

EXPERTS TO EXAMINE IT.

THE NEW WEST CHESTNUT STREET SCHOOL BUILDING PROBABLY CRAPE.

Some Members of the Board of Directors Believe It Should be Strengthened—Bonds to be Issued.

The December meeting of the Lancaster city school board was held on Thursday evening, with the following members present: Messrs. Bolenta, Brennan, Brin...

Mr. Cochran presented the bond of Treasurer Marshall in the sum of \$50,000, with John L. Hartman, George A. Marshall and James Marshall as sureties...

Mr. Cochran also offered the following resolution providing for a loan, which was adopted.

Resolved, That for the purpose of paying the indebtedness contracted by order of this board for the erection of the West Chestnut street school building...

Mr. Cochran of the finance committee reported the bill for supplies and current expenses for the month of November...

Mr. Cochran also reported a bill for gas amounting to \$9.36 used in the high school building. There was some doubt as to how the gas was used...

Mr. McKillips presented the report of the property committee for the month. The retaining wall at the West Chestnut street building was found to be in a substantial manner...

The committee recommended an iron fence for the Chestnut street side of the property, that the yard be graded, walks put down, and the surroundings made to correspond with the building.

Mr. Sneed, in a very alarming, ventilating and dry closet system has been completed and appears to work in a satisfactory manner.

The school building will be completed and finished by the 15th of this month and when accepted by the property committee will be ready for occupancy.

The heavy rains of November injured the pavement in the yard of the West Walnut school, but the damage has been repaired.

The janitor who had charge of the James and Walnut street buildings was relieved of the Walnut street building, the two buildings being more than he could attend to.

The committee decided to make no change in the force of janitors except for the Chestnut street building, janitors keeping the school buildings neat, clean and comfortable.

An increase in the pay of the janitors was recommended. Some got \$11, others \$12, and some \$13. The amount recommended was \$15, to take effect January 1st.

The chairman made the following assignment of schools among the members of the committee: Mr. Brennan, South Mulberry, Manor and South Prince streets...

On motion of Dr. Wickersham the committee was authorized to have an iron fence placed in the courtyard between the school and the yard graded and improved.

Mr. Stauffer moved that the recommendations of the committee be adopted, and the pay of the janitor be adopted.

Mr. Ponz, of the furniture committee, reported that the furniture for the new building on Chestnut street would be in position when the building was completed.

Mr. Schroyer, of the night school committee, reported that the attendance was good and prospects bright.

CITY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT. Following is the report of the city superintendent for the month of November: LANCASTER, Pa., December 5, 1889.

GENTLEMEN: Your city superintendent submits the following report of the public schools for the month of November:

The number of pupils in attendance was 283 in the high schools, 467 in the grammar, 1,000 in the intermediate, and 1,555 in the primary, making a total attendance of 3,305, and adding the total was 4,138.

The average attendance was 271 in the high schools, 377 in the grammar, 623 in the intermediate, and 1,264 in the primary, making a total of 3,575, and adding 128 for the night schools, the grand total average attendance was 3,703.

The completion of the new building will result in a large number in attendance in the schools of the primary grade on James street and on Mary street, and will result in the opening of an additional primary in the new building, and the transfer to it of the surplus in those two grades.

The James street intermediate and the Mary street intermediate and the secondary schools should be relieved by the transfer of some of their pupils to the schools of the same grade in the new building. Authority to do this should be given to the superintendent.

Very respectfully your obedient servant, R. K. BREWER.

On motion of Mr. Warfel the matter of being the building and the necessary transfers referred to in the superintendent's report was referred to the superintendent committee with power to act.

AN AMENDMENT TO THE RULES. Mr. McCoskey moved as an amendment to rule 22, as to make it read: "Admissions may take place into any of the higher schools after the examination by the city superintendent. Primary children of the age of six years shall, however, only be admitted during the first week in September, January and April respectively."

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CAUSE FOR REMOVALS.

IT IS REQUIRED TO OUST THE PRESENT FORCE OF LETTER-CARRIERS.

The Postoffice Department Makes the Hailing in Reply to the Inquiry By Postmaster Blaymaker.

Postmaster Blaymaker this morning received the following letter from the post-office department at Washington:

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 4, 1889. DEAR SIR:—You are of the 25th, up to the first assistant postmaster general, has been referred to me for reply, and I beg to inform you that there is no objection to your cause fully stated by the P. M. The cause pursued by you in obtaining resignations and as you have every carrier's consent to obtain other employment, no complaint reached this office in such cases. A government carrier's resignation cannot be discharged, and their places filled by inefficient men.

Respectfully, BATES, Suppt. Free Delivery System.

As will be seen by the above the present force of letter-carriers may resign, they are not likely to do so, they cannot be removed except for cause.

The letter was shown to the coming postmaster, Mr. Grist, and he had nothing to say.

The announcement that there can be no appointment of letter-carriers will cause a commotion in the ranks of the many aspirants to the position.

Alderman Finkert, who was booked for the position of chief of the carriers, will have to be provided for in some independent position, as the position of chief of the carriers he resigned his position as alderman of the Ninth ward, and that office has already been filled by the appointment of Mr. Grist.

The present force of carriers is an efficient one and Major Grist will be started right in that department of his office.

THE ACTION OF COUNCILS. Opinions on the Matter of Granting Privileges to the Electric Railway People.

The publication in the INTELLIGENCER of the illegality of the resolution giving the New York guarantee for the electrical railway caused a sensation in the city.

It was discussed wherever men gathered together to talk over the hasty action of councils.

A prominent member of councils was seen this morning and he was asked his opinion as to the legality of the resolution. He held that it was legal and said the joint resolution did not cover the case.

If this resolution is illegal, he continued, then many of the resolutions passed by council are illegal. He enumerated a number of cases in which important acts of legislation were null and void.

Mr. Reynolds thought the question should be decided so as to first consider the best means of making the ceiling strong.

Wickersham said it was a serious question to consider. The board should be assured of the thoroughness of the contractor in the construction of the ceiling.

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JEFFERSON DAVIS DIES.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFEDERACY SECURED AFTER BRIEF ILLNESS.

A Sketch of His Eventful Career—The Part He Had in the Rebellion—His Last Words to His Wife.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 6.—Jefferson Davis died at 12:45 this morning of his fatal illness. He had been confined to his bed since the beginning of his illness. Mr. Davis had insisted that his case was nearly or quite hopeless, though dread of pain or fear of death never appeared to take the slightest hold upon his spirits.

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