

Educational Department

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For the Educational Department: MAKE YOUR SCHOOL-ROOM PLEASANT. If we were to suggest anything which we think would make a school-room have a tendency to elevate our schools, it would be that teachers try to make their school-rooms pleasant. And as conducive to that end, and as the health of the scholars is primary in importance to all else, we say the house should be made comfortable.

It is very rarely the case in Bradford County, that a school-house is found that can not, with a little gumption on the part of the teacher, be made comfortable and a teacher who would accept a term with a smoky stove, or with three or four panes of glass in the windows, or with the school-room door of the hinges, pushing himself, and what is infinitely worse, wasting the time of the scholars, rather than apply to the proper authorities to have the defects remedied at the earliest, is unfit for his position.

Next to warmth, a plentiful supply of fresh air should be secured. Five minutes will generally suffice to get two or three windows so that they can be lowered, not to see to this should be treated as a crime.

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Bornop and the Philippine Islands; thence bearing towards the north-east, just off from and about the direction of the Japan Islands; thence northerly through Behring's Strait to the North Pole. Hence, sailing on Wednesday at the west extremity of Alaska, it is Thursday just across Behring's Strait.

It is said that formerly navigators were much puzzled to tell why it was that upon sailing around the globe their reckoning would vary just one day from the true time, gaining a day in sailing easterly, and losing one in sailing westward.

It is the custom now, I believe, for navigators in crossing this International Date Line, to deduct a day if sailing eastward, and to add one to their reckoning if their direction be westward.

MISCELLANEA. The six counties in the State having the most numerous and best equipped schools are as follows: Miss. M. L. Allen, Luzerne, 561; Lancaster, 633; Berks, 422; Schuylkill, 422; Bradford, 390; Allegheny, 375.

Our Normal Schools cost the State the past year, \$34,154.79. They received during the same time "from other sources," tuition, &c., we suppose, \$9,384.52, so it would seem they do not quite half support themselves.

This committee on permanent certificates elected at the recent county Institute are as follows: Miss M. L. Allen, Athens, Rev. H. Armstrong, Muncie; Miss M. E. Hitcher, Columbia X Roads; Mr. H. E. Pletcher, Towanda; Miss Mary Merrill, Towanda.

It is well known that there will be over 100,000 children in attendance upon the public schools of the State the present school year, and at a cost of over \$10,000,000. This amount would be sufficient to build and equip a railroad from Towanda to New York City.

The next session of the County Teachers' Association is to be held at Towanda the second Friday and Saturday in February. It is to be hoped there may be a good attendance of teachers from all parts of the county, as the programme will be an interesting one and those from abroad hospitably entertained.

There are in Bradford county 390 schools, average number of pupils taught in the past year, 6,111; number of scholars in attendance, 115,700; average per centage of attendance, 78; average cost per scholar, \$1.62; cost of a month's tuition, 12 cents; on the dollar, \$1.33; total amount raised in the county for support of schools, \$61,027.71; amount appropriated to county by the State, \$24,154.79; total amount expended, \$85,182.50.

We have in Bradford county over 500 teachers, and only one in the whole number takes the Pennsylvania School Journal. As this journal is published in the interest of the schools and is a Pennsylvania enterprise, it would seem as if we ought to patronize it a little better than we do. The County Superintendent is requested to receive and forward subscriptions at the rate of \$1.25 per copy, postage paid, the regular rate being \$1.00.

Parsonage Grant, in his annual message on the condition of the county, and in a constitutional amendment, including the teaching in the public schools of religious, atheistic or pagan tenets, and that Wickham gives notice that he will propose such an amendment, claiming that such in Pennsylvania we have solved this question in our own way, and entirely to our own satisfaction. Another suggestion of the President's is, that education be made compulsory so far as to deprive all persons who can not read and write from becoming voters after the year 1876.

PHILADELPHIA & READING RAILROAD. ARRANGEMENT OF PASSENGER TRAINS. JANUARY 1st, 1876. TRAINS LEAVING PHILADELPHIA FOR READING: 7:00 A.M., 10:00 A.M., 1:00 P.M., 4:00 P.M., 7:00 P.M.

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