

Our Public Schools.

During the past school year, 725,312 pupils have been in attendance at the various public schools of the State—a number nearly twice as great as the population of California, six times that of Delaware or Kansas, twice that of Vermont or New Hampshire, and about equal to that of either Wisconsin, Texas, South Carolina, New Jersey, Mississippi, Michigan, Maine, Maryland, or Iowa.—The total number of teachers employed for the instruction of these children is 16,144, or one teacher for every forty-five pupils.

Though the school system of the State should present no other problem, this one would be sufficient to occupy the attention of educators as well as others for at least five years to come. The question, indeed, of all questions concerning our schools, is the one of increasing the percentage of attendance so that it will range from eighty-five or ninety per cent. to one hundred.

It is scarcely possible to make plainer than do these figures, the alarming nature of this evil. Of the thirty-seven absentees out of each hundred, scarcely more than fifteen are detained from school by sickness or other sufficient cause.

As to the causes of this absenteeism, we think they may be divided into—1st, laxity of parental government; 2nd, lack of interest in school affairs; 3d, scarcity of well qualified, successful teachers; 4th, natural aversion of some children to anything like study.

In naming the first three causes of the evil, we imply the remedies for all. We do not so much need legislation, as a higher standard of public opinion in regard to the common schools of the State, and a very great increase in the number of well qualified teachers—qualified in scholarship, in aptness to teach, in patience, and in all the virtues necessary to being a successful teacher.

HON. M. S. QUAY, of Beaver, has introduced into the House of Representatives at Harrisburg a resolution to call a convention to amend the Constitution of this Commonwealth. His resolution defines the object of the convention to be to strike the word "white" from the clause defining the qualifications of voters.

As was expected, President Johnson has vetoed the Nebraska and Colorado bills. His chief arguments are directed against the assumed insufficiency of population of these territories for admission into the Union, though it is well understood that the radical character of the Constitutions of the would-be States is what provokes his special opposition.

our schools than such work and the increasing of the grade of the school certificate, so as to exclude entirely from the profession the more incompetent. We can see no reason to object to compulsory education so far as the exercise of authority is concerned, but we may well inquire if a child can be expected to do much good at its studies when its parents send it there unwillingly!

Savages.

The Indians are becoming troublesome on the plains. About a month since, some fifty of the soldiers garrisoning Fort Phil Kearney, an advanced outpost, were decamped in an ambush by the red-skins, and were cruelly murdered. Since then, they have been growing fiercer and more defiant, as though the taste of blood indulged in had only whetted their appetite for a feast.

The cause of these troubles is in some measure to be found in the faithlessness of the Government, or rather its agents. By the terms of treaties entered into with the Indians, the Government is obligated to pay to them certain sums of money yearly; but through the dishonesty of Governmental agents, scarcely one dollar out of every ten reaches the hands of those for whom intended.

On the principle that the "star of empire" must not be allowed to be obstructed in its westward course, not a few newspapers urge that the "stamping out" process be applied to the aborigines.

Side by side with the account of the Indian troubles, we read that a rebel revolt has occurred in Bowie county, Texas. The unreconstructed of that section have risen up against the Union men, and are butchering them like so many dogs.

It may be right to "stamp out" the Indians. But if so, it would be a hard question to determine why, by the same rule, we should not also at the same same time "stamp out" the revolting rebels of Bowie county, Texas.

—Gold is quoted at 138. —They have a daily paper in Oil City. —The proper way to buy and sell coal: weigh. —The Emperor Napoleon's present position: ex-position. —The tie which binds A. J. to the rebels: amnesty.

—Garret Davis has been re-elected U. S. Senator from Kentucky. —Publication of the Indiana True American has been suspended. —Senator Bigham has introduced a general railroad bill into the Legislature.

EDITORIAL ETCHINGS.

—The world moves! Horace Greeley and Henry Ward Beecher have been invited to deliver a lecture each in Atlanta, Ga. —A match game of base ball was played on the ice of a skating park in New York on Friday.

