NOTES ON EDUCATION.

The bonded debt of the University of Virginia has been reduced to $80,000.

Philadelphia has at present no night schools, as all the appropriations made for the purpose were long ago exhausted.

The preparatory department of Lincoln University has sent altogether 400 young colored men to the South as teachers or ministers. The collegiate department has graduated 133 students.

The Siberian University is rapidly becoming established. The Russian Government before the foundation stone was laid had expended $365,000. A library of 35,000 volumes has already been collected.

The last school report from Georgia shows a public school attendance of 147,192 white and 79,435 colored children. The school expenses last year amounted to $315,748. The school population is 433,444.

A very large majority of the classical teachers and of the classical first-class men who recently voted on the question of the establishment of a degree at Cambridge University were on the losing side—that of Science.

The teachers of New-Orleans are still only partially paid and are obliged to sacrifice their certificates of indebtedness to brokers for the pittance which is necessary to support life. The failure to pay in full is caused by the delinquency of the taxpayers and delay in the collection of the State receipts.

Mr. W. H. Chew has made application to the Court of Common Pleas in Philadelphia, to make a rule compelling the Board of Education to admit colored children to the schools of the Third Ward. All the school authorities have in turn refused his request for the admission of his daughter and niece to a primary school for white children, and there is no colored school near his home.

There are six cosmopolitan schools in San Francisco in which French or German is taught. There are 438 pupils studying French and 2,065 studying German. Of all these pupils 639 are the children of American parents. The annual expenses of these schools amount to $6,528; and the progress of the pupils is exceedingly satisfactory. It is proposed to establish a cosmopolitan primary school.

South Carolina has now 2,973 public schools, 3,171 teachers and 134,072 pupils. The school fund amounts to $351,415. Of public and private schools and colleges there are altogether 3,331 in the State. The State Superintendent does not recommend any increase in the general school tax, and looks to local district taxation as the means of supplementing the State fund. The aid heretofore granted to the schools from the Peabody Fund is to be devoted to the education of teachers.

A wise proposition was that which M. Camille See made recently in the French Chamber. He wished that the deserted palaces of the kings and emperors—Compiegne, Fontainebleau, Rambouillet and Chateau de Paris—should be converted into State boarding schools for girls. It is a pity that the committee threw out the plan, for at present those palaces are lying idle and a charge to the State. The schools are sadly needed, for from reports sent in to the Minister of Public Instruction, it appears that it is not rare for a young lady of fifteen, supposed to have received a brilliant education in a convent, to perpetrate as many as forty errors in a page of orthography, and not to know who Molière was.

In Kingston, N. Y., the graded school system is pronounced a failure by the Board of Education. One of its members says: "We are obliging every pupil to prepare to go into and through the Academy; we are bound down with too much red tape; and all the energies of our teachers are exhausted in forcing compliance with certain prescribed rules and regulations, and the poor victimized boys and girls are given to understand that the *summum bonum* of existence is in remembering the necessity of turning out the toes at a certain angle when standing in class." While this statement may seem a little too insolent, it is not without reason. There is nothing so destructive of thorough and intelligent teaching as "cast-iron rules," and of those the American school system is full.

Cambridge's requirements as to Greek are not reasonable, to say the least. *The Spectator* points out that a great many men with a real gift for mathematics or physical science, and whose education at the University, so far as it is of any value at all, is carried through in the sphere of mathematics or physical science, take up Greek for the Previous Examination in the most perfunctory way, never obtain even a rudimentary mastery of the language or the literature, and even lose something in the thoroughness of their early studies, by entering on a subject which they intend to drop as soon as ever it has answered their temporary purpose. Now, for such as these, the compulsory cramming of a little Greek,—enough to enable them, perhaps, to construe decently a little New Testament or a little bit of the "Anabasis" of Xenophon, after they have been carefully prepared by a tutor,—is of no kind of good, and yet takes the place of an acquisition which might be of very real use to them in the career they actually propose to themselves.

Cambridge University has rejected the heretical proposal to do away with Greek as an imperative study. The dread that Oxford, which has determined to keep Greek as an elementary subject of examination, should monopolize classical reputation and honors; the apprehension of a decay in tone arising from the neglect of the classical languages, and the unwillingness of the clerical element in the Senate to exempt any student from the study of the Greek Testament, all contributed to bring about the vote of rejection. *The London Times* thinks that it will prove in the end impossible to protect from modification a system which is the relic of a time when Latin and Greek were the only things worth learning. "We have no hesitation in saying," declares *The Pall Mall Gazette*, "that a clever man might with a month's study acquire sufficient Greek to pass the Little-Go. But the language is the stronghold of the classicists, and we shall be told that we have ignored the grammar paper, which guarantees a thorough grounding in the accidence of the most perfect of all inflexional languages. True, there is a grammar paper, but it is such as might be answered without difficulty by any boy in the Remove at Harrow or the Shell at Eton."

