



The Farm and the Fire

The Common School System of Pennsylvania.

[Arranged for the Daily Register.]

We have before us the twentieth annual report of the superintendent of the common schools of this State. We extract from it the following statistics and remarks upon the present state and prospects of the system in our commonwealth. We learn from the tables that the whole number of school districts reported, exclusive of the City and County of Philadelphia, was 1881, in addition to which, one hundred have been reported since the arrangement of the tables. The number of schools in these districts is given at nine thousand five hundred and seven; the number of pupils, six hundred and seventy-eight thousand, one hundred and thirty-two; the average number of months taught, five; total number of teachers employed eleven thousand two hundred and thirty-seven, of whom seven thousand, five hundred and ninety are males, whose average salaries nineteen dollars and twenty-five cents; three thousand six hundred and forty female, at an average salary of twelve dollars and three cents; total number of scholars, four hundred and seventy-four thousand five hundred and fifty-five, of whom two hundred and sixty thousand two hundred and sixty-nine, are males, and two hundred and fourteen thousand one hundred and eighty-six females; making an average of forty-two scholars to each school, each scholar being taught at an average cost of forty-three cents per month. There has been raised for school purposes by taxes levied for the year ending June 30th, 1880, one million two hundred and thirty thousand three hundred and thirty-seven dollars, being by State appropriations one hundred and fifty-three thousand and eighty-two dollars, exclusive of thirty-one thousand three hundred and seven dollars for the City and County of Philadelphia, and from Collectors of school tax seven hundred and forty-seven thousand one hundred and ninety-five dollars. The expenses of the system during the same period, again excluding Philadelphia City and County, amounted, for tuition, fuel and other contingencies, eight hundred and fifteen thousand nine hundred and fifty-one dollars; for school houses, one hundred and forty-seven thousand five hundred and sixteen dollars; the latter item showing a marked decrease over the previous year.

A proper exhibit of the progress of Education in Pennsylvania should include the statistics of the City and County of Philadelphia. From the thirty-fifth annual report of the controllers of the public schools of the first school district of Pennsylvania, comprising city and county of Philadelphia, for the year ending June 30th, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, it appears that the sum of four hundred and eleven thousand three hundred and three dollars and eighty-five cents was expended during the year, for the purpose of education; and of this amount, more than one half, to wit, two hundred and twenty-three thousand three hundred and fifty-two dollars and twenty-six cents, was paid for the cost of teaching the pupils. The remainder of this expenditure was for rent, school books, and other necessary expenses. During the same period there were two hundred and eighty-six schools in operation, including one high, one Normal, and fifty-five grammar schools. The number of scholars in attendance was twenty-five thousand, eight hundred and thirty-five males, and twenty-four thousand two hundred and forty-nine females, making a total of fifty thousand and eighty-five.

It will thus be seen that more than half a million of pupils have shared the benefits of a near million and a half of dollars, contributed voluntarily by the people of the State during the last school year. The report states that our common school system is now acknowledged to be the most complete in the Union, although it must be acknowledged to have many defects. A comparison drawn between the progress of education with us and the most favored nations of Europe, would be most flattering to our pride as Americans and Republicans. The report says:

From states containing more than two-thirds of the entire population of the Union, returns have been received which exhibit the remarkable fact, that of the one million seven hundred and fifty-six children of an educational age, two million nine hundred and seventy-three thousand and seventy-one were in 1880, in attendance at public schools; that in these States the sum of seven million and eighty-three thousand six hundred and ninety-three dollars was expended in that year for common school purposes; and that, across had to be the statistics of all of these, these items would doubtless be largely increased.

It is stated that the complaints in reference to the operation of the system which have been heard before the Department spring altogether from its management, few of any springing from the organization of the system. The most important of these complaints is without doubt that of the employment of persons as teachers who are lacking in the necessary qualifications—moral and intellectual—for so important a post. The fault is however, here to be traced to the carelessness and neglect of the people, who too often allow improper or incompetent persons to be chosen as School Directors. It is also necessary in order to procure competent persons as teachers, that they should be treated as members of an honorable and independent profession, and as such receive proper treatment and adequate compensation. The most ordinary mechanical business yields to the industrious operative thirty or forty dollars a month, and the salaries of clerks in stores and offices are still more liberal; but it will be seen that the average pay of male teachers, during the past year, is less than twenty dollars a month, and that of females less than thirteen.