—Why is the mass of snow now covering the ground quadrupled? Because it is four feet! —Our thanks are due and are tendered to Col. John P. Linton, our Assemblyman, for public documents sent us.

—"True as the needle to the Pole" may be an apt comparison, but "true as the needle gun to the Prussian" is certainly equally striking and expressive. —It is said that Government is about purchasing sixty thousand reams of white paper.

—The late storm.—The hurricane blasts of the late storm had the effect of obstructing the tracks of the Penna. railroad, along the Coeamount Slackwater, some distance west of Johnstown. At this point, for the distance of about two miles, the snow drifted upon the track very rapidly, and a force of some two hundred men was necessary to keep it clear.

—It is known that Mr. J. L. Motley, American Minister to Austria, has resigned his portfolio of office, and that Mr. Edgar Cowan has been named for the position in his stead by the President.—The cause of the withdrawal of Mr. Motley has just come to light.

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Executive Clemency.

Governor Geary has promulgated the following excellent rules to apply to the granting of pardons:— First. No pardon will be granted until notice of the application thereof shall have been given by publication, once a week for two consecutive weeks, in a newspaper printed in the county in which the conviction was had.

Second. No pardon will be granted unless notice of the application shall have been given to the judge who tried the case, to the district attorney, or to the attorney who prosecuted, proof of which notice shall be furnished this Department. Third. All applications for pardon must have with them the following papers, written in a clear and distinct hand:

1. A certified copy of the whole record, including docket entries, minutes of court, copy of indictment, pleas, and all other papers on file in the court relating to the case. 2. A full statement of the reasons upon which the application is based, setting forth all the facts; the notes of evidence taken on trial; letters from responsible persons in the community where the crime was committed; a recommendation from the jurors who sat on the trial, and if any of them refuse to recommend a pardon, reasons given for such refusal; letter from the district attorney or counsel who tried the case; and a letter from the judge, setting forth his views upon the subject of the application.

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The Case of Rev. W. E. Evans.

We, the undersigned, Elders of the Welsh Christian Church, south, Ebensburg, Cambria co., Pa., to whom was entrusted the investigation of the sad affair connected with Elder W. E. Evans, are now prepared to announce to the world the result of our investigations. The committee spared neither time nor labor in order to find out all the facts touching the matter, and have learned (independent of the woman's confession of having administered poison to her husband at four different times, and of her having surrendered the remainder of the poison in her possession,) that all the statements made by Evans in the case are true, and are fully established by many credible witnesses, so that there is no room for the least doubt to linger in the minds of those who are acquainted with the affair, with regard to the guilt of the woman.

The Christian Congregation of Diamondville, Indiana county, Pa., to the brethren scattered abroad, send greeting: This is to certify that we believe our beloved brother, Wm. E. Evans, is a man of love, truth and honesty, and of his character, walk and conversation commensurate with his christian profession, and after having passed through affliction's furnace, exhibits a spirit of forbearance, of love, joy, peace, gentleness, goodness, &c., and we feel ourselves willing to be responsible for commending him to the confidence of the brethren abroad.

Written and adopted by a unanimous voice of the church—one member only being absent from home. JAMES DAVIS, Elder. JEREMIAH LONG, Elders.

Bro. R. E. REES: I am willing to state for the benefit of those who may be concerned that I have perfect knowledge of all that transpired during brother Evans' troubles. I was one of those that helped to bring Mrs. Evans. She partly confessed to me on the road, as we brought her. I was present at the church meeting where brother Evans gave in his testimony.

NOTICE.—Whereas, on the 10th day of January, 1867, E. Redell, as agent, and George W. Kerby, as silent partner, doing business in the Borough of Wilmore, Cambria county, Pa., in the name of E. Redell, made a voluntary assignment for the benefit of their creditors, under the Act of Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to the undersigned, residing in the said borough, of all the goods, merchandise, rights and credits, of the said Kerby, in the business aforesaid; no fee is hereby given to all persons indebted to make payment without delay, and those having claims are requested to present their demands within the time required by law. EDWARD D. EVANS, Assignee. Feb. 7, 1867-6t.

