### DISTRICT REPORT.

ANNUAL DISTRICT REPORT OF DIRECTORS OF WEST REV VILLE DISTRICT FOR THE	NOLDS- SCHOOL
YEAR ENDING MONDAY, JUN	E 4, '06.
Whole number of schools Average no. months taught.	4 8
Number of male teachers	
Number of female teachers employed	3
Average salary of male teachers per month \$ 65 00	
Average salary of female teachers per month 40 00	
Number of male scholars. Number of female scholars.	103
Whole no. in attendance Average daily attendance	182
Average percentage of at-	90
Cost of each pupil per mo. 1 27	-
Number of mills levied for school purposes	.6
Number of mills levied for school building purposes	2
Amount levied for school purposes. 1,112 51 Am't levied for school build-	
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Total amount levied.	1,437 52
State Appropriation 649 65	
Bal, on hand from inst year 210 11	
From Collector 1,433 48	
From County Treasurer 4 73 From all other sources 12 00	2,362 27
EXPENDITURES,	100
Building & furnish's house 106 97	
Reparing 17 59	
Reparing	
School text books	
School supplies 158 43	
Fuel and contingencles 139 86	
Fees of Col. and Treasurer. 17 30	
Salary of Secretary 25 00	0.753 40
Other expenses 78 60	2,155 66
Cash on hand. Am't due dist.f'm all sources Total resources.	106 61 14 44 121 05
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our Want Column.

#### THE HUMPBACK WHALE.

Most Desperate and Dangerous of All Marine Mousters.

A "whale factory" is always located in some scantily populated seacoast harbor, for the odors that rise from the chimneys when a whale is being tried out would speedily arouse an urban population to mob violence. The steam er is a stout little craft of 100 tons' burden, capable of making twelve knots an hour, and is strongly built and braced to enable it to withstand n chance blow from the mighty flukes of a maddened leviathan. Usually a single shot from the harpoon gun results in speedy death, but occasionally, when the weapon fails to strike a vital point, the frenzied monster will career wildly about the ocean for hours, dragging the ship, with engines reversed, over the water like a cork.

Most desperate and dangerous of all marine monsters is the humpback whale. When wounded, the humpback will charge the ship and attempt to destroy it, there being a case on record where a small Norwegian whaler was sunk and all hands lost in such an encounter, while another steamer had a narrow escape from a similar fate in Newfoundland waters.

On one occasion an unusually powerful bull blueback, harpooned in a nonvital spot, towed a whaler for twenty-six hours around Placentia bay, doubling back and charging the ship repeatedly and requiring three harpoons to dispatch it. Another time a Lumpback made a fourteen hour fight against a whaler off Cape Race, the ship's winch being demolished by the furious tugs the creature made as it tried to rid itself of the harpoon. A third instance was where a whaler, having shot one "fish" just before sundown, transfixed another soon afterward and spent the whole night in a most pertlous fight with his two vicwhose diverse movements frequently threatened to overturn the

When a whale is harpooned he usual-"sounds," or dives downward until he can go no farther. The rope attached to the harpoon is drawn out through the ship's hawse pipe so fast that the chafing causes the woodwork to smoke, and it has to be sluiced with sea water at intervals to prevent combustion. The wounded monster next bounds upward and projects himself clear out of the sea, bellowing madly the while and falling back into the brine with a noise resembling thunder. Then he races off furiously over the ocean, towing the ship behind and diving or rising at intervals until exhausted, when the whaler can approach and finish him. A full grown fish, if not vitally hit, can tow the ship for hours and may often require a second shot to give him his quietus. This, however, is more often done by launching a boat with two or three men, who row up to the spent victim and pierce him to the heart with a thrust from a sharp spear, when he sends up a last spout of spray and blood and expires

## FISHERS AND OMENS.

ODD SUPERSTITIONS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD.

Incidents and Persons That Are Considered Unlucky by the Tollers of the Sea-Some Queer Notions That

tions among fishermen is the alleged ill luck caused by woman. In the Isle of Skye if a woman crosses the water In course of the fishing the luck is doomed. At Flamborough, England, if when the men are preparing their lines she is not allowed to depart until she has knelt down and repeated the Lord's Prayer. In Lapland the fishermen avoid sprending their captured fish on that part of the shore frequented by women, as the next expedition would be a fallure.

