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In the death of James W. Scott, proprietor and publisher of the Chicago Times Herald, journalism has lost one of its brightest lights. He was one of the most popular men of his profession.

The house of representatives has passed the kindergarten bill, introduced by Representative Bryan, of this district. This bill is a good one and should become a law. It provides that the voters of the districts may add a kindergarten department to the public schools, the expense of same to come out of the local school fund.

We would have more faith in President Cleveland's frantic appeals to his party in favor of "sound finance" if we could only forget, or ignore the fact that this same Mr. Cleveland, during the campaign in which he was elected to his present exalted position, stood upon and endorsed a platform in favor of "wild cat" and "red-dog" currency.

The prevailing scarcity of cattle throughout the country is having its effect on the local market, and in consequence, the price of beef has gone up a notch. The big packing houses of Chicago deny the rumor that there is a combination in effect among them, and lay the cause of the dearth to the extended drought in the west, which caused the farmers to dispose of their young stock, leaving none for future shipments.

The following is Attorney General Maloney's decision in regard to the matter of publishing treasurer's reports in newspapers:

"That each and every public officer, elected or appointed, of each and every county and township in this state, who shall, by virtue of his or her office, have the custody of public funds, shall, at the expiration of each fiscal year, prepare a statement of the amount of public funds received and expended by him or her during the fiscal year just closed; which statement shall show the amount of public funds, if any, on hand at the commencement of said fiscal year, the amount of public funds received, and from what sources received, the amount of public funds expended, and for what purposes expended; and the officer making such statement shall subscribe and swear to the same before some person authorized to administer oaths, and such officer shall cause such statement to be published in some newspaper published in the county in which such officer holds his or her office, for one week."

The caucus for members of Board of Education, Tuesday evening, was well attended and much good natured interest manifested. F. D. Lindley was renominated for president and Prof. Nourse, J. W. Worley and Eugene Farrar for members. The nominees are capable men as were all the candidates voted for. These positions are important and trying places to fill. They involve much sacrifice of time and labor and no remuneration is attached, except the consciousness of having faithfully performed one's duty. There is always more or less complaint and censure as to methods, and when the greatest care is observed the board is still subject to criticism. Our conditions are peculiar, owing to the almost unparalleled growth in population in the district for the last few years, rendering our present facilities too small for the number of pupils. This problem, we suppose, will have to be solved temporarily by renting additional rooms, but that is, at best, only a temporary expediency, and the question of building must confront the people of the district, and that very soon. It is a thankless task to be a school officer and always will be, from the fact that people's views as to methods differ and we cannot all see alike. Another great difficulty is that a school is not a money making institution—has to be supported and kept up absolutely by putting our hands down in our pockets and paying for it all the year around and taxpayers are justly concerned and sensitive as to how their money is expended.

We believe, in fact we know, that the people of the district should get closer to those having charge of our school interests—consult with them and ascertain the reasons for methods employed and give counsel and advice. Experience has taught us that such a course adopted by the taxpayers and patrons of the school would be highly appreciated by those having school interests in charge.

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