NOTES ON EDUCATION.

One year has been added to the Worcester High School course, the reason for this action being the increased requirements for admission to college.

The Trustees of the Louisiana State University are discussing the question of admitting young women to that institution. The press of the State is strongly in favor of the innovation.

A school of gardening and practical floriculture is to be opened at the Crystal Palace near London, for the benefit of students of landscape gardening and gentlemen likely to be the owners, the conservators or managers of great estates.

Professor W. T. Harris, lately superintendent of the St. Louis schools, is mentioned as the probable Chancellor of the Texas State University. An endowment fund of $700,000 is now in the State Treasury, and this will be increased, it is thought to $2,000,000. Professor Harris's salary will be $5,000.

The new Manual Training School in St. Louis promises to be very successful. It has a serviceable building, an income of $4,000 guaranteed for five years, and $10,000 was raised by the purchase of necessary appliances. The school now has about 60 pupils—many of them belonging to prominent St. Louis families. A tuition fee of $240 is charged for the course.

The compulsory school law in Connecticut works well. The school population of the State last year was 140,235; all, with the exception of 13,565, attended school. Hartford and New-Haven have efficient truant officers who manage their work admirably. The Connecticut schools cost last year $1,408,374 74; the funds furnished amounted to $1,481,680 93. The average salary of male teachers was $56 43; of female teachers, $35 42.

***The Glasgow Herald* says that perhaps the honest-est and best advice the male friends of the culture of woman can give is that each woman should work as well as she may to diffuse knowledge among her sisters of all classes, and set before herself, in the first instance, not the perilous honors of platform or professorial chair, of politics or law, but the acquisition of that solid and enlightening wisdom which is the desideratum of every thoughtful man and woman in a civilized state.**

The system of school management in Philadelphia is peculiarly complicated. The Board of Education uses advisory powers in the management of the schools and supervises expenses; but each of the thirty-two districts of the city has a local committee elected each year and exercising direct control. Each of these committees is wholly independent of the others. The only general test of these conflicting systems is the examination which the graduates pass through for the high school.

The decision of the new Victoria University at Manchester, England, to grant degrees in certain cases without requiring any acquaintance with Latin or Greek has naturally aroused much discussion and disgust in conservative Great Britain. Curiously enough the possessors of academical honors were in favor of the change, while those who might have been expected to entertain a disregard for ancient educational superstitions were the very men who wished to retain them. The degree to be given will not be Bachelor of Arts, but Bachelor of Science.

A half-time system for little children which has much to recommend it has been practised successfully during the past six months in the schools of Galt, Canada. The little creatures spend only an hour and a half in the morning and the same time in the afternoon in actual school work under the regular teachers. The rest of the time they are left to a "monitor" whose business it is to keep them amused, and also under proper discipline. For entire success this system demands a clever monitor, who can sing, tell stories, give kindergarten instruction and in every possible way train the children's powers of observation. Swinging and calisthenics are a part of the amusements. The whole of the pupils assemble together for opening exercises and roll-call, as in other schools, after which one-half of those in the first and second books, numbering here over 100, are handed over to the monitor to remain with him till the time for the forenoon recess, the other 100 pupils being left meantime at regular work under the ordinary teachers. After recess the relays are changed, those who were formerly at play going to work till noon and vice versa. The same programme is carried out during the afternoon, each pupil being thus kept at work for three hours and allowed to "play" for the other three. The little ones who formerly detested school now like it very much, their health is not endangered and their progress in study is as rapid as under the old system.

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MINES AND MINING.

WEDNESDAY, April 27—P. M.

The mining stock markets to-day were active, with about the usual amount of business. But there was some irregularity in prices, which, however, was more the effect of manipulations than of natural causes. The Comstock shares were firm, and in some cases higher on a reduced amount of business. The Leadville shares generally were higher, with large transactions in a few of the specialties. Little Chief was specially active and strong, rising from 1.60 to 1.85. Leadville Consolidated recovered 10 cents to 1.55, Hibernia was 5 cents lower at 1.50, Big Pittsburg 10 cents higher at 4.55, and Little Pittsburg steady at 3.65@3.70. Silver Cliff was among the weak stocks, and declined from 5¾ to 5⅝. Bodie stocks generally were firm, but Boston Consolidated declined from 48 to 42 cents. South Hite, new, was active and 5 cents higher at 1.35@1.30. Consolidated Pacific steady at 1.05@1.10, and Bulwer strong at 2.95. Boulder Consolidated selling at 1.20@1.10. Bull Domingo rose from 2½ to 2.90. A dead set was made at Mariposa on the first call, and the price was offered down to 6¼; later considerable purchases were made, principally at the Stock Exchange, at 6@6½. The manipulation of Mariposa, as an exhibition of art, is not exciting the admiration of either professional operators or the public. If the present syndicate is not willing to purchase the stock at market values, others will be formed which will be willing to take its contract with the company, and carry it out in letter and spirit. Moose was specially weak, and declined to 1.30@1.35, and Hukill sold at 1.10, and while quoted at 1.10@1.15, is weak at the English figure. The low priced shares were steady or firm without material changes in figures, and generally the markets closed strong.

