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MAKING A HOT FIGHT.

Lively Time at Principal O'Connor's Investigation.

SOME VERY GRAVE CHARGES MADE.

What Attorney Dempsey Said About Chairman Hyde—Both Factions Out in Full Force to See Justice Done.

There was a very lively special session of the Board of Education last night, called to investigate the matter of Chester Kinsman's pedagogue, Principal O'Connor.

Very early in the meeting the board split into two sections, 7 to 4, and they went at one another hammer and tongs two hours. Their animated efforts were considerably helped along by two lawyers and the active and enthusiastic partisans of O'Connor and of Kinsman.

The board did some very unusual things and to one things, but the Chairman warned them that a repetition of the cheers, clapping and hand clapping would be followed by a clearing of the gallery. Thereafter they groaned or murmured in a much more quiet and unobtrusive manner.

The fight began right from the fall of the gavel.

President Babin asked the Secretary to read the written charges that had lately been preferred against Principal O'Connor.

It was a simple request, but it took a full hour to have it performed. Not but what the Secretary was willing to proceed, but the Board of Education insisted on his stopping at each word every conceivable objection.

Attorney Dempsey, for O'Connor, objected to the reading of the charges, on the ground that the old charges were pretty good enough and new ones should not be introduced without a proper notification to the defendant.

Attorney Wright asked him to submit what he had to say on the question.

Before Dempsey could reply President Babin declared that he minister found intention with what he had to say, and present the question whether he should allow it.

"Go on with the reading of those charges, Mr. Secretary," he ordered.

"But I insist on my rights as a citizen," demanded Dempsey, rising.

"Proceed, Mr. Secretary," said the President, ignoring the speaker.

Dempsey, Attorney Vincent Woodward, Harney, Decker and Dunn rose like waits in the way of the reading of these charges, and had to be battered and hanged with the ends, rules and regulations, orders of the board and authorities of the State of California, before they were finally disposed to the reading of the charges in toto, and when their objections were overruled petulant, they objected to the charges in succession.

THE CHARGES READ.

Finally, the much wrangled over charges were read. They are as follows:

"Charges against Principal Chester Kinsman—Mr. The undersigned citizens of Lincoln Grammar, Principal of the Varennes-street Grammar School, Mr. Chester Kinsman.

"That on and of October 6th on or about March 27, 1891, I also gave Chester Kinsman a part of his duties as Principal of said school, namely, the enforcement of the regulations of the public school.

"That the case of Chester Kinsman was not an exceptional one and other means than corporal punishment would have secured his obedience to the rules of the school.

"That such means were unnecessary and uncalled for.

"That Joseph O'Connor has been and continually is guilty of unprofessional conduct in his school, in that he has manifested a spirit of hate and revenge towards pupils, and he uses toward them rough, abusive and offensive language.

"That Joseph O'Connor has shown that O'Connor has indicted upon his pupils, and his tyrannical and aggressive measures in his school, he has been guilty of conduct unbecoming a gentleman, a scholar and of the nature of the school. By reason of the matters stated, Joseph O'Connor is no longer a fit person to be the Principal of the Lincoln Street Grammar School of any school in the San Francisco Grammar.

"Signed, JOSEPH O'CONNOR, A. W. KINSMAN, W. J. O. LOVEGROVE."

Then the great question was wrangled over whether the board had been called to investigate the beating of Kinsman or the charges of incompetency against O'Connor.

MOVES TO POST EVERY TEN.

Directors Amos, Pennington, Hooks, Newell, Hyde and Dutton promptly put their heads together, Decker, Dunn, Harney, Vincent and Dr. Wright put theirs together, and Harney borrowed copies of the charges. President Babin rapped down all the speakers and ruled that the question of the beating of Kinsman was made at any meeting of the board.

"Do we act on these charges to-night, then?" demanded Woodward, who was balloted for the 10th.

"Act on them when the board decides," replied the President.

"It is this is a special meeting."

"Then I move that we do," rapped out Dunn.

"I appeal from the decision of the Chair," shouted Woodward, indignantly.

"So do I," echoed Harney.

On the roll call the vote was 7 to 7 against 4, President Babin, Amos, Dutton declared mistaken.

"Move we go into a committee of the whole to investigate these charges," said Hyde.