On many parts of the coast of England it is considered most unlucky for a woman to walk over the nets or any of the fishing tackle, although women take an active part in collecting bait. Some of the English herring fishermen have an idea that by beating their wives they can draw the fish in. In the Hawalian Islands after the fishermen have prepared the lau melometo (a billet of wood used as a decoy) with the proper incantations care is taken that a woman does not step over it or enter the canoe in which it is placed. as in that event the decoy would lose its power, and the kahuna (sorcerer) would have to go through the operation again.

The influence of the minister is hard ly less adverse than that of women, and the practices noted as connected with the ill omen of feminine interfer ence apply also to the clergy. The herring are said to have all left one part of the Irish coast because they heard the new parson say he was going to tithe the fishery, and in Lapland and on the coasts thereof fish are never looked for where a church is in sight On the coast of Lancashire, England, the fishermen have a custom of setting sail on Sunday. A clergyman of the town once prayed against this breach of the Lord's day, as he called it; but, to neutralize his prayers, the fishermen made a small image of rags and plous ly burned the parson in effigy.

The avoidance of the neighborhood of churches referred to is accounted for by the fishermen's belief in the great quickness of hearing of fishes. In Sweden, for instance, the church bells are not rung in the bream season, lest the fish should take fright, and where the pilchard are fished the peo ple are no less careful of their sensitiveness to sound.

The Romans believed that the serrated spine on the tail of the sting ray was so venomous as to be capable of causing injury to even vegetable and mineral substances, trees losing their verdure and even rocks being affected. They also considered it bad luck if a person with a love or lawsuit on hand met a remora (sucking fish) when bathing. Albertus Magnus advised a suitor in a law case to place a perch under his arm and the judge

flat fish the Finns make the sign of the cross. The Irish will not eat the skate. sometimes called the maid, because it is supposed to bear a questionable resemblance to some of the grotesque mediaeval delineations of the Virgin Mary. The Dutch fishermen believe that they can discern the image of the Virgin in each scale of the drum, and the Swedish fishermen believe that the pike turns its head toward the shore on St. Gregory's day, March 12.

The origin of certain species of fishes are to be accounted for in various ways. When the Brittany fishermen happened to catch the lotte they threw them back into the water, as they were supposed to turn into eels. In parts of England eels are supposed to be bred from dew in the months of May and June or in other sections from the hairs of horses or kine which drop into cart ruts or into drinking troughs and springs and there quicken after rain. This latter superstition is widely prevalent in this country. The ancients supposed that eels were engendered of mud or that when tired of living they rubbed themselves against the rocks and from the detritus issued a new breed, while still others believed they came from the carcasses of animals. Soles, according to the French fishermen, are bred from prawns. The English fishermen think that the pike is begotten by the west wind, while the guidgeon is believed to be generated from the brains of horses.

Burn the teeth of fish you catch, or your luck will be bad next day. Pins found in church make good fish hooks In Scotland a quarrel on the beach, if blood is drawn, will drive the herring from the coast for the rest of the sea son. In Sweden stolen tackle is lucky. In north Germany herrings eaten on New Year's day bring luck all the year through. To witness the plunge of a pike before noon was considered an unlucky omen in Bohemia. In New England if you catch a fish you don't care to keep don't throw it back into the water until you have finished. If you throw it in before it will tell all the other fish what you are doing, and

The Hawaiian fishermen sometimes prepare a bait from the flesh of the octopus and the juice from the blossom of the ilima plant. An exact numbe of flowers is always used, as the fishermen believe that if an odd number were employed the bait would have no

Many of the English fishermen will not put to sen if any one mentions a plg while they are baiting their lines. Should they meet a hare on the way to their boats they will give up fishing for the day. In Scotland the salmon is

to only as So-and-so's fish. Usually it receives for a pseudonym the name of the tax collector of the nearest village, as he is generally the one least liked:

in the Hawalian Islands when the fishermen are ready to embark they are greatly exasperated should a person come along and stand in lolently gazing at them with his hands behind him, as they believe it gives them bad luck.

