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PUBLIC SCHOOLS LOSE GROUND.

Artendance Not Keeping Up with

Growth of Population. The statement has just been made went see years ago. At the same time the enrollment of students in colleges has increased. The theory is that the high cost of living takes the poorer children from the public schools and puts them to work. The pinch is not felt by the well to do, who in increasing numbers send their roung folks to institutions of

their found forms in institutions of higher loweroing.

The public achool population is reckoned on persons of the ages from 5 to 15 years. According to the American Educational Review all divisions of the country show a decrease with the exception of the Western.

The total returns indicate that The total returns indicate that there were enrolled in 1907-0% some stars per cent of the school population, while in 1900 72.62 per cent were enrolled. The loss in New York sty in the decade approximates 2 per

Mint Tes for the Nervous

Mint has many virtues and a few cos. Well washed, the leaves pulled from the stems, slightly mashed and boiling water poured over there re-solts a "mint tea" that is a sovereign remedy for nervous as well as atom-nch troubles. Berred in a thin glass with crucked ice and a little sugar in it cools and quiets the system gen

in preparing the mint ten the bowl is kept closely covered until the con-tents are cool; then strined, poured into a bottle that can be closely corked and set on ice; when wanted ice should be pounded very fine and a little sugar added if liked; some profer the sea unawestened.-New Orleans Picavone.

Ancient Bank Note.
At the Bank of England privileged ristors are sometimes shown the oldest known bank note for £555. with the date "19th Xber, 1899." The memoranda written across the note show that payment was made aby three instalments. The bank notes of that period were printed from on graved plates, blank spaces being left for the date, the signature, the number and the amount. The watermark general appearance the notes were very similar to those of to-day. It was not until 1797 that bank notes issued under £5 in value.

aborthand writing, known as stenography, was practiced by the ancienta-The freedmen of the poet Ennius. Cicero, Seneca and other literary men of Rome, are known to have resorted to shorthand. The oldest known sys-tem since the Roman days is that called the "Ars Scribendi," dating from the year 1412. Dr. Timothy Bright's system, the first English work on shorthand, dates from about 1588. Since then the approaches have been steady toward the greatly im-proved methods of the present day.

Bir Isaac never attempted to tell the people of his day what gravitation was. His very frank statement was as follows: "I do not anywhere take it upon me to define the kind or manner of any action, the causes or physi-cal reasons thereof, or attribute forces in a true and physical sense to certain centres, when I speak of them as attracting, or endued with attrac-

tive powers." Buriets That Hit. It has been estimated that in the Pranco-Prussian War the Germans fired 20,000,000 bullers, which killed and wounded 140,000 Frenchmen. According to this, only one hall out of 1sh that were fired bit its man, and; assuming that only one man out of seven hit was killed, it would seem wonnded by the artillery were included in the above estimate, it may safe-ly be said that not over one rifle ball

True Education That most womanly woman, Han-nah More, once gave an excellent definition of education. "Education." and the "is not that which smothers a somen with accomplishments, but that which tends to consolidate a firm and regular character—to form a friend, a companion and a wife,"

in a thousand fired killed its man,

Using Both Eyes. "In choosing his men," said the Babbath school apparintendent, "Old-con did not select those who laid aside their arms and threw themselves down to drink; he took those who watched with one eye and drank with the other."

THE SCIENTIST LOSES.

More Than Met Hie Match in His Landlady.

An editor was talking about the famous English astronomer. Sir Rob-PROMPT ATTENTION art Ball, who has recently declared that radium proves the earth to be Office at Residence on 800,000,000 years old. "Bir Robert Ball is as full of fun as of learning." "Once I dined with said the editor. him and a half dozen other scientists at Stratford. At the end of the dinner Sir Robert's eyes twinkled and he said to the landlady of the quaint

Btratford hin: "'Madam, I am going to give you a lesson in astronomy. Have you ever heard of the great platonic year, when everything must return to its first condition? Listen, madam. In 25,000 years we shall all be here again, on the same day and at the same hour, eating a dinner precisely. Ike this one. Will you give us credit

until then?" is just 26,000 years since you were been before, though, and you left without paying then. Settle the old bill ed, but dared not regroued her open and I'll trust you with the new." tr.

THE PORTER'S DILEMMA

The porter was greatly perplexed At High Poisover a lady with a lorg nettle entered the train. She was a middle-aged, tall, angular, tailor-made woman, and she looked sternly at the commercial traveler in the seat opposite through her lorgnests. Before sessing herself she opened the sar-riage window. At Hillsdon Gross an-

ther woman came to.
She had fluffy heir and an appeal ing look in her blue oyes. She sat down and glanced at the open window and shivered pathetically; then she looked at the commercial traveler.
"I shall be from to death!" cried the fluffy-haired indy.
"If this window is closed, I shall

sufficiented" sized the other woman. The porter opened his mouth. I started to raise the window. Then he retreated. Daird, he turned appealingly to the commercial traveler. positingly to the examinerizal travest. Both the women shot furned to the commercial traveler. That gentlement rose, passed by the ladies, opened the door to the platform and went out,

followed by the porter.
"And what, sir," said the porter,
"would you say as 'ow I should do.

