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EDUCATION.

COMMON SCHOOLS. The annual report of the Superintendent of common schools exhibits the condition of that department in a highly satisfactory manner...

These facts are certainly of great importance, as they show the average annual cost for the tuition of each pupil to be about seven dollars and seventy cents...

Your attention is called to the fact that, notwithstanding the ample provision now made by law for the education of all persons between the ages of six and twenty-one years, large numbers of children are kept in school...

Four Normal Schools are now recognized as State institutions. The number of students attending them during the past year was 4,211...

A meeting of the presidents and other authorities of a number of our principal colleges was held in Harrisburg last winter, the object being to bring about a closer union of all our educational institutions...

The existence of the Military State Agency at Washington terminated on the 31st day of January...

At the last session of the Legislature an act was passed for the purpose of protecting the ballot-box against corruption and fraudulent voting...

It is his report the superintendent of Soldiers' Orphan Schools that the support from the State for the year ending December 31, 1887, to be \$236,970 26...

Nowwithstanding every possible effort has been made to economize the expenses of the present year, and to keep them as far as possible within the appropriation...

The schools are all in good condition and improving, and their usefulness is daily becoming more and more manifest among the most philanthropic institutions in the world's history...

Before the General Government appropriated public lands to the several States for the purposes of agricultural education, without any other means for its support than its own earnings...

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REVISION OF THE CIVIL CODE.

The Commissioners appointed to codify the statute laws of the State have recently finished the work assigned them, and with a prospect that it will be fully completed within the time prescribed by the legislative resolutions...

Among the subjects of importance to the citizens of Pennsylvania is the establishment of a State Department of Insurance. Such departments are in successful operation in several neighboring States...

It has been the misfortune of the State during the past year to lose by death two of her representatives in the Congress of the nation, Hon. Thaddeus Stevens, of the Ninth, and Hon. Darwin A. Finney, of the Twentieth districts...

The list of pardons issued during the past year will be found among the reports of the State, it is alleged that foreign life insurance companies alone paid tax last year on three million eight hundred thousand dollars of premiums received in Pennsylvania...

Every possible encouragement of volunteerism has been given, and notwithstanding the difficulties indicated it has resulted as follows: In 1886 there were eight volunteer companies in the State...

The pardon report will exhibit that many instances in which Executive clemency has been conferred, youthful offenders, and persons who have been the recipients of a trivial character of punishment, in all cases, should not be so severely punished...

In accordance with an act of the last session of the Legislature, the investigation and adjudication of the claims of citizens of several counties whose property was destroyed, damaged or appropriated during the rebellion...

A number of benevolent, charitable and other similar institutions annually receive appropriations from the State for their support. These appropriations, in most, if not in all cases, appear to have been expended in a judicious manner...

A preliminary report on the Susquehanna fisheries has been submitted by Col. James W. Worrall, civil engineer, and published under the authority of the Legislature in reference thereto. There are some facts which should be embodied in the report, but which cannot be given in detail in January...

The prevalence of contagious or epidemic diseases among cattle and other animals has for some years past been a matter of great concern to the State, and among the producers and consumers of meats in all of the States...

The foregoing subjects have been deemed of sufficient importance to have been presented to you for your information and consideration. Others may be presented to you in the future which may be worthy of special communications. It will be my constant care and determination to co-operate with you in the preservation of the measures that may tend to preserve and increase the prosperity of the State...

Without legislative authority, but believing my action would be sanctioned by the people, I have, by and through the aid of Hiram Corson and Messrs. C. C. Humes and A. Boyd Hamilton, commissioners to represent Pennsylvania at the meeting of the National Convention, and also incurred a pecuniary expense of about three hundred dollars, which I have expended in the manner indicated in the report...

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