



THE COLUMBIAN. BLOOMSBURG, PA.

Friday, January 14, 1881.

The State Editorial Association will meet at Harrisburg on January 18.

It is now generally believed that Blaine will be the nominee of the Republican party.

Judge Woods of Georgia has been appointed to fill the vacancy on the United States Supreme bench, caused by the resignation of Justice Strong.

There were two double hangings on the 6th. Hayes and Sullivan were executed at Philadelphia and Lumsden and Mrs. Melcher at Newark, New Jersey.

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THE PUBLIC AND NORMAL SCHOOLS.

In his recent message Governor Hoyt speaks of the schools as follows:

The State is carrying on its system of public instruction in three directions: Public schools, normal schools, and the soldiers' orphan schools.

The report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Dr. J. P. Withersham, will receive your careful attention. His views and recommendations are entitled to your consideration, by virtue of his long, intelligent and effective service, and his very extensive experience with public schools in our own State or other States, and in the Old World.

It is most gratifying that he reports the organization of the common schools more complete than ever before.

Normal schools are a progressive spirit. The whole number of graded schools is 7,037—the number of schools not graded, 11,018.

The total number of pupils on the rolls is 937,310, with an average attendance of 77 per cent.

The expenditures of all kinds for the year ending June, 1880, including orphan or normal schools, were \$7,452,577.75.

The value of the school property of the State is \$25,467,097.

The total indebtedness of all the school districts in the State, including those in cities and boroughs, is only \$2,485,490.84.

While there remain in the various treasuries of the districts, balances amounting to \$1,425,213.16.

These statistics, and the comparative factory figures, and indicate the permanent value which this agency of progress holds in the minds of the people.

Normal schools. The condition of the normal schools and of their property will require your notice.

There have been twenty-nine hundred students in attendance during the past year.

The value of their property is estimated at \$1,365,935.17.

The schools are in a number. In their establishment, there may be set down as contributed by private subscriptions \$400,000.

The State has contributed for grounds, buildings and apparatus, up to the year 1875, \$645,000.

The debts of the schools may be put at \$250,700.

The appropriations by the State to these schools have, for some years, been \$100,000 annually.

By a mere arbitrary mode of distribution, and no other seemed feasible, this sum has been parcelled out equally—\$10,000 to each.

For these sums have been taken in favor of the State. They have been compelled to use their appropriations in paying off floating debts, or in keeping down interest on the mortgage and other liens against them.

Resources which should be expended in the active conduct of the schools are thus absorbed in the reduction of debts which cripple them; and this reduction is not being accomplished in the best and most economical manner for the State or the schools.

Besides, the annual appropriation has a tendency to induce the belief that it is to be a permanent relief, and weakens the administration and efficiency of the system.

The following statement of the population of Pennsylvania, according to the census of 1880, is furnished by the Census Bureau at Washington.

The statement is still subject to possible corrections, by reason of the discovery of omissions or duplications of names in the list of inhabitants returned.

