LONG DELAY IS

Teachers Angry Because Their Salaries Are Below the Printed Schedule.

"MERIT SYSTEM" IS LOST

Device to Reward Pedagogues Mus Wait for Return of H. Wittenberg and Even Then It May Be Defeated.

The business activity of a hornets' nest ers of the public schools get together this week, and their indignation over this week, and their indignation over the nonpayment of the "raise" which they all expected last payday—but did not get—does not quiet down even a lit-tle bit. There are many opinions ex-pressed about the matter, none of them very flattering to the custodians of the taxpayers' money which was paid into the school coffers for their benefit.

"What I would like to know," ex-claimed an East Side primary teacher yes-terday, "is what they are doing with that money. The \$1000 which went to Mr. Rigier and the amounts added to the salaries of Professor Davis. Robert Krohn and the others does not consume nearly all of it-so what are they doing

And that is the burning question of the hour with both the teachers and taxpayers. "What is being done with the rmoney?" It was paid by the taxpayers for the purpose of raising the salaries of graded teachers, but only a few got a slice of the pie. While the money lies file in the school coffers, the fact refiles of the school coffers, the fact the first payday of the new mains that the first payday of the new term did not see the increase in checks which the teachers had been billed for in which the teachers had been billed for in the schedule of the cantalogue. The schedule of the cantalogue at along the schedule of the cantalogue at along the schedule of the cantalogue at along the schedule of the cantalogue. the school catalogue. The schedule of salaries, which is printed in the annual report of the public schools, is as follows, but the pedagogues claim that this is not the schedule under which they were paid:

Schedule of Salaries.

First, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Grades
After two years' experience
After three years' experience
After four years' experience
After five years' experience
*After six years' experience
Second and Third Grades-
After two years' experience
After three years' experience
After four years' experience
After five years' experience
*After six years' experience
Seventh, Eighth and Ninth Grades-
After two years' experience
After three years' experience
After four years' experience
After five years' experience
*After six years' experience
*To receive the maximum salary of h
grade, a teacher must hold a life diplon
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High School Less than three years' experience... \$00
After three years' experience... \$00
After four years' experience... 1000
After five years' experience... 1000
Heads of departments... 1200
Personnel (on templars or less).

of physical training...
of physical training...
of drawing...
supervisor of drawing...
of music...

Teachers Fear the Board.

The teachers do not want to talk for publication for they fear the displeasof them, who is as well known as any in the city, and who enjoys a high rooted and other damage done di standing in school and resident circles, night. Saturday evening Mrs.

"The School Board is purposely practicing dilatory tactics," she said. "They are 'sore' at the teachers, if I may use that slang to express it, because they practically lobbied with the taxpayers is damaging his property, and is swearing vengeance. In the future he will keep match over his premises, and if everything themselves and dictate what should be done, and because we took the matter in our own hands they evi-dently think to get even by tying up the money while they squabble over this merit system."

How About the Merit List.

And as to that merit system-will it ever come to a head? ever come to a head? Will the list I here were beard about the city yester-Will the list a majority of its members are against the merit system—ever call for a reading of the committee's report? Up to date the attendance at the board meetbe was held in high esteem, as well as ings has been suspiciously small. Will among the veterans of the G. A. R. it be larger after Mr. Wittenberg returns? usk the teachers. He will no a brilliant man, and one who was much doubt try to force the enactment of the system which he so ardently advocates, but it is just possible he may not succeed and the merit list never come to several years ago, and was one of the light. 'raise" will have to be made.

A member of the board who is against he merit system as it stands now has a scheme up his sleeve for settling the oblem so that there will be no spelist, or rather the teachers will not have to apply for admission to the list, but get the increase after certain years of service and presentation of

Director Opposes Merit System.

"The idea of some teachers being on merit list and others not will not ork well in the schools," he said. "If the pupils get knowledge of the fact that their teacher is not on the list they are apt to underestimate her ability to teach them and become hard to manage. Naturally all would want a teacher who was on the list, and those who were not on it would lose control over their pupils as well as their respect." The taxpayers are getting almost as restless over the situation as the teachers, so it is evident that something must be done in the immediate future to settle the matter to the satisfaction

FOR PROGRESSIVE EFFORT

Second Baptist Church Lays Plans for Ensuing Year.

