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TUESDAY, JULY 30, 1901.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The teachers for the public schools are selected at present by a method which, while it produces many good and efficient guardians for the children placed under their charge, yet achieves these results rather through good fortune than from any value of the system by which the choice is made.

This insures every teacher having gone through the formality of some sort of an examination, but it does not furnish the school board, in the absence of its own knowledge, with any real criterion of the value of the teacher, for the certificates from the county school superintendents do not mean the same thing in every case.

The questions asked the applicants for teachers' positions are made out by the State Board of Education, but the absence of any uniform system for marking the answers to these questions, makes the examination no real test of the various applicants.

It has occurred to many who are interested in the problem of education that there should be a uniform system of examination for all the teachers in this State, which examinations ought to be held under the direction of the State Board of Education, which should not only prescribe the questions, but also appoint the examiners, who shall grade the papers, in order that a basis of some uniformity may be had in determining the fitness of an applicant.

It is obviously unwise to allow a hundred or more county school superintendents to practically compose the State Board of Education, any one of whom has the right to pass upon the qualifications of this teacher. The school boards have enough to do in taking care of the physical welfare of the pupils without being exposed to the difficult and highly technical task of passing on the qualifications of the teachers.

GERMANY'S TARIFF TROUBLES.

Count von Buelow is trying to perform the difficult feat of satisfying two inherently opposing tendencies in the German Empire in keeping alive the manufacturing industries and giving the protection demanded by the farmers without offending any foreign power or interfering with the present state of German trade relations.

Architecture, says Mr. Ruskin, is always an expression of the aspiration and aims of the people that have produced it. We wonder what future historians will make of the aspirations of America if they find imitation castles dotted over it here and there between enormous warehouses, towering flats, glistening tenements and palatial hotels.

In addition to the rain a damper was cast on the grand function on last Friday at which the King presented three thousand medals to the returned yeomanry by an open letter, which was sent to the King by thirty-two non-commissioned officers and men who refused to attend the ceremony on the ground that their pay was in arrears.

ENGLISH STRIKE AMERICA'S OPPORTUNITY.

It has not been customary to regard English capital as the friend of American labor. Indeed, the echoes of the speeches filled with such expressions as "corrupted by English gold," "bought up by the Bank of England" and "seeking to oppress American labor" were still filling the air at the very time when British capital was fighting a battle that enabled America to gain the markets of the world years earlier than she could otherwise have done.

that had never been imagined as possible for America to produce. This battle in England has been won, and hereafter the British workmen, both capitalists and laborers, are going to apply themselves with vigor toward making up the ground that has been lost. In the meantime American trade is under deep obligations to the quarrel in the British camp.

The strange thing about the engineers' strike is that it was a life-and-death struggle from the start, and the capitalists, no matter by what motive they were actuated, were really fighting for the existence of the English laboring man in competition with the German and American. If the engineers' strike had been successful from the labor-union point of view, Germany and America would even now be holding funeral services over British trade.

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but we trust that Sir Bindon Blood, of sanguine name, may bring back some of the reputation with which he sets out.

PERSONAL AND CRITICAL.

Hugo Jones, the assistant city chemist of Chicago, whose invention of a coal-consuming battery has attracted attention, is a German by birth, a graduate of the Real Gymnasium, Pawlitzsch, Germany, the University of Breslau and the University of Chicago, from which he has the degree of B. S.

The manuscript of an appeal for funds for Dartmouth College, dated 1831, has just been given to that college by the estate of a Miss Hopkins, of Northampton, Mass. It is signed by Washington, T. Lincoln, Livingston, William Moore, Robert Moore and other historical persons.

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The poor people in this country consume more meat than do the people of any other part of the world. They are, in fact, the best-fed people in all respects of any other people. But if the lazy and indigent classes of Europe, Asia and heaven only knows from where else continue to land on these shores the time may come when there will not be enough provisions to go round.

"Does it worry you, dear," said the dying man, "to think how soon I am going to leave you?" "Not how soon,"

she replied, absent-mindedly, "but how much."

The Rev. Jones Colvin, of Youngstown, Ohio, eighty-nine years old, known as "the marrying man," broke all records the other day by marrying seventeen couples in twenty-four hours.

"Yes, I impressed on the Filipino how the Indians had prospered as wards of our government."

"What did he say?"

"He wanted to know if wooden Filipino would be stood in front of cigar stores in the future."—Chicago News.

