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**TEACHERS' COUNCIL CLOSES LONG WAR**  
Faction United Finally by Constitution After Dr. Broome Ends Deadlock  
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The various warring factions of the teaching force of the public school system are united finally.

The Teachers' Council, long talked of, is at last to become a reality, and the constitution of the new organization is being mailed to every school in the city for ratification by the teaching body on January 4.

After many failures to form a united body the teachers called upon Dr. Broome, Superintendent of Schools, for assistance. He brought the representatives of the factions together and ironed out the difficulties that had prevented unified action.

When Dr. Broome was elected City Superintendent two years ago there was a movement on foot to form the council. Representatives of the twenty-six branches of the teaching force were called together in a convention to adopt a constitution.

Representation an obstacle  
The trouble started through the fact that the great mass of teachers are in the elementary grades. If representation were on an individual membership basis, this group would outnumber all the rest of the departments combined. If, on the other hand, representation were on a departmental basis, the great number of individuals would have only one vote, that of the actual representation in the council.

Finally at a meeting of the convention the delegates from many of the groups withdrew. The constitution was adopted by those remaining, was submitted to the teaching body and approved by a bare majority. It was then claimed that the council did not represent the entire educational force.

When the schools opened this fall, Dr. Broome was asked to cut the Gordian knot. Two weeks ago he called the representatives of the departments in conference and laid before them plans for a revised constitution, which met the objections of each group.

The new constitution on the question of adoption calls not only for the vote of the delegates, but also for the majority approval within individual groups of the educational system. Then in order to facilitate the action of the council a former clause which directed that all recommendations of the delegates be submitted to a general referendum was changed as follows:

"Whereas the sum of delegates shall have arrived at any decision calling for a recommendation to the Board of Public Education or to the Superintendent of Schools, notice of such decision shall be sent to each school and administration office within three days after such decision has been reached.

"Furthermore, when a decision has been reached, \* \* \* such recommendation shall not be made until a period of two weeks shall have elapsed from the date of the meeting at which it was reached.

"In petition signed by at least 100 members of the council and duly presented to the council of delegates during the aforesaid period of two weeks a referendum vote shall be taken by secret sealed ballot upon the matter in question, \* \* \* and the result shall be binding upon the council of delegates."

To Be Governing Body  
The council of delegates referred to in the governing body of the entire public school system and each of the twenty-six groups of the force is entitled to one delegate with the exception of the high school teachers, who have two delegates. The elementary school teachers are divided in groups according to the eight geographical school districts and each district has a delegate.

In the referendum consideration of the constitution of delegates was described as to "consider all matter referred to it by the board and superintendent, as well as matters submitted by its own members, and shall make such recommendations to the board and superintendent as shall be in conformity with the opinion of the entire membership of the council."

This section outlining the duties of the council has been changed to read: "The council of delegates shall not in any way interfere with or shall deal with any subject of interest to the entire school system or in the council of a school. It also gives the right of any individual group to present matters relating to that special group for consideration on the vote of the majority of the council.

Expect Ratification  
At a luncheon last Saturday of the Parents' Club of the Teachers' Association, Thomas Greening, president of the council, said that he looked for the ratification of the new constitution. "I am sure," he said, "that this new plan will meet with the approval of each group and will work out satisfactorily."

William Bowen, president of the board, expressed great pleasure that the teachers had hit on a plan for compromise. "It is only by cooperation that the system can succeed," he said. "The board is trying to cooperate with the teaching force and the public in every possible way and we need a united body of instructors behind us."

Dr. Broome expects that the teachers will readily accept the amended constitution.

"I was sorry," he said, "that this could not have been accomplished a year ago, but the printers were so busy that it was impossible to get the amended constitution out to the schools in time for the ballot on November 14th—the teachers' holiday. The question was laid before the teachers on their return to the schools and an immediate vote taken."

"I am very glad to know that the teachers have become united. I had hoped previously that they would find a way out of their difficulties, so far as entirely of their own. When they appealed to me for assistance I was very glad to give such as I could."

"This constitution will be of great assistance to the teaching force, and it will be a definite and easy method of knowing the desires of the teachers on any subject. It is entirely advisory and is not intended as a means to pass the buck to others on questions which we as the legal responsible heads of the system are called on to decide."

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The motorist, out on extra speed and equipped a pursuit started by witnesses of the accident. Those who attempted to give chase were on foot, and were unable to catch the auto. The motorist is believed to have the license number of the car as 1345.

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Very Choice California Almonds	lb 35c	Choice Tomatoes	can 10c, 15c
Selected Brazil Nuts	lb 17c	Sweet Potatoes (ready to serve)	big can 12 1/2c
Asco Ground Spices	can 5c	Asco Brand Corn	can 12 1/2c
Pure Vanilla Extract	bot 12c, 22c	Asco Peas	can 17c, 19c, 25c
Asco Tomato Catsup	big bot 15c	Tender Peas	can 12 1/2c
Baker's Shredded Coconut	pkg 7c, 14c	Fancy Calif. Figs	pkg 13c
Baker's Grated Coconut	can 15c	Cooking Herbs	big pkg 5c
Schimmel's Pure Preserves	tumbler 15c	Selected Baking Apples	lb 4c
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Assorted Jellies	tumbler 10c	California Sliced Peaches	tall can 18c
Best Pure Apple Sauce	can 15c	California Apricots	can 15c, 29c
Wilbur's Baking Chocolate	1/2-lb cake 7c	Fancy Calif. Cherries	big can 39c
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