

FORCING THE YOUNG IDEA.

Superintendent Lane Issues Directions on the Subject.

AN EASTERN PHILANTHROPIST.

He Sends Mayor Sayer \$10 in Aid of Supposed Nebraska Suffrage—Feasting the Fakers—Capital City Doings.

[FROM THE BEE'S LINCOLN BUREAU.] State Superintendent Lane has just issued a circular for the guidance of teachers and school officers relative to the compulsory education law enacted at the last session.

If the parents or guardians of the child are poor, and by reason of such poverty are unable to provide the child with suitable clothing, books and other necessary articles required at school, then the board, after ascertaining such facts, should excuse the child from attending school.

Children constitutionally weak, or sickly from any other cause, are generally entitled to an excuse, especially if they have a long distance to go to school.

Also, in cases of general or prolonged sickness, the father or mother may be excused if needed at home to care for the sick. General physical disability or mental incapacity of the child, or a reasonable ground for the board to grant an excuse.

If a child attends a private school or parochial school for a period of twelve weeks during the school year, such attendance should be regarded the same as attendance at a public school.

The school board in determining the propriety of a child's admission, should be guided by the judgment of the teacher. If the teacher finds, upon examination, that the child wishing to be excused on the claim of "being proficient" is in fact an ignorant child, the board studied in the school by pupils of the same age, then the child is entitled to be excused.

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SOUTH AMERICA'S GOLD FIELDS

Americans Who Seek Fortune in the New El Dorado.

THE OUTLOOK FOR THE FUTURE

Very Poor Place For a Man Without Capital—Wonderful Stories of Mining Stocks—A Trip Through the Gold Fields.

Cape Town Correspondence of the New York World: Gold, gold, gold, and the new discoveries constantly being made in the Transvaal. This is all the people talk about in Cape Town of late.

Hundreds are leaving by every coastwise steamer for Durban and the new gold fields of Durban and Witwatersands, mostly newly arrived Englishmen, with a sprinkling of Californians and Australians.

"Forbes' concession in Swaziland is yielding 1,500 ounces of gold per month!" "Quartz from the Witwatersand, mostly newly arrived Englishmen district running fifteen ounces to the ton!" "New alluvial discoveries in the De Kaap Valley!" These are the reports one hears on every hand; in the hotel corridors, in the saloons, the clubs, the railway station, everywhere, and they keep the gold fever at high pressure.

Are these reports true? Yes, every word. During the next five years the Transvaal, Swaziland, Zululand, and the Matabele country gold fields are going to astonish the world. California and Australia in their flush days will be outdone by the discoveries and output of gold in the South African country, and that at no very distant day.

I have just returned from an extensive trip through the gold-bearing country and the outlook for big things in the near future is remarkably promising. And yet I was not the only body to come here with the idea of doing anything without plenty of capital. It is not a poor man's country, where individual "diggers" can make fortunes with pick, pan and shovel. Paying placer diggers are possibly being discovered later, but at present a man who should attempt woeing the golden calf single handed, as of yore on the Pacific slope, would quickly find himself in a fair way of starving to death, or taking to sheep herding, the next thing to it. I know a few Americans, dead broke in Cape Town now, waiting for money to be sent them to return home on. It is the old story with each one of them. They came here with enough money to take them out to the Transvaal and dig for a year or two till they could begin "digging gold."

One sad fool I saw and talked with yesterday. He had resigned a \$150-a-month position in Chicago last spring and started for this country with \$2,000, the savings of years. He is now in a dingy room in a third-class beer house for his board, waiting for a remittance to pay his passage back to the United States. A few months' prospecting and he would be a millionaire. He had a few dollars in his pocket, and he was waiting for a remittance to pay his passage back to the United States. A few months' prospecting and he would be a millionaire. He had a few dollars in his pocket, and he was waiting for a remittance to pay his passage back to the United States.

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At present nearly a thousand stamps are working steadily on banket in the Witwatersand district alone, and it is thought that by this time next year six times that number will be hard at it. The average clean-up yields about one and one-half ounces of gold to the stamp per day. At this rate some of the companies have commenced paying dividends at the rate of 50 per cent a year on the capital invested, and shares are held at ten and twelve times their original cost a few months ago. This is what may be called an exceedingly healthy state of affairs, everything being bona-fide from beginning to end.

The banket lodes were discovered a year ago by a Professor named Stahlig, a German, who was totally wild and uneducated, a barren plateau, considered fit for nothing. Then came the inevitable rush, and with mushroom spontaneity has sprung into existence the town of Johannesburg, already numbering 6,000 inhabitants.

The country round about Johannesburg for many miles contains no timber. Many of the houses are queer things, built entirely of movable iron sheets imported from England; others are of adobe or mud blocks. It is a regular field city, full of rowdiness and hard characters; dance-houses and saloons by the dozen are in full swing, and robbery and shooting affairs are of almost daily occurrence.

There is big money here for expert miners with plenty of capital—big money. But at present the man without capital, and lots of it, had better stay where he is unless he likes herding sheep for a pound a week and slim rations.

