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A NEW DEPARTURE.

Boston school authorities have quite revolutionized the old system of teaching in the public schools, as the following description from the Traveller indicates.

To show what a departure it is from the beaten paths of the past we present the main features of this new course of studies. In the primary schools the instruction is to be almost entirely oral. Scholars are to learn from objects, and from the teacher, instead of from the book. Oral lessons will be given upon pictures, plants, animals, or whatever the ingenuity of the teacher may suggest or order, to accustom the scholars to express what they know in words. This exercise will be called "Language." Other oral instruction will be given upon form, color, measures, animals grouped by habits, traits or structure, vegetables, minerals, the human body and hygiene. Fables, anecdotes and simple poetry will receive proper attention. The metric system will be taught from the metric apparatus. Heretofore much time has been given to spelling, and many hours spent over the primary speller; that book is to be entirely discarded, and "some easy, common words from the reading lessons" substituted in its place. Two new studies are introduced called "Recreation" and "Miscellaneous," to which an hour and a half a week is to be given. Whether this means work or play, teachers and scholars are yet learn.

In the grammar grade, some equally important changes are indicated. Grammar is abolished, at least in name. How the eyes of the boys will glisten when they learn this fact! "Language" takes the place of grammar, which means less of technical grammar, such as parsing, etc., and more attention given to composition, structure of sentences, use of capitals, letter-writing and analysis. Spelling is to be from the reader and other text-books. The amount of writing in copy-books is reduced more than one-half, and more writing in blank books and in other exercises required. The great amount of time previously devoted to geography is reduced, and natural philosophy and physiology are to be taken up in the third class. Music and drawing receive the same attention as during previous years. The most important change here, as in the primary grade, is in reference to oral instruction. It is not to be, as in the old programme, merely mentioned and rarely attended to by the teachers for want of time, but a specified amount of time per week is to be allotted to it as well as to arithmetic and reading. In the two lowest classes the instruction will be almost entirely oral. In the fourth class it will be largely so, and in the other classes from one to two hours per week will be given to this exercise. In the lower classes the subjects for oral instruction will be natural history, plants from May to November, animals from November to May, trades, occupations, common phenomena, stories, anecdotes, mythology, metals and minerals. In the upper classes, physiology, life in the middle ages, biographical and historical sketches, and experiments in physics. Every study has its specified time assigned to it.—Ex.

CORRUPTION IN HIGH PLACES.

Mr. Wendell Phillips gives utterance to another sentiment that will find a response in the intelligence of that great middle class now being ground and crushed between the upper and nether millstone, wealth at the top, vice, ignorance and idleness at the bottom. Mr. Phillips says: "If corruption comes rolling over us like a flood, mark it! It is not the corruption of the lounger classes. It is the millionaires who steal banks, mills and railways. It is the defaulters who live in palaces and make way with the millions. It is the money-kings who buy up Congress. It is the demagogues and editors in purple and fine linen who bribed $50,000 for the presidency itself. It is greedy wealth which invests its thousand millions in rum to coin money out of the weakness of its neighbors. These are the spots where corruption nestles and gangrenes the state. If humble men are tempted, these furnish overwhelming temptations. It is not the common people in the streets, but the money-changers who have intruded into the temple that are most surely need some one to scourge. The hills will come to good down estimates, the streams will run clear and clear on Confidence."

A CARD FROM MR. CANN.

Mr. T. H. Cann publishes the following letter in the Statesman:

"As a matter of justice to myself, I desire to state that on the 8th day of October the books and papers of the land department were taken charge of by the legislative investigating committee, and on that day I deposited with Mr. E. Hirsch, State Treasurer, all the money on hands belonging to the land department for safe keeping, until the report of the committee should be made. The money is still in his safe, and as soon as the board of land commissioners can examine the report the money will be applied where it belongs, and an honorable settlement will be made, so far as I am concerned.

I have to say that each Legislature since 1870 has examined my accounts and made appropriations for my pay, and I have worked for all the State has paid me, and have earned every dollar of it, and neither State or private citizen has ever lost a cent by me.

Yours, etc., T. H. CANN.

A hostile frontier—the elevated heels of a mule.

BROWNSVILLE AND SALEM NARROW GUAGE.

For the past week we have been looking for important news from Salem on the subject of the Oregon Narrow Guage, but nothing has been heard of a reliable nature, although the air is full of rumors.

The general opinion is, that the necessary bonus can be raised, and that the road will be built to Salem this coming year, but in case the amount cannot be got, of course the road will not be built to that point at least.

We are not authorized to say anything on this subject as yet, and therefore only give our opinion, judging from what we can hear. However, before another paper goes to press, we hope to be able to give our readers full particulars in regard to the building of this road.

