

The country is waiting to hear the names of the Government employees who were removed since the election because they did not contribute to Hubbell's committee, according to Democratic predictions.

Congress manifests a commendable disposition to work. The people are prepared to accept with resignation a very large display of that virtue. The present offers opportunities as well as inducements which the wise representative will promptly accept.

Democratic papers call pension bills "raids on the Treasury," and yet they expect the support and votes of the men for whom these "raids" are made. In other words, they call men hard names and then beg favors of them.—National Republican.

Governor St. John, of Kansas, is still "attributing his defeat." He is more fertile in explanations than the Democrats are in promises. It is to be hoped he will soon get quiet, and let the country eat its Christmas dinner without his diurnal "attributing."

Ex-Senator Bob Toombs was on the floor of the Senate last Saturday for the first time since he left that body in 1861 to join the rebellion. He has abandoned his ante-bellum intention of calling the roll of his slaves under the shadow of Bunker Hill monument.

It now looks as if the bill reports by the Tariff Commission would pass this Congress substantially as presented. Judge Kelly thinks the time too short in which to make radical and uniform changes, and that perhaps the best that can be done will be to accept the work of the Commission.

CONTROLLER PATTISON'S office in Philadelphia is the most popular resort in the Quaker City. It beats the toy shops. Notwithstanding his frequent proclamations of politics of his party do not believe that he intends sincerely to enforce civil service reform now that after twenty long years they have a chance to bite into the political apple. It is by all odds a possibility too horrible to contemplate, you know. And the consequence is that his office is the sluice way for all the raff of his organization in its search for fat, easy places.—Harrisburg Telegraph.

The authoritative announcement that Lewis C. Cassidy will figure in the Democratic gubernatorial cabinet as Attorney General has excited a great commotion among the greater and lesser luminaries of the old party regime. It would be monstrous ingratitude, even within the range of Democratic methods, for the creature to go back on the creator. Had it not been for the astute manipulations and overtowering influence of Cassidy, the Governor-elect of Pennsylvania would still be plodding in the humbler ruts of mundane affairs. When Mr. Pattison was a candidate the people were warned that his election meant power for Cassidy, and the better the candidate the more surely would the prediction be fulfilled. If the reformers do not want Cassidy they had no business to elect Pattison.—Harrisburg Telegraph.

Venior forecasts the weather for the remainder of the winter in this wise: "Severity in December and possibly early part of January, with good snow falls well to the Southward, as in 1880; a decided 'break' in the fore part of January, and another wintery wave after the 20th of the same month; the usual weather in March and a rather advanced spring. As a postscript I may add, a very cold Christmas week preceded by a heavy and general snow fall on or in proximity to the 20th of December. The thermometer readings at the close of the year 1882 will be generally low, and more particularly so in the north-west and western sections; very cold weather in England and Europe; winter short."

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EDUCATIONAL.

The Annual Report of the County Superintendent, for the Year 1882.

We submit the following written report for the year ending June, 1882. We will assert that the past year has been the most prosperous, educationally considered, Forest county has ever known; we do not wish to be understood to intimate that it has not been. We wished to see more accomplished than has been done, yet are gratified to know that much has been accomplished. There had gone up a cry from the length and breadth of our county that our educational interests be aroused, and quickened to livelier and more healthful action; that our educational standard be raised. Responding to the call, and at the same time believing that no legitimate or lasting good could be accomplished without a careful systematic plan, and concerted and harmonious action of all the factors entering in to compose the machinery of the school work, an effort has been made the past year, and is still being continued toward success, to put our schools in such a shape and condition that we may, by them, sooner and better accomplish the results so justly expected of them. The results of this effort are not yet so apparent as to warrant an extended reference thereto at present; yet we confidently expect against another year has ended to see the best of results accruing from the steps taken the past year, and followed up this year. Realizing this to be the better way to accomplish with permanency the object in view we have submitted our plans to the Boards of Directors for their official action and adoption. This stamped with authority, our plans reduced to particulars have a binding force upon the teachers who must of necessity be the artisans by whom are wrought out the ends we aim at.

