for the year ending June 30th, is, to Poe, Pa. . say the least, highly encouraging. Two departments were organized at the beginning of the last school year, and a the Higher Department.

The lack of an Intermediate Department in the classification in both de- the duties pertaining to school officers, partments.

From the report made to the State Superintendent we copy a few statistics, which we trust may not be, altothe Educational department of the HERALD.

The whole number enrolled during the year in the Primary Department be to a great extent incompetent to diswhole number enrolled in the Higher Department was 37 males and 35 females, making a total of 101 scholars ranted in choosing those teachers who in the Primary Department and 72 scholars in the Higher, or a grand total of 173 enrolled during the year, in both cate" is no conclusive evidence that the departments.

82; grammar, 41; geography, 44; his- hold "first grade." tory, 12; algebra, 12.

in the district by the last census was, teaching will be very often disappoint-The number enrolled was, 91; males, as this. and 82 females. The average daily attendance was, males, 38.78; females, 40.01; or a total of 79.79; and the average number of days each enrolled pupil attended school during the year was 124.2, or a little over six months out of owners. Only \$200,000 worth of stock office.

The number of square feet of blackboard surface in the room of the Primary department is 132, and in the bonds representing from twenty-five to room of the Higher Department, 102, thirty millions have been sold. These making a total of 234 square feet.

wages paid were \$900. As an auxiliary to the school there was a class in Instrumental music composed of members of the school, and under the not pay running expenses, and will charge of Mrs. Bernard Drost, who gave lessons twice each week.

Fall term commenced on the 8th of September, with the same teachers, and already over eighty scholars have degree. There is danger that the setbeen enrolled. The Music department | tlers, who have been lured there by the is still in the charge of Mrs. Drost, and rose-colored descriptions of fertile soil the new school year begins with flat- and picturesque scenery and untold tering prospects of continued and re- mineral deposits and a climate of unnewed success.

CHEAP TEACHING.

The question is very frequently which we have read so many splendid

ly chosen as school officers.

school directors as to what the attain- value for half a century. Certainly the ments of a teacher should be, brings to bondholders, who have already been mind the expression of school officers bled to the fainting point and have of an adjoining State. They talk a nothing but worthless parchment to great deal about teachers holding good show for their investments of hard-"stificates." Ws presume that if it earned money, are not likely to come were necessary for them to write the forward and treble their subscriptions;

ing of the immortal minds of their courses left-either the abandonment which the common schools are carried | tion by Government, But will the on be, to a great extent, defeated.

schools prove successful.

It is an indisputable fact that the national disgraces that we have got grade of scholarship to entitle a teach- pretty well used to them; and if the Constantly on hand. Our connection with the er to hold a certificate, should be much sinking of twenty-five millions in a firm of Rindskoff Bros., Distillers, enables us higher than it is at the present time. | wild attempt to build a railroad If applicants for schools in the West through barenness and desolation from

are as numerous as they are here, you nowhere to nowhere, for the accomcan well afford to reject two out of modation of a population that does For the Celebrated every three, thus be fikely to get good | not exist, will have the salutary effect teachers. of curing our people of that species In our township, where the wages of folly and making all similar schemes

Said to experienced teachers, have nev- forever impossible, we are not sure er been more than \$35 per month, the but it will be a wise permanent investfirectors were generous (?) enough, to ment.-Graphic. attempt to reduce them to \$30 per menth. In speaking of this to an old A "honeymoon car" is now run on Macher, whis is not engaged in a more the Pacific Railway.

the to protect the first office

remunerative field of labor, he suggest- Bonner B. S. RAMSEY EDITOR. done would be to hang such a Board, and while we cannot fully acquiesce Communications on Educational Topics, Re- in that; we would advise your ports of Educational Meetings, &c., are respect- school system is probably yet in infancy day be addressed to Educational Committee, that, should you have men of like principles in your State, it would be well for you to reiterate a late Statesman's words: Go farther West. The fact that our common schools are the basis for the future weal of our country The report of the Rock Bluffs School | must not be overlooked and ignored.