Hagerstown, Md., was treated to a performance of "Iolanthe" on a recent evening, and the local musical critic "wrote it up" as follows: "Melodic curves of divine intensity vaulted aloft, mirroring the perturbations of music's soul and painting the struggle for subliminal expression upon the airy table of voice drama ecstatically, yet orderly, the chorus rang its accompaniment, dashing the serene waves of its cloud-capt visions right to the ultimate bars of human reach. The audience was sympathetic and rapt, hanging with dramatic fervor to the meticulous inspiration of the passionate verve of the sinuous, irresistibly direct and co-ordinate harmonies, which passed off the ivory grand and scored their triumphs in the very heart of music's capital."

WHEN FATHER RODE THE GOAT. The house is full of apples. And mystery profound; We do not dare to run about Or make the slightest sound; We leave the big piano shut; And do not strike a note; But when he comes to town times Since father rode the goat.

He joined the lodge a week ago— Got in at 4 A. M. Another member brought him home, Though he says he brought them. His wrist was sprained, and one big rip Had rent his Sunday coat— There must have been a lively time When father rode the goat.

He's resting on the couch to-day And practicing his signs— The halting signal, working trip And other malice signs; He mutters passwords 'neath his breath, And other things he'll quote— They surely had an evening's work. When father rode the goat.

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MUNYON'S HEADACHE REMEDY. quickly relieves and cures all kinds of headache. No matter how causal. 25 cents a vial. BROADWAY & 26TH ST., NEW YORK.

The entertainment given last Thursday afternoon near here, for the benefit of Mt. Gleason Baptist Church, was quite a success. The choruses and tableaux were well selected and enacted with artistic skill. Special notice was given to the charade entitled "The Telephone," in which Misses Eva Martin and Gillie Riddell played the leading roles.

A GREAT PAYING CROP.

A Million a Year in Clear Cash From Irish Potatoes.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) ON STOCKS, July 29.—The New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk Railroad Company furnishes the following interesting table of the number of barrels of Irish potatoes shipped from Accomack and Northampton, the two counties comprising the Eastern Shore of Virginia, since the first starting of the railroad, in 1885:

1885, 23,317 barrels; 1886, 73,288 barrels; 1887, 20,971; 1888, 58,078 barrels; 1889, 25,290; 1890, 113,173 barrels; 1891, 123,924 barrels; 1892, 196,878 barrels; 1893, 25,075; 1894, 174,431 barrels; 1895, 157,890 barrels; 1896, 174,431 barrels; 1897, 157,890 barrels; 1898, 157,890 barrels; 1899, 157,890 barrels; 1900, 157,890 barrels; 1901, 157,890 barrels.

The shipments in 1901 up until July 13th were 497,862, and beyond a doubt, the total shipments for the entire year will amount to between 500,000 and 600,000 barrels. This has been a banner year in the history of potato crops on the Eastern Shore. The yield is almost unparalleled and prices high. Farmers can pay their rents out of the Irish potato crop, with the sweet potato crop to fall back on, which promises to be extremely large, and prices are sure to be high on account of the drought in the Potomac Valley and the great corn belt.

Heretofore the farmers shipped their goods or sold them to buyers, but now they have formed a potato trust, known as the Eastern Shore of Virginia Produce Exchange, with a capital stock of \$25,000. It is not an iniquitous trust, but has the interests of the farmer at heart in not overstocking the market and making the farmer put up with a low price.

By the most earnest efforts of the exchange, the prices were kept up, and, instead of being able to buy a barrel of potatoes for fifty cents, they never get below 75 cents for the entire year, and at the same time selling for from \$2.50 to \$3.50 in the city. The figures in the table do not include the large quantities of potatoes shipped by steamboats and sail vessels, which nearly doubles the number of barrels.

This year the Baltimore, Chesapeake and Atlantic Company had to repeatedly send steamboats to their wharves on Ocheehoneck, and in the Potomac, to Ocheehoneck, as high as 10,000 barrels being handled in one week, and the railroad company handled 13,000 barrels from the vicinity of Cape Charles in one day at one station. The steam and steam boat companies gave the Eastern Shore people a most excellent service, handling the large quantities of potatoes in regular loads for the entire year, without delay or damage, and offered the farmers very low rates. Both companies are under the management of the Pennsylvania system.

Eastern Shore of Virginia is the garden spot for the potato, and the total shipment in the last sixteen years being 3,747,812 barrels by rail. With these figures as a basis and placing the net profit for the farmer at 100 cents, the total profit for the Eastern Shore of Virginia is \$7,495,624, or an average income annually of \$46,020. The fact must not be forgotten that the Eastern Shore is a consumption and those shipped otherwise than by rail are not included in this estimate.