JOB PRINTING

The best of construction and by its beauty of structure, good light and healthful ventilation would be much advanced.

It is desirable that the branches of education to be taught in the common schools should be defined by law, by some tribunal, independent of popular prejudices, rather than left to the arbitrary discretion of the directors.

The establishment of Normal Schools for the education of persons for the profession of teaching, is mentioned as most desirable and necessary in order to secure capable and faithful teachers for our schools.

Favorable mention is made of the educational meetings and teachers associations held in various parts of the State, which, by eliciting discussions and the submission of plans for the improvement of the system, the qualification of teachers, and the promotion of education generally, have the most important effect upon the public attention to their importance.

The dissemination of sound and practical intelligence, by means of papers, documents and periodicals, devoted to the cause of educational progress, have been of immense service. The Common School Journal and other publications of similar character, have been most valuable auxiliaries, and we cannot estimate too highly the importance of properly sustaining papers and periodicals devoted exclusively to the cause of education.

Business Cards.
J. COLSTEN, dealer in Stores, Tin, Copper and Sheet Iron Ware, Lodersville, near Great Bend Depot, Dec. 14, 1883.

MILLER & FOWLER, Attorneys and Counsellors at Law, and solicitors in chancery. Office No. 414 Clark St. Chicago, Ill. JOHN C. MILLER. CHARLES A. FOWLER.

Lines & Reynolds, Tailors, Shop in the room over G. R. Harvey's Store, near the Franklin Hotel.

PAOIFIC HOTEL, GREENWICH STREET, (near Broadway) New York City. Proprietors, J. D. Wilson, J. D. Wilson, Proprietors. In the vicinity of the principal Steamboat Landings. 871

ROCKWELL, WINTON & Co., MANUFACTURERS of Druggists in Stores, Goods, Hats, Caps, Fez, Umbrellas, Parasols, Ribbons, &c., No. 20 Cortlandt street, New York City. (up stairs.)



Office of the Susquehanna Register, HAVING recently added to our assortment of JOB TYPE, the very efficient and beautiful new RULES, BORDERS, ORNAMENTS, &c. we are now prepared to execute every kind of LETTER-PRESS PRINTING, such as PAMPHLETS, CIRCULARS, POSTERS, CARDS, BLANKS, CHECKS, &c.

Entire Satisfaction
of those favoring us with their patronage. We special in our School Tickets, Bill Heads, etc., will be printed on short notice, on good paper. All kinds of Blanks, usually called for, can be had on hand for the REGISTER OFFICE.

NEW GOODS.
Our assortment now comprises almost every article wanted, and some that are not elsewhere, which we will sell at cost, and some articles for less than cost on that same account.

SHAWLS.
One hundred Woolen Long Shawls, all qualities and beautiful patterns at strictly low prices. U. BURROWS & Co. Gibson, October 26, 1883.

FINE FRENCH WOOL Long Shawls at \$4.25.
(Gibson, Oct. 26.) U. BURROWS & Co.

DRESS GOODS.
A LARGE and very desirable assortment of Dress Goods, very cheap. U. BURROWS & Co. Oct. 26, 1883.

CHEAP DELAINS.
A LARGE lot of handsome "Gold Medal" Delain, De Laine, at 18 1/2 cents per yard. U. BURROWS & Co. Gibson, Oct. 26, 1883.

BUFFALO ROBES.
A LARGE lot, many of them choice whole robes, at a very small advance on cost. U. BURROWS & Co. Gibson, Oct. 26, 1883.

WINDOW SHADES.
A LARGE lot of handsome painted shades at low prices. U. BURROWS & Co. Gibson, Oct. 26, 1883.

