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Our Public Schools.

The report of the State Superintendent of Education, as we have already remarked, is a singular production. He opens with an argument in favor of the new method of apportioning the public funds, i. e. on the basis of the scholars enrolled in the schools instead of on that of the number of schoolable children in the district, as was formerly done. Of course, he gives some very sound reasons for approving of the new plan and points out distinctly objections to the one it superseded but we can hardly agree with him in all his conclusions. To us the new method seems to be almost as objectionable and unjust as the old, and quite as likely to be made available for dishonest practices. We would recommend Mr. Burt to put himself to the trouble of walking to the opposite side of the statue and examining the color of the shield from that stand-point, before deciding so positively whether it is made of gold or silver.

Continuing his argument, he proceeds to say that other improvements in the system ought to be made, and to show that this is true points out some of the evils to be remedied, attacking county superintendents, trustees and teachers, but dealing far more leniently with the former than with the other classes, and growing braver and fiercer as his accusations become more generalized and those he censures less likely to resent. We do not wish to be understood as finding fault with Superintendent Burt's criticisms of the school system. It has the faults he points out, and we are glad to see that he calls attention to them, but we regret that, instead of ranging all over creation to seek comparisons with things animate and inanimate and drag them in as illustrations, he has not confined himself to the subject in hand and labored to suggest remedies at once practicable and acceptable.

His report, however, is valuable, in that it will arouse other minds to the importance of amendments in our school system, and it is to be hoped that it will lead to remedies being suggested by which it will speedily be made far more efficient than it is in affording opportunities of education to all the children of the State. We hope to have frequent occasion to use it hereafter, and will derive considerable advantage in future discussions of this subject, by information drawn from its pages; and we hope that it may be critically and extensively read by the people of the State.

—The Owatonna Journal sees in the foolish assumption of infallibility for the Supreme Court of South Carolina, by Judge Willard, "a solemn warning of a tendency of Southern education to carry Southern feeling back to the glitter and tinsel, the sham show and mockeries of royalty!" We don't know but that the Journal is correct, but, unfortunately for its theory, Judge Willard is a Northern man, raised and educated in New England; while Judge Bond, of the U. S. Circuit Court of South Carolina, on whom the republican members of the Returning Board rely for relief, is a Southerner, born and raised in Maryland. How about the warning now, friend Drebert?

—We hope that the result of the recent presidential election will awaken public attention to the inexpediency of a change of the constitution. The instrument should never be amended, except to suit new circumstances which did not exist when it was framed. The present plan of electing the President is as wise as can be devised. All that we need desire is, that it shall be honestly put in practice, remembering that the office is one which cannot be contested for by competing aspirants without involving the country in revolution and anarchy.

—As was apparent two or three days ago would be the case, the returning board of Louisiana, South Carolina and Florida have issued certificates of election to the republican electors of those States. We very much doubt the propriety of this action, believing that it would be better for the country to allow Mr. Tilden to be president, than to have Mr. Hayes occupy that position under circumstances forming a basis for charges of fraud. However, we hope that the people will be wise enough to preserve the peace, no matter who may be inaugurated.

—What is the use of going through the farce of an election if three or five men, calling themselves a Returning Board, can decide who is elected, without regard to the vote cast? A monarchy, where the accident of birth determines the succession is preferable to this.—*Lake City Sentinel.*

Well, it won't cost you much to move into Canada; and even Germany or Russia are open to you, if you are only willing to obey their laws.

Life of Gen. Custer.

Mr. W. S. Thayer, an old resident of this vicinity, who has, for the last few years been wrestling with grasshoppers in Watowan county, and coming out second best, is now canvassing for the work described in the following:

The "Life of General Custer," which is now being written by Captain Frederick Whittaker, we learn is progressing rapidly to completion. It will be one of the most charming biographies published in years. Both author and publisher have been greatly surprised at the vast mass of rich material which they have been able to obtain. Probably there is not another officer with anything like the reputation of General Custer, of whom so little is accurately known by the people at large. The book will be fully illustrated, and will give a graphic account of Custer's life, both in the army and on the plains with the Indians. His life was a romance from beginning to end. The author, in his preliminary remarks, says:

This book aims to give to the world the life of a great man, one of the few really great men that America has produced. Beginning at the foot of the social ladder, with no advantages beyond those, physical and mental, given to him by the God who made him, he rose to the top. His upward career was so rapid and phenomenal in its success as to deceive the world in general as to the means by which he rose, and none more completely for a time than the present writer of his biography. Much of Custer's success has been attributed to good fortune, while it was really the result of an unusual capacity for hard and energetic work, and a rapidity of intuition which is seldom found apart from military genius of the highest order. It is only after a careful and complete examination of the character of the man, and the perusal of a mass of private correspondence, beginning in his days of obscurity, after the unconscious revelation by himself of his inmost thoughts and aspirations, that the author has learned aright to appreciate the personality of the subject of this biography. The world has never known half the real nobility of the life of Custer, nor a tithe of the difficulties under which he struggled. it will be the author's endeavor to remedy this want of knowledge, to paint in sober, earnest colors, the portrait of such a knight of romance as has not honored the world with his presence since the days of Bayard.

