

A JAILBIRD PRINCE

Was the De Gourie Who Once Made Love to Mrs. Frank Leslie and HE DESERVED THE SNUB HE GOT.

Familiar With the Interior of a Number of European Prisons,

ALWAYS FOLLOWED BY DETECTIVES.

The Marquis De Leuville Was Perfectly Right in His Conclusions.

A startling story is told of a certain dark and fascinating fellow, who called himself Prince De Gourie, and who made violent love to Mrs. Frank Leslie, some time ago.

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BOGUS COIN MAKERS.

An Italian Counterfeiter Brought to This City From New York.

Paul Caigne, an alleged Italian counterfeiter, was brought to the city yesterday by Deputy United States Marshal Jeffries.

A STRAY SPARK.

One Man Fatally and Two Others Seriously Injured by an Explosion.

A powder can exploded at Allison Park, on the Pittsburgh and Western Railroad, on Friday afternoon.

TWO NOTABLE CASES.

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From a Patriotic Standpoint.

First in the list to announce that hereafter, without exception, their stores will be closed and all their employees enjoy a holiday on Washington's birthday of each year.

KING MILAN GLOOMY AGAIN.

He Thinks He Has Caught His Best Friends Plotting Against Him.

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Good News for Monday.

Here is good news for men who need a new suit of clothes.

Called Back.

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ARGUMENT RESUMED.

The Electric Suit Slowly Drags Its Way Through the U. S. Court.

Argument in the electric light cases was resumed yesterday morning in the United States Court before Judges McKenna and Acheson.

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FREE TEXT BOOKS.

Something Agitated at Harrisburg For the Public Schools.

THE MERITS OF THE SYSTEM

As Shown by Its Workings in Philadelphia and Elsewhere.

THE VIEWS OF PROF. WICKERSHAM

Manual Training and Domestic Economy for the Rising Generation.

The introduction of free textbooks into the public schools is agitating the minds of our legislators.

Another measure affecting the rising generation is the proposition to introduce into the public schools a system of manual training for boys and of domestic economy for girls.

FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.

HARRISBURG, February 16.—Undoubtedly more interest centers about the bill framed to authorize the introduction into the public schools of a system of manual training for boys and of domestic economy for girls than about any other measure thus far introduced into the Legislature.

The proposed experiment is an interesting one, and the commission that originated the plan for it was composed of some of the best brains of the State.

A brief outline of the plan has already appeared in THE DISPATCH, descriptive of the vital points of the system, the general details of which remain to be slowly worked out.

But there are other matters of almost equal interest to educators pending at Harrisburg.

Various bills are before the Legislature, or in committee, which propose uniformity of textbooks through the work of a special commission, and the publication of the same by the State, with an additional proposition to make the books free to all schools.

As the law stands school boards are authorized to purchase books for their schools, but it is noticeable that where they do devote space to it they give the highest consideration.

THE MERITS OF THE SYSTEM.

One point of importance is strongly brought out by the Superintendent of Schools of Hancock, who says: "The district is much less than when the children were required to furnish their own books and supplies, since large quantities are bought at a reduced price from retail prices."

But of this, more further on. The favor with which the free textbook system is received, where tried, is indicated in the case of Montgomery county, which supplies them now in 32 districts, while pupils were supplied in but 15 districts six years ago.

There remains now but 18 districts in the county where the system is not in operation, and it is being agitated in these.

As to the cost of the system, it is interesting to find from the reports for the year that the levy for school purposes in Montgomery county averaged but 2.44 mills, against an average of 3.69 in Allegheny county.

In Chester county, with its 283 schools in which textbooks are furnished free, the average levy is but 2.67 mills.

In Delaware county, where textbooks are furnished free, the average levy is 2.93 mills.

These figures do not include the levy for building purposes. In Beaver, where free text books are not furnished, the average levy is 7.42 mills.

In Cambria, where free books are furnished in but 275 of 283 schools, the levy is 10.06, and in many schools which have not adopted the free textbook system the levy is yet higher, reaching 12.28 mills in Jefferson county.

A fairer test of the free textbook system is to be found in the average cost per month of educating a pupil in Allegheny county the cost per month of each scholar is \$1.04.

In Chester county, where 282 of 341 schools are supplied with free textbooks, the cost per month for each scholar is 99 cents higher; in Delaware it is 21 cents higher, but in Montgomery, with 235 of its 368 schools furnishing textbooks free, the cost is 11 cents less than in Allegheny county, or but 93 cents per scholar per month.

In other counties which do not furnish free textbooks the cost ranges from 99 cents per scholar per month in Fulton to \$1.24 in Warren county.

The average outside of Philadelphia is 94 cents. However, such data is not sufficiently complete to afford all the required information.

It merely serves to show that the difference in cost where textbooks are furnished free is merely a matter of a few cents per month added to the cost of each scholar.

Philadelphia is the most expensive place in the country to educate a child, according to the last report of the Department of Education, which places the cost per month of each scholar at \$1.76.

It would be interesting to know just what proportion of this amount is paid for textbooks.

ETHICAL AND OTHER VIEWS.

There are many arguments in favor of free textbooks aside from statistical ones that were grouped not long ago in a speech made by Prof. Wickersham, whose record as Chief of the Department of Public Instruction is well-known.

He argued that the public is under as much obligation to furnish textbooks as to furnish school-houses, seats, desks, etc.

In other words, the system ought to be free in all its parts. The furnishing of textbooks free to the indigent alone does not increase their attendance at school, as single them out as objects of charity, it creates unpleasant distinctions.

"That can be made against free books equally good against free schools," the objection against free textbooks is best answered when we say that free schools are now everywhere acknowledged to be a godsend to the indigent classes of society, elevating their social condition, making their labor more efficient, freeing their minds from degrading

superstitions, inspiring them with the hope of bettering their condition and improving their chances of success in life.

Instead of promoting idleness or pauperism, or crime, or socialism, or anarchy, free schools, with free textbooks, and the more because of these very things, Philadelphia has less of the spirit of socialism and anarchy than any other large city in the country, and yet this old staid city has furnished free textbooks with free schools for more than 70 years.

Massachusetts and California furnish their schools with free textbooks, and seven other States, including Pennsylvania, permit school districts to furnish free books.

Prof. Wickersham made a thorough canvass of the two States mentioned, and the localities where free books are used in the others, and found striking

UNIFORMITY OF AGREEMENT on these points: Free books increase the attendance at school, particularly in the higher departments; remove from the schools all distinctions of class; save time in organizing schools and forming new classes; save the expense of furnishing textbooks.

The reason free books increase attendance in the higher grades is frequently delayed at the beginning of the term because of the backwardness of a parent in buying books.

Where the books are furnished free there is no such delay. Free books are less costly to a community, for the reason that when a pupil moves upward he leaves his books behind him for those of a lower grade.

Thus many pupils in turn use the same books, and after the first investment the cost is merely for wear and tear or renewals.

There is also the saving effected in buying at wholesale instead of retail—from 25 to 50 per cent.

Prof. Wickersham's estimate is that under the free textbook and supplies system the cost for each pupil is only from 50 cents to \$1 per year, the average, perhaps, being 75 cents, and the annual saving to the community being \$1 a pupil.

In the Department of Public Instruction these views are indorsed.

On the other hand objection is made to a uniform system of school books for the State.

To try to make the minds of the children of the State run in one groove would be a decided check to intellectual growth and expansion.

Similarly, the publication of school books by the State is opposed on the ground that the experience of California and other States has shown that books can be secured much more cheaply from competing publishers.

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