Amos, Pennington, Hooks, Newell, Decker and Dunn, Harney and Dutton carried their heads approvingly. The roll was called again, and the motion was 7 to 4 against as usual.

Director Hyde was called to take the chair of the committee of the whole, but Dunn made another matter of objection, but they did away it entirely.

The charges against Principal O'Connor were ordered read, and again the rule of objections rolled from the staunch form at one end of the table. Then for ten minutes Hyde fought and wrangled over the matter again, but the board voted down the rule of objections, and Dunn sat back in their seats and lobbied again.

At their conclusion Chairman Hyde said:

"Now, Mr. O'Connor appear in answer to the charges."

Principal O'Connor sat back in his chair and raised straight at the speaker with an astonishing smile on his fatal face. But he never said a word.

Attorney Dempsey was on his feet almost instantly.

"I protest Mr. O'Connor in this matter," he said, "and I accompanied object to this whole proceeding against him, and especially to you acting as Chairman. You, who have abused your position; you, who are not qualified. You are not a judge in this matter."

"Mr. Dempsey," interrupted Chairman Hyde, "remember you are listened to by courtesy of the board."

"Very well, sir," went on the indignant speaker, "you are not an impartial judge. You have expressed yourself in public and private on this matter, and to go on with the trial before you in a farce, an injustice and an outrage."

"Is this a meeting of the Board of School Directors or not?" asked Director Dunn, springing to his feet.

"Oh, it's a court of justice," chirped Woodward, ironically.

DEFENSE OF HYDE'S CONDUCTOR.

"I have not expressed myself in a prejudiced fashion," Dempsey. "We have come here to meet the charges of Chester Kinsman, and we object to Hyde's conduct as a judge. Your conscience should tell you that you cannot act in this case."

Attorney Wright argued that his side proposed to lose sight of the Kinsman family in the matter of O'Connor.

"Our object," he said, "is to find out whether we have an incompetent man, or whether we have a conscientious teacher. It is a question for our citizens to consider."

Dempsey interrupted by insisting that his objections were to Hyde sitting as Chairman, and also that he wanted time to file his written objections.

"Then the question rose as to the time he wanted, and whether he would get it all in objections, or part of it.

"Yes," said Chairman Hyde, shrewdly, "you may delay the investigation to file an objection and then immediately file other objections."

Amid interruptions from Dempsey by saying that the incompetency of Chairman Hyde had been questioned he moved that the board declare he was competent to act in the matter.

Director Newell moved by 8 to 4 that he was competent competent.

Hooks wanted the trial proceeded with, but Harney demanded that the board should first hear Attorney Dempsey's objections. Chairman Hyde stated that it was the desire of the board to give both parties every available opportunity and all the time they desired.

"Give us both time on you each, Mr. Dempsey?" he asked.

Dempsey consulted with O'Connor.

"We want time to consider, say twenty-four hours," he said, "and then give way to other counsel. They may be able to meet with better recognition than myself."

After a short debate it was decided to adjourn, right from the 10th of April, adjourned to the 17th, when everybody is expected to be prepared to go on with the investigation.

Bought From a Boy.

About a week ago Harry, the fourteen-year-old son of Mrs. Mary Loftus, stole a gold watch from his mother and disappeared. The boy has not been seen since, but the watch was found last night in a pawnshop kept by Edward Schmeck on Mission street, near Third, and Schmeck was arrested for receiving stolen goods.

BERNHARDT'S BIG SALE.

Boys Form a Line at the Baldwin and Camp There All Night.

A uniformed messenger boy dragged himself into the lobby of the Baldwin Theatre yesterday at 4 P. M., moved a lithograph of "The Queen Dowager" from one corner of the corner to another, selected a place for his shoulders, leaned against the lithograph, lit one of the dandy cylinders and waited.

Ten minutes later a second uniformed messenger materialized, saluted the first-comer as "Brick," cribed unconcernedly to borrow a cigarette, leaned against the wall, dug down a mouth organ from his inside pocket and began blowing his lips to the soft and strident of "Whistle and Wait for Kate" cut the top-notes.

The man in the box-office was shaves a counter of an inch under the sills and weave pulled down the shutters, and the box head out of the window and said:

"Drop that."

It is a matter of science in a theatre when to allow the treasurer to put his head out of the window and when to forbid it. Ever since the gun ran the house, their fear of Sheridis was so great that they allowed the head out of the window, let alone your head, but things are different now.