This may seem exaggerated praise to some. A few short weeks ago it would have sounded so to the writer. He only asks the world to accept it to-day, as his honest conviction and sober testimony, arrived at after very thorough and careful examination, by one who entered on the task with very different impressions. The current idea on the subject has been largely due to the expression set afloat by Custer himself, embodied in the words "Custer's luck," but never has there been a more mistaken impression. To remove that impression, to show to the world the dead as he really was—an ideal hero—is the object of these pages.

This book will be sold only to those who order of the agent, Mr. S. W. Thayer, who is now engaged in taking subscriptions. We trust that it will receive a most cordial reception, for it is well worthy of it.

—The Farmer's Union recommends the raising of hemp, peas and grass in the regions infested by grasshoppers, assuring its readers that these crops are "grass-hopper" proof and exceedingly remunerative. The former it asserts will yield about $27 per acre, and the two other products, (the peas being fed to hogs and the grass to cattle and sheep,) are better paying crops than wheat.

—The Indian war still continues but it has degenerated into a tame affair. On the 24th instant a Cheyenne village was attacked and destroyed. The Indians surrendering after a brisk fight.

—The president's message is printed in to-day's St. Paul papers, and we hope to have a supplement containing it in time to circulate with this edition of the ADVANCE.

STATE OF MINNESOTA, County of Goodhue. District Court, First Judicial District.

Kari Jensen, Plaintiff, against Anders Jensen Defendant, } Summons for Relief.

The State of Minnesota to the above named defendant:

You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in the above entitled action, which has been filed with the Clerk of said Court in his office at the Court House, in Red Wing, in said Goodhue county, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscribers, at their office, in the city of Red Wing, in the county of Goodhue, and State aforesaid, within thirty days after the service of this summons on you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the said complaint within the time aforesaid, the Plaintiff will apply to the said court for the relief demanded in the said complaint.

Dated Red Wing, Minnesota, December 1st, A. D. 1876. COLVILL & HOYT.

Plaintiff's Attys, Red Wing Minn. 9w7

GARLSON & ANDERSON,
FAMILY GROCERS,
Main Street, next to Hawley & Kellogg,
Druggists,
Have just opened a full assortment af Staple and Fancy Groceries, Crockery, Glassware, etc.
Flour and Flour.
☞ We ask a share of your patronage.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE.

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage deed bearing date the twenty-eighth day of May, A. D. 1875, executed and delivered by Patrick Drudy, mortgagor, to Celista H. Williams, mortgagee, and duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of the county of Goodhue, in the State of Minnesota, on the 28th day of May, A. D. 1875, at five o'clock in the afternoon of said day, in book 27 of mortgage deeds, on page 396.

The premises described in and covered by said mortgage deed, are situate in said Goodhue county, State of Minnesota, and are known and described as follows to wit: The west half of the northeast quarter and the south east quarter of section number twenty one (21), township No. one hundred and eleven (111), range No. sixteen (16) west.

There is claimed to be due, and there is due upon said mortgage and the debt secured thereby, at the date of this notice to-wit: December fifth, A. D. 1876, the sum of one hundred and five and 06-100 dollars ($105.06). No action or proceeding at law or otherwise has been instituted to recover the amount due upon said mortgage debt, or any part thereof.

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of the power of sale in said mortgage contained and recorded therewith and pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided, said mortgage will be foreclosed by the sale of the above described mortgaged premises at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, and that such sale will be made by the sheriff of said county on Saturday, the 20th day of January, A. D. 1877, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the front door of the Court House in the city of Red Wing in said county of Goodhue, and State of Minnesota, to satisfy the amount due on said mortgage debt with interest thereon, together with the sum of fifty dollars Attorney's or Solicitor's fee, stipulated in said mortgage to be paid in case of foreclosure thereof, and the costs and expenses of such sale.

Dated at Red Wing, Goodhue county, Minnesota, this 5th day of December, A. D. 1876.

CELISTA H. WILLIAMS,
COLVILL & HOYT, Mortgagee.
Attorneys for Mortgagee. 9w7

STATE OF MINNESOTA, County of Goodhue. District Court, First Judicial District.

William A. Black, Plaintiff, against Jacob R. Good, Defendant. } Summons for Relief.

The State of Minnesota to the above named Defendant:

You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaintin the above entitled action, which has been filed with the Clerk of said Court in his office at the Court House, in Red Wing, in said Goodhue county, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscribers, at their office, in the city of Red Wing, in the county of Goodhue, and State aforesaid, within twenty days, after the service of this summons on you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the said complaint within the time aforesaid, the Plaintiff will apply to the said court for the relief demanded in the said complaint.