The ear bones, or otoliths, of the lake drum are often carried as amulets by the negro fishermen and others of the south and are also prized by the boys of Wisconsin and elsewhere in the west who call them "lucky stones," perhaps in allusion to the fact that they are marked by a figure which re sembles the letter L. The New England fishermen carry a lucky bone which they find in the head of the codfish. It is shell-like and narrow, with a length of three-fourths of an inch The edge is notched, while the color is a pearly white. Many of them consider it a good plan to carry two bones, as that will make their luck doubly sure, but they both should be from the head of the same fish.

In the Hawaiian Islands the appear ace of the uiui, a small flat fish which visits the islands only occasionally, is regarded as a sure precursor of the death of a high chief or one of the royal family.

The ancients supposed that the seal enjoyed immunity from lightning, and among those who borrowed the protection of its skin was the Emperor Augustus, who always wore a belt of seal fur. The idea arose from the fancy that the scal sleeps most profoundly in thunderstorms. The crab was believed by the ancients to grow only during the waxing of the moon, and this is still a current belief, the writer having found it in various parts of this country, particularly in Alaska. This seems to have more foundation than the belief that in thunderstorms lobsters east their large cutting claws. The brain of the carp was supposed by the anclents to grow and diminish as the moon waxed and waned. Pearls were supposed to be sea dew which the oyster drank in and by some mystic chemistry transformed into gems, which were soft until the sun shone on them. and then they hardened. It was sup posed that on cloudy nights the oyster secreted dark pearls and on moonlight nights clear white pearls.

The Japanese fishermen rarely if ever utilize the turtles taken in their nets, but, writing some characters on their backs, turn them loose. It is believed that a turtle so treated will guide the fisherman back to land should be ever be lost at sea .- New York Tribune.

His One Shot.

Colonel Evans in his book on California speaks of "buck fever" as being one of the most violent diseases which ever attacked the human system. It has been the undoing of many an experfenced hunter, but in the case cited by Colonel Evans it proved to be the making of a reputation.

A farmer in Hillnols named Wheeler had never fired a gun. One winter, however, he heard so much talk about the sport of hunting that his ambition became excited, and, borrowing a gun, he started out. When he came back he brought a magnificent buck, shot by himself square in the middle of the forehead. He said little about his achievement, but got the credit of being a crack shot, a reputation which, although he went hunting no more, he held for several years.

Then one day he told his story and

lost his name as a sportsman. He had seen a doe drinking out of a creek at the foot of a bluff about twenty feet high. With wild excitement be got his gun to his shoulder, shut his eyes, set his teeth and pulled the trigt he come the doe bound away unburt, while at the same time a glorious buck pitched headlong from the bluff into the creek

The buck had been looking down at the doe, and Wheeler had not seen him at all, but his shaking gun sent its shot on a fatal, although unintended,

Making Sparrows White. The Japanese are ruthless in their tampering with nature. If they de cide that they want a bird or an animal of a certain shape or color they set about manufacturing the article, so to speak, by the exercise of exceedingly clever ingenuity and untiring patience. Here, for example, is how the white sparrows are produced: They select a pair of grayish birds and keep them in a white cage in a white room. where they are attended by a person dressed in white. The mental effect on n series of generations of birds results in completely white birds. They breed the domestic cock with enormously long tails after the same principle They first select a bird with a good fall, giving him a very high perch to stand on; then with weights they drag the tail downward, carrying on the same system with the finest specimens of his descendants till a tall almost as long as a peacock's is produced at last.

Yearly Picture Taking. Some families make it a custom to

visit the photographer's yearly, all going together to sit for portraits singly or in groups. It is a good custom, but has to be strictly observed or it may begin to be honored in the breach. One family permits no postponement of the yearly trip to the photo gallery. A day is set, and every one must go. There are no penalties for nonattendance at this family reunion before the camera because there are no infringements of the rule. The custom began with this family many years ago, when the first beby came to it. Today it has a com plete photographic record of family life for almost a generation. Some of the children are married and are now photographed with their own children, while death has made vacancies in the later groups.—New York Press.