"It's quite simple," anid the com mercial travele. Leave the window as it is, open, till one lady is frozen to death, then close it and sufference the other. I'm going forward for the rest of the trip."-London Opinion.

ADVICE.



meet a baby. I always feel like a

fool."
"All you have to do is to act the way you feel!

Going Some.

A guest in a Cincinpati botel was shot and killed. The negro porter who heard the shooting was a witness at the trial. How many shots did you hear?

asked the lawyer.
"Two shots, sah," he replied

"How far apart were they?"
"Bout like dis way." explained the negro, clapping his hands with an in-

"Where were you when the first shot was fired?" "Shinin' a gemman's shoe in de basement of de botel."

"Where were you when the sec-ond shot was fired?"
"Ah was a passin' de Big Fo' de-

Modern Science.

John, on his return from Sunday school, announced with some interest that the Arnold boys had capstred their saliboat and had been picked up nearly drowned and brought ashore by Captain Jim.

"That comes of salling on Sun days," snapped auntie. "Ob, no," explained John with dis-concerting superiority, "Captain Jim said it was because they had the sheet made fast."

Antiquity of Gold Leaf. The origin of gold leaf, like the first use of gold likelf, is lost in the mistof antiquity. It is found, for example, in connection with the most an only one ballet in 518 proved But since the men killed and etc. Sometimes it is also found or the coffins. Gold leaf was also used it is impossible to on the tumbs and monuments of anclent Egypt. The process of making gold leaf has thus been known since the eighth century B. C. in the eleventh century it seems to have attained as high a degree of perfection as to day. The gold leaf on some smales Greetan pottery indeed is as this a that now used.

Our First Money. The first United States money was made in 1786, but instead of bearing the faces of leading statesmen in bors only the face of Liberty, Same feet coins were stamped with the face of Washington, and are highly valued by collectors. The first coins strong by the United States Mint were some half-dimes, in 1792. The first United States dimes were struct in France from old silver family plate furnished by Washington, and were known as "Martha Washington Dimes," from the fact that the Liberty head was adapted to that of the President's wife.

Power of Suggestion.

Angry Man (at the telephone)—You go hang yourself, Smithars! (After a panes) Do you hear me!

Central—Your party heng ap!

A Post's Problem. The Actor-Where are you going after supper?
The Poet-I don't know where to go after it.

When She Bought Peroxide. "She's a decided blonde." "When did she decide it?"

Glances. He would have been giad to exchange glances with her. But a fair exchange were

And also chose rather to steal 'Gladly,' the landlady replied. 'It glance when she thought he wasn't

Whaling is Still Carried On, as is Also Cendle Making.

The innehing at Essex of a built to ervice for wholes is a ramindlonger found in every sea, as in the era before potroleum, but a service-able fleet that searches for spermscettl and whalebone still has that city for its bailing port. Some of these vessels pay very handsome returns to their owners and crews and New Bedford has an interest in the whalers that make San Prancisco their base of operations.

Steam has been applied to the bus-liness carried on in Pacific Arctic waters, but on the old wheling grounds salling reason are free from its comhome of many whalemen who find the calling profitable, even if they do not push their voyages so far as the old timers who flow the house flags famous in New Bestford's annala

The Natural Bridge.
The average height of the silfle about the Natural bridge is about 250 fact; the height of the bridge about 220. The spen of the arch is 98 feet; its average width 80 feet, and its bridge does not cross the chasm preoblique direction, like what enginers used to call a "skew bridge. The top of the bridge is covered by a clay soil to the depth of several feet, which nourishes a considerable growth of trees and bushes. These, with masses of rock, serve to form the natural parapets along the sides, which quite concent the view of the chasm below

The Roman Tribune. The Tribunes in socient Rome rep-esented the people in much the same way that the House of Commons does in England, and the House of Representatives in this country. For a long time the Patricians or aristocrats of Rome had everything their own way. But when the Plebelans (or, as we would say, the "plain people") get their Tribune the reckless tyranny of the Patricians ceased. The Tribune had great power. He could veto al-most any act, and nullify almost any

law passed by the Senate: Liberty time they first secured their Tribunes. Would Interest the Child. Mrs. Elia Fings Young, superin-tendent of the schools of Chicago, says that she does not believe in much home work by the pupils,

statement that will delight parents as well as children. She believes, however, that school work should be so interesting and concern itself so much with the daily life of the child that it will want to talk it over at The fact that children do not consider the work interesting enough to talk about it out of school is, she says, a criticism of the schools.

