

element of doubt. I see no objection to the repeal of the ten per cent tax on state bank currency as a compromise with those who want more money in circulation. Under one condition the absolutely free coinage of silver and gold alike might be agreed to as a compromise. That condition is that both be deprived of their legal tender quality and be placed upon their intrinsic merits."

That the grand jury will this week find indictments for manslaughter against Col. Ainsworth and the three other men who were with him committed by the coroner's jury for criminal negligence in connection with the killing of those who lost their lives by the falling of the floors in the old theater building is well-nigh certain, but their trials cannot take place till fall. Col. Ainsworth and two other of the indicted men are government officials, and neither of them has been suspended from office. Secretary Lamont has revoked his order appointing a military court of inquiry to look into Ainsworth's connection with the matter, and according to semi-official information neither the President nor the war department will take any further steps until the conclusion of the civil trial. Public opinion here is almost unanimous that these men should at least have been suspended from office pending their trial, but probably in no place in the country is public opinion quite so powerless as in Washington.

A delegation of French farmers sent to the United States by the government of France, to investigate our agricultural methods, are at present in Washington. The inspector general of the French department of agriculture is at the head of the delegation. Secretary Morton has been very attentive to the visitors and has given them pointers that will aid them in gathering information from their visit to the World's Fair.

Quite a flutter was caused a few days ago in one of the uptown hotels in which politicians congregate by the offer of a gentleman to wager one hundred dollars that no extra session of Congress would be held in September. An ex-congressman took him up. He then offered to duplicate the wager and when there was no taker offered to include October; by that time his apparent confidence had staggered the crowd, which appeared to think that he had some inside information of a contemplated change in program. Whether he really had such information or was merely endeavoring to create a sensation and was willing to pay for it is a question. The latter is more probable.

### THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The city school board met June 29th, President Nelson occupying the chair. All of the members except Beattie were in attendance. The following matters were read and referred to the proper committees:

Frederick Hodder applied for the position of carpenter of the board.

Harriet A. Partridge offered to sell the board a school site on the northeast corner of First West and Eighth South streets, 12x20 rods, for \$15,000.

Alexander Colcubon offered to con-

vey five lots in South Lawn addition, upon which the brick school building stands, to the board for a school site for the sum of \$3200.

The Gutta Percha & Rubber manufacturing company offered to furnish the board with corrugated matting at \$2.50 per hundred, and solicited an order.

Anna S. Moore, Santa Ana, Cal.; Mary A. Plomdoil and Miss I. B. Sturges, city; Bell M. Easkine, Laramie, Wyo.; Anna C. Price and Annie Anderson, city; applied for positions as teachers.

Contractor Henegen called attention to the fact that he had completed his contract for the erection of the Jackson school building, and asked that it be accepted.

The committee on sites and buildings reported that they had examined the Jackson school building and recommended that it be accepted, subject to the recommendation of the certificate of the superintendent of buildings attached. Adopted.

The clerk reported that he had turned over to the treasurer the sum of \$83 derived from the sale of old furniture, etc., and as a rebate on rent of the Blazer building in the Nineteenth ward. Filed.

The committee on furniture and supplies reported a list of the furniture needed in the various school buildings of the city and recommended that it be purchased. The total amounts to three carloads. Referred back to the committee.

Henry G. Meyer submitted the following bids for school supplies: Blackboards on paper ground, per square yard, seventy cents; on wall, per square yard, forty cents; reslating on old boards, per square yard, twenty-five cents; refashioning old desks, twenty-five cents each. Committee on furniture and supplies.

### JANITORIAL MATTERS.

The committee on furniture and supplies recommended that the services of the following janitors be dispensed with at the dates set opposite their names. Henry Wegland, Second school, June 30th, \$20 per month; Wm. Hind, Third school, June 30th, \$40 per month; Wm. White, Ninth school, June 30th, \$25 per month; Geo. Carter, Sixteenth school, June 30th, \$30 per month; Isaac Martin, Hunter and Sixteenth Church vestry rooms, June 15th, \$50 per month; Charles Hunt, Seventeenth school, June 30th, \$35 per month; Joseph Derbidge, Nineteenth school and Blazer building, June 30th, \$57 per month; John Flower, Hooper school, June 15th, \$45 per month; R. H. Bradford, Davis school, June 15th, \$10 per month; August Nordval, Normal school, June 15th, \$15 dollars per month; Clara Graves, Ontario school, June 15th, \$12 per month; Christian Stevenson, Liberty Park school, June 15th, \$15 per month; Francis Edmunds, church vestry rooms, Tenth ward, June 15th, \$15 per month; Wm. Knight, Lincoln Park School, June 15th, \$10 per month; Adelaide Bergon, South Lawn school, June 15th, \$10 per month.

The same committee also recommended that the following janitors be employed at half salary during July and August:

Jane McRhee, Fourth school, \$10 per month; Thomas Timmine, Fifth

school, \$5; John Reynolds, \$25 per month for taking care of Eighth and Ninth schools; Pauline Broman, full pay, \$20; Niels Milander, Tenth school, \$25; Mrs. Williams, Bryant school, \$30; Mrs. Baker, Twelfth school, \$15; Otto Eichorn, Thirteenth school, \$15; James Willard, Twenty-first school, \$25; Blanch O'Dea, Cone school, \$5; Albertine Strubo, Folsom school, \$7.50; Maggie Lordan, Helas building, Twenty-third school, \$10; James Lee, High school, \$3.

The committee further reported that they had removed the furniture from the following buildings: Lincoln Park school to old First ward building, South Lawn school same, Liberty Park school same, Hunter school to Jackson school, Sixteenth ward vestry-room to Jackson school, Hooper school to Washington school, Eighth ward vestry-room to Eighth school St. Clair building to Third school, Tenth ward vestry to Tenth school, Sixteenth school to Jackson school.

Adopted.

### TEACHERS AND SCHOOL WORK.

The committee on teachers and school work recommended that 500 copies of a manual containing the rules and regulations of the superintendent, teachers, principals and janitors, and the course of study for the use of the officers of the board, teachers, etc., be printed; that 1000 copies of the annual report of the officers of the board and different committees be printed; that a sixty-file Amberg cabinet be purchased for use in the superintendent's office; that the following school teachers be employed:

Name.	Salary per month.
Mary E. Hall.....	\$70
Ellen Bernard.....	75
Mrs. R. J. Selway.....	70
Bertha J. Curtis.....	70
Orcutt Cross.....	60

The same committee submitted the report of the clerk with reference to school books, showing the number lost and otherwise disposed of were 136, further, that the clerk had received from different teachers as fees for lost and damaged books and slates the sum of \$72.85, which they had recommended be paid over to the treasurer; also, that the books and supplies belonging to the board had been collected from the different buildings, which would be properly protected until the opening of the schools this fall and then distributed. Adopted.

### COSTS OF PRINTING BONDS.

The same committee reported that the printing of the 225 \$1000 bonds would cost \$320 and that the proof could be obtained in three weeks from June 28th, and asked that they be given authority to have the bonds printed. Adopted.

### TO HASTEN THE WORK.

The committee on sites and buildings reported that the person who contracted to furnish brick for the Wasatch school building, to the assignee of the late contractor, had failed to fulfil his contract, and the building would not be completed by September 1st, unless a change be made immediately, and requested that they be authorized to change the specification to either red shale brick, at an additional cost of not to exceed \$500, or to first-class common brick at a deduction from the contract price, of not less than ——— dollars, and