

Schools of the State.

Prof. N. C. Schaeffer, superintendent of public instruction of Pennsylvania, has just submitted his annual report to Gov. Hastings for the year ended June 1 last. While it shows great progress in the school system there is no evidence to indicate that the large appropriation of \$5,500,000 is effecting any substantial increase of the salaries of teachers or adding to the length of the school term. The increase in the salary of male teachers was only 26 cents a month, while the salary of female teachers underwent a decrease of 6 cents. The school term in months increased only .07. The number of school districts in Pennsylvania, including Philadelphia, was 2,478, an increase of 31; schools, 25,899, increase 515; graded schools, 15,058, increase 1,158; male teachers, 8,796, increase 168; female teachers, 17,968, increase 598; pupils, 1,088,786, increase 18,174; cost of school houses, purchasing, building, renting, etc., \$4,096,924.93, increase \$372,366; teachers' wages, \$9,622,235.81, increase \$317,906.22; fuel, contingencies, fees of collectors and other expenses, \$4,848,686.64, increase \$168,827.53. The average salary of male teachers was \$44.78 and female teachers \$38.28. The average length of the school term was 7.98. The average number pupils in attendance was 802,737. The amount expended in the purchase of text books was \$734,913.78, and the total disbursements for school purposes were \$19,661,529.58, which included \$356,768.42, expended for school supplies other than text books outside of Philadelphia. The amount of tax levied exclusive of Philadelphia was \$9,296,162.78, an increase of \$697,620.07. Superintendent Schaeffer refers to the last United States census to show that as a rule the earning power of the industrial classes rises as the percentage of illiteracy falls. He also says the modern factory is thriving upon educated labor and that its development has helped the intellectual progress of the masses. Supt. Schaeffer also urged a liberal appropriation for higher education, especially a system that would benefit the rural population. Compulsory education, says Supt. Schaeffer, has steadily decreased the number of children employed in the manufactures. He claims it was necessary "to banish illiteracy and to make ignorance impossible." The law in Pennsylvania, he says, has not been fully tried and many defects in it will appear which must be remedied by future legislation. Compulsory vaccination is not favored by the superintendent, and he says it serves to neutralize the compulsory education law. It is better, he thinks, to educate the pupils and parents in the laws of health. With few exceptions the school houses have perfect sanitary arrangements, and this is a point that cannot be too closely watched. Supt. Schaeffer makes a caustic reference to the "sharks" who appeared when the school appropriation was raised to \$5,000,000. Agents for charts, maps and blocks induced many uninformed school boards to purchase their high-priced goods. This the superintendent terms extravagance, and issues a warning against it. Of the distribution of the school appropriation the superintendent says: "It discriminates against the districts which lack industries to hold their adult population and in favor of the districts toward which the young people gravitate as soon as their school days are ended. It is needless to say this method fails to carry out the theory which makes it the duty of the state to provide at public expense equal common school advantages for all its youth." The teachers employed, according to Supt. Schaeffer, are as a rule competent, and under the present system, only those properly qualified can secure positions. The studies are advancing in tone, and a noteworthy feature of the text books is that they have begun to treat the State government as of equal importance with the Nation.

A Youngstown correspondent says Coxy is full of new ideas. But no doubt the whirring in the same old wheels. In any event Coxy must keep off the grass. Some of the Popocratic managers in the late political contest seem to fondly imagine that they can hold onto the organization of the Democratic party and at the same time let go of its principles. This reminds us of the fellow who in a runaway lost his horse but saved his harness—Phila. Record, Dem.

MAJOR MCKINLEY never before knew how badly he needed advice and how many distinguished citizens there are who are willing to volunteer the same.

So KANSAS talks of seceding. If she will give a bond that she will take Whiskers Peffer, Sockless Jerry and Mary Liz with her out of the Union and keep them out, she has our permission to try the experiment.

SPAIN owns two of the richest island provinces in the world, so far as natural resources go—Cuba and the Philippine Islands. Both have been reduced to ruin by revolts due to misgovernment. How long ought a nation to be allowed to spread ruin in this fashion, and ruin the trade of other nations?

SPEAKING of the appreciation of money, there is no place where it is more highly appreciated than in a country newspaper office where an occasional subscriber has the rare magnanimity to take the paper several years and then repudiate his obligation by simply refusing to lift the paper any longer. Such things have a tendency to make a man "awearry of the world."—Punzy Spirit.