NOTICE.—The partnership heretofore existing between J. McGonigle, J. H. Dysart and W. C. Keller, in the Mercantile business, at Hemlock, Cambria county, Pa., is this day dissolved by the withdrawal of J. McGonigle. The business of the late firm will be settled by J. H. Dysart and W. C. Keller, at the old stand, who will continue the business under the same name as heretofore. J. H. DYSART, J. MCGONIGLE, W. C. KELLER. Hemlock, Feb. 7-3t.

NOTICE.—The following Petitions for Tavern License have been filed in the office of the Clerk of Quarter Sessions of Cambria county, to be presented to the Judges of said Court on the first Monday of March next: Peter Keenan, Cambria bor.; Owen McCaffray, Cambria bor.; Henry Foster, W. W., Ebensburg; Gottlieb Lessinger, 2d W., Johnstown; J. S. Kiel, Washington tp.; Richard Detling, Washington tp.; Otto Helly, Washington tp. GEO. C. K. ZAHM, Clerk. Ebensburg, Feb. 7, 1867.

ROBERT E. JONES, LUMBER DEALER, EBENSBERG, CAMBRIA COUNTY, PA. Will buy Cherry, Poplar, Ash, and Lind Lumber. Highest prices in cash paid. Orders promptly filled. [Feb]

E. J. WATERS, Justice of the Peace and Scrivener. Office adjoining dwelling, on High st., Ebensburg, Pa. [Feb7-6m]

WM. R. HUGHES & CO., WILMORE, PENNA. Dealers in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware, Willow-ware, Queensware, Hats and Caps, Boots and Shoes, &c. Also, dealers in Hemlock, Cherry, Ash, Bass, Maple, and Sugar Lumber. Bills for Frame Lumber filled to order promptly. We buy our goods for cash, and can sell lower than "Bedford County" or any other dealer in this country. Our senior partner has had twenty years' experience in business, and flatters himself he can sell a little lower than men who have had no experience whatever in business. CALL AND SEE US! Cash paid for Wool, Rags, and Country Produce. We do not ask 80 days credit, as the credit system has played out in the course of human events. We pay Cash, and sell for Cash or its equivalent. WM. R. HUGHES & CO. [Jan24]

BOOT AND SHOE EMPORIUM! The subscriber begs leave to inform the public that has opened out a Boot and Shoe Store in the rooms formerly occupied by Davis & Evans, on Center street, Ebensburg, where he will carry on the business on an extensive scale. READY-MADE BOOTS AND SHOES.—For sale at City Prices! BOOTS AND SHOES made to order.—On shortest notice! The public are invited to give me a call. I will sell cheap as the cheapest, and warrant my stock and make to give satisfaction. [Jan31] JOHN O. EVANS.

PRIVATE SALE! The subscriber will sell the following property at private sale: One House at Portage Station, on the R. R., with 2 acres land. Suitable store room or a dwelling. One House and 90 acres land, on P. R. one-half mile west of Portage, opposite siding of the Union Mills of the railroad, & Co. One House and 2 acres land at the site for a store. One Water Power Saw mill, within of the P. R. R., one-half mile west of Portage, together with timber land, 100, 300 acres, to suit purchasers. The mill and houses on the same cost \$2,500. lumber was cheap. Or, I will sell the whole tract of 400 acres, with timber enough on the same to pay water mill for seven years. The price is 1,500 to 2,000 feet of side tracks on the P. R. R. A general Warranty Deed will be given on ten days notice for all the foregoing property, and possession of all houses, &c. on the 1st April next. Call soon, as the property will be sold on or before the 1st April. The improvements cost the subscriber \$6,000. 150 acres of the land is timbered with Sugar, and the land itself is warranted as good as any in Cambria county. Three creeks pass through the land: Trout Run, McIntosh Run, and Wright of God Wood. The location is the only outlet to the lands of Burke and the Wm. M. Lloyd lands. Two pieces of the land adjoin the former owned by Hon. Thomas A. McKean, known as the M'Coyle Farm. One-third the purchase money will be required down; the balance in six and ten payments. Ten per cent. will be deducted from the property will be sold in preference, as the subscriber has not time to collect rents. The house and lot, say 1 acre of Portage, now occupied by Louise Evans, will be sold if sold soon. Also, a room at the same place, with 2 acres, formerly occupied by Victor Voigt, to him at one time for \$725—will be sold for \$900. The former will be \$350, cash, or its equivalent. CALL SOON! W. M. R. HUGHES, Wilmore, January 31, 1867.

