

SCHOOL AFFAIRS UP TO-NIGHT

IMPORTANT BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE BOARD

Believed That Motion for Change in Principals Will Be Dropped.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

This evening's meeting of the board of school trustees is expected to be of a somewhat spirited character in view of the special business of a contentious character which will come up for discussion. It will be recalled that the matter of amending the regulations respecting the administration of boys' and girls' classes at the High school, placing them under the charge of one principal, was postponed owing to the absence of trustees Staneland and Trustee Riddell. These gentlemen have now arrived home, and will be present at to-night's meeting.

Another matter which will come up for discussion, which was held in abeyance for the same reason, is the question of the manner in which the contract for painting of the North Ward school was carried out by the contractor, E. A. Lewis. It was charged that the specifications were not being followed, and Trustee McNeill brought the matter to the attention of the board. No decision was reached owing to the absence of Trustee Staneland, who, it appears, had sold the supplies which were being used by Mr. Lewis, and the former is expected to appear to make his position clear in regard to the matter.

Chief interest, however, centres over the probable decision of the board in regard to the motion of Trustee Crane providing for the change in the administration of the affairs of the Central school. From enquiries which the Times made this morning, it seems certain that as a result of to-night's meeting the proposal to appoint a single principal, who would have control of the Boys' and Girls' Central departments, will be abandoned. Not only is there apparently opposition amongst the members of the board themselves to suggest that the motion might be lost if it is pressed, but it is believed that under the act setting forth the powers and duties of the city superintendent, the latter shall be the sole authority in connection with the proper and efficient administration of the school system under his charge. The act is so plain on this point that even were the city superintendent otherwise inclined he could hardly in the present instance resist his charge. His sanction to so drastic a change as is proposed.

PRAIRIE FARMERS VERY PROSPEROUS

M. B. Jackson Says Many Prairie Folk Are Coming to Victoria.

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M. B. Jackson, of this city, has just returned from Manitoba where he has been looking after the crops on his farms at Hamiota. He went as far east as Ontario and brings back glowing reports of the conditions on the prairies and the result is that the farmers are all prosperous.

Mr. Jackson says that Victoria is spoken of a good deal in the districts he has visited, and he is sure that large numbers of people will come here this year. If this good crop is followed by another next season ten thousand people will come to Victoria to make their home.

TWO MEN ALMOST SCALDED TO DEATH

Engineer and Fireman Injured by Boiler Explosion in Logging Camp.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Bellingham, Wash., Oct. 14.—George Beckwith, engineer, and John Larson, fireman at the Lake Whatcom Logging camp, near here, are in the hospital to-day suffering from perhaps fatal injuries received yesterday when the donkey engine they were running blew up. The bursting boiler showered them with scalding water and they were hurled several yards. Beckwith sustained internal injuries, besides severe burns, and Larson had both legs broken and lost nearly half the skin on his body by scalds.

The injured men were brought to Bellingham on a special train and to-day it is doubtful whether their lives can be saved.

MARPOLE MAKES FLYING VISIT

WAS HERE YESTERDAY FOR A SHORT TIME

Confirms News of Awarding of Contract for Completion of Alberni Line.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

R. Marpole, general executive agent of the C. P. R., spent yesterday afternoon in the city returning in the evening to Vancouver. He was accompanied to the Terminal City by E. B. Kurtz, president of the American Securities Company, who had arrived here by the noon steamer from Seattle. The two will confer respecting the location of the line of railway which is to be built from Cowichan Bay to tidewater, the desire being to so place the route as to serve the greatest number of people interested in the timber industry.

Seen by a Times representative at the Empress hotel, Mr. Kurtz said he was just cleaning up the final details of the big project which his company has initiated on Vancouver Island in conjunction with the C. P. R., preparatory to returning to New York, which point he left to come west in July last. He was immensely gratified with the happy outcome of the negotiations with the railway company and with the disposal of the matter which he would confer with Mr. Marpole about at Vancouver, he would regard the enterprise as fairly launched. He assured the public that it was the intention of the company to proceed with the carrying out of its plans for the development of the timber resources of the island with all possible dispatch, and he pointed to the fact that both the railway company and his own company have surveyors in the field as proof that this is not idle talk.

Mr. Marpole confirmed the announcement made from Vancouver which appeared in last week's Times to the effect that the contract for the construction of the uncompleted portion of the branch line to Alberni had been signed with James, McDonnell & Timbony, of Calgary. Mr. James would, he said, commence construction immediately, and already preparations have been made for going ahead with the work with all speed.

CHARGES AS TO PAINTING

TRUSTEE STANELAND
MAKES HIS DENIAL

Speaks Before School Board Committee on Paint Contract.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

School Trustee Staneland this morning before the special committee of the board to meet A. E. Lewis, contractor for the painting of the North Ward school, denied the allegation made against him that he had told the contractor one coat of paint would be sufficient where the specifications called for two.

From a short denial he proceeded to elaborate on a statement regarding the matter charged against him, when Trustee McNeill objected to his being heard at that stage.

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(Times Leased Wire.)

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REBELS CAPTURE SEVERAL TOWNS

FIERCE FIGHTING IN NICARAGUA

Revolutionists Who Support Estrada Are Marching Inland.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Bluefield, Nicaragua, Oct. 14.—(By Wireless via Colon).—A great revolution against the administration of President Zelaya is to-day sweeping the entire country.

The people generally have accepted the proclamation naming Estrada, the provisional president of the republic, with gratification and amid joyful demonstrations.

JAPANESE INFLUENCE AT WASHINGTON

Alleged to Be Responsible for Resignation of Minister to China.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Washington, D. C., Oct. 14.—The extent of pressure which Japan is said to wield at Washington in securing a United States minister to China who accords with her policies is a subject of comment to-day in official and unofficial circles here.

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North Yakima, Oct. 14.—Because the fire engine would not work, having been allowed to rust after the Fourth of July celebration, fire at Toppenish last night burned out five places of business and swept everything until some vacant lots were reached.

The Simon's grocery, Burke's barber shop, a restaurant, the Empire theatre and a Chinese restaurant were destroyed, and also a small rooming house. The loss is probably \$16,000.

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Dead Bandit Identified as Attorney Who Fled From Los Angeles.

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Chicago, Oct. 14.—A robber who committed suicide when cornered by the police yesterday after he had robbed the D. M. Erskine Savings Bank of \$500, and who was wounded by Marshal Sheehan during the pursuit, was identified to-day as Lamar H. Harris, an attorney of Los Angeles, by the police of Highland Park, where the daring robbery occurred.

Harris fled from Los Angeles several weeks ago after getting into money troubles.

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The face of the dead woman bore marks of suffering and sickness, perhaps brought on by grief by the death of her child, long since dead, for Laurel Hill cemetery has been abandoned for a half dozen years as a burying place.

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