N. Y. MINING STOCK EXCHANGE SALES.

FIRST CALL—10½ O'CLOCK A. M.

Little Chief		Silver Cliff		South Hite		Con Pay Rock	
100	1.60	400	5⅝	New		100	1.55
1200	1.65	400	5.50	1200	1.35	Crescent	
100	83 1.70	Chrysolite		Con Virginia		300	1.85
1000	1.70	500	6.50	400	2.75	Durango	
100	83 1.70	100	b10 6.63	400	83 2.70	700	.18
1500	1.75	Leadville Con		400	2.70	Eureka	
1000	83 1.75	100	1.00	400	2.65	25	52.50
200	b5 1.75	100	1.55	Con Pacific		100	83.50
100	1.75	100	b10 1.55	100	s30 1.05	105	34.00
600	1.75	81	1.45	500	1.10	50	33.25
100	s5 1.70	100	1.50	2200	1.05	Great Eastern	
100	b15 1.75	100	b30 1.50	100	s5 1.05	500	b30 .24
200	s10 1.70	200	s5 1.50	California		500	.23
1300	1.70	Sutro Tunnel		500	1.45	Red Elephant	
600	s5 1.70	100	2.25	Mariposa		500	.29
Hibernia		100	b5 2.15	100	7.00	Bull Domingo	
1400	b5 1.40	Boston Con		100	6.25	40	2.40
500	s5 1.35	200	.90	Stormont		Hortense	
1000	1.35	100	.50	1000	s5 3.55	500	.55
Silver Cliff		Utalpha		Anne		Robinson	
200	5.75	200	0.90	500	.53	300	7.75
200	5.63	South Hite		Calaveras		Navajo	
200	b30 6.00	New		500	s5 .26	200	.85
600	5.50	500	1.30	Chisax		Moose	
100	b5 5.50	100	1.35	300	s5 .72	100	1.30
						500	1.45

SECOND CALL—12 O'CLOCK M.

Stormont		Boston Con		Hibernia		Big Pittsburg	
100	.50	100	.40	200	s5 1.55	200	4.50
200	b5 .50	Moose		100	b30 1.50	100	s30 4.55
Great Eastern		200	1.45	100	b30 1.50	100	s5 4.60
100	.24	500	.40	100	1.55	Hukill	
California		Little Chief		Robinson		100	s5 1.10
500	1.45	200	s5 1.75	100	2.50	100	1.10
200	s5 1.45	200	1.75	200	2.25	Goodshaw	
Navajo		100	s5 1.85	500	7.00	500	s5 .60
400	.86	200	b5 1.80	Anne		Chrysolite	
200	.85	700	1.80	100	.52	500	.50
600	.86	500	b10 1.85	Alta Montana		Bull Domingo	
100	s5 .87	300	1.80	100	3.15	100	2.95
Sierra Nevada		South Hite		Rappahannock		Sutro Tunnel	
500	s12 11.95	New		1000	s30 .13	100	b5 2.15
Silver Cliff		100	1.35	Calaveras		200	s5 2.10
100	b5 5.75	Leadville Con		100	.26	Crown Point	
100	5.63	200	b5 1.60	500	.27	200	b5 5.55
100	5.60	100	1.50	100	b30 .28	Mariposa	
200	s5 5.60	300	1.45	500	.27	100	6.12
400	5.50	Bodie		Hortense		North Standard	
Boulder Con		100	0.00	100	.58	100	.14
200	1.20	Little Pittsb'g		1000	b30 .58	Bulwer	
Boston Con		100	s30 3.65	Con Pacific		100	2.95
200	.47	Julia		100	1.05	5	3.00
		100	b30 .55				

THIRD CALL—2 O'CLOCK P. M.

