

TO SCHOOL DIRECTORS.

In View of the Approaching Election of Superintendents.

The Superintendents of schools are to be elected on Tuesday, the 5th of May next, in all the counties of the Commonwealth, and in all cities, boroughs and townships having five thousand inhabitants, that desire to elect such officers. Scarcely any other election should so deeply enlist the interest of the people.

County conventions of Directors will be chosen to assemble at the respective county seats by the County Superintendents now in office. The best place for meeting is generally the Court House. City and borough conventions will be called by the proper board of directors or controllers in the manner prescribed by law, in their usual place of meeting.

The convention should organize by electing a president and secretary. Vice president and assistant secretaries may be elected, if desired. County Superintendents generally have in their possession full lists of the members of the different boards of directors in their respective counties; and when this is the case, a list with the districts properly designated should be handed to the president of the convention.

Knowing who are members, the convention is prepared to fix the salary of the office of county superintendent for the coming term of three years. It will be found best in nearly every case to fix the salary before electing the officer.

The president and secretary must make out and sign the certificate of election, and forward it to this department. Blanks for this purpose will be placed in the hands of the several county superintendents and the secretaries of school boards in all the county towns.

The following questions should receive careful consideration at the hands of the members of a convention about to elect a Superintendent of Schools: What qualifications should a superintendent of schools possess? and What salary should be paid him?

In answer to the first question, it may be said that such a superintendent should possess certain physical qualifications. No one can properly discharge the duties of the office who is not in the enjoyment of general good health.

who have to visit schools in rural districts, and are consequently much exposed.

Intellectual qualifications.—As a test of intellectual qualifications, the law renders any one ineligible to the office of superintendent who does not possess one of the following documents: A diploma from a college legally empowered to grant a literary degree; a diploma or State certificate issued by the authorities of a State Normal School; a professional or permanent certificate, issued at least one year prior to the election; a certificate of competency from the State Superintendent, or a commissioner of a county, city or borough superintendent.

Moral Qualifications.—The law says no person shall be eligible to the office "unless he has a sound moral character." The very letter of the law should in this respect be adhered to, and will be, so far as the Department is concerned.

Professional Qualifications.—It is provided in the law, that a person cannot hold the office of superintendent of schools unless "he has had successful experience within three years of the time of his election."

The office of superintendent of schools belongs to the teachers; it has to do with teachers, and should always be filled by a teacher. If directors can find in a county a teacher of experience, devoted to his profession, who attends educational meetings, who reads works on teaching, who advocates common schools, who, like Richter, "loves God and little children," who, in short, is something of an enthusiast in his work—he is the man to make superintendent of the work of education, even though he has not been to college.

Superintendents ought to be paid liberal salaries. Their work, when well done, is both delicate and difficult. Good officers can hardly be paid too much, and we had better have none at all than poor ones. The judges of our courts and other county officers in many counties receive generous salaries; why should not well qualified superintendents of schools be as liberally paid? In view of the whole subject, school directors are most earnestly advised to elect as superintendents the very best men in their several counties whose services can be obtained; have it understood that they are to devote their whole time to the work of the office; and then pay them well for what they are required to do.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that contain Mercury, as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

A new town, exclusively for colored people, is being incorporated in Kansas, ten miles east of Topeka. There are to be several small manufacturing and, of course, plenty of crap shooting establishments.

Edge Has a New Scheme.

Secretary Wants to Know the Kind of Rations Used by State Dairymen.

The state department of agriculture has sent out circular letters to 500 dairymen in Pennsylvania asking for information as to the exact amounts and kinds of rough fodder, hay and grain which they are feeding their cows.

Secretary Edge proposes, after the statements as the rations used by the dairymen of the state have all been received, to submit them to an expert in cattle feeding and have each one criticized and improvements suggested.

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Here's an Idea.

A Patriotic Towanda's Scheme For a Fourth of July Celebration.

