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A Change in the Board Does Not Efface the Contract

OR DEFEAT A RECOVERY FOR WORK

The Supreme Court Decides a Case of Great Importance to Teachers and Trustees—N. W. of the Two Peninsulas.

LANSING, Nov. 15.—The Supreme court has, in an opinion filed in the case of Clarence E. Cleveland, relator, vs. Edwin M. Avery, assessor of school district No. 8 of the township of Tekonsha, very clearly defined the powers of district school boards in the employment of teachers.

In this case relator was a school teacher, and on Aug. 31, 1891, entered into a written contract with Samuel B. Sanders, F. H. Doyle and the respondent, then constituting the district board, to teach the school in said district, commencing on Sept. 7, during the term to be rated by the district at its annual meeting. Subsequently an order was issued by Mr. Doyle as moderator, and Mr. Sanders, as director, drew upon the respondent, as assessor, for the payment to relator of a sum for wages. Payment was declined, and the relator petitioned for a writ of mandamus compelling this action. The grounds for refusal are:

1. That the contract with the relator was made with the old board, and they had no authority to contract for the year, after the term of two of the board would expire.
2. That at the annual election held in September, one W. T. Chapman was elected director, and one W. B. Durham moderator; that they duly qualified, and therefore Sanders and Doyle were not members of the board and had no authority to act.
The court says: "The difficulty in securing competent teachers if school boards were obliged to wait until the annual meeting in September is apparent."

"In this case the relator had taught in this school for two years and could not wait for the annual meeting, having other appointments offered. There is usually no change in the majority of the board, as only one is elected annually. The term of Sanders expired by limitation, and Doyle had been appointed to fill a vacancy. The question would hardly arise, except under circumstances like the present. It was decided in Tappan vs. School District, 44 Michigan, 569, that the trustees of graded public schools can make binding contracts for teaching before the year opens. The reasoning in that case applies with equal force to the present one. The power to employ teachers is co-extensive."

In closing the court says: "The old board therefore had the power to make the contract for the ensuing year, as should be voted at the annual meeting."

Fustin has an egg famine.
Belleville is without a tailor.
Beech City wants electric lights.
Ionia will hold a farmer's institute.
Blissfield barber shops will close Sundays.

Snow is one foot deep at Sault St. Marie.
Clothesline thieves are abroad nights at Big Rapids.
The vicinity of Baldwin is overrun with hunters.
Stray dogs at Armada are being fed a fatal concoction.

Manton Baptists are holding a series of successful revival meetings.
Fitz Harding, of Bay City, is dead after a six weeks' struggle with lockjaw.
The swine breeders' association of Lenawee county met at Adrian Saturday.

Low water prevents the running of many mills at Maunistic and Menominee.

Mrs. A. W. Walker, of Douglas, picked ripe raspberries from her vines the other day.

Rev. J. W. Arnes, of Saranac, has sold his fine four-year-old colt to C. W. Watkins, of Detroit.

T. B. Brock has been appointed postmaster at Anson, Isocoo county, vice T. F. Sanford, resigned.

The Elk Rapids horsemen, who contemplated purchasing a track around Bass lake, have abandoned the project.

A hunter from Lima, Ohio, was mistaken for a deer, and was shot and killed near Cadillac the other day.

William Schaitz, a youthful horse-thief, was caught at Burr Oak Friday while stealing corn for a horse he had stolen.

So much rain has fallen during the week at Manistota that all the factories have shut down owing to high water.

The married men of Grayling have organized a club and their wives are expected to tend the children at least one evening each week.

Frank A. Butler, keeper of a "tonic joint" at Decatur, has been arrested on a charge of maintaining a saloon contrary to the local option statute.

Rev. William Kroenke, of Riga, has just celebrated his thirtieth anniversary as pastor at that place. Impressive services were held in honor of the occasion.

The Holland City republican martial band, numbering thirty-six members, held its first annual meeting Friday evening and elected the following officers: President, E. Clark; vice-president, George Klein; secretary, W. Kooyers; treasurer, J. Mertens.

Mr. and Mrs. Kinstry, of Kalamazoo, concluded that marriage was a failure, so Mr. Kinstry left home several days ago. Friday night he returned unexpectedly and found a gentleman waiting

with Mrs. Kinstry. He chased the fellow out too quick to discover his identity. He has sworn out a warrant against his wife for adultery.

Rev. Arthur P. Greenleaf has resigned the rectorship of St. Thomas' Episcopal church at Battle Creek and accepted a call from Everett, a suburb of Boston.

William Dittwiler has been awarded a judgment of \$5,000 against the city of Lansing for injuries sustained by the breaking of a bridge over which he was driving last fall.