We New Yorkers, for instance, don't know our Oklahoma, our Oregon, our Maine, our Texas, our Illinois, our Minnesots and our Virginia and so forth as they know us. Speed the day when every intelligent "provin-cial" with something to tell and something worth saying will be wel-comed to "go into type" in the big cities and when every "city chap" similarly equipped may be sure of a hearing in the "provincial" press!—

New York Commercial.

Ask Yourself This: What are you going to do, my brother, for the higher side of human life? What contribution are you going to make of your strength, your time, your influence, your money, your self, to make a cleaner, fuller, happier, larger, nobler life possible some of your fellow men?-Henry Van Dyke.

Frag.is Leaf of Gold. ness, scales have been made which weigh it accurately. One leaf weighs one-fifth of a grain. It is so light that a breath will blow it away. Held to the light, it is translucent and green-

Glass Won't Break. A glast factory at Haccara, France, has provided a new glass that will not break. The composition of the glass is heated to boiling point and then is plunged into water brought to a freezing point. The glass will be used for safety lamp tobes.

Your Best Moments You will find as you look back upon your life that the moments that stand out, the moments when you have really lived, are the moments when you have done things in a spirit of love.-Henry Drummond.

Then Sparks Flew in Earnest Mrs. X. (quarroling)—And what would you be now if it hadn't been for my money? Mr. X. (calculy)—A bachelor, my dear.-Bouton acript

OLD CALLINGS THAT SURVIVE DROBOGED ANEXDRESTS TO THE CONSTRUCTION SUBMITTED TO THE FOR THEIR APPEARAL OR EXPECTION BY THE HENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHARLEST OF PENNSYLVANIA. AND PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH, IN PERSONNEL OF ARTICLE TYPE OF

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Proposing an emission to the Constitu-tion of the Common reside of Pennsyl-vania, or at to ellocinate the require-ment of payment of taxes as a quitiliza-tion of the right to vote. Resolved (if the Home of Representa-tives concur.) That the following amend-ment to the Constitution of the Common wealth of Pennsylvania he, and the same

Proposing an ameniment to the Constitution from the Constitution of the Common security of Permsylvania, as as to edited has a a quite interest consure.) That the state and the same the requirement to the Constitution of the Common mental to t

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, so as to consolidate the courts of
common pleas of Allegheny Genny
Bection 1. He it resolved by the Senata
and House of Representatives of the
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is General Assembly met. That the followingamendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania be, and the same is hereby, proposed, in accordance with the eighteenth
article thereof:—

That section six of article five be
amended, by striking out the said section,
and inserting in place thereof the following:
Section 5. In the county of Philadel-

and inserting in place thereof the following:

Section 6. In the county of Philadelphia all the jurisdiction and powers now wested in the district courts and content of common pleas subject to such changes as may be unable by this Constitution or by law, shall be in Philadelphia vested in the district and separate courts of signal and co-ordinate jurisdiction, composed of their projects of the paragraphic courts of signal and co-ordinate jurisdiction, composed of the prince such. The said courts in Philadelphia shall be designated respectively with court of committee pleas mumber one between the state of the common pleas mumber one provided the province of the number of common pleas mumber only in the sense that the number of said-courts may be by law increased, from man to time, and shall be in the number of indiges in any of s. If courts, or in any country where the stabilishment of an additional court of said-courts or in any country where the stabilishment of an additional court of the province of an effort on their its subvert its institutions, and the its lands hereditary instead of the lands hereditary instead of the some of the some of the said the land hereditary instead of the said the said the land hereditary instead of the said the said

an additional court by law, may be in-to time, and when-and amount to the three judges shall an emprate court course, and shall be subject to sand change as may be made by law, and subject to change of some as proved by law. The president judge of said coursehall be selected as provided by law. The number of Judges in said cours may be by law inchessed from time to time. This amendment shall take affect on the first day of January succeeding its adoption.

A true copy of Resolution No. 2.

ROBERT MARKEE.

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

A JOINT RESOLUTION Proposing an assemiment to section eight, article nine, of the Constitution of Penn sylvania.

A Sailor's Prayer.

"O Lord, I am no common beggar; I do not trouble Thee every day; for I never prayed to Thee before; and if it please, Thee to deliver me this once, I will never pray to Thee again as long as I live."—E. S. listes in the Atlantic.

Touring in the Rockies.

"What's that?" inquired Mr. Chnegins, excitedly.

"Stage-robbers," replied the changingth.

"What's that?" inquired Mr. Chnegins, excitedly.

"What a relief! I thought we'd had another blow out."

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after their native land. When they

tavaded England they were French-

lived for some generations on French

areat Germanic breed, along with the Anglo-Saxons, Danes, and other Scap-

The Gesture Language.

Gesture, or sign, language was, be

ommunication of ideas. Long before are were such things as words men

used to each other by means of well

lines of men in Australia and the

islands of the Southern Seas, as well as in darkest Africa, who, when they

wish to exchange ideas at night, are obliged to build a fire so as to see by

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