Grand Prize		Bull Domingo		Utalpha		Con Pacific	
100	s5 1.00	100	2.95	500	.05	100	b30 1.10
Little Chief		200	2.90	500	2.45	500	s30 1.05
200	b5 1.80	100	2.85	Hibernia		Footed	
100	s5 1.75	South Hite		La Grande		500	.28
100	s5 1.70	New		100	.58	Dunderberg	
100	b30 1.80	200	s5 1.35	100	.50	100	.50
2100	1.75	100	1.25	Horn Silver		Beehive	
1200	1.80	500	1.20	200	10.00	200	.40
2500	b30 1.85	100	1.30	Big Pittsburg		Crown Point	
100	1.80	100	1.35	100	b5 4.55	100	.50
100	b5 1.85	Navajo		Con Virginia		Durango	
100	1.80	200	0.90	200	2.80	100	.18
100	s5 1.80	200	0.85	100	2.75	Eureka	
100	1.85	100	0.90	100	2.70	100	.14
1000	s30 1.90	100	0.95	500	s5 2.70	200	.15
500	b30 1.90	100	1.00	100	2.65	100	.14
1000	s5 1.90	Silver Cliff		200	.50	Spring Valley	
500	s30 1.90	200	.50	1500	b30 .28	100	.60
Hibernia		200	b30 0.00	Mariposa		Great Eastern	
100	b30 1.45	100	.50	100	.70	100	.24
100	1.50	Bulwer		100	.65	Silver King	
100	1.45	200	.95	200	s5 .65	100	.25
100	s5 1.50	100	.95	Navajo		Imperial	
Cheyenne Con		200	s5 .95	500	.75	100	.10
100	.20	100	0.95	500	.76	Boston	
400	.78	100	b10 0.90	South Hite		100	5.75
300	.80	Cedar Tree		100	1.34	Kappahannock	
100	.81	100	2.70	Leadville Con		100	.24
100	.82	Durango		1000	b30 1.50	Zenobia	.14
100	s5 .81	1000	0.50			Mariposa	
						100	6.00
						Stormont	
						100	.50
						Bull Mountain	
						500	.06
						Cheyenne	
						100	.20
						500	b30 .20

AMERICAN MINING STOCK EXCHANGE SALES.

FIRST CALL—10¼ O'CLOCK A. M.

Anne		Hortense		Oriental Mills		Silver Nugget	
500	.55	500	.55	100	4.15	New	
Bull Mountain		500	b10 .55	1200	4.15	500	s5 .74
100	.07	Cedar Tree		500	b30 4.15	100	.74
Barcelona		200	.05	200	4.15	2000	s30 .72
1000	.50	Hibernia		Red Elephant		500	.74
Black Jack		200	b15 1.40	500	.25	State Line No 1 and 4	
100	.50	100	1.40	Con Virginia		200	.25
Chrysolite		200	s5 1.40	100	.70	200	.25
100	.65	Leadville Con		Little Chief		200	.26
Cheyenne Con		200	1.30	100	1.65	200	.25
100	.22	Mountain Chief		2000	.05	Yellow Jacket	
100	.23	100	b15 1.45	100	.05	100	.05
100	.24	100	s5 1.45	100	.05	Gloss Pendery	
100	.25	Mariposa Tree				100	.05
		2000	s5 0.15				
		100	b10 0.15				

THIRD CALL—12 O'CLOCK M.

Oriental Mills		Hibernia		Mountain Chief		Silver Nugget	
100	s5 4.05	500	1.50	100	b15 1.45	New	
100	b10 4.00	100	1.50	100	1.40	200	.74
400	4.00	Anne		100	1.45	State Line No 1 and 4	
Vanderwater		1000	.53	Silver Cliff		100	b10 2.00
100	.67	South Hite		100	5.50	100	2.00
200	.66	500	b10 1.50	Copper Knob		200	b5 2.00
600	.66	500	s10 1.50	2000	.05	200	b5 2.00
200	.65	Gloss Pendery		Silver Nugget		200	b10 2.00
1000	b30 .70	100	.70	200	.35	State Line No 1 and 4	
100	.68	Gloss Pendery		100	.35	100	2.00
Little Chief		500	.70	500	.35	Durango	
100	1.65	Leadville Con		1000	.36	100	.18
Sutro Tunnel		100	1.50	Silver Nugget		Barcelona	
100	2.30	100	s30 1.45	New		100	1.00
				500	s5 .74		
				200	.55 .76		

FOURTH CALL—2 O'CLOCK P. M.