The second messenger in uniform headed the line of boys who had begun to form in front of the theatre the night before to "Where Data Lived How to Pray." The man with the gun said:

"It's here you freed."

"Is Sarah Bernhardt here?"

"It looks as if full vote of the Board of Directors to do that now. We shape being to a union, and you ain't in it."

The argument had not ended when a third uniformed messenger, with the dandy cylinder, wheeled in from the direction of the ground, at the young gentleman before alluded to, and said: "Hello, Jimmy, I've been read greeting in the form of a prepaid telegram word written "Monsieur Mandelin, or the Mysterious Dr. Pepper." Jimmy's reply word was illustrated with a beautiful picture of a Chinese dragon, and Jimmy said he was sure enough to pay jackass and enforce, who proved to be very amiable in sexual violently a small boy, and Jimmy said he was a Chinese dragon, the terrible form of Monsieur Mandelin.

The man in spectacles grew red in the face at the appearance of this reinforcement and said for a gentleman.

"Is Sarah here in there?"

"We are holding the line for boy tickets for Bernhardt."

"Is she here on the face of the man, who wears gold-rimmed spectacles and has a penchant to formulate a smoker stench on which to base a treaty or alliance?"

After a long talk it was decided that the Bernhardt tickets should be sold from the gallery entrance, and that the three boys should have the first places in it.

The line of boys has had increased to a dozen and after there came the first of a dozen gaping young men, who looked like the poor relations of Nimo, Jake Lipman and other ticket speculators. Three hours later the line had grown to a hundred boys, and the boys had all come prepared for an all-night siege.

Occasionally the stockkeepers in front of the theatre would come out and inquire if they made smoke of a cigarette, or if personal character, but that did not seem to do the waiters any harm and added much to the fun with which the messenger boys enjoyed the situation.

Mr. Abbey's manager says the office will be open at the Baldwin this morning with a clean sweep of the boys who have been there for the first and that the office will be kept open as long as there are tickets to sell.

Maurice Grau telegraphed last night he had decided to bring to California the whole of the company that appeared in "Fedora" at the Porte St. Martin, Paris, and make a grand rush for the Pacific Coast, and Bernhardt will bring out a new play, the manuscript of which that has never been done before for a year in the far West, though, of course, the manager must always advertise the whole display.

THE ELLIS TRIAL.

A Stranger Clergyman From Bombay Attends the Investigation.

There was not much done at the Investigation of the conduct of Mr. Ellis by the Presbytery of San Francisco yesterday.

Rev. Dr. Nancy da Shabbey.

In the morning there was a little stir over the question of who should act as moderator during the remainder of the investigation.

Rev. Dr. Sample has been the moderator occupied the moderator's chair, but there has been an objection, and Rev. Thomas Condon was chosen as presiding officer.

Dr. Ellis protested against Dr. Condon taking the chair during this trial.

This morning Dr. Ellis offered his resignation from a member of the Presbytery.

The Presbytery refused to accept it.

Dr. Condon, the presiding officer, is the second moderator, he has changed and called him to the chair. So Dr. Sample will act as moderator during the remainder of the trial.

In the afternoon there was a stranger in attendance, a tall, dark-complexioned, long-bearded, and long-haired man, with a long hair. He wore a white cambric turban, and was dressed in a long black coat, and he looked more like a sorcerer than a clergyman.

It was the Rev. Dr. Nancy da Shabbey of Bombay, who was visiting his brother, Dr. Ellis of this city. The Indian preacher made a short address to the Presbytery, in which he said he has given a glowing report of the progress of Christianity in India and Japan. The institutions of Christ, he said, are growing in India, and, in Japan, he said, more was heard of Christ than in India.

The afternoon's proceedings in the Ellis matter were confined to reading over the testimony taken in the investigation, which lasted from 2 to 5 o'clock.

The investigation goes on this morning.

TO AVOID TRANSFER.

The New Railway Connection at Shellville Considered.

A connection between the Donahue and Southern Pacific roads was completed on Wednesday at Shellville, whereby freight from the Donahue road, destined for points south, can be reached via the Southern Pacific road, and freight from the Southern Pacific road coming to Tilmore and Oakland, can be delivered by ferry to Oakland.

The new route is from Ignacio on the Donahue road, to Shellville, three miles, thence on the Southern Pacific to Suisun, via Napa Junction, Imperial Wells, At Suisun connection is made with the Southern Pacific main line.

