

LESSON IN AMERICAN HISTORY IN PUZZLE



MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA. THE FIRST CONFEDERATE CAPITAL.
Find Jefferson Davis.

Delegates from seven southern states met at Montgomery, Ala., on February 4, 1862, for the purpose of forming a southern confederacy. Howell Cobb, of Florida was chosen to preside. On the ninth of the same month an election was held for a provisional president and vice president, and Jefferson Davis, of Mississippi, was chosen for the former and Alexander H. Stephens for the latter office. The provisional government existed until March 11, 1862, when a permanent constitution was adopted and the permanent government was established at Richmond. Mr. Davis, the president of the confederacy, was a graduate of West Point; had commanded a regiment of Mississippi troops in the war with Mexico, and had served in the regular army with considerable credit to himself.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The Board of Education for Dist. 107, which includes most of Highland Park, is having its share of troubles these days. Eleven teachers have been employed for the coming year—not including one at the Port Clinton school—and there are only eight rooms in which to accommodate these teachers and their pupils. These conditions have been met during the school year just closed by temporary arrangements, such as renting a room in the high school building and using two small recitation rooms in the grammar school building. In one of these small rooms fifth grade children have been packed like the proverbial sardines. Fortunately for the Board the parents of these children have registered no complaint.

The Board deliberated several weeks as what to do for another year, and finally decided to recommend to the voters the erection of a nine room addition to the grammar school building. At the elect-

ion held to ascertain the wishes of the voters, a majority cast votes against the proposition of the Board.

Then the Board began negotiations with the township Board of Education to try to secure three rooms in the high school building. After some deliberation the Township Board announced its inability to grant the use of rooms. There were several reasons for arriving at such a decision. The high school will probably need next year the room occupied by the 8th grade this year. There are three other rooms not in use but they are in an unfurnished condition. It would require over \$1000 to fit them up for occupancy, and, as the rental would be only a small part of that the township Board does not feel justified in expending such a large sum at this time.

The proposition of the grammar school Board involved the attendance of more than 110 pupils in the high school building. This is a greater enrollment than that of the entire high school. The

problem of management would be difficult of solution, and it was thought that it would not be possible to adjust matters so that the work of the high school would not be more or less embarrassed by the presence of so many children in the same building. It was pointed out, too, that the grade children would of necessity have to do without recess and recreation periods.

Finally the township Board expressed the opinion that it was strictly without its legal rights to use the building for any other purpose than that of township high school. District 107 pays less than one-third of the expense of maintenance of the high school, and, naturally, is not entitled to special favors that could not be accorded to the larger tax paying body outside of District 107. The opinion was expressed that the Township Board might have been enjoined at any time this past year for permitting the use of the room for the 8th grade, and that only a serious emergency would justify that Board in extending such accommodations. It was intimated that no such emergency exists inasmuch as District 107 is quite able to erect modern buildings, if the people desire to do so.

The failure of these negotiations leaves the grammar school Board under the necessity of trying to rent three school rooms some where else. A committee secured an option on the 2nd floor of the Brand building which was at one time occupied by the high school. There are three rooms which can be heated by a furnace, but only one of them is large enough for the least number of pupils that must be accommodated in one room. For 40 pupils in a room there should be floor space of about 600 feet, so a room should be 20x30 in size. Of course the use of a room for school purposes implies a reasonably high ceiling, good lighting and provisions for a constant supply of pure air. These conditions do not exist in the building above mentioned. There are no toilet rooms in the building.

At the Board meeting held on Wednesday evening it was deemed best to come to no decision for the present, and more time was given to the committee to open

negotiations with owners of residences with reference to securing school room space. A proposition to divert a sufficient sum from the building fund with which to erect a temporary wooden annex on the present school grounds was discussed at some length but laid over until the next meeting. Grades 6, 7 and 8 are thus at present unprovided with quarters for the next year. About 110 pupils are included in these grades.

A committee report upon feasible sites for a new building on the west side of the track developed the fact that the most desirable location is not available. The owner refuses to make any price upon it for its use as a school site. Two other sites less desirable were reported as available.

HIGHWOOD.

The "Colts" won a game from Deerfield last Sunday, the score being 9 to 0.

Alderman D. H. Murphy returned from West Baden, last Wednesday after 10 days absence slightly improved in health.

Mayor and Mrs. Gibbs, City Clerk and Mrs. Brady, and Mrs. Murphy spent last Sunday as guests of Jas. Sullivan, 37th and Wabash avenue, Chicago.

Inspector General Heyl, of the Department of the Lakes, visited Fort Sheridan Thursday and inspected the troops, the grounds and the post in general. Col. McCasky was praised for the excellent condition in which everything was found. There are now about sixteen hundred men at the Fort.

The Fort Sheridan Volunteer Fire Department will hold their first annual picnic and ball at Fort Sheridan Park, Wednesday afternoon and evening, June 24. Under the reorganization it promises to be a great success. The property owners should give it all the encouragement possible.

Rev. Father Morrissey, accompanied by Mayor Gibbs, City Clerk Brady and Wm. Mockler, visited Bishop Quigley in Chicago last Thursday, in the interests of building a Catholic church in our city. The Bishop expressed himself as pleased at the interest shown by local Catholics, and directed them to secure a good lot in a prominent location and proceed with the good work.

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