An enthusiastic patriot of Towanda has an idea for a popular celebration of the ever glorious Fourth, and here it is: Patriotism and business being rather dull, he proposes to build a brush heap one hundred feet high and sixty feet in circumference at least, to be set off as a bonfire on the evening of the Fourth of July.

To accomplish this end without any expense or much trouble the originator proposes that every man, boy and child who is able to carry a stick of wood or brush to help build the pile as a measure of loyalty and patriotism. The ladies young and old should form themselves into reception committees and give the fellow who brings up the biggest stick the largest sandwich and an overflowing glass of lemonade; the unfortunate male creature who comes empty handed should get nothing but hisses.

Do Not Do This. Do not be induced to buy any other if you have made up your mind to take Hood's Sarsaparilla. Remember that Hood's Sarsaparilla cures when all others fail.

Hood's Pills are purely vegetable, carefully prepared from the best ingredients.

While we were reveling in nearly summer weather last week, Denver was the centre of one of the worst storms that ever blew over the western country. East of that place the country is inundated with from a foot to three feet of water, while on the south and west meagre reports tell of disastrous snow blizzards that have swept away every vestige of animal life in their path.

Cripple Creek reports the greatest loss, and the fatalities are feared in the hills surrounding the camp, where several hundred men are prospecting without any protection from the storm.

Sweet peas should be sown very early in the spring—in April, if possible. They should be kept moist and cool at the root. In order to secure these results sow in trenches, at least six inches deep, covering lightly at first. Draw earth about the plants as they reach up, until the ground is level again.

The editor of the Martinsburg Herald was married not long ago and he celebrated the event by printing the Herald on pink paper. That lively shade would contrast beautifully with the deep, dark hue of the editorial blues that so often seize upon the average newspaper man.

TIRED SALESWOMEN.

EMPLOYERS SHOULD BE MORE CONSIDERATE.

Interesting Statement by a Young Lady in Brooklyn. In the vast retail establishments of large cities, many women are employed as saleswomen. Men formerly held the positions that



women now hold, and while women's organization is less strong than men's they are expected to do the same work. Their duties compel them to be on their feet from morning to night, and many of them, in a short time, contract these distressing complaints called "female diseases."

Then occur irregularities, suppressed or painful menstruation, weakness, indigestion, leucorrhoea, general debility and nervous prostration. They are beset with such symptoms as dizziness, faintness, lassitude, excitability, irritability, nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, "all-gone" and "want-to-be-left-alone" feelings, blues and hopelessness.

In such cases there is one tried and true remedy. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound at once removes such troubles. The following is a sample: "My dear Mrs. Pinkham:—After writing you, and before your answer came, I was too miserable to go to the store, and so lost my position. That was five weeks ago. I am now back again in my old place, and never felt so well in all my life. The bearing-down pains and whites have left me, and I am not a bit nervous or blue. Life looks brighter to me. I don't get tired, my temper is real sweet, and I could scream right out sometimes for joy. Your Vegetable Compound is my stand-by. You don't know how thankful I am to you for saving me from suffering. Every woman in my position should know of your wonderful remedy. I never saw you, but I love you for being so good to me."

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READING RAILROAD SYSTEM

Table of train schedules for the Reading Railroad System, including destinations like Philadelphia, Pottsville, and Harrisburg.

Table of train schedules for the Potomac and Chesapeake Bay Railroad, including destinations like Washington and Baltimore.

A REMARKABLE OFFER.

For a short time Ralph G. Phillips, the photographer, is making one life size photograph, value \$5.00, and thirteen cabinet photographs all for \$3.00.

E. A. RAWLINGS. Dealer in All Kinds of Meat, Beef, Veal, Lamb, Mutton, Pork, Hams, Bacon, Tongues, Bologna, &c. Free Delivery to all parts of the town.

Pennsylvania Railroad.

Time Table in effect May 19, '95

Table of train schedules for the Pennsylvania Railroad, including destinations like Scranton, Pottsville, and Harrisburg.

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