from 85 per cent of compressed

air and 15 per cent of kerosene, that the working of the Nome placer deposits throughout the winter has been solved. Mr. Kuenzel has invented a small, light and portable machine which will revolutionize the results of placer mining here. The small quantity of oil required will enable sufficient quantities to be produced for carrying on operations on a large scale. The receipt of a first installment of these machines, which are being manufactured in the East for an Arctic Heating and Thawing company of San Francisco, is eagerly awaited.

The population of Nome now is in the neighborhood of 4,000 people. Quite a percentage of these are women, and there is social life enough in the town to satisfy any moderate tastes.

Isolation a Serious Drawback. The only bad point about the place is the isolation for so many months of the year from the outside world. Unalutik and Council City are the only places with which communication is held during the winter and they are only Arctic outposts like Nome. The mails are carried by dog and reindeer teams and the time occupied in getting them through is sometimes very long, months elapsing during the transportation. There is little of substituting reindeer for the dogs now carrying the mails, as it is thought they will make better use of the leading business men are agitating wireless telegraphy, and it is likely that arrangements will be made during the coming summer months to have some instruments installed so that we shall no longer be cut off from civilization for such a long period.

It is now four months since we received a message from the outside world, and although there is no suffering or want to talk about now, we feel the isolation a good deal. The local newspaper, and social amenities of an unpretentious character are about the only things we have to interfere with the routine of daily life, which is more monotonous than it would be had we any occupation to employ us for the long months of winter.

August Petersen.

EMERSON W. PEET IS BURIED AT OAKLAND. Mrs. Ella Bauman in Toils for Refusing to Appear in Prosecution.

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GAME AT STILLWATER

JOSEPH WOLF AND WEST TEAMS TO PLAY BALL TODAY

Bronson's Steamboat, Being Constructed for Pleasure, Progressing Satisfactorily—Denais Allen Dies at Ely—Latest St. Paul News.

The opening of the baseball season in Stillwater, which was delayed two weeks because of the weather, will occur today, and Manager Seymour, of the Joseph Wolf company team, has arranged for a game this afternoon between his team and the West Publishing company, of St. Paul. The delay in the opening of the season has been beneficial in a way, several excellent improvements have been made at the park. The diamond has been plowed up and leveled and new bleachers have been constructed. The seating capacity of the grand stand has also been increased.

Work on R. H. Bronson's steamboat, now being built on the levee, under the direction of D. M. Swain, is progressing most satisfactorily. The keel was laid yesterday and the hull will be constructed as soon as possible. The boat, which is being built purely for pleasure and recreation, will be sixty-five feet long and will be a sidewheeler. It will be of light draft and will be capable of ascending the St. Croix during the low water seasons.

A message has been forwarded to Ely, Minn., in response to a telegram received by Chief of Police Melree, announcing the death of Dennis Allen, in which Allen's friends are insuring to have a body interred at Ely. Deceased was forty-five years of age and was a brother of Mrs. Patrick Doyle, of Washington county. He had made his home in Stillwater for many years.

The Clyde, of the Bronson & Folsom line, will arrive in port this morning and the Junata will arrive either tonight or tomorrow morning. The Clyde will take out logs and lumber for Dubuque, and the Junata will take out logs for Dorchester & Hughes, Bellevue.

According to the statement of Capt. D. A. McDonald, of La Crosse, who was in the city yesterday, present conditions for log and lumber towing are not entirely satisfactory. The water in the Mississippi is so low in places that there is danger of grounding, and boats are only proceeding with caution. Rains are badly needed to improve conditions.

Bert Torinus, who is here from Winton, Minn., says that the St. Croix Lumber company's mill at Winton will begin work tomorrow morning, having been delayed by reason of cold weather and low water.

E. K. Watson has returned from Daytona, Fla., where he spent several months. He states that Mr. Murdoch and Miss Murdoch, who are spending the winter there, will return to Stillwater about May 1.

Mrs. August Jenks has returned from St. Paul, where she visited her daughter, Mrs. D. B. Newcomb. Jenks spent a part of the past week with Senator and Mrs. Dargatzis, of Duluth.

Mrs. Zora Egan, daughter of St. Paul, was a guest of friends in this city on Friday.

A musical was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Slaughter Wednesday evening, under the direction of the Altar Guild of Ascension Church. An elaborate musical programme was rendered, which was enjoyed by a large audience.

The last of the series of dances given during the winter months by the Fusion City Social Dancers, on Friday night, and was a success in every particular. Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Jordan have returned from a visit to the Evansville, Ind., Mrs. Frank E. Otis, of Duluth, was a guest of Mrs. William Sauntry the past week.

George Lowe and wife, of Merrillan, Wis., were in the city Friday, on their way home from Fargo, where they spent several weeks.

Mrs. Frank Brewster, of Duluth, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Penkovich.

A. A. Ewart has returned from a brief absence in Chicago.

M. A. Torinus is at home on a business trip to Winton, Minn.

A number of the younger society people of the city gave a social dance in Opera House hall Friday evening.

Mrs. George Burns and son, of New Richmond, Wis., are visiting Stillwater friends.

Mrs. Charles E. Mosier entertained the Neighborhood Euchre club Friday afternoon.

Mrs. James King, of White Bear, was a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. May, the first of the week.

James F. Kilty has returned from Hawthorne, Wis., where he spent the winter.

The Knights of Pythias gave a well-attended card party and dance Tuesday evening.

\$50 to California and Return. The Minneapolis & St. Louis R. R. will sell tickets April 29-30, May 2-3, 5-6, 8-9, 11-12, 14-15, 17-18, 20-21, 23-24, 26-27, 29-30, 31, for the round trip with morning sleeper from Minneapolis making direct connection with through trains at Omaha and Kansas City. For full information call on W. L. Hathaway, C. T. A., No. 1 Wash. Ave. So., Minneapolis, or F. P. Rutherford, C. T. A., 338 Robert St., St. Paul.

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