

SCHOOL-HEAD FIGHT APPEARS NEAR END

Indications Point to Selection of Superintendent at Board's Session Tomorrow

FIVE MEN NOW IN RACE

Indications point roughly to a conclusion of the long-drawn-out fight over the election of a superintendent of schools here to succeed Dr. John P. Garber, when the Board of Education meets tomorrow for its regular monthly meeting.

The long series of deadlocks, postponements and failures that followed more than six months of inaction, petty differences and unwillingness to seek "the best man available" on the part of some members, has now found most of the board members with a broader vision than they had previously shown, and the election of a desired "first rank" educator for the post now seems to be an assured fact.

Members of the board have indicated their weariness with the long series of exasperating delays and it is said that there are enough members of the mind to force "down" at the election tomorrow. As one of the members expressed it, "I am prepared to fight for a result tomorrow, if it is necessary, to say in session until 3 o'clock in the morning."

Two Outside and Two Local Men

Two outside men and two local men will, in all probability, be named for election, with the odds favoring Dr. Edwin C. Broome, superintendent of schools of East Orange, N. J.

Dr. Broome is regarded as the favorite, since he had seven votes at the last election, and other members of the board are said to have indicated their preference for him.

Two members of the board, Mr. Beeber and Dr. Martin have indicated that they regard Dr. Hillgas as a suitable man to head the school system, while William Rowen and Thomas Shalloss stand out for a Philadelphia, with Dr. Gowling as their first choice.

Dr. Broome Looks Like Favorite

In the event of a number of ballots being cast, it is believed the chances favor Dr. Broome, although a long drawn-out fight may result in some of the members switching back to a Philadelphia again.

"The result is still uncertain," said Mr. Gratz, "but we are beginning to find out that there are no big educators in the country. We really believe that we will get a big man for the post. Miracles are not expected. It probably will take a newcomer here at least a year to thoroughly familiarize himself with the intricacies of the system."

The new superintendent will receive a salary of \$12,000 a year and will be given a one-year term. Mr. Gratz indicated, however, that it was the intention of the board to reward the newcomer with a four-year tenure, if his services should prove satisfactory during the year.

The two men being considered from the outside have both made admirable records as scholars and in the broad field of experience and achievement. Dr. Broome was born in Central Falls, R. I., October 5, 1874. He was graduated from Brown University in 1897 and won a number of degrees at Brown and Columbia Universities. He also was a law student and is a member of the New York bar.

Dr. Broome was a teacher in English and history in the high school at Pawtucket, R. I., in 1897-1898; supervisor of the Seymour schools, Seymour, Conn., from 1900 to 1902; principal of the Central High School at Rahway, N. J., from 1902 to 1906; instructor in education at Adelphi College and superintendent of Adelphi Academies from 1906 to 1909, superintendent of schools at Mount Vernon, N. Y., from 1909 to 1913, and East Orange since that time.

He has had considerable experience as a lecturer on educational and administrative questions at various colleges and summer schools. He was general supervisor of the work for the Army Educational Commission of the American expeditionary forces abroad during the years 1918 and 1919, a member of numerous educational committees and clubs and the author of several educational articles and a large number of articles.

Dr. Hillgas' Record

Dr. Hillgas was born in St. Johnsville, N. Y., June 19, 1872. He received his education in the University of Rochester and won several degrees at Rochester and Columbia universities. He was a teacher in the high school at Fort Dodge, Iowa, from 1898 to 1900, and at Gouverneur, N. Y., from 1900 to 1902; principal of schools at Schuylerville, N. Y., from 1902 to 1904, and Chatham from 1904 to 1908. He was editor-in-chief of the United States Bureau of Education from 1910 to 1911, assistant professor of education from 1911 to 1914, and associate professor from 1914 to 1916 at Columbia University, and commissioner of education of Vermont since 1916. He is the author of educational works and a trustee of the Teachers' College at Columbia University.

Dr. Gowling, before coming to Philadelphia, was principal of the Rhoads Island State School, in Providence, superintendent of schools in Nashua, N. H., and state superintendent of schools in New Hampshire. He has been principal of the Girls' High School since 1917, being elected after a short but bitter fight among the members of the board.

Dr. Wheeler was born at Pine Grove, Pa., May 22, 1865. He was educated in the public schools of that district and later in the West Chester Normal School. He taught in the country schools and has been in the Philadelphia school system since 1898. He has been successively grade teacher, principal, district superintendent, associate superintendent and acting superintendent.

WIFE INJURED IN FLIGHT

Jumps From Window When Husband Brandishes Gun

Six months ago, according to the police, John Edwards, of 1135 Pine street, had a row with his wife. For that he was taken into court and an order issued for support. Edwards then, according to the police, disappeared and never obeyed the court order.

