Report of Discussion Before the Omaha Board of Education.

PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCES

PEARSE TAKES BACK CHARGE OF FRAUD

Smaller Receipts from Fines Shown to Be in No Way Chargeable to Interception or Misappropriation.

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In a schools, and if he has hot done it, it is a liftle inconsistent to be so anxious, so over-earnest about the matter of school taxation. Now, us to the fact of responsibility, per-haps that is all I should say. That is all that was implied, all that was said, and anyone who reads anything else into the statements here reads in something through intendo and over-sensitiveness. This says: "During most of the time, for many years, the machinery by which police court ines are produced, if produced at all (and as a matter of fact during a good deal of this time they have hardly been produced it all), has been in control of the editor of the paper referred to, and of his political associates." I speak but the common re-port when I say that I believe this gentle-man has influence, and that his wish is often potent with his political associates. I do him the credit of thinking it is and everyhody in Omaha does him that credit. As to whether or not that influence has been consistent, I have taken a little prins to look the matter up, and I thing the peo-ple of the community perhaps understand pretty well how police court fines are pro-duced. I do not care, and I think that no one connected with the schools cares to go into the question of whether or not the practice formeriy existing should be con-tinued. I am not here to say, and I have never said, that the vractice of fining the practice formeriy existing should be con-tinued. I am not here to say, and I have never said, that the vractice of fining the unfortunate women of the form every month, should be continued. There has been no disposition on my part to say that, and I have never felt that anyone con-nected with the schools ought to say it. I have merely made the statement of fact that ne money, in any appreciable amount, comes to the school fund from pelice court fines.

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Excuses for Judge Gordon. Now, as to whether they might or might not come, as formerly, it is well known that police court fines, if produced at all, as this paragraph stated, come through the co-operation of certain agencies: First, the fire and police commission, headed by the mayor of the city. That commission is one of the agencies; it has control of the police force. Policemen as a rule follow the instructions of their superiors, in a general way. If the policy of the commis-nion were to collect those fines as formerly, the policemen would proceed to do their part of the work. After they have arrested the offenders the offenders are taken to jall and are charged with whatever offenses they are supposed to have committed, and their cases come up for trial-for prosecu-tion we have the other trial-for prosecu-

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b through the police court. I am very sorty of that we have not been able to go out affine that we have not been able to go out affine set drunk and smash plate glass windows, or rules Cain generally so as to be conveyed by the police patrol and made to contribute to the police fund. I hope that any of my friends, should they get into that condition, will be credited for the amount that they pay into the school fund. I have never had any such credit.
I am sorty that this whole matter came up. It is not an agreeable thing. It is no spirit of sensitiveness at all that impelied me. If this had been a charge of political mavioulation, or anything of that sort, I would ignore it, but here is a grave charge so specific, and it meemed to be as plain as could be to read between the lines, that by some means myself and my associates have curtailed the income of the schools derived from police court fines. The charge is able to make such light fines that they amounted to nothing, and by that police can ascertain without much trouble.
I truth is the former police funds was created by the police court fines have been growing. The truth is the former police could not be dislodged for years and years. That they amount to to making political friends by the police, or make such light fines that they amount due to nothing, and by that policy he made himself very popular and could not be dislodged for years and years. That they are they discussed free from personal aspersion and without seeking to throw odum upon myself or other men.
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myself or other men. Fearse's Parting Words. Mr. Pearse, replying: The gentleman per-haps did not understand me when I said that never have I, or any member of this board, advocated the collection of blood money. The gentleman himself acknowl-edges that this was done, for a limited ume, during the exposition. So far as appears, there is nothing in the law which prevents it being done; but I do not ad-vocate it, nor do I think any member of this board advocates it. I do not think that the great mass of the people of Omaha are crying out in misery under the tax laid for the support of the public schools. I do my-l said it in the beginning and Fast it again-that for a man who, with his political associates, might have pro-duced a considerable revenue in this way referred to during a considerable part of this time-that for a man so placed to be to be a little inconsistent. I wish to repeat what I said before, and what, as I judge from the gentleman's re-marks, he must have misunderstood, that there has been no aspersion cast upon any periteman in Omaha, nor any charge of dis-honesty or of corruptly receiving funds beions conspiring to defraud the school fund. The fact has been stated that the money dige Gordon-has Characterized Judge Gordon's course and imputed motives to Judge Gordon is characterized Judge for dongen; that is all. There is this to be said: I do not need to judge Gordon-has characterized Judge for don's course and imputed motives to Judge Gordon-has characterized Judge for don's course and imputed motives to Judge Gordon is while he was in the any that the gentleman's political associates, in control of the polic department, meg-inter all. I do not care to cast aspersions with the police force and department. I hardly think it is fair, however, to go into with the police force and department. I hardly think it is fair, however, to go into with the police force and department. I hardly think it is thar, however, to go into with the police forc

that phase of Judge Gordon's record with-out presenting some other matters for com-parison. There is nothing in all this that charges this gentleman or his associates with cor-ruption, or with misgathering or misappro-priating public funds. But I want to say again now, with reference to the gentle-man's disposition to read between the lines, that if some of us had read between the lines in some of the newspapers of Ornaha we might have read ourselves into almost any attitude or almost any place of confine-ment. To read between the lines some-thing which is not stated, hardly seems to be required.

OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

A little girl of 9 years skipped the rope 200 times in Pittsburg, Pa., in competition with other children, and died soon after of heart disease. "Old Friendship," the fire engine that George Washington helped to pull through the streets of Alexandria, Va., when he was a young man, will be shown at the St. Louis World's fair.

The loss of life from accidents and dis-asters in the United States last year wers: Fires, 1.792; drowning, 2471; explosions, 736; failing buildings, etc., 474; steam railways, 4,090; electric rallways mines, 788; cyclones and storms, 487; light ning, 139. If he thinks proper to prosecute them upon the charges, taken before the police judge. The co-operation of all of these three agen-cles is necessary to produce police court

Orchard & Wilhelm Carpet Co.

Invite you to look through their store this week. All the interesting productions for spring house furnishings are on exhibit. Special attention will be given to the showing of the new goods.

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Real Arabian Curtains, hand made French Cluny with wide insertion and edge all linen-imported new designs in Brussels and Irish Point and Bonne Femme. Goods bought in the ordinary way would be sold for much more, these are very special, at, per pair, \$5.75.

At \$7.50 we place on sale a line of Brussels, Irish Point, linen Cluny, hand made Arabian and Battenburg goods that have sold from \$10 to \$12.50 per pair, but a fortunate purchase has enabled us to offer these at \$7.50 per pair.

Cluny Curtains, with 4-inch insertion, 2-inch edge, 31 yards long, 50 inches wide-Arabian Curtains, hand made, 50 styles in the new spring goods. Extra heavy, double net, Brussels Curtains, any of these you will find considerable under priced for the quality of goods and in this spring opening sale, at, pair \$9.50.

25 styles of Arabian Curtains, hand made. Duchess Curtains, our own importation, also imported hand drawn madras curtains-by importing these direct we are enabled to offer you \$17.50 to \$22 values at, special, pair, \$13.75.

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CURTAIN SWISS

36 inches wide, special, per yard, Sic 36 inches wide, extra quality, special, per yard, 121c.

42 inches wide, special, per yard, 221c. 48 inches wide, extra quality, special, per yard, 45c.

French madras, 48 inches wide, special, per yard, 45c.

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Odd lot made from best hand made opaque and duplex cloth, special, each, while they last, 371c.

Hand made opaque shades, made to order, any size, in lots of not less than 15, for any private residence, during this week, at, each, 65c.

1886, 1880 or 1897, it certainly was not the editor of The Bee. I do not think I con-trolled the action of Judge Gordon, who had charge of the police court, any more than I control the action of the present police judge. If there was a falling off of receipts from fines, it was by reason of the discontinuance of the system. In order to make that fact more specific and more clear, I will read the figures given me by the city treasurer.

Police Court Fines.

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This represents the total collected and turned into the city treasury by the police court, of which about one-half has been credited to the school fund.

So you will note in the year 1908 there was more than double the amount collected than the aggregate collected in the police court in 12%, and even in 1896. I realize that the periodical reference to the alleged absorp-tion of police court fines has been made to blacken men's characters and to make the men and women of Omaha who like decency and public honor look with contemps upon the men allowed to be acconsidered with the men and women of Omaha who like decency and public honor look with contempt upon the men alloged to be connected with this matter. When some of these "well-defined rumors," as they were called, were circu-lated some time ago I took about as much pains as anybody to accertain whether there was any foundation for them; whether anybody in the community was paying blackmail, or anybody was being protected for money in vice or crime. I made a searching inquiry and so did the grand jury called later, and I thought when the police commission came into the bands and jury called later, and I thought when e police commission came into the hands men who were politically at war with one smirched by that report they, with a police and detectives and all the ma-nery of the police in this city, would dis-ver something if there were any actual it behind it. But they have failed, and it ims to me that the mouth of every hon-oble man should be scaled fit regard to it matter.

Right of Criticism.

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been hardly a year in which the question of how much money to raise and how best to expend it has not been presented to the members of the Board of Education: first, from their own desire to do the best thing possible for the schools, and then because there have been citizens, and also writers in the public press, who have thought proper to criticise the course which the Board of Education has taken. For these reasons I should have been glad to have Mr. Rosewater present any figures he might have obtained. I should have no fear of the result. Schools Come High in Ometa.