Weak lungs, spitting of blood, consumption, and kindred affections, cured without physician. Address, for treatment, with two stamps, World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y.

THE HOOSIER POET. How Riley Forced Himself Into Notice in Indiana.

Indianspolis Letter: The applause which followed the appearance of James Whitcomb Riley, the Indiana poet, at the recent convention of authors in New York has naturally attracted attention to him and has lent additional interest in his early life and to a career which, while attended by many vicissitudes, always had like Riley himself, its comic side and distinguished him from those with whom he associated.

Riley is a native of Hancock county, this state, and is now about thirty-five years of age. His early education was limited, and he was largely self-taught, wanting either in the means or the desire to give him a classical education, but because his son preferred a pursuit less dry than poring over books and wading through the declensions and conjugations of Greek and Latin nouns and verbs. Before his school days were completed the young Riley abandoned his books and took up the trade of a sign-painter, and soon began traveling from place to place, and when he was engaged to paint a house by a boy, and when his ability to do the work was questioned, he demanded a trial. Running his hand over the surface as if to take the dimensions,

the "blind sign-writer" would hurriedly and apparently without effort write the sign while the people would gather around him and express their greatest astonishment at the accuracy of the work. On one of these summer tramps Riley fell in with a vendor of patent medicine, and for a time the two traveled together, Riley amusing the crowd with his banjo and comic songs and sayings as the medicine man extolled the virtues of his wonderful cathartic and sold it to the people. As a sign painter Riley became perfectly familiar with the language of the street, the lingo of the ignorant and the sophisticated, and thus laid the foundation of his future success as a writer of dialect prose and poetry.

Riley's first productions appeared in print between 1875 and 1876, but they attracted little attention because their publication was limited to the country press, the author not being able to reach the public through the periodicals of larger circulation and more cultured readers. Believing that his writings possessed merit and were rejected by the publishers simply because the author was without a name among writers, Riley hit upon a plan to bring himself into public notice and to prove that his productions were not without merit, even if the writer was without a name. With the consent of the editor of the Kokomo Dispatch, he published a short poem which was an excellent imitation of Edgar A. Poe's style introducing it with the statement that the poem had been found written on the blank leaf of a book once belonging to Poe, and found by a relative of the deceased poet who moved to this state from the east many years ago. The poem and the accompanying statement of its discovery were reproduced by many papers, and a heated discussion was the result, some insisting that the poem was unquestionably the work of Poe, and others that, while strikingly similar, it was wanting in some of the essentials that distinguished Poe from all other writers. Finally one of Poe's publishers sent for the book in which the poem was alleged to have been written and the truth came out.

Though Riley was severely criticised, the encomiums which the poem received from those who really believed that it was the production of Edgar A. Poe convinced him that he himself was lacking more in name than in merit as a writer, and he soon afterward secured employment on the Journal of this city, at a moderate salary, and the matter dropped. Riley's production of his dialect verse. Within the last few years he has contributed a number of pieces for eastern periodicals, in which, however, the piece in imitation of Poe's style does not appear.

Got Their Money. Mention was made in a recent issue of the Times of the fact that Jim Baker and Sam McArthur had drawn \$15,000 in the Louisiana State Lottery. Thursday the money was received through the Missouri National Bank, and turned over to the lucky holders of the ticket. The boys did not know but that there might be a mistake somewhere, and were naturally restless until the money came and was placed to their credit in the bank. The Louisiana State Lottery has stood the test of years, and is just as solid and reliable as any concern in the country. We believe the drawings are absolutely fair and that the lottery is conducted as honestly and as equitably as any other business. We are informed that three or four other minor prizes were secured by Missouri parties in the last drawing. Another tenth of the capital prize of \$150,000 was drawn by William Poole of the town of Anacoda, in the adjoining county of Deerp Lodge, and was collected through the Omaha National Bank of Omaha, Nebraska.

Messrs. Baker and McArthur have secured a snug little sum, and by carefully investing their stake, they should be able to keep the wolf from the door during the balance of their lives.—(Missouri (Mont.) Times, Dec. 7, 1887.)

Riding Ocean Turtles. Chicago Times: The coasts of lower California abound with huge turtles, weighing from 300 to 400 pounds each. Down at Punta Banda, where a company

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AN OVERCOATS.

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is building a big hotel, one of the workmen, who is an expert swimmer, and who spends much time in the water, has become skillful in riding the big animals. A traveler says that when the man sees one that is big enough to ride he rushes into the water and mounts it. He has a way of slapping the turtles on the side of the head that makes them jog along and by striking them he also guides them. He rode a big fellow near the shore the other day as the stage drove up the coast road, and the occupant of the stage was so pleased with the exhibition that they made up a purse of \$20 for the rider.

The Prof-reader was a Texan. Chicago Tribune: "The types," observes a southern Illinois paper apologetically, "made us add last week to our esteemed townsman, Mr. Polhemus, as a 'villainous lounge.' We wrote 'versatile lawyer.' The error was overlooked by our proof-reader, a gentleman recently from Texas, who assures us, in extension of the oversight, that the two terms mean pretty much the same thing where he came from."

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