

ANOTHER NEW SCHOOL HOUSE.

THE BUILDING TO BE ERRECTED AT CORNER WALNUT AND HARTMAN

To Be Ready for Occupancy in September. Some Change in the Course of Instruction in the City School—The Teachers Which Are to Be Discontinued.

The May meeting of the Lancaster city school board was held on Thursday evening in common council chamber, with the following members present: Messrs. Bernard, Boleman, Breeman, Byrne, Erisman, Evans, Grist, Hartman, Lighty, Marshall, McComsey, McCormick, McKillop, Ochs, Owens, Raub, Ringwalt, Schwabel, Shirk, Sneych, Warfel, Wickersham, Wohlson and Dr. Levergood president.

The minutes of the April meeting were read and approved. Mr. Evans, of the finance committee, read the following bills, which were ordered to be paid: Baumgardner & Jefferies, coal, \$10.12; Geo. K. Reed, dividend on check, \$10.67; John Best & Son, repairs, \$11.08; Kate Smith, night school, \$127.20; Evans, printing, \$13.84; St. George, table, \$12.25; Funn & Breeman, sundries, \$100.00; Wm. J. Smith, repairs, \$12.45; Lancaster city, water rent, \$178.00; New Era, advertising, \$14.25; Lancaster city, extra water rent, \$5.00; Charles H. Barr, supplies, \$7.85.

Mr. Evans also offered the following, which was unanimously adopted: Resolved, That for the year commencing with the first day of June, 1887, the rate of taxation for school purposes, in the Lancaster city school district, shall be assessed three mills on the real and personal estate of the district, and on all other subjects of taxation, at the rate fixed by law; and to all persons who shall pay taxes, on or before the first day of August in said year, an abatement of three per cent. shall be allowed, and after that date, until the first day of September following, the full amount will be required; and to all taxes remaining unpaid at that time five per cent. shall be added.

REPORT OF TEXT-BOOK COMMITTEE. Mr. Byrne presented the following report of the text-book committee: To the president and members of the Lancaster School Board: GENTLEMEN—The rules of the board make it the duty of this committee to report to you the results of their labors during the past year.

1. That in teaching physiology the use of a text book in the grammar schools is discontinued, and that in all schools below the grammar school grade the subject be taught orally. 2. That the committee on building and grounds be directed to erect the present school building on the lot owned by the board on the corner of Walnut and Mary streets.

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Mr. McComsey was opposed to the amendment, and could see no good reason for its adoption.

Mr. Grist said it would look to the public if the amendment was adopted as if the board was lowering the standard of qualifications of teachers required in that school, and he proposed the following as a substitute: Let the rule remain as now in force and add to it "Provided, that nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the employment of a competent specialist in either high school."

Mr. Hartman accepted the substitute. Mr. McComsey said he was opposed to specialists. The rule was made by the best and wisest men that were ever members of this board, it was in use many years, had been reaffirmed by this board. The qualifications for a teacher in the high school are not too high. If this amendment is adopted the bars are let down and there is no telling what the result will be. If specialists must be employed there should be possessed of the qualifications required by this rule.

Mr. Hartman said the law had been violated on more than one occasion and teachers had been elected who did not have the certificate required by law and there is now a teacher here who does not hold the required certificate. Mr. McComsey said Prof. Mata can hardly be called a specialist. While he does not hold a permanent certificate he holds a valid certificate. He only knew of one other violation of the law and in that case the teacher was dismissed.

Mr. Grist's substitute was adopted with only two dissenting votes, those of Mr. McComsey and Dr. McCormick. CITY REPRESENTATION REPORT. Following is the report of the city superintendent for the month: LANCASTER, PA., May 5, 1887. To the Board of School Directors: GENTLEMEN—Your city superintendent submits the following report for the month of April: The whole number of pupils in attendance at the high school, 345; in the grammar, 654 in the secondary, 40 in the ungraded, 792 in the intermediate and 1,309 in the primary total, 3,080. The number in average attendance was 237 in the high school, 302 in the grammar, 494 in the secondary, 31 in the ungraded, 983 in the intermediate and 1,309 in the primary total, 3,080.

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