SCHOOL HOUSES. There are in the county forty-five houses used for school purposes. Of these, seven may be considered as unfit for school houses; some of the remaining barely fit. The fault of these things cannot be laid at the door of any one, or ones, particularly. Our people, generally, have done as well as they could. Three new houses have been built during the year; all nice comfortable, substantial buildings; two in Hickory, and one in Howe township. The one at East Hickory is a two-story building containing two rooms. It supplies the place of a single room grown too small to accommodate the more than sixty pupils who sought its shades to gather the inspiration of learning. During the year Hickory township put patent desks into all her houses. Green township also completed the reseating of her houses. This is a step in the right direction, and one no doubt other districts will emulate so far as to do likewise the present year. In a number of our schools the furniture, both in its hygienic and moral results is injurious; detrimental to discipline; unfit for teaching writing properly, and, aesthetically considered a failure.

APPARTUS. Only one school house in the county boasts of a Dictionary; very few a globe, some outline maps, and some a larger map of Pennsylvania. One a map of the county. One house has a small slate black-board. Not a house in the county can be said to be well supplied with black-board. Some have square feet enough of surface, but they are so placed as to be above the use of the pupil, and in nearly every instance to be unfit for use through improper structure and painting; very few school rooms are supplied with erasers and pointers. Some have had reading and writing charts in days gone by, but the dust of ages and the neglect of teachers to properly care for them, have so visibly effected them as to render them unfit for present or future use. Once in a while we find a house supplied with basin, soap and towel; but these are not always taken care of by the teacher, and, in fact, not often asked for by the teacher, so that directors are indifferent towards supplying these things. We could have more apparatus in our schools if our teachers would only use what we do have and show to their patrons, and the directors that it amounted to more than ornaments; that there is "some good in it."

GROUNDS. In a few instances school grounds were improved during the year. There is room in this direction for great improvements, yet, however. One reason why our school grounds are not in better condition is that in many instances it is not known how long the school will remain in the same place, as we have, to a great extent, a floating, unsettled population, and so it is not thought wise to improve the grounds suitably until the location of the house is fixed.

WATER. Very few houses have good water near by; and yet our county is a land of flowing springs, with the best of water. Some houses have no water within a quarter of a mile.

OUTBUILDINGS. There are two-thirds of our houses without suitable privies, and quite a number without any privy at all. This is not as it should be. It is simply a shame; and an unnecessary evil that we hope again another year, to be able to report blotted out. Some of the houses do not have proper coal or wood sheds attached. The result is inconveniences and discomfort to the teacher and pupils, and often a waste of time.

TEACHERS. We have no unfavorable comments to make regarding our teachers. They have done quite well in general the past year; some of them excellently well. Yet we must say that most of our teachers could do better work by qualifying themselves better. Seemingly, some of our teachers have no higher ambition than to hold a certificate averaging one and a half, or two. There are others that follow a course of study right along, and these are our brightest and best teachers;

their teaching is as a living water whose flow creates music, and whose taste is fresh and verifying.

SALARIES. The salaries paid during the year were not large enough. It is gratifying to know they will be larger the present year. And while we may be somewhat astern in educational matters in Forest county, yet we make no discrimination against female talent, but pay our lady teachers the same as we pay our gentlemen teachers. The average wages paid in the county the past year were \$28.80; the year previous \$26.72—a gain of \$2.08.

GRADUATION OF SCHOOLS. A plan was set afoot at the Annual County Institute, and was completed later, by which a proper graduation and systematic arrangement of our schools may be effected, and better results be obtained.

BOOKS. Text books become mixed very often through the teacher. He has a preference for some particular book. He denounces the book adopted by the Board and already in use. He expatiates on the virtues of his book. He finally persuades a class to buy the book. In this way books have been mixed very often in this county. An effort is being made to secure, after awhile, a county uniformity of text books.