Insurance Company

OFFICE, 9 WALL STREET, Capital, in Cash and Approved Securities, \$500,000.
Insurance against Loss or Damage by Fire.

DIRECTORS:
A. Q. Stebbins, 118 Broad street; Peter O. Barker, 107 Nassau street; George B. Baker, 118 Broadway; Thomas Andrews, 138 Cedar street; Saml G. Southmayd, 377 West street; Albert L. Crosby, 110 Greenwich street; James A. Croby, 118 Broadway; Charles L. Kingsbridge, N. Y.; Lambert C. H. Chicago, Ill.; S. Smith, Hobbs, Rochester, N. Y.; William W. Leland, New York; Peter R. Roach, 188 Bank street; Stutes S. Bell, corner West and Light streets; John L. Deen, 78 Water street; D. Van Vleet, 118 Broadway; Horatio M. Gallup, corner West and Barrow streets; Peter H. Foster, cor. Garwood and West; Reuben Ross Jr., 48 Eighth Avenue; Stephen Cromwell, 107 Nassau street; Wm. H. B. Smith, Philadelphia; D. Dexter B. Britton, 49 Water Street; Samuel Sinclair, Tribune Buildings; Samuel B. Shaw, Cleveland, Ohio.

Summer Arrangement.
Delaware, Lackawanna, and Western RAILROAD.
On and after Monday, Oct. 30, 1883, the Mail Passenger Train will leave Scranton at 10:15 A. M.

MONEY! MONEY!
Lampman & Co., at Binghamton, who keep the largest assortment of Groceries, Meats, and Canned Goods, in the State, have for sale a large quantity of choice Groceries, Meats, and Canned Goods, at low prices. They also have for sale a large quantity of choice Groceries, Meats, and Canned Goods, at low prices.

New Drug and Grocery Store.
DOCTOR E. PATRICK
Well tried friends both in and out of the State, and the public in general, that he has established in the above named business, at 149 1/2 N. 3rd street, Binghamton, Pa., a new and complete assortment of Groceries, Meats, and Canned Goods, at low prices.

DISSOLUTION.
The firm of S. S. Mulford & Son has been dissolved, and the business of the firm is now being conducted by S. S. Mulford, at 149 1/2 N. 3rd street, Binghamton, Pa.

WATCH REPAIRING.
AT THE OLD STAND AGAIN.
The subscriber, having resumed the above named business, under the management of Mr. Alfred Sayre, respectfully solicits from their old customers, a return of their patronage.

Wool Socks, Dried Apples &c.
The very highest market prices will be paid for Grain of all kinds, socks, Dried Apples, White Beans, &c., either on account or in exchange for Goods at cash prices. J. H. Sulphin. Sept. 19.

500 BUSHELS OF CORN wanted in exchange for goods at
Sommerville, August 31, 1883. J. H. SUTPHIN'S.

Fire Insurance.

THE subscriber is agent for the following Insurance Companies, doing business at the lowest rates possible.
State Mutual at Harrisburg. Capital, \$350,000.
Cash Mutual at Harrisburg. Capital, \$200,000.
Home Insurance, New York City. Capital, \$500,000.

STOVES! STOVES!
The best and most improved of the kind, and in the largest assortment ever introduced into Pennsylvania, which will be sold at the very lowest prices. Those who desire to purchase, will find it to their interest to call and examine our variety before purchasing elsewhere, as they comprise in part as follows:

New Arrangement. BINGHAMTON STORE AT LODERSVILLE, PA.
STOWERS & THOMAS
WOULD respectfully announce to the inhabitants of Lodersville, Great Bend and vicinity, that they are now receiving a new supply of their already large stock of Goods, in their new store, erected by De Witt and Night Express Train, at Lodersville, Pa., on the Erie Railroad, returning, leave Montrose (Sundays excepted) at 4 P. M., reaching Kirkwood in time to take the Mail trains of cars, both East and West, being the most convenient route to reach the New York & Erie Railroad.