HOW BEAST MEN ARE MADE

The Hideous and Cruel Practice of Flesh Sculpture In China

"Victor Hugo in 'The Man Who Laughs,' " said an ethnologist, "tells of the sculptors of living flesh-those horrible people of the middle ages who kidnaped tender little children and turned them into all sorts of monsters, dwarfs. bunchbacks and the like, selling them afterward for jesters or for showmen's

"The bideous and cruel practice of flesh sculpture still continues. There is a tribe of Chinese gypsles who steal children and turn them into so called wild men. The practice is, of course,

illegal.

"A kidnaped child is flayed alive, bit by bit, and the shaggy skin of a dog is grafted on him. This takes a year. At the year's end the poor creature is shaggy. like a bear, from head to foot, "The child's vocal chords are destroyed with charcoal in an unspeakably

cruel way. He can never speak thereafter. He can only growl and moan like a beast. "He is imprisoned in a perfectly black hole until every vestige of reason leaves

him. Nine months is usually a sufficient confinement to accomplish this. "Finally, speechless, shaggy, lunatic, the victim is sold to a traveling show

man and is exhibited throughout China as a genuine wild man or beast man. I am bound to say he looks the part."

#### HOG MONEY.

Origin of the Curious Old Brass Coins of Bermudn.

"Hog money" is the name by which the brass money which began to be struck in Bermuda in 1650 came to be known. On one face of it was a hog. on the other a ship of that period These old coins are very rare and highly prized by collectors.

The history of this device is curious and interesting. A Spanish vessel, commanded by Juan Bermudez, on its way to Cuba with a cargo of hogs, was wrecked there. This was in 1515. Later in the same century, when the English discovered this land, they found a country inhabited by hogs. It is also interesting to note that the

English discovered it in the same way as the Spaniards. An English ship was wrecked there. Is it any wonder that the treacherous coast got from Spanish and English alike the name of Devil's Land? Yet it is one of the most beautiful coasts in the world, and it has been claimed that in brilliancy Mediterranean effects are not at all equal to those of Bermuda.

Bermuda is said to be the island of Shakespeare's "Tempest." The strange which mariners heard coming from this island, and which they did not then know were produced by hogs. caused them to say that it was haunted and to report weird things of it,-Pearson's.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Money Wisely Expended Is Safely, and Profitably Expended.

Beautified utility is never too costly. Over and over again the cost benefit of public improvements have bee proved, defined, established. It is tru of public betterments of a sanitar character; it is true of public bette ments that look to commercial ac vancement; it is true of public better

ments that have primarily an art value. The practical and the ornamental betterment are alike in this-that money wisely expended for good purposes is safely and profitably invested.

The limitations of expenditures for civic betterment are of course very obvious. The work undertaken must be good in itself and serve some good purpose. Money expended for a worthless filtration plant, for example, is money worse than wasted. Money, spent for bad art is not always consid ered as so completely lost as money, that might be wasted for worthless sanitary apparatus. The statue causes no ill health and may be avoided by, passing down the next street, while an impure water supply brings death and destruction to many helpless persons .-Homes and Garden.

English and Scotch Precedence, At the coronation of Charles I., the kingdoms of England and Scotland having been united during the reign of his father, considerable friction took place with regard to the order of precedence of the English and Scottish noblemen. An arrangement satisfactory to all parties was finally concluded, in virtue of which English peers while in England took precedence of rs of the same rank, while in Scotland this order was reversed.

The Shepherd's Crook.

and the Scottish peers went first.

Although most people have seen a shepherd's crook, many do not know the use of it. Some people think that all the shepherd carries it for is to use it as a walking stick when he tramps to and from the fold. But the crooked end itself serves a purpose. It enables a shepherd to catch refractory sheep. If a sheep shows signs of running away the crooked end has only to be placed round his leg, and he is a captive.-London Standard.

A Long Way Off.

Creditor (determinedly)-I shall call at your house every week until you pay this account, sir. Debtor (in the blandest of tones)-Then, sir, there seems every probability of our acquaintance ship ripening into friendship.

Lots of Chatter. "What is he playing?"
"Oh, Mendelssohn's 'Songs Without Words,' you know."

"Hm! Well, the audience seems to be doing their best to supply the deficiency."-London Bystander.

The words of the good are like a stan in a slippery place,-Hindoo Maxim.



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