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prosecutor and the police judge. These are the three agencies through which fines are produced. It has been the fashion during much of the time to attribute all this falling off in police beench. New, I am not here to state how much of the falling off has been due to the police judge or to his jaxity. It is not impossible that the police judge, seeing brought to him a very small propor-tion of the offenders whom he knew to be going about, and who ought to be arrested and brought before him, might feel that he did not care to do a very heavy business. If such a condition existed, the police judge might not care to fine those he did see. On the other hand, if the city prosecutor does not care to prosecute the offenders who are arrested by the pelice, the jail might be full of effenders, and if the prose-cutor does not bring them before the judge there are no fines imposed and none col-lected. Then, too, if the police do not ar-rest the offenders, they cannot come into the hands of the city prosecutor nor before the police judge. Causot Fix Blame on Any One. The series of the result. I should have no feasible for results. Second Come High is Ornshas. To see more to light is Ornshas. To see more to light is Costs more to the full costs more to maintain the public schools of Ornsha than it would cost if the full costs more to maintain the full costs more to maintain the full costs more to maintain the full costs more to full the schools of Ornsha that it would cost if the full costs more to full the schools of Ornsha the full set of the full costs more to full the schools of the full costs more to full the schools of Ornsha the schools the full cost of the full cost and who ought to be arrested and from the cost in more full set. It is and the members of the board who cost full to the arrest to full to the schools of Ornsha the school the schools of Ornsha the school the schools and the cost is less, and in others more to full the school the schools and the cost is less, and in others more the schools have been maintained at about the full ef effortders, they demond and none collection of cluy and schools and the cost is less, and in others more to maintained at about the full ef effortders, and it the prove- wurdent were more the schools were able to be the schools and the cost is less, and in others more to maintain the school the schools of the schools and the cost is less, and in others more to maintain the school the schools of the school of the school the school the schools the school the sc

whether there ought to be is not for me to say, nor for you gentiemen to say. The fact is that for many years—a considerable number of years—if any one of these links has been weakened, then the chain has been no strenger than its weakest link. As a result police court fines could not be pro-duced, and if not produced they could not be collected.

ary to say or to infer, for anyone even to think that anyone's political associates are of the class of people from whom police court fines are produced, and that if they were

thes are produced, and that if they were not taken into police court no police court fines would be collected. It is not necessary to think any such thing as that But the fact remains that fines have not been as-sessed, and this money has not been pro-duced. A chain is no stronger than its weakest link, and if any of these links has been unwilling that police court fines should be produced they could not be pro-duced.

duced. I have not sought an opportunity to say these things, but it appears to me that when a question is brought to our attention in this way we have to meet it. I can only add that I do not think it worth while to be so sensitive about these things; it does not seem to me that the occasion requires it, nor does it seem to me that the gentio-man has put a fair interpretation upon words which are certainly very plain.

Responsibility for Police.

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A kitten was lately brought up on an exclusively vegetable diet by a London family of vegetarians. The result is that it will not touch animal food, and pays no attention to rats or mice that are pur-posely permitted to wander across its range of vision.

There is no question but that all the police court fines collected are paid into the school fund. Here are the three links in the chain: the police force, the city prosecutor and the police judge. These are the three agencies through which fines of vision. Barbora Honora Venus Brown-Ryan, a Boston character for many years past, was arrested for vagrancy the other day, and upon being scarched 36,000 was found con-cealed in her clothing. She was permitted to depart from the court room in peace, but with a warning to keep off the streets. Chicago crocets a new freak in the con-Chicago reports a new freak in the con-fingration line. A chicken coop took fire in some way. Some of the chickens, with feathers aflame, ran into their owner's home and set the woodwork afire. Five hundred dollars' damage was done to the IOUES.

house. A man in Ohio who had three sweet-hearts willed \$10,000 to each on his death. He would have married any of the trio. but was afraid of breach of promise suits from the two deserted. So he married none, but shared his money equally among all. So tender and just a heart ought to be preserved in alcohol.

be preserved in alcohol. In Nagasaki, Japan, there is a fireworks maker who manufactures pyrotechnic birds of great size that, when exploded, sail in a lifelike manner through the air and per-form many movements exactly like those of living birds. The secret of making these wonderful things has been in possession of the eldest child of the family of each generation for more than 400 years. Mrs. Sonbia Heilman Davis area 100.

generation for more than 400 years. Mrs. Sophia Heilman Davis, aged 100, whose descendants number eighty-four per-sons, and who was one of the oldest resi-dents of Somerset county. Pennsylvania, died recently of allments due te old age at the home of her son-in-law. Amos Kurtz, at Addison, Somerset county. Among her surviving relatives are two sisters, both of whom passed the century mark several years age.

whom passed the century mark several years age. Some congressmen were talking of queer things seen on tombstones. Mr. Johnson of South Carolina saw this in a village graveyard in his state: "Erected to the memory of John Dawson, who was acci-dentally shot as a mark of affection by his brother." This reminded Mr. Gregs of Texas of an inscription he saw in an Arkansas graveyard. "This stone is sakred to the memry of William Hardy who comes to his death by fooling with Colt revolver, one of the old kind brass mounted, and of such is the Kingdom of heaven." Dr. W. E. Young of New York City mounds a note of warning against the all but universal practice of shaking hands. "A small parasite." says Dr. Young, "at-tacks the paim of the hand and readily communicates itself to the handshaker. The parasite carries his family with him and he is most difficult to disiodge." The dedic on the upper cast side of. New York and is most prevalent among those whose business or social duties call for frequent contacts. So far thirty cases have been placed under observation, and in all of them the parasite was found present.





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