INSTITUTES. The Annual Institute was held at Tionesta during the holidays. The weather was very unfavorable, but, notwithstanding, the attendance of teachers was good. Our teachers were very punctual in attendance, both at the day and at the evening sessions. Thursday afternoon was set apart as Directors Day. Not many directors were present, yet we lost nothing by introducing this feature into our Institute work. Our Institute work was good, and the Institute itself a strong factor for good in the educational work of our county. N. H. Schenck, of Cameron county, Geo. R. Dixon, of Elk and Miss Laura Keller, of Lock Haven, were our instructors, Col. J. P. Sanford lectured on two evenings. Three educational meetings were held during the winter. More would have been held but for the very inclement weather. Those held were quite well attended, and very beneficial.

EXAMINATIONS. Seven public examinations were held during the year. Eight directors were present at these examinations a part of the day. Twenty six applicants were examined, all of whom received certificates. In addition to this seventeen teachers were examined at special examinations, sixteen of whom were licensed to teach.

WORK DONE BY THE SUPT. Three educational meetings were held. Our County Institute was held; one Local Institute was attended in Warren county, and a term of Judgeship in educational exhibit of Venango county, was served. The State Committee of Superintendents for Western Pennsylvania was attended during the entire session. More than fifteen hundred miles of travel were performed. A large official correspondence was carried on. More than one hundred and twenty visits paid to schools; and of an average length of more than one-half a day each. All the schools, with two exceptions, were visited twice during the year; nearly all, three times; very many, four times; and some often. Although during the previous year two districts had received no appropriation from the State, yet the past year every district has received its State appropriation.

PERSONAL.—In Memoriam. We are concerned to note the death during the year, of A. H. Partridge, for a long time an efficient member of the Tionesta Borough Board of Directors. The sympathy of the educational fraternity is extended to the sorrowing ones of his family, and friends.

MATRIMONIAL. Two of our lady teachers, in the past year have left the calling pedagogy for the state matrimonial. May the peace and blessings of the Gods and Goddesses of the domestic empire ever be theirs. While we are sorry to lose them from the profession, yet we will not attempt to depreciate their cause; for while the presence of woman in the schoolroom has been blessed, and immeasurably beneficial yet, born queen of the domestic circle, her higher and better sphere is as a ruler of her own household kingdom. We mean nothing disparaging to those who have taken up teaching as a life-work. All honor to them. We are glad for the cause of education that they are yet with us. Yet perhaps they are with us for so long a time only because the beauty and strength they had so fondly hoped to see builded into the home temple on earth, has been taken away. They bless our schools and our school children with their lives and the ennobling influence of pure true, womanly character, and patiently wait in expectation of a glorified home in the realms of the Great Master in the Beyond.

SUGGESTIONS. 1. A county uniformity of text books.

2. In regard to the "explanations" on the inside of the cover of Teachers Monthly Reports I would suggest this change.—The paragraph designated the Number of Pupils, contains this clause: "In working out the list for the next or any succeeding month, the names of all pupils who are deceased or have left the school are to be omitted and only those of actual pupils inserted." Change the clause to read: "In making out the list for the next or any succeeding month, the names of all pupils that appear on the roll for any month must be carried out on the roll for each succeeding month." If this be done each month's report will be a complete report of the school till date. In many instances the school year is divided with two terms. In filling out the blank headed "No pupils belonging to school since first of June till date," the teacher is greatly hindered by the present requirement, and will be greatly aided by the proposed amendment. Earnestly Yours, J. H. HILLARD.

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TIME TABLE, IN EFFECT Oct. 20, 1882

Table with columns for South, Salamanca Division, and North, listing train times and stations.

ADDITIONAL TRAINS—Leave Bradford 7:10 a. m., Kinross 8:00 a. m., and Warren 10:15 a. m.

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SUNDAY TRAINS—Leave Warren 8:20 p. m., Kinross 10:50 p. m., Bradford 12:00 p. m., 6:40 p. m., leave Bradford 8:50 a. m., 5:00 p. m., arrive Kinross 10:50 a. m., 8:10 p. m., Buffalo Division—Train 1 City 7:00, 10:40 a. m., 2:45, 4:15, 6:15 arrive Oil City 8:00, 9:45 a. m., 2:00 p. m.

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