The reunion and rollcall meetings of the Becond Baptist Church, East Ankeny and Seventh streets, Rev. S. C. Lapham, pastor, closed last evening. At the dinner, which is held annually in the church lecture room, 150 were present, including the leading members and heads of all departments. Reports were read from the 12 departments, all showing progress and a prosperous condition. Speeches were made and plans laid for work during the ensuing year. The financial report was

particularly gratifying, it being submit-ted by the trustees.

In the matter of new work, the Junior

Boys' Club has been organized, having a club-room in the basement of the church, where the boys will receive instruction in where the boys will receive instruction in athletics from a teacher of the Y. M. C. A. The Senior Young Men's Club reported comprehensive plans, including a course of 20 lectures, from practical men on popular topics, the first to be delivered in November, which will be by a physician on "What a Young Man Should Know." Some of the speakers have been selected, but not all. There will be business men, milmen, lawyers and physicians repremilimen lawyers and physicians repre-sented in this course of lectures. The Ladies Progressive Guild is another new department. Its functions will be largely

department. Its functions will be largely literary and social.

Dr. Lapham thanked the heads of departments for their zealous work, and said that the future of the church in all lines was never brighter, and that it is hoped to make the church more practical and effective her conviction to the control with and effective by coming into touch with

NEGRO WOULD BE A "COP"

Erastus Richardson and Others Take Civil Service Examinations.

A novelty was presented to the attention of Secretary O. L. McPherson, of the Municipal Civil Service Commission, yesterday morning when Erastus Richardson, a colored man, took the exis displayed every time a few grade teach- amination for patrolman on the local police force. It is the first case on rec-ord in this city where a person of his race has sought the job, and it is in-teresting to know that Richardson was quite dumbfounded when he discovered that even his color or the absence of a political "pull" cut no figure in his

chances of getting the place.

He is a big husky fellow, weighing about 200 pounds, and is more than six feet tall. He is likewise quite well educated, and told Secretary McPherson confidentially that he could give the best kind of references, and thought it was no more than right that the col-ored vote should be represented.

McPherson told him that neither complexion, political or otherwise, or a pull of any kind had anything to do with his getting the place, his eligibil-ity depending entirely upon his ability. whereat he expressed himself as deeply

didates being already in the depart-ment, including Acting Captain Quinlan, who is filling the place made va-cant by the promotion of Captain Gritz-macher as Acting Chief of Police, besides Sergeants Slover and Foster and Patrolmen Isaakson and Lee.

The Police Commission will name two men for the positions of Captain from this list, one of whom will be placed in the central station to fill the cancy there, while the other will have charge of the Upshur-street force, all of whom will be transferred to the East Portland station as soon as the one or

DESTRUCTION BY VANDALS

Miscreant Uproots and Destroys Shrubbery on Private Lawn.

"My wife and I have been trying our est to do our part toward making Portland a Rose City, but as fast as we beautify the lawn about our residence some miscreant sneaks in and destroys ou work," said G. C. Bruner last night. Mr. Bruner lives at 558 Powell street. Several years ago, when the agitation to make Portland a city beautiful began, he and his wife concluded that they would plant flowers and shrubbery about their home and make it attractive in every way possible. They soon began to take much pride in their lawn, spending a great deal of time planting and cultivating choice roses and other flowers.

Some vandal with no other apparent purpose than to do harm has been invading their premises and destroying the e of the great and mighty board. One times they have awakened in the morning them, who is as well known as any to find that their roses have been upornamentation of their lawn. rooted and other damage done during the thinks she sees through the maneuvers who was at home alone, heard a noise is the yard and stepped out in time to see an intruder in the act of cutting down some beautiful rosebushes that covered

last Spring and succeeded in having the money for an increase in salaries a close watch over his premises, and if the wandal returns there will be trouble. the vandal returns there will be trouble

News of Passing of Colonel R. W. Mitchell Received With Sorrow.