Since the above was composed, word has been received for the committee in Brownsville to change the papers so as to have Salem the terminus instead of Albany, and to begin a thorough canvass for the road again. We say again, for there has been nothing done lately, as we were waiting to hear from Salem. At last everything begins to look favorable for this great enterprise, and we confidently expect to see a vigorous campaign, and to see the work begun at an early day.

The above company have made arrangements with the Oregon Steam Navigation Co. to borrow thirty-five miles of track, locomotives, construction cars, etc., necessary for the road, and intend to commence operations just as soon as there is enough money guaranteed to warrant the company in going ahead, so all we need to do is to circulate the several subscription papers, and work the thing up.—Brownsville Advertiser.

Weather Report. During the month of December, 1878, there were 7 days in which rain fell, giving an aggregate of 2.61 of water; there were 15 clear days and 9 cloudy days, other than those on which rain fell.

The mean temperature for the month was 37.07. Highest daily mean temperature for the month, 54 on the 3d. Lowest record daily mean temperature, 25 on the 29th. Highest record of thermometer for the month 62 at 2 p. m. on the 3d. Lowest record 20 at 7 a. m. on the 16th and 29th.

A very light snow fell on evening of the 24th, which lied nearly all disappeared by the morning of the 26th.

Frost occurred from the 11th to the 21st, inclusive.

The prevailing winds for the month were from S. W., during 4 days; south, 6 days; N. 20; N. E., 1 day.

During December, 1877, there were 16 days during which rain fell, with 6.21 inches of water; 9 clear and 12 cloudy days.

Mean temperature for the month, 40.71. Highest daily mean temperature, 52 on the 1st. Lowest daily mean temperature, 32 on the 31st. T. PEARCE.

Eola, Jan. 1, 1879.

The Pictorial History of the World.

The author of this valuable work does not content himself with a mere dry statement of facts, but sketches the life and manners of the various nations of which he treats in life-like colors. He shows us the famous warriors, statesmen, poets, sages, and orators, of ancient and modern times, and makes them familiar to the reader. It gives a clear and concise account of every nation that has ever flourished upon the globe. The history of each country is related separately and in the clearest and most comprehensive manner. It is one of the most valuable works of reference ever published, for it contains the pith of hundreds of histories. Especially to the young is the book a treasure. R. T. Martin, the well-known canvasser will sell the work in a number of the counties of this State.

Giant Grubbing Machine.

Delany & Cooper, of Salem, have on hand one of their machines which they had made for the satisfaction of those to whom they sold county rights. It is easily managed, possesses wonderful power to draw grubs, pull stumps, move houses and logs, or any other heavy objects, and will be valuable for these purposes. The machine has the power, with one horse to operate it, of over twenty horses, and as these gentlemen are engaged in other business they will sell at a great bargain. The power of the machine can be attested by many who worked similar ones.

Fruit Trees Convicted. Those fruit tree peddlers who brought suit against Mr. John H. Jory have failed to come to time and the case has been dismissed from the court. Mr. Jory deserves credit for the fact that these parties who placed their money into his hands agreeing to stand by him and assist him in his suit to come forward and assist in the suit, Mr. A. Stratton, who was the attorney in the case. The only excuse that was given was that he was the lawyer's clerk. This and the fact that Mr. Stratton and Mr. Jory are the first men that have been arrested in holding the rights of the Chase parties.

Benjamin Pope, Esq., late West Salem, advertises Berkshires. He has bred stock and pigs in Canada for 20 years, and is experienced both in breeding and butchering and proposes to make breeding of extra class hogs in Oregon a specialty. We have known Mr. W. for some time as a good citizen and a thoroughly competent cattle and stock man and can recommend his enterprise and integrity, having dealt with him extensively.

A Great Exposition in 1879. England has decided to have a great show next year. It will be an agricultural exhibition. The expense is estimated at £150,000. The Lord Mayor of London has appealed to the British public for the support of projected scheme; it is to be under the auspices of the Royal Agricultural society. Agriculture is declining in Great Britain, and there is some hope that the exhibition may arrest its downward course. The number of cattle and the acreage of wheat, and other crops are decreasing, and very nearly one-half the population of the United Kingdom is now dependent for sustenance upon imported food.

A telegram from Cincinnati, January 1st, says: About $5,000 is in course of one year in Newport.

The total number of paupers in London at the last date was 98,[illegible], an increase of 78,870.

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Strayed,

From the residence of the undersigned, in South Salem, a horse colt that will be two years old next spring. He is very dark color, and will be dark brown or bay; is medium size, and well put up. Has no white marks. Supposed to have followed off some other horses on Tuesday, Dec. 31st, or Wednesday, Jan. 1st. A reasonable price will be paid for information, or his return. S. A. CLARKE.

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