Dated Red Wing, Minnesota, December 1st, A. D. 1876. COLVILL & HOYT.

Plaintiff's Attys, Red Wing, Minn. 9w7

1876. Ring Out the Old! 1877. Ring In the New!

Ho for the Holidays!

Largest stock of Watches, Clocks and Jewelry in the city.

At the Lowest Prices ever known.

Now is the time and this is the place to supply yourself with your

Christmas & New Years Gifts.

Realizing the stringency of the times and knowing that many will take advantage of my LOW PRiCES. I offer special bargains in everything in my line and will positively sell for the next thirty days at less than wholesale prices.

Everything marked down to "ROCK BOTTOM" prices, within the reach of all. An inspection of goods and prices respectfully solicited.

W. L. CORNELIUS.
Bush st., next door to old post office.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE by advertisement.

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage deed, executed and delivered by Joseph Bailey and Mary S. B. Bailey his wife, mortgagors, to Celista H. Williams, mortgagee, dated the 31st day of May, A. D. 1875, and recorded as a mortgage in the office of the Register of Deeds of the county of Goodhue, and State of Minnesota, on the 5th day of June, A. D. 1875, at eight o'clock and fifty-five minutes in the fore noon of said day, in book 27 of mortgage deeds, page 433.

There is claimed to be due and is due upon the said mortgage and the debt secured, thereby at the date of this notice, to-wit: December 1st, A. D. 1876, the sum of six hundred and eighty dollars ($680); and no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or in equity to recover the said mortgage debt, or any part thereof.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a power of sale in said mortgage contained and recorded therewith and of the statute in such case made and provided, the said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises therein described, which sale will be made by the sheriff of said Goodhue county, at the front door of the Court House in the city of Red Wing in said county, on Saturday the 20th day of January, A. D. 1877, at ten o'clock in the fore noon of said day, to satisfy the amount which shall then be due on said mortgage with the interest thereon and costs and expenses of sale and the attorney's or solicitor's fee stipulated in said mortgage to be paid in case of foreclosure.

The premises described in said mortgage and so to be sold are all that tract or parcel of land lying and being in said Goodhue county, and State of Minnesota, described as follows, to-wit: All that part of the south west quarter of section thirty (30) in township No. one hundred and ten (110) north, of range No. fifteen (15) west, bounded and described as follows to-wit: Commencing at the north west corner of the town of Zumbrota according to the recorded plat thereof, running thence east sixty-nine (69) rods to the north-east corner of said town, according to said plat, thence north one hundred and four (104) rods to a stake; thence west sixty-nine (69) rods to a stake; thence south one hundred and four (104) rods to the point of commencement, containing forty-four and 17-20 acres of land. Also lot No. four (4) of block No. sixty-four (64), lot. No. two (2) of block No. sixty-three (63), lot No. five (5) of block No. thirty (30), lots No. one (1) and two (2) of block No. twenty-nine (29), lots No. three (3) and four (4) of block No. sixty (60), lots No. fifty-six (56) and fifty-seven (57) of block No. fifty-nine (59), lots No. five(5) and six (6) of block No. fifty-eight (58), lots No. one (1) and two (2) of block No. fifty-seven [57], lots No. three [3] and four [4] of block No. fifty-three [53] in the village of Zumbrota according to the recorded plat thereof, also the south-east quarter of section No. nineteen [19], township No. one hundred and ten [110], range No. fifteen [15] west.

Dated December 1st., A. D. 1876.

CELESTA H. WILLIAMS.
COLVILL & HOYT, Mortagee.
Atty's for Mortgagee. 9w7

HORRIBLE!

The great Presidential contest is at hand. The political kettle is boiling hot, and that we are to have a new President is, without doubt, a

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certainty. The struggle will be a lively one, but yet while it is progressing, another question is agitating the inquiring minds of the great

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of people and especially those who have to buy Clothing, and it is a question of more vital individual importance, because it is one that touches the pocket-books, and when ever a good and sure place can be

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where their hard earnings in these dull times can be most judiciously invested, and where business is done on fair and honest principles, it is an indisputable fact,one that cannot be

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—that such a place should win its way to favor in the hearts of all the people. I, the uudersigned, beg leave to call your attention to my new stock of Clothing for the coming winter season's demand. It is

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every respect complete, and if you intend to spend a dollar for Clothing, for Men or Boys wear, Furnishing Goods, Hats, Caps, Trunks, Valises, etc., you will practice economy in

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very great degree by giving me a call, examining my full assortment, and learning my prices, and I know

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it will be to your interest to buy of me in preference to going elsewhere. Agreeable attention and no reluctance to show you goods at any time whether you buy anything or not.

An Investigation is Requested.

By order of

E. A. LEVI,
Proprietor "STAR" Clothing Hall.
5om3 RED WING, MINN.