

GROWTH OF SCHOOLS.

Annual Report of State Superintendent Pendergast is a Good Showing.

THERE ARE 343,000 PUPILS.

Free Text-Books Have Materially Increased the Attendance.

SOME RECOMMENDATIONS.

State University Has Received the First of Its Many Bequests.

The superintendent of public instruction, Prof. Pendergast, has received the advance sheets of his report for the school years ending July 31, 1893 and 1894.

It appears from this report that the number of pupils enrolled in the public schools of the state during 1892 was 309,000; 1893, 312,000; 1894, 343,000. The number of teachers in common districts were respectively: Males, 1,576, 1,413, 1,931; females, 4,084, 5,012, 5,674, receiving average wages of about \$41 for the men, \$31 for the women.

The expenditure for the support of schools was as follows:

Table with columns for 1892, 1893, 1894. Rows include Current school fund, Average rate of local tax, Amount of state appropriation, etc.

By comparing the figures for 1893 and 1894 with those of 1892 it will be seen that the educational interests of the state have materially advanced during the past two years, notwithstanding the prevailing hard times and the wide-spread stagnation in business.

Nowhere has there been any general falling off in appropriations or expenditures, but a decided gain in every county. The following statement is interesting as showing how uniformly education has kept pace with the progress of the state in population and wealth during the past twelve years.

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Prof. Pendergast adds the following summary and recommendations:

Results of Recent Legislation.

Free text-books have materially increased the attendance in our free schools, carrying the benefits of the system to 30,000 children who would otherwise be deprived of schooling.

The school library law has done more than any other single agency to interest the general public and call attention to the work of the schools.

The act for the encouragement of higher education, has not only benefited the high schools, but it has also vastly strengthened the university on the one hand and the lower graded schools on the other.

At the same time provided an efficient stimulus to the country districts.

The state certificate law has in some cases enabled school boards to employ superior teachers, to whom licenses have been refused by local examining authorities.

It has also quickened the attention of many teachers, who are now trying to improve their scholarship and the character of their work so as to secure the respect and membership in the profession of teaching.

The law providing for summer training schools has proved a most gratifying success. These schools have given new life into every department of our school system.

Superintendents, inspectors, independent district teachers, who are encouraged by increased interest felt by the teachers in their work and the better outlook for the schools, in no other way could the same amount of money have been spent to so good advantage.

Recommendations.

1. An annual additional appropriation of \$4,000 for the support of summer training schools.

IVES AFTER VIGNAUX.

He Concedes 1,000 in a 6,000-Point Game to the Frenchman.

CORBETT ASPIRES TO ACT.

He Reiterates His Fight With Fitzsimmons Is to Be His Last.

RISDEN DEFEATS CAPEN

By a Score of 300 to 229 Billiards in Thomas Foley's Tourney.

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The champion is anxious to become an actor.

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