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Eureka		Buckeye		N'th Standard	
100	18.75	600	.17	100	.25
20	19.00	1000	.b10 .17	200	.40
Ophir		Con Virginia		200	.s3 .40
100	7.50	100	s30 2.60	Imperial	
California		100	2.55	200	.31
200	1.85	Amie		Plumas	
25	1.85	100	.s3 .46	100	1.55
Con Pacific		500	.47	Cimax	
300	1.75	200	.46	400	.62
300	1.85	1000	.b3 .47	Calaveras	
100	2.00	1000	.b10 .47	1500	b10 .24
100	1.95	1000	.b5 .47	5500	.23
200	1.90	South Hite		Chrysolite	
100	.b3 1.75	100	.60	500	6.88
100	.b30 1.50	100	.s3 .50	Cherokee	
400	1.75	200	.50	500	1.65
100	.s3 1.70	100	.45	500	b10 1.70
Moose		Sevar'n Flag		200	1.70
100	s3 1.00	300	b10 .23	Little Chief	
Horn Silver		600	.s3 .21	500	1.15
500	1.55	Bacarora		Iron Silver	
20	1.60	200	.28	100	s30 3.50
Sutro Tunnel		200	.29	Bodie	
300	1.40			100	4.90
100	.s3 1.40				

Bulwer		Chrysolite		Silver Cliff	
200	1.95	100	.b5 .17	300	2.50
Mariposa		300	.62	200	.b30 2.60
100	.25	Mineral Creek		Granville	
76	.20	100	1.35	500	.07
100	.25	200	1.15	Goodshaw	
Navajo		100	1.20	200	.83
200	.95	Red Elephant			
Tioga		100	.40		
100	.45	Belle Isle			
Caledonia Hill		100	.60		
200	1.15	Silver Cliff			
200	1.20	300	2.50		
Red Elephant		200	.b30 2.60		
100	.40	Granville			
Belle Isle		500	.07		
100	.60	Goodshaw			
Silver Cliff		200	.83		
300	2.50				
200	.b30 2.60				
Granville					
500	.07				
Goodshaw					
200	.83				

AMERICAN MINING STOCK EXCHANGE SALES.

FIRST CALL—10¼ O'CLOCK A. M.

Boston Con		Boston Con		Boston Con	
1,000	2.45	1200	2.50	600	2.50
2100	2.50	1000	2.55	1000	2.55
100	b5 2.50	1000	2.55	100	b10 2.6
500	2.50	1000	b3 2.55	Silver Nugget	
800	2.50	100	.s3 2.55	1000	.2
1400	2.55	500	.b30 2.60		
800	.s3 2.50	1300	2.50		
7900	2.55	200	2.60		

Chrysolite			
100	.b5	.17½	
300		.62	
Mineral Creek			
100		1.35	
100		1.15	
300		1.20	
Red Elephant			
100		.40	
Belle Isle			
100		.60	
Silver Cliff			
300		2.50	
200	.b30	2.60	
Granville			
500		.07	
Goodshaw			
200		.83	

SECOND CALL—11 O'CLOCK A. M.

Boston Con		Boston Con		Boston Con	
400	2.45	700	2.95	1000	2.90
100	2.50	500	.s3 3.05	500	.b3 2.90
200	2.70	700	2.95	100	2.95
400	2.75	1800	3.00	500	.b5 3.00
100	2.70	300	2.80	800	3.00
100	2.75	200	2.85	100	.b3 3.00
500	.b5 2.70	100	.b3 2.80	Amie	
2100	2.95	800	2.75	500	.45
1000	b3 2.90	1000	2.95	Climax	
100	.b5 2.90	700	2.80	500	.b3 .65
2200	2.80	2100	2.85		

Copper Knob			
600	b5	.13	
1000		.15	
Mineral Creek			
100		1.40	
200		s11.75	
100		1.35	
Malachite			
125		1.60	
Bald Mount'n			
1000		.07	

THIRD CALL—12 O'CLOCK M.

Boston Con		Bald Mount'n		Amie	
200	2.80	2,000	s3 .07	500	s10 .44
200	3.00	Silver Nugget		500	420 .45
100	2.95	2,000	.2	Copper Knob	
300	b5 3.00	Mineral Creek		2600	.b5 .13
Columbia Con		100	.s3 1.35		
200	1.30	300	1.40		

Durango			
3500		.22	
1500		.23	

FOURTH CALL—2 O'CLOCK P. M.

Amie		Boston Con		Boston Con	
1000	47	100	2.65	1000	b5 2.75
Boston Con		100	.b5 2.70	Mineral Creek	
600	2.95	100	2.80	300	1.35
100	.b3 2.95	100	2.85	500	1.40
200	2.90	700	2.20	Miner Boy	
300	2.86	200	2.90	1000	.b3 .69
100	.b3 2.90	400	2.50	Silver Nugget	
300	2.80	21	2.70	500	.25
600	2.75	100	2.65	500	.26
400	2.70	500	2.70		
200	b10 2.75	100	2.75		

Bald Mount'n			
300		.19	
3000		.20	
2000	.b5	.14	
500	.b10	.14	
Little Chief			
200		1.05	
200	.b3	1.00	

CLOSING PRICES OF CALIFORNIA STOCKS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Wednesday, Dec. 8, 1880.

	Yesterday.	To-day.		Yesterday.	To-day.
Alpha	5	4¾	Hale and Norcross	7¾	7¾
Ala	11½	12½	Mammoth	..	1.20
Bechtel	¾	¾	Manhattan	..	..