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EDUCATIONAL

The Annual Statement of W T Harris, Commissioner of Education for the year ending June 30, reached the Observer Friday direct from Washington. It contains many facts about educational matters in the United States that are both interesting and important to know. From a financial view point the education of the children of the United States is one of vast magnitude. In 1870 the amount expended for the support of the public schools in the United States was \$251,637,119 a per capita expenditure of \$3.15 and the entire value of school property was \$643,903,228.
 To illustrate how our educational bill has grown, the total expenditure for public schools is quoted. In 1870 it was \$63,369,666, in 1880 it was \$83,642,964, in 1890 it was \$140,506,715, in 1900 it was \$200,154,597 and in 1903 it had grown to \$251,637,119 or about four times greater than in 1870.
 In the year 1903 the total enrollment in the public schools was 17,539,478 pupils as against 6,871,522 in 1870.

In education, as in other matters the trend is to increase comfort of home life. The United States has made progress "according to a somewhat careful estimate," says Commissioner Harris, "the total amount of schooling given to the average population in 1800 did not exceed 82 days, but in 1840 this had risen to 208 days. The decade ending in 1850 showed a great increase of interest in schools, owing to the labors of Horace Mann and his disciples in New England and elsewhere and at the rate of attendance on schools in 1850 the entire population could count on 420 days each; at the rate of 1860, 434 days; in 1870, 672 days; in 1880 792 days; and last year 1,034 days."

The general average of school days received 1,034 in 1903 is for the whole United States. The states of the North Atlantic division of states had a longer period of school attendance, being 1,374 days, while the south central division of states had only 214 days as the average entire amount of schooling according to the rate of attendance of the year 1870 and it had increased to 620 days in 1903 not

quite half as many days as in the northern states. The south Atlantic showed an average of 246 school days in 1870, and 692 in 1903.

TRIBUTE TO ROOSEVELT

The Evening Post, democratic, says:
 "All 'explanations' of yesterday's political cataclysm are vanity and vexation which do not see in it an extraordinary tribute to the President's personality. His victory is more purely personal than that of any candidate whom living men can remember. To talk of party politics or of popular mandates in their favor may account for a breeze in the treetops, but not for such a hurricane as was blowing all over the country yesterday. There can be no doubt about it—Theodore Roosevelt has captivated the imagination of the American people. His immense instinct for publicity and his perfect command of that grand high pressure of bustle and excitement, which is so powerful a political instrument in a democracy like ours, with his outstanding and taking qualities, have won the general heart and made him the victorious leader he is.
 "It was not the Republican party, it was not the tariff or imperialism which received the thundering approval of yesterday but just Roosevelt's personality. His almost unbounded popularity carried his vote up to amazing figures, which so far surpass the most extravagant claims of even Republican politicians as to leave them dazed along with all other prophets."


Hill of New York at the last Democratic national convention dictated its platform and candidate and in so doing defeated the wishes of Mr. Bryan. The results of such dictatorship as he employed instead of killing off Mr. Bryan, has made him stronger in the eyes of his party than he was prior to the convention. Nevertheless Mr. Bryan has no small undertaking when he or anyone else attempts to reorganize the Democratic party until as a party it comes before the people with a positive and aggressive policy.

Dressmaking

Mrs. Douglass now resides at Cor. O and 7th sts., and is prepared to do all kinds of dressmaking. Sewing at homes if preferred. Nov. 11-Dec. 11
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 The old fashioned wash board that stood in the tub.
CHORUS
 The old fashioned washboard;
 The zinc-covered washboard;
 The back-breaking washboard that stood in the tub.
 Some folks always kick about up-to-date laundries,
 And say they wear out their clothes every day;
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" 12 00 to 18 00 Extension Tables	8 65 to 14 25
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