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MEETING OF EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

The first quartely meeting of the Educational Association of Cass County will be held at Mt Pleasant, beginning on Friday, March 28th, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The teachers of the county are expected to be present, and friends of Education are cordially invited to attend.

At the last meeting of the association, a permanent organization was effected, and it is confidently hoped, that, through the agency of this organization, and the encouragement of parents, patrons, and friends of Education, an impetus may be given to the cause in our own county that will send it upward on the ascending scale.

Cass county must not rank among the lowest in regard to public Education.—The farmers of Cass will not, *must not* permit this *stinging disgrace* to mar their fair fame. Come then to our *social* as well as educational meeting.

B. S. RAMSEY,
Ch'n Ed. Com.

IS THERE A REMEDY.

"How many youth in Nebrraska, are never enrolled in our public schools?"

This question was propounded to us, a few days since, and in the absence of data we can only approximate a satisfactory answer.

The question is, without doubt, one among the gravest that can be addressed to parents, guardians, and friends of Education, and one too, which calls up for reflection, the very expediency, of a system of public instruction.

No person can reasonably doubt, that the founders of the present system of public education, contemplated the education of *all* the youth. The hope and desire, of perpetuating the State, rendered the education of the masses, an imperative necessity; and in fact, the hope of perpetuating free institutions, is the broad, wise, and patriotic basis upon which rests the American System of Public Education.

We understand then, that the great object of an educational system, supported by the State, is to qualify the citizen *in the child*, for the better discharge of the duties of one, who is in every sense, a *sovereign* of the State; and what better means to secure this end, than for the State, to begin with the child, in infancy? But to return to the subject of this article: Educational statistics are extant, which show that a large percentage of the children in every State of the Union are never enrolled in our public schools, nor in any school.

The Feb. No. of the *American Journal of Education* contains the following in reference to education in Pennsylvania; "It is stated that there are thousands of children in the State who attend no school but that of the streets, and there are many others who in early life are compelled to work in mines, factories, and machine shops, and thus amidst all educational advantages, grow up in slavery of mental and moral darkness.—The number of children in Pennsylvania who do not attend any school have been estimated at 75,000, Philadelphia alone having 11,000. This is the fountain head from whence come nine-tenths of all our criminals." Thus it is with one of the most important States of the Union in point of wealth and influence, and one whose educational advantages are second to none in the Union. How is it to-day in the young commonwealth of Nebraska? Would it be assuming too much to say that more than 10,000 children in the State are never enrolled in our public schools? In District No. Five in Cass county, there is an aggregate enumeration of 177 scholars. Of these about 125 have been enrolled during the past year; and we believe that in this district the enrollment will compare favorably with that of any similar district in the State.

It will readily be seen that about thirty per cent in this district have never entered the school room.

We will deduct, say ten per cent. for removals and for other causes, and this leaves twenty per cent., or one-fifth of the children who never attend school at all.

The last enumeration shows, that in Cass county there are 3.297 scholars, of whom, one-fifth or more than 650 from certain causes are never enrolled in the public school or any school! What! can this be true in such a county as Cass and in so intelligent a community of citizens? Douglass county—the most populous county in the State is accredited with an enumeration of 4,532, and applying the above per cent. would show that 900 children in that county never enter the schoolroom. Richardson county, with an enumeration of 4,150 would have 800 in the same unfortunate circumstances, and Otoe county, with an enumeration of 3,846 would swell the aggregate more than 700 more. Nemaha county, than which perhaps there is no better in the State, would add more than 600 to the same list, and Lancaster would add another 600 to the same.

The last report of Superintendent McKenzie, shows that there are 51,123 scholars in the State, and *all* are entitled to tuition in the public schools; but applying the same rule, we find that more than [illegible],000 children in Nebraska, are never enrolled in *any* school! In this we have the sad spectacle of a number of youth, equal in the aggregate, to almost the entire population of Cass county *growing* up in ignorance, vice, and it may be in crime, while a quarter of a million dollars is annually appropriated by the State to sustain their schools!

Now, we do not insist that Nebraska is an exception to the general rule—that she is worse off in this respect than any other State, nor that our people are less appreciative of education than those of other communities, but the facts even at the present time, imperatively demand the attention of those, who would see our Educational system flourish under the fostering care of the State. The question, 'Is there a Remedy,' we know is often asked, and as yet no solution has been given, which gave satisfaction to *all*

Whatever the remedy may be, if indeed there be one at all, must be such that it will reach the *indifference* and *indulgence* of parents and guardians, for it is upon these classes that the responsibility rests, or that through *their* influence—or rather ther indifference and indulgence, ten thousand young, tender and innocent human beings, entrusted to their guardianship and *protection*, are kept out of the public schools! Far more preferable would it be, if our schools were patronized voluntarily, but if there is a dereliction of *duty* on the part of these two classes, then what moral wrong, what crime, *could* the State be guilty of perpetrating, if she should *compel* attendance in her schools?

FIDELIS.

A green hand with a horse, hired out and was sent to cart gravel. Filling the cart was a simple matter, but how to dump it puzzled him. At last an idea struck him, and striking the horse under the belly, he shouted, "Rare up, ye divil!"

The Cincinnati Times, speaking of the Credit Mobilier committee, says "it was nearly a one-sided committee having but a single Republican (Judge Poland) on it." This is not quite accurate. Mr. McCrary, of this district, was also a member of that committee. Still it may be well to remember that the committee was appointed by "Sunset" Cox as temporary Speaker, and that three of the five members composing it belong to the Opposition, two of them being Democrats and the other a lib. rep. It may be well enough for Democratic journals not to forget this when complaining of the partisan character of that report.