The President and Cuba. If outward signs and personal secrecy mean anything, President Cleveland is preparing to take as bold and positive a stand in Cuban affairs as he did in the Venezuelan dispute. The preparation of the navy for active service, and the energetic improvement of coast defenses, particularly in the Florida and South Atlantic districts, are very significant. The President is a remarkably cautious man and his caution is more than equaled by his determination in pursuing a course he has once taken, regardless alike of public criticism and material consequences. He was much slower in the Venezuelan matter than the great American public liked him to be, because he fully appreciated the gravity of the situation to follow. But when the time came he reaffirmed the Monroe doctrine in its fullest measure of significance. That he fully understands the danger of war, following any decisive stand for Cuban freedom or belligerence, is testified to by the activity of the war and navy departments and that same activity indicates his intention to take or to recommend vigorous measures.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

School Reports.

Table with columns: Room, Enrolled, Average Attendance, Present, Not Present. Rows for Rooms No. 1 through No. 4, and a Total row.

PRESENT EVERY DAY:

Room No. 1.—Kathleen Joyce, Teacher; Leon Clark, Earl Knox, Harry Carson, James Charleston, John Sanner, Dallas Reck, Harrison Blum, Chas. Carson, Joseph Weaver, Belle Hood, Lonie Foreman, Ethel Clark, Lenore Ritchey, Eva Carr, Evelyn Grove, Essie Scowden, Olive Childs, Katie Bradbury, Ruby Crawford, Iva Emert. Room No. 2.—Martha H. Morrow, Teacher; Willie Clark, Archie Davis, Roland Armstrong, Bonnie Charleston, Harry Jamieson, Edward Joyce, Thomas Fulton, Charlie Charleston, Philip Blum, Charlie Carlson, Clifford Carr, Russell Hopkins, Clifford Foreman, Herbert Hepler, Paul Carson, Edith Hopkins, Grace Armstrong, Kate Arner, Mary Everett, Grace Cone, Bertha Yought, Bertha Thomson, Mary Noble, Ethel Dean, Colyn Clark, Isabel Joyce, Bertha Lawrence, Josephine Smearbaugh, Lulu Carr, Olive Lanson, Fern Bowman. Room No. 3.—Mary Lamb, Teacher; Harry Blase, George Carson, Newkirk Carson, Charlie Sanner, Jesse Graham, Paul Clark, Archie Holeman, Alice Agnew, Evelyn Clark, Mary Fredrickson, Leona Scowden, Katie Osgood, Samuel Haslet, Howard Kelly, John Ritchey, Howard Thomson, Roy Bovard, Clyde Foreman, Frank Joyce, Nellie Carson, Eva Davis, Florence Fulton, Gertrude Agnew, Martha Overlander, Helen Smearbaugh. Room No. 4.—Ida Paup, Teacher; Gordon Haslet, Carl Wenk, Harold Dean, Fred Blum, Charlie Jamieson, Harry Bankhead, Archie Clark, Joe Joyce, Ray Briteil, John Jamieson, Florence Thomson, Nettie Clark, Claudia Graham, June Norman, Bessie Morgan, May Clark, Annie Seligworth Iva Holeman, Belle Jamieson, Emma Salsgiver. Room No. 5.—L. N. Spar, Teacher; James Morrow, Jay Bankhead, Lester Holeman, Minnie Reck, Lillie Bradbury, Lena Graham, Marie Smearbaugh, Sarah Morrow, Ida Fones.

WEST HICKORY SCHOOL.

For the school month ending Nov. 30, 1908. Room No. 2.—Sam. P. Carson, Teacher. Number enrolled, 39; average attendance, 28; per cent. of attendance, 92. Present every day: Nellie Carson, Mabel DeWalt, Emma Carson, May Higgins, Mary Casey, Carrie Hardenburgh, Huldah Carlson, Earl Sutley, Fred Williams, Harry Turner, Charley Norton, Fred Carson, Randall Elder, Fred Dunn. Room No. 2.—Pauline Redfield, Teacher. Number enrolled, 33; average attendance, 31; per cent. of attendance, 92. Present every day: Willie Nurse, Edna Sutley, Clyde Rockwell, Edith Sutley, Earnest Lusher, Gertrude Porter, Fred Bender, Wilhelme Elder, Orion Bryan, Allen Hood, Beanie Carlson, Mary Sutley, Miah Casey, Josephine Higgins, Archie Hood, Alice Porter, Max Sutley, Arthur Engdahl.

TESTIMONIALS.

From Children of Pennsylvania who have been Cured by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Mr. W. W. Spiller, drug clerk, with J. W. McConnell, Paradise, Pa., says: "I was out all one night last winter and contracted a severe cold. I was so hoarse for a week I could hardly speak. Knowing how well customers of our store spoke of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, I concluded to try it. One-half of a bottle cured me entirely." J. A. Sauer, Vinton, Pa., says: "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has proven so valuable that I do not hesitate to recommend it to any one." Dr. F. Winger, Harrisburg, Pa., says: "Mr. J. D. Kluge, a cigar maker of this place, reports a complete cure of his cough with a 20 cent bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy after he had tried others which had failed." For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle by G. W. Bovard.

