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THE SALARIES OF TEACHERS.—The Worst ambitions of the friends of the public Schools of the city have been realized The Republican and American aldermen have expressed, more forcibly than by any language they could have used, their disapprobation of the school system, and their determination to cripple it—We say this because their action was not called for by any public sentiment, nor demanded by any exigency of the times. It is universally admitted that business prospects are favorable, and that our city is rapidly recovering from the financial revulsion. The city has been paying teachers no higher salaries than are now paid in Cleveland and many other western cities, and lower than teachers at Boston, New York, Chicago and St Louis, are receiving. The consequence, especially, of the Principals of schools and departments no more than adequate for the services rendered—it is still be impossible to secure competent and experienced teachers at the salaries named, *for the reason* that better pay can be obtained elsewhere, and the consequence will be that an inferior grade of teachers must be employed, the character of the schools will deteriorate, and thus the purpose of a mere handful of men in the community will be secured.

The above, and much more to the same purpose, is from the *Courier* of yesterday morning—a paper which, on all occasions, has shown such a fondness for Treasury pap, that even the late Common Council, composed of a large majority of its political friends, and disposed to do all in their power for its support, found it impossible to satisfy its rapacious appetite, save by the grossest and most palpable violations of the city charter and of all equity of conscience The people, at the very election, having removed all pecuniary temptation from its path for the ensuing year, the *Courier* suddenly becomes energetically virtuous, and virulently indignant at the effort to carry out the wishes of the people, as expressed at the polls, and open its batteries upon the new Council, before a single members are sworn in their seats

As said yesterday, we are not prepared to approve or condemn the action of the new Council in reducing the salaries of teachers to so great an extent *for*, while it appears to us that a more moderate reduction would have answered every necessary purpose, we are aware all such a reduction, that the main issue which divided the people at the polls in November last, and which effected the overthrow of the Democracy was a prompt and thorough reduction of the expenses in all branches of the city government This, we say, was the most the only real issue and as has rarely happened in such cases the people were in earnest in regard to it and adopted the only available course to bring about the desired reform, by changing the entire politics at completion of the Council and substituting intelligent tax payers in their stead who simply had a passenger interest in the welfare and prosperity of the city The members of the new Council justly felt that this emphatic expression of public sentiment could not be disregarded, and they promptly took steps and devised means to carry out the wishes of their constituents

In opposing the remedy prescribed in the various aldermanic, it was discovered to use a vegetable compound that a host of numbers had sprung up about the original plant, all of which only impeded the natural and healthy development of the system, at the expense of the City Treasury These have been promptly lopped off or trampled and wholly eradicated and if in the search for the true and thoroughly and reparative remedy the new Council has dealt more vigorously than was necessary, and has in some instances inflicted a wound up on the object which it was laboring to protect it only serves as a matter of judgment committed in a good cause and under the influence of motives which the people have no reason to condemn in future The attempt of the Democracy to defeat from this measure a settled purpose of the city, to the part of the Americans and Republicans to which are common school system to ridiculously absurd Republicans will show that those who supported the ticket in November fall in that city pay less taxes than those who have supported our common schools The Democracy there asserts that it is unfriendly education to reduce the salaries of teachers and that our city is disgraced by doing so the assertion is false in almost every particular—and is only made for the purpose of creating a false impression abroad Where are the evidences of such a state of affairs? Where are the evidences of such a state of affairs? Where are the evidences of such a state of affairs?