What Kansas City has Done in Four Years.

Four years ago all that broad valley lying between the bluff and Wyandotte, was scarcely marked by a habitation.—Now the entire extent is covered with dwellings, business houses, manufactories, packing houses, grain elevators, etc., etc. A large proportion of the business of Kansas City is done in the bottom. I desire to call attention to some branches of trade here represented. There are four

PACKING HOUSES

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HISTORY OF THE PORK-PACKING

here: In '68 and '69, 13,000; '69 and '70, 18,000; '70 and '71, 36,000; '71 and '72, 83,000; '72 and '73, 175,000. This is certainly a fine showing, and furnishes a foundation for the remark of Mr. Bigger.

BEEF PACKING

is carried on here largely. It is confined exclusively to Texas cattle. Manufacturing houses are established which make use of the offal from the immense number of cattle slaughtered.

We should do likewise. Where's our packing-houses, elevator's, soap works, etc., etc! Men make towns! not railroads.

Annecdotes of Early Times in California.

In those days miners would flock in crowds to catch a glimpse of that rare and blessed spectacle, a woman! Old inhabitants tell how, in a certain camp, the news went abroad early in the morning that a woman was come! They had seen a calico dress hanging out of a wagon down at the camping ground—sign of emigrants from over the great plains. Everybody went down there, and a shout went up when an actual, bona fide dress was discovered fluttering in the wind! The male emigrant was visible. The miners said: "Fetch her out!" He said: "It is my wife, gentlemen—she is sick—we have been robbed of money, provisions, everything, by the Indians—we want to rest."—"Fetch her out! We've got to see her!" "But, gentlemen, the poor thing, she—" "Fetch her out!" He fetched her out, and they swung their hats and sent up three rousing cheers and a tiger; and they crowded around and gazed at her, and touched her dress, and listened to her voice with the look of men who listened to a memory rather than a present reality—and then they collected $2,500 in gold and gave it to the man, and swung their hats again and gave three more cheers, and went home satisfied.—Once I dined in San Francisco with the family of a pioneer, and talked with his daughter, a young lady whose first experience in San Francisco was an adventure, though she herself did not remember it, as she was only two or three years old at the time. Her father said that, after landing from the ship, they were walking up the street, a servant leading the party with the little girl in her arms. And presently a huge miner, bearded, belted, spurred and bristling with deadly weapons—just down from a long campaign in the mountains, evidently—barred the way, stopped the servant and stood gazing, with a face all alive with gratification and astonishment. Then he said reverently: "Well, if it ain't a child!" And then he snatched a little leather scale out of his pocket, and said to the servant: "There's a hundred and fifty dollars in dust, there, and I'll give it to you to let me kiss the child!"—That anecdote is true. But see how things change. Sitting at that dinner-table, listening to that anecdote, if I had offered double the money for the privilege of kissing the same child, I should have been refused. Seventeen added years have far more than doubled the price.—*Mark Twain.*

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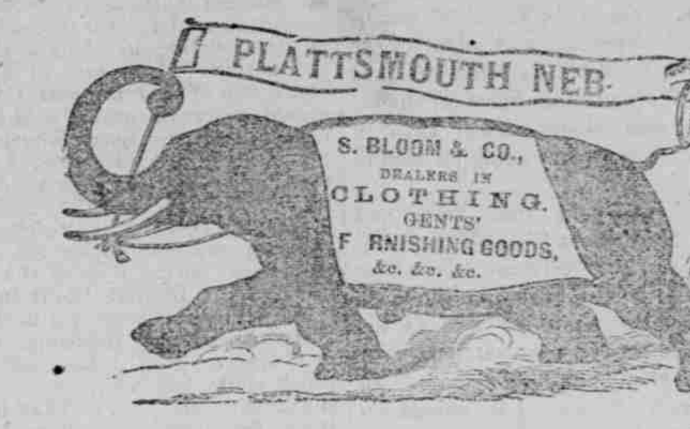

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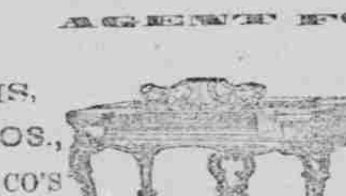

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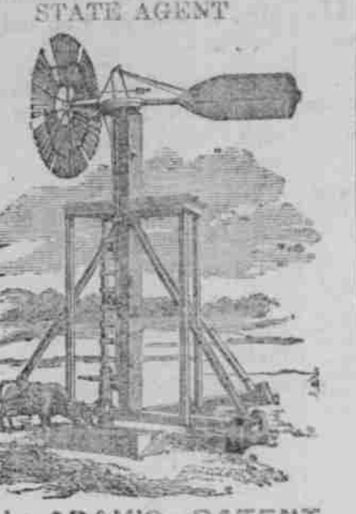

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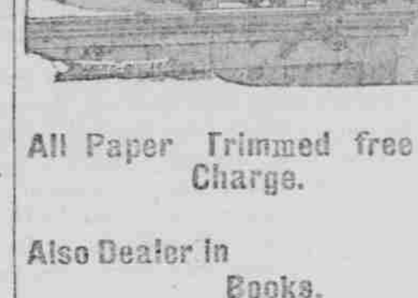

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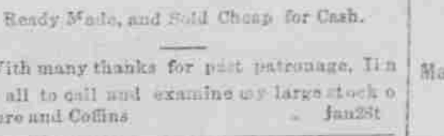

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