This new route will be a great saving to shippers, and likewise in expense to the companies involved.

MORE TROUBLE FOR ZELNER.

Filing Up the Charges Against the Amateur Boxer.

William J. Zelner, the amateur boxer, who was arrested Monday night for riffing the body-snatch in the Olympic Club gymnasium and securing his release on bonds, was brought before Judge Low yesterday on a charge of assault and battery on Dwight Dr. the charge that Zelner broke his jaw-bone on February 28th last and stole his watch.

Zelner gave new bonds, and was released pending the trial of the charge, which will be heard before Judge Low, probably by Mr. Hall, another club member whom Zelner was indicted, and who was the principal in the fight in which Zelner was arrested, and who was present in attendance when wanted, released him on his own recognizance the latter declined.

A Wayward Girl.

Grace Sullivan, a remarkably pretty and stylishly dressed girl of seventeen years, was lodged in the Central Police Station last night by Policemen Hallwood and Reis of the Society for the Suppression of Vice. She is going to the Industrial School, from which institution she was recently released on parole, and, shortly after, she was found unmanaged than at the Mission Home, from which institution, she was found in the Mariposa House. They had the proprietor of the house that her were married.

Messrs. Bergerson Bilmes to her—sickness to stop cuts and lessons of the lowest.

INHARMONIOUS CLERGY.

Rev. Curtis Calls Another "The Author of Fiendish Lies."

REV. WOODWORTH'S CONFESSION.

Two Ministers in the Woodbridge Presbyterian Church and the Serious Result—The Congregation Takes Sides.

The annual meeting of the Woodbridge Presbyterian Church, while disclosing a very satisfactory condition of temporal affairs, brought to light a feud between ministers which threatens the spiritual welfare of the entire congregation.

When Rev. T. J. Curtis left his charge in Sydney, Australia, and came to San Francisco for his health, Rev. Woodworth was a regular attendant upon the services in the pretty little edifice at the corner of Capp and Twentieth streets occupied by the Woodbridge Church and Curtis was soon recognized as a leader of the people. The worshipers searched, heard several sermons and chose Rev. Curtis for pastor.

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Rev. Andrew Gardner, who had neglected his duties for a long time, resigned, and Rev. Curtis was called and was elected by the Presbytery to succeed Rev. Gardner.

Rev. Curtis was surprised to receive a copy of the paper shortly afterward and to find in the other pages—marked copies—had been sent to the Presbyterian ministers throughout the State, and to the Presbyterian ministers.

A month ago, when Rev. Curtis returned to this city, he had with him several of the marked papers and also the addressed wrapper that had contained them.

The writing on the papers and the wrapper was recognized by a member of the members of the congregation as that of Rev. Wood worth, the Superintendent of the Mission and Rev. Curtis's predecessor in the pastorate.

Rev. Curtis, in his sermon, made some accusations against Woodworth the next Sunday, and Woodworth, in his sermon, said he had received a promise from him to treat the matter with silent contempt.

The members of the congregation talked, however, Rev. Woodworth gab, what some people said, and the feud became bitter. Things otherwise were moving along and kept getting better and better until last week, when Rev. Curtis received a letter from Rev. Gardner, in which he said he had left the pastorate of the congregation.

He (Gardner) he admitted sending the marked papers to Rev. Curtis' friends in San Francisco, and he said he had done so because he was anxious to have it seen that the people in San Francisco looked with horror upon the sin of Rev. Curtis, and he had been encouraged in the action of Rev. Curtis in sending slanderous lies. Rev. Woodworth denied, however, that he was in any way responsible for the matter printed in the paper.

Rev. Curtis, in his meeting last night Rev. Curtis said he was emotion and made this sensational statement: "I wish to state publicly on the authority of the Presbyterian Church of Santa Cruz, that I have proved to my entire satisfaction that the man who sent the marked papers to Australia was the author of the vicious and fiendish lies that were printed."

Rev. Curtis said that Rev. Gardner, the writer, I am bound by promise. The whole thing was a tissue of lies, got up with a purpose to injure my reputation.

The explosive declaration, made to the congregation, caused the greatest excitement. Rev. Curtis, in his sermon, said he had received a letter from Rev. Gardner, in which he said he had left the pastorate of the congregation.

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