"Excuse me," observed the man in spectacles, "but I am a surgeon, and that is not where the liver is." "Never you mind where the liver is," retorted the other, "if it was in his big toe or his left ear the doctor's article early Biscuits would reach it and shake it for him. On that you can bet your gig-lamps." Heath & Killmer.

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—Any person desiring first-class dental work done will do well to bear in mind that I will be in Tionesta for the week commencing on the first Monday of each month. R. H. STILLSON.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

BY VIRTUE of a writ of Alias Fieri Facias issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Forest County, Pennsylvania, and to me directed, there will be exposed to sale by public vendue or outcry, at the Court House in the Borough of Tionesta, Forest County, Pa., on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, A. D., 1908, at 10 o'clock p. m., the following described real estate to-wit:

J. F. PROPER, use of A. M. DOUTT, vs. JOHN L. PETERS and MARTHA L. PETERS, Alias Fieri Facias, No. 5, February Term, 1908.—J. F. Ritchey, Attorney.

All the right, title, interest and claim of the defendant in and to the following described lot, situate in the Borough of Tionesta, Forest County and State of Pennsylvania: Bounded on the North by lots of J. M. Kepler, on the East by Elm street, on the South by land of S. A. Dale, and on the West by lands of H. M. Foreman. Containing one-half acre, more or less, and being lots Nos. four and five, in Block "D," and known as the Forest House property, on which is erected one two-story frame building about 50x32 feet, and one frame stable about 30x40 feet, with necessary out-buildings.

Taken in execution and to be sold as the property of John L. Peters and Martha L. Peters, at the suit of J. F. Proper use of A. M. Douth.

TERMS OF SALE.—The following must be strictly complied with when the property is struck down: 1. When the plaintiff or other lien creditors become the purchaser, the costs on the writ must be paid, and a list of liens including mortgage searches on the property sold, together with such lien creditor's receipt for the amount of the proceeds of the sale or such portion thereof as he may claim, must be furnished the Sheriff. 2. All bids must be paid in full. 3. All sales not settled immediately will be continued until 10 o'clock p. m., of the next day, at which time all property not settled for will again be put up and sold at the expense and risk of the person to whom first sold.

See Furlow's Digest, Ninth Edition, page 486 and Smith's Forms, page 384. JOHN T. CARSON, Sheriff. Sheriff's Office, Tionesta, Pa., November 23, 1908.

COMMISSIONERS' LAND SALE

By virtue of various Acts of Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania made and provided, we, the undersigned Commissioners of the County of Forest, will expose to sale by public vendue or outcry at the Court House, in Tionesta Borough, on the 9TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1908, at 10 o'clock a. m., the following described tracts of land, viz:

SEATED LANDS. HANCOCK TWP. War. Acres. Namo Assessed In. 2 Jones, E. L. and Isaac. JENKS TWP. 3171 1 Zimmerman, John. 3173 1 Whitney Bros. 3891 1 Shiek, Herb. TIONESTA TWP. 52 Dale heirs to Shiepherd. UNSATED LANDS. JENKS TWP. 3322 100 Phillis, James, et Anna Hills. 3141 12 Patterson, J. M., et Bobbs. 3147 17 Ray, W. A., et Hoynton. 3293 140 Wright & Lear. 3504 140 Wright & Duhring. KINGSLEY TWP. 5121 200 Gray, S. C. 5194 4 of 80 Lake Erie Petroleum Co. 5193 4 of 80 Lake Erie Petroleum Co.

TIONESTA TWP.

115 Copeland, Otis heirs. 19 Patterson, Joseph. 250 Irwin & D. HICKORY TWP. 5192 1 of 150 Lake Erie Petroleum Co. W. A. CONNELLY, PETER YOUNG, W. M. COON, County Commissioners. Attest, J. T. DALL, Clerk.

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TIME TABLE in effect Sept. 6, 1908. Trains leave Tionesta for Oil City and points west as follows:

No. 31 Buffalo Express, daily except Sunday 12:00 noon. No. 61 Way Freight (carrying passengers), daily except Sunday 4:50 p. m. No. 33 Oil City Express, daily except Sunday 7:40 p. m.

For Hickory, Tidoute, Warren, Kinzua, Bradford, Olean and the East: No. 30 Olean Express, daily except Sunday 8:45 a. m. No. 32 Pittsburgh Express, daily except Sunday 4:19 p. m. No. 60 Way Freight (carrying passengers to Irvinton) daily except Sunday 9:50 a. m.

Get Time Tables and full information from W. H. SAUL, Agent, Tionesta, Pa. and points west as follows: J. A. FELLOWS, Gen'l Passenger & Ticket Agent, General office, Monsey-Brisbane Bldg, Cor. Main and Clinton Sts., Buffalo, N. Y.

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