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The Services and Salaries of Our School Teachers.

It has almost grown into a proverb that clergymen and school teachers are the worst paid persons in a community. With a few exceptions, these professions-one of which has charge of the soul and the other of the mind of mankind-are supported rather by charity than from any sense of obligation on the part of the people. And yet no one will deny that the powers entrusted to them are of the most vital importance, not only to the individual, but to the State. We would at present speak merely of the injustice done to the school teachers. In order that a person may be fitted for the position of an instructor or instructress of youth, it is necessary that a long previous course of training be gone through with. At the same time, ability is needed, and the time consumed in teaching, as well as that taken up in preparation, demands suitable/recompense for the investment. Yet, in our city-and the same is true, to a great extent, everywhere-the teacher is paid less than the hod-carrier or scavenger. The ladies who engage in it, with all their refinement and education, receive a salary hardly better than that of an ordinary house servant. We do not believe that the justiceloving people of our good old municipality can be aware of the miserable pittance paid to those who are moulding the minds of their children. Let us look at the figures.

The Principal of a Grammar School-a gentleman of long experience and undoubted culture being required-receives \$1500 per annum. Upon this he is supposed to support his family; for it is not designed by those who arranged the tariff of salaries, that, like the Roman Church, inducements should be held out to cellbacy. As this sum is not one which can be increased hereafter, but is the ultima thule of all the hopes of the teacher. we can see how much he is able to lay by, in anticipation of approaching old age. It he can manage to keep his family in bread, and with sufficient clothes to make them appear respectable, he deserves to be congratulated, much less to lay aside anything for the future. If the case of a male Principal is a hard one, how much more painful is that of the female teacher! The Principal of a Girls' Grammar School receives \$750 a year, while all other lady teachers receive from \$450, the maximum, to \$300, the minimum, in recompense for their labor of seven hours a day and years of preparation. Let us see how they can live on what they on an average receive, which is \$350. This sum yields them a trifle less than seven dollars per week. If the instructres: were alone in the world, with no one to support but herself, she might with difficulty find board for that entire sum, although we have our doubts if she could succeed. But at least \$100 are needed for clothing, etc., which leaves the magnificent sum of five dollars a week for living at the present rate of prices. If a mother is dependent upon her exertions, or if small brothers and sisters, as is too frequently the case, look to her for daily bread, the rich reward which the city makes to her servants must cause the little ones to bless the liberality of the age. Until recently, this utterly minute fragment of a salary was decreased by the necessity of selling the warrants at a discount of 10 to 14 per cent. At present, however, this is remedied, and the whole amount due is paid by the City Treasurer. We have sought, by figures supplied by the annual report of the School Controllers, to show the crying injustice which is being day by day inflicted on the teachers of Philadelphia. Unless some increase of salaries be speedily adopted, we are at a loss to see how they can live through the winter. It has been a continual cause for surprise how, in the happiest times and warmest weather, life can be sustained at the rate of \$300 a year, and a family to support. But when the cold comes, when warm clothing and fire are necessary, what was before difficult then becomes an impossibility. Tom Hood sang of the wors of the sewing women of London in his "Song of the Shirt," but the wrongs of the lady teachers are as great as theirs, yet we have not heard a voice litted in their behalf. We are glad to understand that the teachers intend to make a combined effort to secure redress. A meeting of the entire profession will be held on Saturday afternoon at 3 P. M. at the Girls' Normal School, Sergeant s rest, above Ninth, at which fourteen hundred teachers will be present, and some action be taken in regard to the remedy of their grievances. The public are invited to also be present, and take part in the attenot to secure justice. We earnestly hope that the efforts will be successful, and a more adequate compensation secured. The city will be willing to bear the increased tax. provided justice be done. She asks non to starve who work for her. And we believe the day is come when the desired and deserved increase will be allowed, and those who form our children's minds placed beyond the fear of absolute penury. THE L. USE OF REPRESENTATIVES passed the bill yestera, providing for its organization hereafter. The chief feature of the bill is that no names of members inom a State not represented in the next preceding Congress are to be put upon the roll ot members for the orgruization of its successor.

Surratt's Reported Contession. It is asserted by way of telegraph from Rome that Surratt says that the assassination of the late President Lincoln was a preconcerted plot; that he (Surratt) carried direct from Jeff. Davis' Cabinet, at Richmond, the principal details of the plot to Washington; and that the assassination was not only in accordance with the desires of the Davis Cabinet, but was done by their directions and orders.