Will the board-now that day at the announcement of Colonel of its members are against "Bob" Mitchell's death. His friends were ceed and the merit list never come to light. In that case some other arrangement for granting the teachers their is dead will bring sorrow to many. Every one liked 'Bob.' I knew him as well, perhaps, as any one outside his family. He was a capable speaker, a bright and witty writer and withal a

brilliant man. What disposition will be made of the body is not yet known. At one time, he fore leaving for the Eiks' Home in Vir ginia, he expressed a desire to find a final resting place in a soldiers' come-tery. To others he said he preferred to be cremated when the end came

TALKING MACHINES.

Notwithstanding the fact that every Notwithsunding the last that every mail brings scores of orders for talking machines, the supply thus far has been equal to the demand. The people are just beginning to realize what opportunity beginning to realize what opportunity The Oregonian is affording them to secure home entertainment for the long Winter evenings, and they are availing themselves of it by the hundred. It is an easy matter to get a machine. If you are already a subscriber to the paper, you simply agree to continue taking it for one year, and buy thirty-five records in as many weeks, and pay for them in weekly installments of \$1.00 per week. If you live outside the city, you can pay for the paper in quarterly installments, \$2.55 every three months, pay \$2.00 for two records with the first payment for the paper, and then pay \$1.00 a week for thirty-three weeks for records. You will then have a fine musical library that will last you a lifetime. However, it is cheaper and bet-

\$60,000 Picture "Sistine Madonna" on Free Exhibition, 3d Floor, 10 to 12 M., 2 to 5 P. M.

The Meier & Frank Store Four Great Towel Bargains

Portland's Largest and Best Store

Trunks and Traveling Bags-The Largest and Best Selected Stock on the Pacific Coast "Ostermoor" Patent Elastic Felt Mattresses-All Sizes at Factory Prices-Third Floor Portland Agents for Butterick Patterns and Publications-November Delineator 15c a Copy

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At 50% Below Value



Yesterday's overland express brought us 50 Magnificent Imported Coats and Dresses-A very unusual purchase made by our cloak buyer from representatives of famous Paris makers-Beautiful creations, the newest and most approved styles in Novelty Suits, Empire Coats, Cold-Weather Wraps and Automobiling Coats: velvets, broadcloths and tweeds-Desirable colors, plain and fancy-Rich, exclusive

Which is fully 50 per cent below their real worth-Let us show them to you-Second Floor

Women's Tailored Suits at \$18.45

Women's fine Tailored Suits in black, navy, green and brown Cheviots; tight-fitting 3/4-length coats, collar and cuffs velvettrimmed; plaited skirt; all are this season's garments, selling regularly at \$25.00; your choice today

The greatest display of Women's Coats in the city; every new style and material at prices from styles, \$4.00 to \$35.00. \$10.00 to \$100.00.

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50c values, each
2000 rolls Crepe Paper, all colors, special value at, each 7e
Nickel-plated Watches, stem-wind and stem-set, every
one guaranteed \$1.25 values, for this low price, ea. 98e
Gold Pens with pearl handles, special at this
25c

Complete stock of Raincoats at \$10 to \$66. Women's Fur Coats, all the popular skins, at \$25.00 to \$100.00.

Bathasweet Rice Powder, best tollet powder

cans of Dr. Graves' famous Talcum Powder

for, each
Superior Bay Rum Hair Tonic, special value at
this price
3-row pure bristle solid-back Hair Brushes at, each
Bath Brushes, white handle, good quality, at this

price, each
Double-sewed Whisk Brooms, anusual value for,
Sapolin Ploor Varnish Stains, special value at
this price, can

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Eaton-Hurlburt's fine Papers, 50c values, on
sale for, box
Odds and ends of Diaries of all kinds, 25c to

\$10,00 to \$100,00. Children's Furs, \$1.75 to \$12.50. Our prices are the lowest.