TOOK CYANIDE OF POTASSIUM.

Mr. Silloway Found Life a Failure at Sixty-Three.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) NORFOLK, Va., July 29.—Out of employment, his life seeming to him a failure, despondent and unbalanced mentally thereby, Mr. M. Silloway, in the stillness and seclusion of his home, at No. 29 Arlington Place, Norfolk, from which his wife was temporarily absent, took cyanide of potassium yesterday and died. The note which he found when his body was discovered, about two hours after his death, he told his wife that she had been faithful and loving, but in effect that his enterprises had proven disastrous and his life, the last of which he threw away, had been a failure.

Mr. Silloway was sixty-three years old. His wife, Mrs. Barbara Silloway, is a daughter of Mr. James Reid, who amassed a fortune at Norfolk as a baker, and whose family are very old citizens, and are universally esteemed here. He was a native of Providence, R. I.; was for a time foreman of plumbers at the Norfolk navy-yard, and afterwards, and recently kept a delicatessen stand in Portsmouth city market.

He left two nieces, Miss Carrie E. Silloway, a teacher at Vassar College, and Miss Green, of Boston. He will be buried to-morrow.

Virginians in Washington.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., July 29.—Virginians registered here to-night: Chas. H. Banks, Norfolk; P. Taylor, Richmond; R. E. Beddow, R. J. Washington and E. M. Beale, Westmoreland county; I. N. Johnston, Roanoke; Mrs. L. A. Cover and Miss Anne Cover, Winchester.

Short Crops in Sussex.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) STONEY CREEK, Va., July 29.—The growing crops in Sussex will be much shorter than for many years past, owing mainly to the drought. The potato crop will not be more than two-thirds of an average one, many acres having been entirely abandoned.

CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS. SICK HEADACHE. Positively cured by these Little Pills. They also relieve Distress from Dyspepsia, Indigestion and Too Heavy Eating. A perfect remedy for Dizziness, Nausea, Drowsiness, Bad Taste in the Mouth, Coastal Tongue Pain in the Side, TORPID LIVER. They Regulate the Bowels. Purely Vegetable. Small Pill. Small Dose. Small Price.

DENTISTS MEET ON THURSDAY

State Association to Hold its Annual Session at Natural Bridge.

The Virginia State Dental Association will hold its thirty-second annual session at Natural Bridge Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week.

A very attractive programme has been arranged. The programme will be given over the railroad and a large attendance is expected. The meeting of the association held at Natural Bridge fifteen years ago was the largest and best in the history of the organization up to that time, and the association has steadily grown since in membership and usefulness.

Clinics have been arranged in connection with this week's meeting as follows: 1. Dr. E. P. Beades, "Anterior Filling with Hand Pressure." 2. Dr. H. W. Campbell, "Filling Compound Cavity in Sixth-Year Molar with Abbey's Soft Gold." 3. Dr. C. C. Shelden, "Filling with Watt's Crystal Gold." 4. Dr. George E. Hardy, "Porcelain Crowns and Inlays." 5. Dr. J. V. Haller, "Gold Filling Under Water."

6. Dr. W. P. Nye, "Demonstration of Use of Cheek Protector." 7. Dr. R. L. Simpson, "Painless Removal of Nerve by Cocaine Under Pressure." 8. Dr. C. L. Steel, "Filling with De Troy's Gold." 9. Dr. T. C. Van Kirk, "Painless Removal of Nerve and Immediate Root Filling." 10. Dr. F. L. Wood, (to be announced.) 11. Dr. J. W. Webster, "Hurd's Apparatus for Wilson's Oxide Anesthesia for Sensitive Dentine and Extruding Pulp."

The following papers will be read: 1. Dr. E. P. Beades, "The Comfort of the Operator." 2. Dr. H. W. Campbell (to be announced.) 3. Dr. Edward Eggleston, report of committee. 4. Dr. W. H. Ewald (to be announced.) 5. Dr. J. V. Haller, "Filling with Non-Cohesive Gold." 6. Dr. W. H. Haller, "Hygiene." 7. Dr. H. H. Hoigkin, "Etymology on Dr. W. H. Haller's." 8. Dr. J. H. Wood, "Treatment of Pulp and Pulp Canals." 9. Dr. R. L. Simpson, "Crowns." 10. Dr. J. B. Smith, report on "Dental Legislation."

