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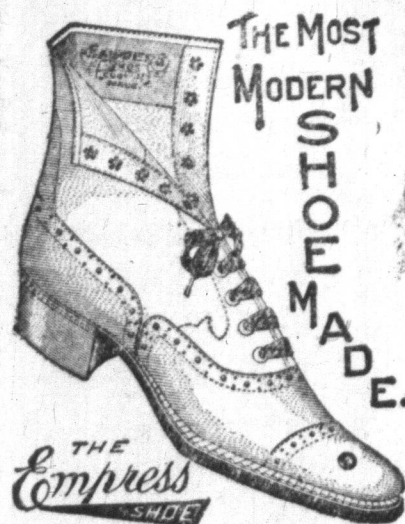
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BOERS AT HAUGE

London, Aug. 5.—The correspondent of the Daily Mail at The Hague says in a despatch that it is becoming increasingly difficult to combat the generally accepted Dutch theory that the Boer leaders here are campaigning toward the ultimate subversion of British rule in South Africa.

The Boer general, Lucas Meyer, who has just reached Holland from London, instead of going to Germany, has stopped at The Hague, and is going to visit Mr. Kruger, while several other prominent Boer leaders are assembling here.

Nobody at The Hague, continues the correspondent of the Daily Mail, believes their story that their mission is to collect funds for Boer widows.

STORY DENIED IN OLD LONDON

King Will not Undergo Second Operation—His Recovery Excellent.

His Return to London—Rehearsing for the Coronation—Physicians Careful.

London, Aug. 5.—A story afloat for several days that a second operation for appendicitis will be performed on the King after the coronation is denied here. According to all authoritative reports the King is making an excellent recovery, and it is considered unlikely that his physicians would allow him to endure the fatigue of the coronation ceremony if another operation was impending.

KING'S RETURN TO LONDON.

London, Aug. 5.—All preparations have been completed for the return of King Edward to London to-morrow. The Victoria Station has been brilliantly decorated. It is expected that His Majesty's return to the capital will be marked by a great street demonstration en route to Buckingham Palace. The trip to London will be made on a royal special train, but there will be no invalid chair or other special arrangement, for it is felt that His Majesty is fully equal to the fatigue of the journey.

DENIALS ARE CONFIRMED.

London, Aug. 5.—The emphatic denials of the sinister rumors of King Edward's condition are confirmed by all the persons who have recently visited His Majesty. The King will land at Portsmouth and entrain for London at half-past three o'clock to-morrow afternoon, and his train is due to arrive in London at half-past five. His drive to Buckingham Palace will be an extended route, instead of the direct way, in order that the public may have an opportunity to see and congratulate the Sovereign. The King has commanded that coronation day and the anniversary of his coronation be observed as "Collar Day" (a day of ceremony at the English court when the courtiers wear the collars of their orders). The Queen will be accompanied by the Queen and other very important personages who were not present were represented at the proceedings by substitutes. Colonel Brocklehurst, equerry to Her Majesty, impersonated King Edward, and Lady Suffield, one of the ladies of the bedchamber, took the part of the Queen. Even the servants were drilled in their duties connected with the robing arrangements, and the judges carried out theoretically their functions of coronet carrying and train bearing. Although the religious and musical features of the ceremonies were omitted this afternoon, the instructions and repetitions by those who are not perfect in their parts, caused the rehearsal to occupy about the full time planned for Saturday's ceremonies.

NEW ONE

Another Fish Story Teller Enters the Arena and Acts Like a Winner.

Dr. Russell is only a novice as a fisherman when compared with A. C. McKay, E. J. MacLaryre and Beg Pardon, but any man who says that when he was a boy he used to go out with an axe, thump on the ice, turn up big fish by the force of the concussion and then remove the stunned fish at an air-hole half a mile down stream, certainly gives great promise of some day developing into a real angler.