Novelty Neckpieces in Fur; all kinds and

Long Fur Boas in all the desirable skins,

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\$5 Values \$3.98 Pr. \$6.50 Values \$5.28

Domestic Arabian Lace Curtains, made on heavy cable nets with wide antique lace patterns insertings and edges, 50 inches wide, 2 yards long; best \$2.38 \$2.38

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Men who want satisfactory Suits and Overcoats at economical prices will find our Cloth-

19c

39c



ing Store prepared to supply the best values in ready-towear apparel to be found in the city-A perfect fit guarteed in every instance-Second Floor Men's strictly all-wool Suits, made of Oregon Cassimeres, neat,

Men's fine all-wool Kersey Overcoats, in black or navy blue; velvet collar; good cut and well made; all sizes; \$12.50

excellent values at..... Great display of \$15.00 Suits for Men in fancy Worsteds, fancy Tweeds, fancy Cheviots; made up in single or double-breasted coats; best designs and colorings; all sizes; suits the exclusive elothier asks you \$20.00 for; you can buy

Men's Long Overcoats in fancy Tweeds and Cheviots; with or without belt; great values at \$15.00, \$18.00, \$20.00.

Headquarters for Waiters' Supplies-Full-Dress Suits, Coats, White Vests, Aprons, Shirtfronts, Ties, Barcoats, etc., at the

\$1.15 Brussels Carpet for 96c Yd.

3000 yards of new Brussels Carpets, in beautiful Oriental designs and two-tone effects; regular \$1.15 grade; will be sewed, laid and lined at this exceptionally low price, yd. 96c 3000 yards of Brussels Carpets, 15 Oriental and floral patterns to

600 Axminster Rugs

600 beautiful Axminster Rugs, in Oriental and floral designs; best grade; best wearing Rugs; 3 sizes, at reduced prices-

18x36-inch Axminster Rugs, \$1.25 Value, Each . \$.89 27x60-inch Axminster Rugs, \$2.75 Value, Each \$1.89 36x72-inch Axminster Rugs, \$4.50 Value, Each \$3.40 Real Navajo Rugs at One-Fourth Off Regular Prices

Men's Wear

Two cases Men's Ribbed Wool Un derwear, in pink, blue and silver gray; shirts and drawers; splendid form fitting garments, in all sizes; nicely made and finished; best \$1,25 value on sale today at 896 Men's extra quality and extra size Flannelette Nightshirts in all the best designs and colorings; great special value at...........69¢

"EAGLE" SHIRTS \$1.15

New Fall and Winter styles in the famous "Eagle" Shirts for men golf or stiff bosom styles, light and dark colorings, all sizes; regular

High-Grade Undermuslins Low Priced

The finest Domestic Lingerie is being offered at bargain prices this week-Splendid values in Gowns, Drawers, Corset Covers and Skirts



Women's fine Nainsook Gowns and Cambrie Gowns, low, round, square, high and V-shaped necks, trimmed in very fine roundthread Valenciennes and linen lace edgings, insertions, beadings, ribbons, dainty embroideries and clusters of tucks; full widths and wide hems; regular \$5.00 and \$6.00 \$3.79 values, on sale for.....

Special lot of women's fine Nainsook and Cambric Drawers, trimembroideries; regular \$4.00 and \$5.00 values, for . \$3.49 med in very fine laces, beadings, tucks, ribbons and Women's fine Nainsook and Lawn Corset Covers, trimmed in fine laces, embroideries, clusters of tucks, beading and ribbon; very pretty styles; regular prices \$4.50 and \$3.79

\$5.00 each; choice at..... Women's fine white Petticoats, trimmed in dainty embroideries, Valenciennes laces, tucks and insertings, separate dust ruffles; regular \$5 and \$6.50 values, for \$3.89 pecial lot of women's unlaundered hand-made French Gowns, high and low necks, kimono sleeves, hand-embroidered, floral effects; \$5 and \$6 values, for, each....\$3.59

The Meier & Frank Store

100 dozen hemstitched Linen Huck Towels, 39 inches long; the greatest value for the money in the city, each Hemstitched Linen Huck Towels, big size; wonderful value at 26¢ Hemmed Linen Huck Towels, all white,

200 dozen of them; matchless value at, each..... Hemmed Turkish Bath Towels, full bleached; best Bath Towel 27c ever offered for the money . 27c

Rubdry" Bath Towels, in all sizes: made of long-fiber Egyptian Cotton; it absorbs the water immediately; 25c to \$1.00 each.