12. Dr. F. W. Stiff, report on "Hygiene in Public Schools." The following are the officers of the association: President, E. H. Walker, Norfolk, Va.; First Vice-President, W. E. Norris, Charlottesville, Va.; Second Vice-President, Baskerville Bridgeport, Richmond, Va.; Third Vice-President, Irvin B. Smith, Richmond, Va.; Recording Secretary, J. H. Hall Moore, Richmond, Va.; Recording Secretary, Geo. F. Keese, Richmond, Va.; Treasurer, Wm. H. Ewald, Portsmouth, Va.; Executive Committee, J. W. Stiff, Richmond, Va.; T. H. Parramore, Hampton, Va.; J. A. Colvin, Charlottesville, Va.

SWANSON NAMES DELEGATES.

May to Run for the House—Boller Explodes at Portner's Brewery.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) ALEXANDRIA, Va., July 29.—Claude A. Swanson to-day submitted to William B. Smoot the names of the twenty delegates from this city who will go to the Norfolk Convention to vote for that gentleman for Governor. The following are the delegates: Hubert Snowden, E. M. Birrell, William B. Smoot, C. C. Carlin, Judge J. K. M. Norton, George Dreyer, John M. Reed, T. B. Sanger, Charles M. Cuvillier, Richard H. Cox, L. C. Barley, Charles B. Marshall, Samuel G. Brent, James R. Caton, G. H. Hayden, Charles Benheim, John A. Marshall, C. Randolph Lewis and George W. Pettit.

William H. May, a former member of the State Legislature, has announced his candidacy for that position. Mr. Frank Ham, of Alexandria county, is the present representative. It is not known whether or not Mr. Hume will again enter the contest.

Major Taylor Ill.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) ASHLAND, Va., July 29.—Major James Taylor, postmaster of Ashland, is again quite ill. He is suffering greatly from pain in the back of the neck and between the shoulders, and he also has some fever. His son, Mr. Warner P. Taylor, of Richmond, was up with this evening with Dr. Brock, and it was determined to remove Major Taylor to Richmond to-morrow if he is capable of standing the trip.

Van Arsdale Case.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) NEWPORT NEWS, Va., July 29.—The case of Russell Van Arsdale, charged with the murder of his uncle, Kelly, was to have been tried in the County Court of Warwick to-day, but was postponed to the Circuit Court upon application of the defense. It will be tried in September.

AIR NAVIGATION.

M. Santos-Dumont Made Another Successful Experiment.

(By Associated Press.) PARIS, July 29.—M. Santos-Dumont made another successful experiment this afternoon with a dirigible balloon, sailing it from St. Cloud to the Long Champs race course, around which he steered the balloon, and ascended and descended, occupying 20 minutes of time. Though asked to go around the Eiffel Tower, the aeronaut declined, saying his motor was not yet working as well as he wanted.

The weather was cloudy, which may have influenced his descent. In descending, he explained was due to some defect in the apparatus. He was confident he could make the trip around the Eiffel Tower, but feared he could not make the speed to fulfill the condition of the Dutcaze prize.

Downer Express Not Well.

(By Associated Press.) CROBERG, July 29.—As a result of the visit of Professor Reusers, from Berlin, it is officially announced that the condition of the Downer Express Frederick is not satisfactory. Her body has been left her apartments for the last few weeks. Although medical bulletins have not been issued, they may soon be anticipated. Princess Henry of Prussia has been at the castle on a flying visit.

MUST NOT TALK.

Silence Enjoined Upon all Persons in Naval Service. (By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., July 29.—Secretary Long this morning issued the following general order: "All persons in the naval service are strictly enjoined to refrain from any public statement concerning the subject matter of the court of inquiry requested by Rear-Admiral W. S. Schley. (Signed) "JOHN D. LONG," "Secretary."

Captured Twenty-Five Boers.

(By Associated Press.) PRETORIA, July 29.—Colonel Garrett has had a successful skirmish near Vereeniging. His force captured 25 Boers and a number of cattle and wagons.

WANTED.

WANTED, COUNTRY BOARD AT ONCE for two adults and four children under twelve years of age. Must be near railroad or street car. Give terms and state location. Address "BOARD," P. O. Box 880.

WANTED, BOARD IN COUNTRY. For several weeks, by lady and children in private family preferred; healthy location. Must be near railroad station. Address, stating terms, etc., CLAX, care Times office, Richmond.

WANTED, THREE OR FOUR LADIES to occupy a large room on first floor by 1st of August. Very large dressing closet attached. Charges for four ladies only \$15 each per month, board included. For three occupants \$50 for all per month, board included. Address Miss C. Box 60, Salem, Va.

WANTED—OCCUPANTS FOR ONE OF the best-located corner stores in the city; splendid stand for bar or any retail business; good living-rooms; very reasonable rent. Call on J.