VALUABLE LANDS FOR SALE.
FOR SALE IN ONE BODY, about 5500 acres of land in the waters of Spring Brook, a branch of the Lackawanna River, in Luzerne county, Penna., about midway between the towns of Scranton and Pittston. These lands are covered with valuable timber, and being situated in the most fertile region in Pennsylvania—known to our countrymen as the "Corn Belt"—and being also in the immediate vicinity of several railroads, made and now in progress, offer to the capitalist an opportunity for the investment of money that will secure a large and profitable return.

SPRINGVILLE.
THE undersigned having entered into a partnership in the mercantile business, at the old stand of S. Grover, to be conducted and carried on under the name and style of McMillan & Park, respectfully beg leave to inform the public that the business formerly conducted by S. Grover, is now conducted by McMillan & Park.

SASH, BLIND, AND DOOR FACTORY.
Lanesboro, Penna.
The subscribers will furnish Sash, Blinds, and Doors at their establishment on short notice and reasonable terms. Painting and glazing done if required. Also Plaster and Matched Flooring and Sash. NEWELL BROTHERS. Lanesboro, March 1, 1883.

TO MY PATRONS.
AS my business frequently calls me to other places far from my home, I beg to inform you, that I will be glad to have you call on me, and I will be glad to have you call on me, and I will be glad to have you call on me.

Notice Again.
M. S. WILSON has received a new and general assortment of Groceries, and as usual, disposed to have them distributed to those who want. Call and examine them. WILSON & BOWEN. July 22, 1883.

Another Scientific Work

DYSPEPSIA!
Dr. J. S. HOUGHTON'S
PEPSIN
DIGESTIVE FLUID OR GASTRIC JUICE.

Prepared from the most scientific and purest of the ox, after direction of the French Physiologist, J. S. Houghton, M. D., Philadelphia, Pa. This is a purely scientific remedy for all indigestion, flatulence, and all other ailments of the stomach. It contains no Alcohol, Bitters, or Drugs. It is extremely agreeable to the taste, and may be taken by the most feeble patients who can take any water, without any inconvenience. Beware of cheap imitations. Pepsin is a drug.

MAILED TOWN!
SAYRE, BENTLEY & PERKINS
H. A. FOUNDRY, are now prepared to fill orders for the manufacture of all kinds of machinery, with skill and despatch. They will keep constantly on hand PLOWS (best kinds), CULTIVATORS, STRAW CUTTERS, CORN SHELLERS, &c., &c. which we manufacture. We manufacture and repair all kinds of machinery.

NEW LINE OF MAIL STAGES.
Kirkwood to Montrose.
STAGES will leave Kirkwood, passing through Corbettville, Liberty, &c., every morning at 7 A. M., and returning at 7 P. M., on the Erie Railroad, returning, leave Montrose (Sundays excepted) at 4 P. M., reaching Kirkwood in time to take the Mail trains of cars, both East and West, being the most convenient route to reach the New York & Erie Railroad.

FACTS FOR THE PEOPLE!
NOTWITHSTANDING the prediction of the New Albany Ledger that Frank Pierce will be elected President because the "Prophet Isaiah says that the Lord gives power to the faint," it is universally admitted that the subscriber can and will sell

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MERRILL & ROOT, HATTERS.
BINGHAMTON, N. Y.
WOULD respectfully inform the Gentlemen of Montrose that they have received with a "Hat Constructing" machine for taking the shape of the head, and also fitting the Hat to the same shape—thus making a hat as perfectly easy to wear as the head, and also making the hat being thrown out of shape. Gentlemen leaving their measure can always order a hat which will warrant to fit.

LOOK TO YOUR LAND-MARKS!
THE subscriber will attend to occasional calls at his old business of SURVEYING in this vicinity when desired. Many of the old farms in this county should be surveyed, to look up and reset the old landmarks, which are liable to get lost or obliterated by time, or in occasional disputes and difficulties for time to come. Every man who does not know the precise location of all his lines of corners, therefore, should see to it in season, to prevent future trouble and litigation.

Wool Socks.
CALIFORNIA SOCKS.
1,000 California Socks, extra quality, for the first day of December, by H. BENTLEY & PERKINS. Montrose, Aug. 17, 1883.