PRIVATE SALE! The subscribers, having quite a quantity of Lumber, desire to dispose of the following property: 2 good WAGONS; 2 SLEDS; 4 large MULES, with Harness; 1 STATIONARY STEAM SAW, with 30-horse power Engine, in good running order. Also, 110 acres good FARM LAND, watered, situated one mile west of Portage, on the Indiana Pike, 15 acres of which are cleared, and having thereon a two-story Plank House and a Frame with a spring of never failing Water. The above property will be sold on reasonable terms. W. DAVIS & SONS, Ebensburg, January 24, 1867-3m

TAKE TIME BY THE FORELOCK! Persons having Carriages, or anything in that line, should have repaired now, so as to be ready when needed. Any person wishing to buy a heavy ironed Two-horse Wagon can do so on King on R. H. Singer, at his shop, in Foundry. He will furnish persons desiring "I C. Singer's Labor-Saving Tire and Bender." Horse shoeing, Chain making, and all of Blacksmithing, done cheap for cash. R. H. SINGER, Ebensburg, January 31, 1867-2m

PUBLIC SALE! The subscriber will sell at public sale, in the Foundry, in Ebensburg, at 10 a. m. on Thursday, February 21st, 1867, PLOWS of all descriptions; THRESHING MACHINES; SLED SCOLLS; COAL STOVES; Improved HATHAWAY COOK STOVE and many other articles. At the same time and place, will be for sale, two Lots of Grand situated in ensburg boro. [Jan31] R. GLAD

NOTICE.—To the creditors of the Huntingdon & Indiana Turnpike Company.—The Board of Huntingdon county has directed and to the creditors of said road on per cent. to the claims against said road, as they stand, on the presentation of property of indebtedness. JOHN S. RHEE, Esq., Huntingdon Globe and Hollidaysburg Advertiser. dard please copy 3 times and send advertiser.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.—The undersigned, having been appointed Auditor to report distribution of money in the hands of Cecilia Wills, late M'Allen, administrators of the estate of Wm. E. Evans, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will attend, for that purpose, at the Court of Justices at Scanlan, in Ebensburg, on the 15th day of February, at one o'clock, p. m., of said day, where all persons interested may appear and file their claims. JOHN S. RHEE, Auditor. [Jan24-4t]

LATEST ARRIVAL! The subscriber has just received his store, on High street, Ebensburg, and salable stock of Flour, Bacon, Mottasses, Tea, Barrel Salt, Table Salt, Tobacco, Cheese, and everything in the Grocery, Notion and Confectionery line. Also, Boots and Shoes, Carbon and cating Oil, &c. All which will be sold very cheap. [Jan24] G. G. O'CONNOR

STRAY.—Came to the premises of the subscriber in Susquehanna Township, Cambria county, on or about the 20th of June, 1866, a young BULL, color dark red, no markings, owner is requested to come forward to the subscriber, and take home the property, pay charges, and take the bill will be disposed of as the law directs. THOMAS GOODENOUGH, Platteville, Jan. 24, 1867-3c

LIME-OR LEAVE.—Lime for sale, at Lilly's on Plane No. 4, by the bushel or cord. Shipped to Johnstown, Ebensburg, station on the Penna. Rail Road. WM. TILLEY, Address. [Jan24] Hemlock P. O., Cambria county, Pa.