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MORE SCHOOLS NEEDED. The public schools of Pittsburgh and Allegheny are as a rule overcrowded.

THE DISPATCH presents a general review of the scholastic situation in its columns this morning.

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OUR SHORT STORIES. THE MAD HEARD ECHO. Two night riders on the morning of the telephone line...

THEY are making a great fuss down in North Carolina about seven mountings in the Blue Ridge having taken to smoking.

WAS Speaker Reed's victory in Maine an endorsement of him or of the administration?

WATERPOUTS and floods are among the incidents of this September.

IT is not fair to say sarcastically that the National League team alleged to be representing Pittsburgh lost a game every day.

THE CRONIN climate does not seem to agree with the Presidential family.

SPARKS REED seems inclined to rest after his hard work in Maine.

EX-GOVERNOR BERRY, of Bristol, N. H., has had his 84th birthday in comfortable health.

"GAIL HAMILTON," Abigail Dodge, conducts a "Bible talk" every Sunday afternoon at Secretary Blaine's.

MRS. DEBORAH POWERS, of Kingston, N. Y., is worth \$300,000, manages her own affairs and is 100 years old.

PROF. J. W. SAMPSON, of Gilmanton, N. H., has accepted an appointment as President of the new agricultural college at Logan, Utah.

GOVERNOR HILL, of New York, will attend the Central Avenue Fair, at Atlantic City, September 25, and the Erie County fair, at Franklinville, September 26.

HON. D. GARDNER TYLER, son of ex-President Tyler, is mentioned for the Democratic Congressional nomination in the Norfolk, Va., district.

PRINCE ALBERT VICTOR is the only son of a Prince of Wales who has taken his seat in the House of Lords before his father's accession to the throne.

GENERAL JOHN M. PALMER, of Illinois, who is making for the United States Senate, is said to have no opposition in the legislative caucus next winter, so far as the votes of Cook county are concerned.

SNAP SHOTS IN SEASON. I had no secret Dame Rumor would stare to death.

DISCUSSING THE BILL. Editorial Comment of the Toronto Papers on the McKinley Tariff Bill.

PEOPLE who are wedded to tired bread disease, neither beggars nor tramps are asking for quarters or dimes in Pittsburgh.

CHICAGO has picked out a fair site, and New York has selected the Grant monument plan.

WE will hear from Maine for some time to come. One bang from Bangor will not unhorse Blaine, M. Doutelet.

MISS CARPENTER, the pretty Yankee fiddler, has fitted a London waist and placed herself under Dr. Whittier's wing.

THE moon will be full on the 23rd, two days after its nearest approach to the earth for the month.

THE best way to settle the baseball war is to keep away from the games.

THE country is safe when the schools are overcrowded.

TRAVELERS long ago shattered the tomb of Romeo and Juliet, but it remained for Dr. Dewey to pull out his tape-line and take measurements of the balcony where the poor couple stood while old Mr. and Mrs. Capulet sored.

THE nervous man can't hit a nail on the head.

MAKE the Allegheny wharf a playground. It belongs to the people, not to the masters, the scrap iron men and the junk dealers.

A DWARF can draw as big a crowd as a giant.

WAY not make the old Block House the nucleus of a historical museum?

THE laughing baby may make a melancholy man for the doctor.

SOME POPULAR TOPICS. To Be Voted on by Visitors to the Exposition.—The Question of Grant Heads and Recreators to Be Balloted For.

FRIDAY'S VOTING TOPIC. Should the State Superintend and Aid County Road Building? Open to Lady and Gentlemen Voters.

THE PRIZE ESSAY CONTEST. The Prize Essay contest this week is open to all writers except those regularly employed on this Dispatch.

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THE PRIZE ESSAY CONTEST. Competitions must be written legibly, on one side of the paper only, and must be labeled "THE DISPATCH PRIZE ESSAY CONTEST."

THE PRIZE ESSAY CONTEST. Contributions must be left at THE DISPATCH Headquarters, Brunswick-Blake-Collider Co's space, Exposition Buildings.

THE PRIZE ESSAY CONTEST. Correct name, address and age of contestant must accompany MSS., name only for publication successful.

THE PRIZE ESSAY CONTEST. The Dispatch reserves the right to publish any contribution, whether it be awarded a prize or not.

THE PRIZE ESSAY CONTEST. The Prize Essay Contest for this week will close with the Exposition on Saturday night, September 13.

THE PRIZE ESSAY CONTEST. Souvenirs for Lady Voters. Watch these columns for future prize offerings and topical voting announcements.

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CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS. —Athens, Ga., has a cat that weighs 16 pounds.

—A Milford, N. J., farmer wears a pair of spectacles that he cleans every 100 years.

—Within the last two days Springfield, Mass., has become infested with swarms of black flies.

—It is curious that there are no direct descendants of Napoleon, Wellington, Washington or George Washington.

—One hundred followers, by actual count, took up a night's lodging in a chimney at Waycross, Ga., a few nights ago.

—A lad of 7, in Morristown, N. J., was choked to death Sunday by a peanut shell which lodged in his windpipe.

—One police court in New York in three hours on Monday disposed of 120 cases—an average of a minute and a half to each case.

—Crews from five different vessels attended prayer meeting on the deck of a mackerel schooner at Portland, Me., on Sunday.

—Locks were used by the Egyptians, Greeks, Romans and Chinese. De Cange mentions locks and padlocks as early as 1200.

—It is not generally known—in popular prejudice rather than the other way—that the last carriage in a railway train is the last to be wrecked.

—Mrs. F. P. Richardson, of South Branch, Mich., left a tub of boiling water standing on two chairs. She returned to find the tub overturned and her two-year-old son dead.

—On the occasion of the recent fête at the country seat of a wealthy woman all the cows on the estate wore necklaces of wild yellow satin ribbon, and had their horns tied with ribbons of the same color.

—A. E. Scantling, the West Branch, Mich., trapper, during the last season killed 4 deer, 2 otter, 2 beaver, 24 foxes, 17 gray squirrels, 2 cross foxes, 40 muskrats, 20 muskrat, 50 muskrat.

—A bride from Flint, Mich., visited Liberty prison in Chicago, and found her father's name cut in a window sill of the place. C. B. Ford was the prisoner who thus left his mark in the wall.

—A Boston woman said that usually it cost the producer to cut, haul and house ice about 12 cents a ton. At 20 cents a ton ice may be cut and housed in a new icehouse, the cost of the ice included. Some difference between the cost and the 14 which ice now costs at retail.