We have never been able to see the improbability which some profess to find in the idea that Mr. Lincoln's assessination was planned by the chiefs of the late Rebel Coniederacy. The full details of the plot, the time and manner of its execution, were necessarily left to those who should execute it, but that the idea itself was cherished throughout the whole Rebellion there is unfortunately too much evidence. We might quote almost column atter column from Southern journals, and from some Northern ones, published during the war, in which the assassination of Mr. Lincoln was threatened, justified, and urged; and we believe that not a single instance can be shown where any Rebel or Rebel-sympathizing journal or speaker rebuked such suggestions. A large reward was openly offered by a cit zen of one of the Rebel States for Mr. Lincoln's assassination, and the proposition, instead of being repudiated and denounced, was received with silent acquiescence or open applause. We have always believed that had tae murder of Mr. Lipcoln been accomplished before the downfall of Richmond, it would have been openly applauded by the Rebels generally, and Booth would have been hailed as a hero and deliverer.

The trouble was that Booth and his wretched associates had not sense enough to perceive that, after the overthrow of the military power of the Rebellion, their diabouical work would be too late to be of any avail in behalf of the "lost cause." They had become inspired with a fiendish malice against their intended victims, and they blandered on in obedience to a blind and unreasoning impulse, alike reckless of consequences to themselves or to the cause they would have served.

If Surratt is ever brought to trial, and shall see fit to make a clean breast of the matter, we have no doubt his revelations will be of a character to fully justify the popular judgment, which instantly fixed the crime of Mr. Lincoln's assassination, and the attempted assassination of Mr. Seward, upon higher parties than the miserable instruments used to perpetrate the deed.

REPORT OF THE SURGEON-GENERAL .--Dr. Joseph K. Batnes, Surgeon-General, has made his annual report to the Secretary of War, some parts of which are of interest. The amount supplied to the Bureau was \$5,386,064, the expenses were \$2,837,801, leaving a balance of \$2,546,457. The most valuable records of the Department are the mortuary papers, which comprise 16,000 folio volumes of Hospital Registers; 47,000 of Burial Records; 16,000 Pay Rolls, including 250,600 names of white and 20,000 of colored soldiers. The enormous size and value of such a collection demands that it be placed in the fire-proof building at present being prepared. The medical history of the war is being prepared with all convenient speed, the first volume being ready for the press. The records of the Department are invaluable in regard to the pensions due soldiers, and the Surgeon-General has advised the different pay departments of the death or discharge of 49,212 cases during the year. No other facts of general interest are contained in the document.



ME. WILSON'S bill for excluding the late Rebel States from participating in Presidential elections, until their practical relations with the Union shall have been declared by the law-making power of the Government, was reported from the Judiciary Committee of the House yesterday. This bill is similar to the one that was passed with reference to the Presidential election of 1864.

REAL BETATE SALE .- The following properties were cold at abetion at the Phradeiphra Exchange at neon to-day, by Mr. James A. Free-toan :

A BIG SWINDLE .- Quite a stir has been made amongst our German population by the bursting up of a building association and the disappearance of its Treasurer. The latter, Ber-nard Sperk, had also with tim, when he made his flight, all the assets of the institution, amounting to about \$14,000. For some time past, doubts of the soundness of the concern had filed the minds of its stockholders, and on Friday last there was quite a run on it to withdra w deposits. Since Saturday, Spenk has been missing, and it is said has gone to Canada to rusticate. His office furniture in Harmony street was removed cesterday, and the office closed. Some of the epositors have lost pretty heavily.

SCHOONER UPSET AND THREE LIVES Lost.-The schooner Thomas Limbard cap sized yesterday of Bombay Hook. She had a ull cargo of oysters on board at the tim Three men employed on the vessel, Robert Candeys, Thomas Calinnau, and Charles Stackhouse, were drowned. The captain, Michael McGuigan, and William Harkins were saved after being in the water some time, by a that happened to be in the neighborhood. T be chooler was owned by George R. Middleton, and his loss will amount to about \$4009.

DISTILLERY FRAUD .- At 12 M., to-day, a man named Henry Pottitt, residing at No. 123 Dock stree', was before Commissioner Smith on the charge of distilling without having paid the special tax. Information was given to the authorities by Henry A. Pauli. The hearing was postponed until to-morrow at the same time

I onden Sewage.—The experiments on the lower banks of the Thames, to test the produc-tive powers of the London sewage when applied to see sand, have thos far been attended with remarkable success.

End of Prayer .- At a council held by Queen Victoria, at Windsor, on the 19th of November, it was ordered that the prayer for relief from the cattle-plague should be discontinued.

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