Anne		Chrysolite		Hortense		Vanderwater	
1000	.53	100	b10 0.50	500	.55	1000	s10 .66
Barcelona		Little Chief		Silver Cliff		500	.67
200	2.00	500	b5 1.90	200	.50	100	b30 .66
400	b30 1.70	600	1.90	Silver Nugget		500	s5 .64
400	1.65	Mountain Chief		200	s10 .37	100	.65
100	1.60	100	1.90	200	.35	100	.65
500	s30 1.60	200	b15 1.90	500	.36	100	.65
Con Pacific		300	b10 1.85	Silver Nugget		1000	s10 .65
100	1.05	100	b10 1.60	New		100	.64
Cheyenne Con		100	1.95	500	.75	100	.65
100	.20	100	1.95	500	.76	Bull Mountain	
400	.78	100	b10 1.90	South Hite		500	.06
300	.80	Cedar Tree		100	1.34	2000	.07
100	.81	100	2.70	Leadville Con		State Line No 1 and 4	
100	.82	Durango		1000	b30 1.50	300	2.50
100	s5 .81	1000	0.50 .18			100	b10 2.50

CALIFORNIA MINING STOCKS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Wednesday, April 27, 1881.

	Yesterday.	To-day.		Yesterday.	To-day.
Alpha	4⅛	4	Mexican	9¼	10⅝
Alta	3⅝	3¼	Mono	2	..
Bechtel	1⅛	..	Noonday	2⅝	2¾
Belcher	2⅝	2⅝	Northern Belle	16½	16⅞
Best and Belcher	12¾	12⅝	Ophir	7⅝	7½
Bodie	6	6	Oro	1⅝	1⅞
Bullion	1⅛	1½	Overman	2⅛	2
Bulwer	..	..	Potosi	4¼	4⅛
California	1⅝	1⅝	Savage	4⅝	4½
Choller	3⅛	3⅛	Sierra Nevada	10¾	11⅛
Con Virginia	2⅝	2⅞	Silver King	2¼	2½
Crown Point	2⅝	2⅞	Tip Top	..	4⅛
Eureka Con	33½	36	Union Con	10	9⅝
Exchequer	1⅞	1½	Wales	1⅝	..
Gould and Curry	7⅛	7⅛	Yellow Jacket	5⅛	5⅛
Grand Prize	1⅛	..	South Bulwer	1⅛	1 1/32
Hale and Norcross	5⅛	5⅝	Navajo	3/32	3/16
Manhattan	1⅛	..	Goodshaw	1/32	1/32
Martin White	3/16	3/16			

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 27.—President Burgess, of the Caribou Company, just returned from the mines in Mexico, says the prospects were never brighter, but that more American enterprise is needed to develop the country rapidly.

The Rosario Company has shipped from here engines and machinery for a forty-stamp mill which will cost upon completion $150,000.

Silver King yesterday started a drift to open the 600 level.

The Mount Potosi Mine, Candelaria, has been shut down.

The Comstocks are again losing life; many think, however, that it is only for a time.

BODIE, Cal., April 27.—During the past week Standard Consolidated shipped to the mill 1,010 tons of ore; average pulp assay, $4.410; crude bullion received, 4,831 ounces. Shipped to the company, $45,316.

Oro is stoping and sacking very rich ore.

CASA GRANDE, Ariz., April 27.—Seven bars of bullion are on the road from Globe District.

A good quality of bituminous coal has been discovered twelve miles from the Gila River. This is very important to all Southern Arizona.

Bullion valued at $34,179 64 was received in this city yesterday from the mines.

The superintendent of the Caribou Company telegraphed yesterday that he had passed through a vein on the 860 level or crescent which gave a mill-run of 800 ounces per ton. The ledge is large and promising, and he believes it to be the old Caribou vein which was lost 200 feet above; 6,000 ounces will be shipped on Tuesday.

The steamer Acapulco, from Aspinwall on the 25th, had on board 1,149 pigs of copper, weighing 263,200 pounds, for the Copper Queen Company.

The superintendent of the Tombstone Company telegraphs: "Gird mill running well. Shall make about $90,000 in April. Mines looking extremely well. New incline into Good-enough running, and fine show of ore. Ore averages higher grade than formerly."

A later dispatch from the treasurer, who arrived yesterday at the mine, says: "Visited mills to-day. Both doing excellent work. Daily production over 4,000 ounces. Will do better soon. The mines fully maintain expectations, and are responding freely at all points, while our reserves are increasing. I am better pleased with prospects of our company than ever before."

A telegram received yesterday from the superintendent of the Glass-Pendery mine says: "Improved roads will enable us in a few days to ship full amount of ore contracts."

Boston consolidated has been assessed 30 cents per share, delinquent May 31. The assessment may be paid at the banking house of Laidlaw & Co.

A stockholder of the Excelsior Water and Mining Company yesterday informed a TRIBUNE reporter that a letter from the secretary of the company to the financial agents, Messrs. Lounsbery & Higgin, states that the mine is now outputting a sufficient amount of ore to pay the current expenses, and that in his opinion there will be a sufficient amount accumulated to pay the bonds of the company which mature in July.

Yesterday's official report from the Chapparal superintendent stated