Copemish, the 2-year-old village has already seen the elephant and will dedicate an opera house Thursday evening. Copeman hopes to be a city on its fifth birthday.

Thomas Parker, of Oregon, recently found a chunk of coal in an excavation on his place. E. E. Roberts, C. F. Wright and others have formed a company and will proceed to sink a shaft.

A valuable horse belonging to Geo. N. Potter, of Pottsville, got his head part in the hay rack and while trying to extricate himself, fell on the manger in such a way that his breath was shut off. He died.

S. H. Reynolds, a farmer, living near Pontiac, together with his hired man, attempted to drive across the railroad track Friday night. The horse escaped with the front wheels but the buggy was cut in two and the men were thrown about two feet from the car wheels.

Some years ago Mrs. Jacob Vogel, of Jackson, left her husband because of non-support and took her three children to Denver, Col. She has now been notified through Alderman Sauer, of Jackson, that her husband was killed three years ago, and that the sum of \$1,000 was due her.

Pensions granted Michigan applicants: Original—John C. Snutz, William Smith, John Hornung, John Harmon, Henry Sebring, Jonathan Worley, George Howard, Amos Brown (deceased), William H. Overholt, Silas Hunter, Henry DeLong, David L. Norwood. Additional—Edward Flynn, John H. Engle. Restoration and re-issuance—Charles Olson. Increase—Chas. Gilden, John G. Van Leuvr, Nelson H. Counterman, Martin V. B. Gillespie, James Vanmeter, Ira A. Hendigson, Wallace W. Fraker, Miloh Flander, Benajah M. Davis, Abraham Vanorm, Joseph Dines, Charles W. Butler, Norman B. Farnsworth, Jefferson Hill, Alfred Thayer, Albert F. Breed, Hugh McVirt, Monroe Cole, Peter Tark, Original widows, etc.—Diana Wheeler, Eliza J. Hartley, Ambrosia J. Bierbauer, Flora Jones, Belle Pullman, Sallie M. Brown, minor of Michael J. Warner, Cynthia D. Peck, Joseph Snuppy (father), Daniel Wilkinson (father), minors of Edward Marum, Caroline Gwinner.

TWO ACCIDENTS AT MORLEY.

A Little Girl Severely Burned and a Man Badly Hurt.

Morley, Nov. 15.—Ruth Travis, aged 14, and living three miles southwest of town, was terribly burned about the body and legs yesterday forenoon by her dress catching fire from a pile of stumps that was burning in a field on her father's farm. She was in the field picking up some potatoes with her father when she went up to the fire to warm her hands, and a gust of wind blew her dress into the flames. The attending physicians have no hopes of her recovery.

Thomas Horn, employed in Higbee & Huggins saw-mill, met with a severe accident yesterday. While at work his coat in some manner was caught in the live rollers and he was severely cut and bruised. Medical aid was summoned and his wounds were dressed, but it will be some time before he will be able to get around again.

Notes From Muskegon.

Muskegon, Nov. 15.—The upper mill of Kyerson Hills cut its last log yesterday forenoon and closed down for good.

Abraham Eddy, residing on Ottawa street, was kicked in the face by a horse this forenoon, breaking his nose and severely bruising his face.

The roof trusses are now being placed on the new St. Mary's church. They are very strong and massive and attract considerable attention from passers-by.

Fort Sherman citizens are kicking because they have no mail delivery there although they are up the city they have to come to the postoffice for their mail.

Plans for the Judd Block.

Rush & Son have completed plans for remodeling the Judd block on Pearl street, and work will begin shortly toward perfecting the proposed changes. Another story will be added, making it a five story building, and an elevator will be added to the interior improvements. If the weather is favorable the work will be completed this year.

Court House Walks.

The court house building committee will hold a meeting Tuesday for the purpose of awarding the contract for the stone walks around the court house, and the stone coping. There are but two bids, one by Goodall Bros., and one by Mr. Hurst. At a meeting held Saturday the committee sent a

schedule of the vault fixtures agreed upon to the clerk and chairman of the board of supervisors with instructions to sign the contract with the Fenton Metallic Furniture company. The fixtures have been trimmed down about \$300 from the original amount, making a contract valued at \$6,500.

ODDS AND ENDS.

France claims 1,000,000 acacia-trees.

Try clam broth for a weak stomach.

Never build vinegar; it tends to weaken it.

Great layers of onyx have been discovered in Smyth county, Va.

Out of nearly 2,000,000 people in New York city only 10,000 own homes.

Abraham Lincoln was the first president to issue a Thanksgiving proclamation.

At Marenes the most famed French oysters are raised. It is a green oyster.