The doctor bowed gracefully the other night and delivered himself of a story. Merlin was the scene of his exploit, a place where one wouldn't expect to find fish within eight miles. Dr. Russell claimed that he stood on the sidewalk in Merlin and caught a fish in the ditch in front of the largest hardware store in the place. The Maple City dentist man says that the heavy rains had filled the ditch and the fish had probably come up some of the streams to which the ditch was tributary. The doctor hasn't yet, however, told what the fish weighed.

BOARD SETTLE DIFFICULTY BY STAR CHAMBER SESSION

Journeyed off to a Private Caucus and all was Harmonious—Both Principals Secure Equal Increase in Salary—Mr. Brackin Contemplates Retiring—Good Work Done by Both.

The statement made by The Planet a couple of weeks ago—on the authority of remarks made officially at the Public School Board meeting—that the Principals were booked for an increase in salary, is said to have inaugurated a lively lot of street rumors alleging vigorous differences among the members of the Board as to how the increases were to be adjusted.

Rumors were never noted for belittling themselves during their wanderings, and as these tales spread they developed splendid proportions. Trustees were reported to be at daggers-drawn with no possibility of armistice; heated discussions were recorded; mysterious caucuses were chronicled; deft wire-pulling was hinted; rival movements were bulletined—everything but a free-for-all fight, and that, it was hinted, would have a place on the boards when the Trustees assembled for their meeting—it was scheduled as the grand finale.

But the members put up a little job on the unsuspecting and inquisitive public. When the reporters—there were a whole quartette of them—put in their appearance, the Trustees arose and fell into Indian file with a precision and regularity which only practice makes perfect, and, with a martial carriage, which would have done credit to the 24th Kent Regiment, paraded to the privacy of their ante-chamber. Here they doubtless bolted and barred the portal and mounted keen-visioned and strong-armed sentries on guard.

The Star Chamber session lasted but two minutes over the half hour, but in that 32 minutes wonders were accomplished. When the stalwart watch let down the barricade and the Trustees sauntered back into the daylight of publicity, they were gentle and docile, interchanging pretty pleasantries and bestowing mutual admiration upon one another.

And the Star Chamber session was not a stormy one, either. There were no wild flights of bombastic oratory, no heated arguments—it was quiet and business like.

When the bars and bolts had been presumably well secured the gathering at once proceeded to the work of reaching and understanding. The members individually were asked to express their views as to the adjustment of the Principals' salaries. This resulted in three proposals, viz:—

To increase Mr. Plewes' salary to \$1,100 and Mr. Brackin's to \$1,000. To increase the salaries of both Principals to \$1,000 each.

To increase the salary of Mr. Plewes to \$1,100, Mr. Brackin's remaining as at present, \$900.

These proposals were then discussed. The Board was unanimous for an increase to Mr. Plewes. This was brought about by the fact of the large attendance at the Central by the Trustees, and the recommendation of the Payne and Queen street schools, which has resulted in a 17-room school, the success of the Model school and the general organization and improvement in the South Chatham work.

And many of the Board felt that the recognition should also extend to Mr. Brackin in view of his splendid work in North Chatham and his long services.

After a full discussion of the different proposals, in which it was pointed out that in a comparatively short time Mr. Brackin contemplated retiring and in the interim his long service might fittingly be acknowledged, a majority of the Board reached the conclusion to do the graceful act and give Mr. Brackin the prestige of holding an equally lucrative position with his colleague.

The proposal to pay each Principal at the rate of \$1,000 per annum for the balance of the year was then adopted by the majority.

Only one lively interchange characterized the "inside" meeting. One of the Trustees remarked that the brother of Trustee Cornish would "like to get the Central at \$800."

Trustee Cornish gave it a vigorous denial, stating that his brother "would not accept the work under any consideration, let alone at such a salary."

On motion of Messrs. Morley and Benson, the Finance committee report as follows:

CENTRAL SCHOOL.
W. W. Snell, \$64.66.
Gas Co., 95 cents.
H. Malcolmson, \$1.75.
Sternberger-Hendry Co., \$7.20.
Express Co., 70 cents.
D. C. Clements, \$10.00.
J. C. Wanless, \$2.00.
Total, \$87.26.