Yesterday, the police say, he returned and again faced his wife with a pistol and threats. Mrs. Edwards jumped out of the second-story window, suffering internal injuries, she was taken to the Pennsylvania Hospital. Edwards was arrested and taken to the Twelfth and Pine streets station, where he will be given a hearing today.

MAY DECIDE TODAY ON NEW SCHOOLS

Education Board Finance Committee Will Consider Building Recommendations

TO GUARD HEALTH BETTER

Numerous changes and improvements will be submitted to the finance committee of the Board of Education by the department of superintendence at the meeting of the committee, to be held this afternoon in the Keystone Building.

Among the matters to be passed upon is a building program to provide for purchase of sites for buildings in rapidly growing sections of the city where school accommodations are poor at this time.

Another important project is the addition of four medical inspectors, twenty nurses and one clerk to the present staff of medical inspection in the public schools. This increase has been suggested by Dr. C. Lincoln Pursh, of the Department of Public Health. Dr. Walter S. Cornell is the present head of the division of medical inspection.

Other Improvements to be Passed Upon

The establishment of special classes for training pupils suffering from defects of hearing and speech, and the immediate employment of a specialist to train teachers now in the school system to take charge of the work of teaching the sub-normal pupils, and to supervise such instruction. At a recent census it was found that there are more than 3000 speech-defect cases and more than 500 cases of defective hearing, including some cases of complete deafness, that should receive special training.

Reorganization of the J. H. Webster School, Frankford avenue and Ontario street, to do away with the present overcrowded condition. If the school is operated on the "duplicate plan," as outlined by Dr. George Wheeler, acting superintendent of schools, part time attendance will be eliminated, and the school will be conducted on a proper departmental basis. The plan calls for the provision of a gymnasium in the basement, an auditorium with a platform, which will be large enough to accommodate 200 children in each period; the installation of a talking machine for the auditorium work in music in the school, and a motion picture machine and booth. The estimated cost of these improvements is \$1050, exclusive of the cost of installing electric lighting in the auditorium.

WATCH SAVES MAN'S LIFE

Bullet Fired at Intruder Hits By-stander's Timepiece

William Steuber, 1813 Beach street, intercepted an intruder in his home last night, chased him downstairs and through a hallway, and as the man dashed down the front steps into the street, a bullet struck the watch on the wrist of the intruder.

Thomas Bonwitz, 3013 North Front street, was passing the house at the time, and the bullet struck the watch which he carried in his vest pocket. Bonwitz was knocked down by the impact, but physicians snatched the watch from under his vest, and he was arrested by police of the East Girard avenue station.

At a hearing before Magistrate Campbell today, in the Girard and Montgomery avenues station, Steuber was held in \$300 bail for a further hearing next Monday.

Painting for Napoleon's Tomb

Upon the joint request of the War Department and the French Government, Supreme Knight James J. Flaherty has announced that the Knights of Columbus have decided to have a special portrait painted of General Pershing, commander-in-chief of the A. E. F., to be hung in the Invalides, Paris, which contains the tomb of Napoleon I.

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MAYOR TELLS FAIR PLAN

One Way to Proceed, and That is Committee's Program, He Says

There is only one way to proceed with regard to the sequentional in 1920, and that is the way mapped out by the citizens' committee. Mayor Moore said today, without referring directly to moves made to take the preliminary work of the celebration out of the hands of this organization.

"Obtain the support and consent of Council in order to make the start," he said, "then go to the Legislature and Governor and then to the federal government and to the nations of the world."

"The first step has been taken. Council has been asked to make an appropriation of a small amount so that the citizens' committee can start. This appropriation should be made to the Mayor's office in order that preliminary organization may be perfected and procedure started toward state and national incorporation."

"Governor Spruel is a member of the citizens' committee, and naturally should be consulted, both as Governor and as a man."

Members of the citizens' committee appointed by the Mayor will be called together to discuss whether they will accept the \$50,000 appropriation from Council "with strings attached to it," or whether they will proceed independently and raise the required funds by private contributions.

VALENTINES AND GREETING CARDS

Perival Dayton Better

Perival Dayton, well-known insurance man, who recently underwent an operation in Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, is reported improved today. Mrs. Drayton and their daughter, Carro-

ina, are staying in Baltimore. Their home is in Stenton avenue, Chestnut Hill.

Advertisement for Curry's Greeting Cards, 812 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

Advertisement for Steamer "Chas. H. Cramp" sailing from Philadelphia to Los Angeles Harbor, San Francisco, Portland and Seattle.

Large advertisement for Mawson & DeMany, 1215 Chestnut Street, featuring a fur clearance sale with various prices and descriptions of furs.