There are free public libraries in 248 of 1,100 towns and cities of Massachusetts.

It is estimated that the cereal crop of Canada has been damaged fully \$38,000,000 by insects.

Missouri is the most populous state west of the Mississippi and is nearly as big as all New England.

If two pieces of sugar be smartly rubbed together in the dark a pale blue light will be noticed as a result.

Electric pleasure boats are now in use in many places. Storage batteries are used in them, although the novelty is somewhat expensive.

Harrow has a record which no other English public school can boast, in that it has produced five prime ministers during the present century.

The only foreign cadet at West Point, it is stated, is a twenty-year-old son of General Isidore Urtecho, commander in chief of the Nicaraguan army.

The new sanitary measures adopted in England within the last few years have reduced the number of deaths from consumption fully 80 per cent.

George C. Curry has arrived at Vancouver from Alaska in a dugout canoe, and it is said he is the only white man who ever made that journey in such a craft.

Flattering inducements for farmers to raise beets for sugar making are being held out by a band of capitalists, who propose to start a factory for that purpose in New York state.

Toru Dutt.

India has had one real poetess, a young girl, called familiarly Toru Dutt, who had the exceptional advantage of a thorough education. She and her sister Aru not only shared their brother's English lessons, while living in Calcutta, but were given the benefit of travel and extended instruction in France and England. On their return to India Toru at once began writing for publication, and so skillful was her use of the English language, that it became a general belief that her work was that of some English writer who had chosen to adopt an Indian pseudonym.

In 1870, when she was twenty years old, Mr. Edmund Gosse was reviewing books for an English newspaper, and it is his account of a certain visit paid at the editorial office, in the "dead season" of the year, that he spent in upbraiding the whole body of publishers for issuing no books worth reviewing.

"At that moment," he says, "the postman brought in a thin, shabby packet, with a wonderful Indian postmark on it, and containing a most unattractive orange pamphlet of verses, entitled, 'A Sheaf Gleaned in French Fields.'"

"This shabby little book seemed speedily destined to find its way into the waste paper basket, but the editor thrust it into my unwilling hands, and said: 'There, see whether you can make something of that.'"

"A hopeless volume it seemed, with its queer outside and queer type, but when at last I took it out of my pocket, what was my surprise and almost rapture to open upon real poetry!"

"Toru's acquaintance with French and English literature was something remarkable, and her translations were full of grace and spirit. Both she and her sister found time for a great amount of serious study, but they were also enthusiastic novel readers.

Toru Dutt was but twenty-one when she died, and yet she left behind her not only original poems and translations, but the manuscript of a French novel which, amid all its imperfections, still shows remarkable promise.

"It is only physical pain which makes me cry," she said to the doctor, in her last moments. "My spirit is at peace. I know in whom I have believed."—Youth's Companion.

San Francisco Women's Predilection.

Attention was called recently to the tremendous popularity of the new fashion of wearing feather boas. Every lady, married and single, seemed to be determined to have a boa of her own, and the result has been that the demand has exceeded the supply, with the direct consequences. The manufacturers, driven to extreme measures, resorted to all kinds of expedients to turn out boas enough to keep Kearny street in a constant flutter.

The most expeditious method of manufacturing the boas is to take a piece of ordinary hay rope dipped in mucilage and roll it in a heap of newly picked chicken feathers. The feathers adhere to the rope in the required disorder, and after being dipped in a thin solution of shoe blacking and shellac to give them the necessary luster are ready to adorn the neck of fashion. Unfortunately just as the rage for these boas was at its height it rained somewhat

briskly, and the results have been most disastrous.

The injured dresses are a sufficient source of anguish, but a worse calamity is the almost permanent discoloration of alabaster necks, down which the homemade dye ran, leaving ink streaks that nothing but the stoutest scrubbing brush and a strong solution of lye can remove. Numbers of fashionable leaders both north and south of Market street have had their outside rapped so hard in the effort to restore them to the Caucasian race again that they cannot wear low necked dresses for the next three months, and the ball season is close upon us. To make matters worse, the feather ornaments have taken to molting, and it is impossible, it is said, for any man to go near a full dressed lady without looking as if he kept his wardrobe in the henhouse.—San Francisco Chronicle.

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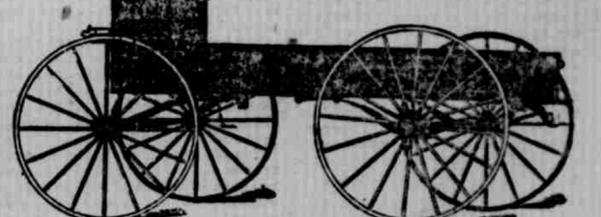
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