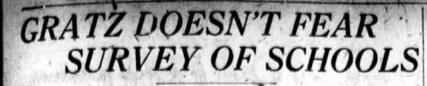
EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER-PHILADELPHIA, TUESDAY, MAY 11, 1920



Welcomes Investigation, but Wants Experts to Do Work. Asserts State Is Holding Up Payments. For Teachers' Rise.

By GEORGE NOX McCAIN

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"I have never been a reactionary. I have always stood for the advancement of public education in Philadelphia." Simon Gratz uttered the words in a quiet tone of emphasis in his office in City Hall this morning. Doubtless mistakes have been Doubtless mistakes have been

"Doubtless mistakes have been uppermost in the minds of the teach-made." he said. "There are few men in public life who have escaped. As for the Board of Education as a whole, it. "The finance committee has estimated that it would require about \$3,000,000" for all classes of employes exclusive of conditions in the public schools of the city. For myself, I welcome anything, new measurement, that has for the purchase. We shall now readvertise bids for the sale of \$2,itions in the public schools of the For myself, I welcome anything, movement, that has for/its pur-the advancement of our present ational standards or methods of agement. pose the ad

management. "Then I take it that you, favor a hausted chool survey ?"

hool survey?" I suggested: "I am not only in favor of it, but I eleome it. Only, it should be done by experts. I have so expressed myself to Doctor Finegan. When the subject of a school survey was under discussion relcome it and Dector Finegan intimated a desire to undertake it I expressed to him my

to uncertake it i expressed to him my bearty approval. "But it must be an infpartial survey and it must be complete. It must be done in fairness and with the sole pur-pose of betterment. It should be of a constructive character and not under-taken merely as an attack on the Board of Education

Has No Doubt of Weak Spots in System "I have no doubt that there are weak nots in our present system of education. Ve are deplorably weak in the matter of bur finances. The property is perfectly secure, but the demands for money in-crease every year. Our temporary borsecure, but the demands for money in-crease every year. Our temporary bor-rowing capacity is limited and there is delay in securing our share of the state appropriation. Under the law the board can go just so far in raising funds and

and payment of teachers' salaries?"

"The board is anxious to do every thing it possibly can to meet that situa-tion. We appreciate its importance. tion. We appreciate its importance. The finance committee has studied the angle. We will be competied this year, to utilize almost all of our temporary horrowing capacity, in addition to the

Appropriation' Overdue

be available until February 1 and the other half in June, it would advance the whole siun and then use the ap-propriation when received to repay the amount. Tax receipts in the first half of every year are very small. After August 31 people rush to pay their taxes and larger sums are available. "The advance demanded, then, cannot "If we had a temporary loan?" "If we had a temporary borrowing capacity of \$5.000,000, instead of some-thing more than half that sum, we could pay the advance asked provided we saw our way clear to meet the repayment of that sum within the years. Nothing

teachers comfig on. The normal school is not attractive. The entering of a ruffi-cient number of the best graduates of the high schools is retarded because of the insufficiency of the compensation

the insufficiency of the compensation siven to teachers. Not many years ago the normal school was crowded. We were barely able to receive all the girls applying for admission. We graduated every year more qualified teachers than could find places in the elementary schools, so that many waited for months and years, till they got sick at heart over the noer present of securing positions poor prospect of securing positions

teachers. " "Now, the number has fallen at least one-half and the quality is not as good as it used to be. Please understand," and there was added emphasis in Mr. Gratz's manner and words, "I do not rowing, capacity has already been ex-"If the permanent loan shall be sold and the proceeds pass into the treasury of the board, it may be pos-sible to use part of that money, to the extent perhaps of \$700,000 or \$500,000, mean to intimate that the girls, who now receive certificates at the normal schools are, not qualified for positions.

There may be other things than those mentioned, but all of them can be me only by increased revenue. It all comes



nounced that they attracted public at-tention. The Legislature then, very wisely and in accordance with public opinion, put the matter in the hands of the judges.

'Another reason rests in the fact of . the very great advantage of continuing in a position of this kind a man or woman who is qualified in all respects. woman who is qualified in all respects. Who by long service has learned the particulars that are needed to insure the proper administration of the school

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"What about the other employes of the Board of Education?"
"What about the other employes of the Board of Education?"
"While considering the demands of the teachers for an immediate increase in salary: and perhaps some other employes of the board."
"Do you care to indicate where improvements could be made for the beard to an extent, large or stand at the general staff, in places, was instant and direct:
"There are not enough school nurses and dorect."
"The normal school nurses and dorect."
"The Legislature then, very his the school work in the meantime. Auditor General School work in the meantime. Auditor General School work in the meantime. Auditor General School work in the meantime.

along its school work in the meantime. Auditor General Snyder boasts of the millions he has collected in tax arrear-ages, and State Treasurer Kephart prides himself on his conduct of the Treasury. There are millions in state depositories, and it would seem that some explanation is necessary for one of Who by long service has learned the some explanation is necessary from one or both-as to why Philadelphia should be compelled to pay at the rate of \$20,000 interest annually for borrowed money, while State Treasurer Kephart is holding in his control sums that are been criticized, what is your opinion?

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can go just so far in raising tunds and no farther. "How about the immediate advance and payment of teachers' salaries?" I saked. also agreed to pay one-nalf of the in-crease of teachers' salaries provided for in the Woodruff bill." he went on. we will be competed this year, and of the cost of the consinuation chases of the will be competed this year, and of the special classes composed of physically defective children. But if does not do it. 'It is also obligated to pay one-half tax receipts, to meet salaries as they come due monthly." Schools for Crippled Pupils We maintain five or six school cen ters for crippled children. We have to

the offer.

"This delay in receiving the city's provide motorbuses to bring them from abare of the state appropriation, is it and return them to their homes alone requires a considerable sum of "Since February 1," was the answer. "The board decided last fall that; as half of that, but F do not know whether

be available until February 1 and the "The advance demanded, then, canno

"But we must keep the wheels mov-ing in the meantime. It is during this period that we turn our temporary bgr-rowing capacity to account." We are

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instead of borrowing that amount on a temporary loan; the understanding being that it must be returned to the per-"What is your opinion of Doctor Finegan's suggestion that members of the Board of Education be elected dimanent loan as soon as circumstances What of the suggestion made by the schoolmen's committee that a number of business men advance the money neces-sary for the immediate payment of the increase demanded, the amount to be repaid when the state appropriates a um sufficient for the purpose?", "I should be perfectly satisfied to en ter into such an arrangement, ' said Mr. Gratz earnestly. 'If a committee of financiers or business men will advance the money with the understanding that

the money with the understanding that the board shall agree to transmit to them in repayment the money when ap-propriated by the next Legislature for that purpose, we would gladly accept the offer.

A park bench is not a comfortable or safe place to

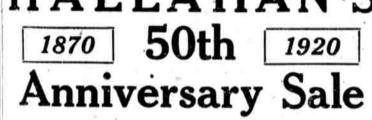
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