McKEOUGH SCHOOL.
D. C. Clements, \$30.00.
The Ark, 45 cents.
Sternberger-Hendry Co., \$7.20.

Sternberger-Hendry Co., 50 cents.
D. C. Clements, \$15.00.
Fred. Chapman, \$4.25.
Planet, \$2.50.
Banner-News, \$2.50.
Total, \$62.40.

QUEEN STREET SCHOOL.

J. H. Bogart, \$2.40.
C. R. Hancock, \$11.25.
Total, \$13.65.

PAYNE SCHOOL.

A. Green, \$1.00.
KING STREET SCHOOL.
W. Needham, \$1.00.

KINDERGARTEN NO. 1.

G. W. Sulman, 50 cents.
T. R. Harris, 75 cents.

PAYNE SCHOOL.

A. Green, trimming trees, \$1.00.
Grand total, \$169.56.

The report was adopted.

It was moved by Robertson, seconded by Paxton, that the bill for the extras at the Central school be referred to the Building committee with power.—Carried.

A communication was received from Robert Gray's solicitor enclosing a cheque for the Queen street school property for \$2,000.

A communication was read from Miss Ida M. Hillman, teacher at the Central school, asking for leave of absence from the holiday to Christmas to recuperate her health.

In moving the request be granted, Trustee Morley spoke in the highest terms of Miss Hillman's work as a teacher and expressed the hope that she would quickly regain her health.

The Inspector's report for June was taken as read.

Trustee Bray, for the Model school committee, reported that Miss Irwin had been engaged as assistant for Mr. Plewes during the Model school term.

Miss McTaggart was appointed as Kindergarten assistant at McKeough school at \$20 per month.

In regards to the McKeough school improvements, the committee had met and found Mr. Cucksey's tender, which did not include plumbing and heating, to be the lowest tender, and Trustee Heyward moved, seconded by Mr. Benson, that the tender be accepted.

Trustee Robertson—You're going to make a big tangle of the affair if you don't give the whole contract to one person.

After some discussion it was decided on motion of Paxton that it be referred back to the committee with power to get a bulk tender.

Dr. Bray moved, seconded by Dr. McKeough, that Miss Lotie Thomson take Miss Hillman's place during the next term.—Carried.

Moved by Cornish and Robertson, that Miss Florence Nichol be appointed as substitute for Miss Snell.—Carried.

Trustee Dr. Bray reported that the fees received this last term for non-residents attending school had been just about half of what it was the year before. The date, he said, for paying the fees was on or before the 15th of the month, and the pupils had avoided that date in many ways and thus got out of paying it.

It was moved by Bray, seconded by Morley, that the fees be made payable in advance.—Carried.

Dr. McKeough spoke of the raising of the salaries of the principals of McKeough and Central schools and on his motion, seconded by Dr. Bray, each were raised from \$900 to \$1,000 per year, beginning August 1st.

The Inspector's report on the past term was as follows:

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Chatham, July 12th, 1902.

The Board of Public School Trustees of the City of Chatham:

Gentlemen,—I beg to report upon the condition and progress of the city schools for the term just ended, as follows:

The term opened most inauspiciously. An outbreak of small-pox kept

the schools closed for the first two weeks, and thereafter thinned the attendance to an alarming extent up to the Easter vacation. Indeed, for the first three months of the term the primary rooms were practically empty. The completion of the third storey of the Central school led to noise and confusion there from Easter to midsummer. Under these circumstances it would be idle to expect the best work. Our teachers, however, have labored zealously, and with such skill that at the end of the term the promotion from class to class and room to room are quite up to the usual mark, and we shall begin the work of the fall term under most favorable conditions.

McKEOUGH SCHOOL.

I have inspected this school several times during the term, and I am thoroughly satisfied with the work done in each room, from the lowest to the highest. Miss Young has shown herself to be an excellent teacher of the little people, who are just beginning, and her work has fully justified her selection for this position. If I were to individualize, I should have to bestow the highest praise upon each of the teachers of this school in turn, ending with the principal, whose magnificent work at the recent Entrance Examinations shows that the years but add to his teaching powers.

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