Adams 32,454 Lancaster 39,343 Berks 35,758 Lehigh 33,911

Beaver 36,603 Lebanon 38,476 Berks 35,758 Lehigh 33,911

Bedford 34,332 Luzerne 138,066 Berks 35,758 Lehigh 33,911

Berk 35,758 Lehigh 33,911 Berks 35,758 Lehigh 33,911

Blair 52,751 McKeen 42,566 Berks 35,758 Lehigh 33,911

Bradford 58,534 Mercer 56,162 Berks 35,758 Lehigh 33,911

Bucks 68,654 Mifflin 19,577 Berks 35,758 Lehigh 33,911

Butler 52,536 Monroe 29,175 Berks 35,758 Lehigh 33,911

Cambridge 46,824 Montgomery 96,944 Berks 35,758 Lehigh 33,911

Carbon 31,922 Northampton 70,316 Berks 35,758 Lehigh 33,911

Centre 37,921 Northumberland 27,522 Berks 35,758 Lehigh 33,911

Chester 83,478 Perry 27,522 Berks 35,758 Lehigh 33,911

Clarion 40,425 Philadelphia 846,984 Berks 35,758 Lehigh 33,911

Clearfield 43,425 Luzerne 138,066 Berks 35,758 Lehigh 33,911

Clinton 28,378 Luzerne 138,066 Berks 35,758 Lehigh 33,911

Columbia 32,408 Schuylkill 129,877 Berks 35,758 Lehigh 33,911

Crawford 68,654 Snyder 17,797 Berks 35,758 Lehigh 33,911

Cumberland 46,824 York 87,839 Berks 35,758 Lehigh 33,911

Dauphin 76,127 York 87,839 Berks 35,758 Lehigh 33,911

Delaware 66,192 Schuylkill 129,877 Berks 35,758 Lehigh 33,911

Elk 12,800 Tioga 46,814 Berks 35,758 Lehigh 33,911

Franklin 49,638 Venango 43,670 Berks 35,758 Lehigh 33,911

Fayette 38,476 Warren 27,522 Berks 35,758 Lehigh 33,911

Forest 4,365 Washington 55,917 Berks 35,758 Lehigh 33,911

Franklin 49,638 Westmoreland 78,018 Berks 35,758 Lehigh 33,911

Greene 28,290 Wyoming 15,598 Berks 35,758 Lehigh 33,911

Huntingdon 33,556 York 87,839 Berks 35,758 Lehigh 33,911

Indiana 49,638 York 87,839 Berks 35,758 Lehigh 33,911

Jefferson 27,523 Berks 35,758 Lehigh 33,911

Juniata 18,227 Total, 4,282,738

Lackawanna 89,268 Berks 35,758 Lehigh 33,911

LANE'S & GENTLEMEN

The Hand-one Nickel Plated New Home Lamp being introduced to the public this season, is the most meritorious article ever offered.

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Suffrage in the South.

THE EVILS OF THE BLACK MAN DECIDING DISPUTES OF WHITE AMBITION.

To A. K. McClure of the Philadelphia Times, belongs the credit of being the first journalist at the South to discover that the political solidity of the white people of this section is not only not dangerous to the country at large, but has heretofore proven an effectual barrier to the real evils that would have resulted from the bestowal of the right of suffrage upon an ignorant class of voters.

The people of the South the permanent danger of the situation is one of the commonplaces of our politics—obvious to everybody that it seemed hardly worth discussing.

The tone of astonishment with which Colonel McClure deals with this desperate side of Southern politics, however, leads us to suspect that our newspapers have not dwelt with sufficient emphasis upon the real dangers attendant upon the breaking up of the political solidity of the South—

An event that is so long prayed for by the thinking parlians who have control of a majority of the Republican papers of the North.

These local divisions mean nothing more or less than political demoralization of the most deplorable kind.

We do not draw the color line when speaking of the ignorant voters of the South.

Unchecked ignorance, whether it be black or white, is demoralizing, degrading and dangerous wherever its influence is felt.

Armed with the ballot, this ignorance becomes tenfold more dangerous than before.

For it has become a potent instrument most thoroughly fitted to the hands of demagogues who desire, through the medium of political preferment, to prey upon society.

If Northern editors, wise or superficial, could have the opportunity of witnessing an election in the South from which party lines have been eliminated they would not dare to advise even local divisions.

An intuitive fear of the results of such divisions has kept our people practically solid, and this solidity has operated as an effectual barrier to the effects of ignorant suffrage.

It will be an evil day for the South and for the whole country when indiscriminate divisions headed by unscrupulous demagogues shall make ignorance the balance of power in elections.

This Colonel McClure very clearly perceives and he warns the country against it.

What effect this will have upon the superficial at the North is immaterial, but it is a warning that ought to address itself to the apprehension of every thoughtful Southern man—Atlanta Constitution.

Pennsylvania's Population.

THE OFFICIAL RETURNS BY COUNTIES ACCORDING TO THE NEW CENSUS.