Basement Specials

1000 "Lindsay" Incandescent Gas Lights, with by-pass, white opal globe, mantle, etc., all ready to set on the gasjet; great special value at, each..... 'Lindsay'' Gas Lights, complete, without by-pass, each.... 68¢ Portable Gas Lamp, complete with green shade, tubing, etc.; regular \$4.25 value, on sale for \$3.59 Slightly damaged Niekel-plated Copperware on sale at won-

derfully low prices; grand bargains-2-pint Coffee Pots....... 60¢ No. 7 Teakettles, each... 65¢ 3-pint Coffee Pots...... 65c No. 8 Teakettles, each. . 70c 4-pint Coffee Pots...... 70c No. 9 Teakettles, each ... 80c 6-pint Coffee Pots......80¢ 3-pint Niekel-plated Royal Coffee Pots, each............95¢

All sizes of Glazed Jardiniers at reduced prices, Slightly damaged Wash Boilers, all-copper, copper rim, copper All lines of Kitchen Goods at the lowest prices,

Women's Neckwear at Very Tempting Prices for Today

More good bargains in Women's Attractive Neckwear-The prettiest styles, the largest variety-Take advantage



White embroidered Pique Stocks, assorted designs; new styles without tabs; 50c Rever and Cuff Sets of basketweave material with bias lawn binding and narrow revers of white butchers' linen; 35e and 50e values, for. 25c
Special reductions on all Lace Cape Collars, Net-top and Venise Applique effects, Vassar's Turnovers of dainty narrow embroidery, divided front, scroll and machine hemstitching; great value, each 10c Croat Stocks with embroidered stoles, white and all the leading shades; 65e and 49c

Handkerchiefs

Women's hemstitched, embroidered demi-laundered Handkershiefs demi-laundered Handkershi assorted putterns, all pure li-regular lic values, on sale

Special display of new hand-em-broidered all pure linen Handker-chiefs, in exquisite designs at prices from \$1.00 to \$50.00 each.

Blanket Sale

borders fine quality and every pair worth \$5.50; deal with a prominent mill enables us to offer them at pair..... \$4.87 Light gray Blankets, the best in-expensive Blankets on the market; full size, regular \$1.00 \$2.95 value, for, pair \$2.95 Comforters, white language cotton filled; securely tuffed or stitched;

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400 pairs of Women's Kid and Patent Leather Shoes on sale today at an unusually low price. Lace and blucher styles; light or heavy soles -- All good desirable footwear of Standard manufacture - All sizes and widths-Equal to best \$3.50 advertised lines-Buy them today at the low \$2.18 price of, pair ..

200 pairs of Women's spring-heel Storm Rubbers, suitable for low and spring-heel shoes, sizes 21/6

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Limited quantity of Women's black German Lisle Hose, medium weight, with ankles embroidered in colors, elaborate designs and Oriental colorings and designs, embroidered polka-dots in red, blue, white and black, also elaborate floral designs; fine

Women's plain Lisle Hose, in the new pastel shades with embroidall sizes; best \$1.00 values, on sale at this low price, pr. .79c ered clocks; beaver, wine, Russian green, gray, etc.; Women's 1x1-rib black Cashmere Hose, all sizes; regular 35e grade, on sale at this low price. pair

Boys' 1x1-rib Cashmere Hose, double knee, gray heel and toe; all sizes; regular 50c value, on sale for this price. Boys' 2x1-rib Cashmere Hose, double knee, gray heel and toe; all sizes; regular 50e values, on sale for, pair Misses' black Cashmere Hose, sizes 5 to 81/2, Ix1-rib,

double knee and sole, 35c and 40c values, on sale for, pr. 27c Women's plain black Cotton Hose, light or medium weight, all sizes; best 50e values on sale few days at ... 37c