Whatever the views of our correspondent may be relative to the selecpoint of gradation established, which, tion of school officers, we are inclined Stock Boarded by the Day owing to a very large number of schol- to believe, that it is not so much the ars in the Primary Department, was incapacity of school boards as it is a subsequently changed. Those who can lack of energy. Many school officers pass a satisfactory examination in within our own knowledge, of inferior Reading in the Fourth Reader and in attainments are really more energetic Division in Arithmetic are admitted to in the cause of Education generally and locally, than many whom we have seen who were persons of superior atment causes considerable embarrass- tainments. But in order to perform we agree that at least some business qualications are necessary, but one great qualification, superior in our judgment to every other is a constant gether uninteresting to the readers of and burning zeal in the cause of Edu-

Without this qualification, school officers, of whatever attainments, will was 54 males and 47 females. The charge the duties pertaining to the re- PLATTSMOUTH, - - - NEB. spective offices. We feel justified in saying that all school boards are warpossess the best certificates, yet, the mere fact of holding a "good certifiholder thereof is a first classs teacher. The number studying the different Indeed, we have ovserved that teachers branches was as follows: Spelling, 162; holding an inferior grade of certificate, reading, 149; writing, 61; arithmetic, succeed quite as often as many who

The teacher who depends alone upon The number of enumerated children his scholarship for his success in males 94; females 86; or a total of 180. ed; other things are quite as necessary

What will become of it?

Of the Northern Pacific Railroad we mean. Jay Cook & Co., are its nominal has been taken, and they control that. Some six hundred miles of road have been built, and they have reported that bonds have built the road. But where The Principal received \$60 per is the money to build the remaining month, and one assistant \$40 per 1,200 miles to come from? And what is to pay the interest on the bonds al-The total number of days taught by ready sold? It will require at the very DRUGS AND MEDICINES, PAINTS, OHS all the teachers was 360, and the total least forty millions more to finish this road. There are no cities along its line to vote subsidies in aid of its construction. The 600 miles already built canhardly yield a dividend until the millennium. The road runs, most of the In addition we would add that the way, through an unbroken wilderness; and much of the territory on either side | hours, day and night. is barren and inhospitable to the last surpassed salubrity, will perish from cold and starvation before the winter

What is to become of this road, of

asked here by the patrons of day- descriptions, and whose bonds were schools, Why have we not more teach- represented as more valuable than ers who are proficient in the business? | those of the Government until farmers Our reply has been invariably: You do and traders and widows and the trusnot pay wages that will justify teach- tees of orphaned children invested their ers of any ability in remaining with small savings in them in preference to safer but less vaunted securities near-It is generally the case that men are er home? Jay Cooke & Co. have pracelected to the offices of directors or tically failed, leaving two-thirds of the trustees of our schools who think they | road unbuilt. The 600 miles already are doing the greatest amount of good, completed at an immense cost cannot discharging their duties mest fully, possibly pay the interest on the twenty when they employ the man who will -five millions in bonds already placed teach for the least money. They seem somewhere and probably everywhere. to look, not so much to the ability or It is a question whether this stretch of attainments of the person as to the road would not bankrupt any company saving of a few dollars per month in | that should undertake to operate it for wages; consequently our schools are the next twenty-five years. The imvery greatly injured by Inefficient teach- mense tract of public land-a region ers. Those who have no just concep- larger than Indiana and Illinois-which tions of the duties and responsibilities | Congress voted away for the building of the school-room, are, very frequent- of this road, is practically unavailable because it is not wanted for settlement In speaking of the ignorance of and probably will not have a market word they would begin it with an "s." the money they have already paid out McGuire & Co. So long as we elect men of such in- is practically sunk. Merssrs. Cooke & ferior attainments to look after the in- Co. cannot finish the road, if they try, terests of our schools; men who are without a further sale of bonds, which concerned more about the saving of nobody will be foolish enough to buy, money than they are about the train- There would seem to be only one of two thildren; so long will the object for of the whole enterprise or its assump-Government dare to assume such a It has generally been our experience, burden? In the present state of pubthat a "cheap coat is a very dear one in lic feeling, with the recollection of the Central Pacific frauds and Credit When those who are authorized to Mobilier scandals fresh in the public examine teachers and grant certificates mind, will Congress be likely to shall become more rigid in their exam- venture into such a speculative mations; when we shall elect our offi- scheme? Hardly. It would require cers from the most intelligent portion unusual courage even to advocate the of our people-those who will look measure on the floor of the House. well to the best interests of our schools, What remains, then but the abandonand when our teachers are paid a fair ment of the whole enterprise? True, and living compensation for their la- it would be a monument of our folly. bors, then and not till then will our It would be pointed to as a national disgrace. But we have had so many

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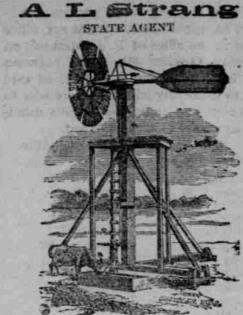
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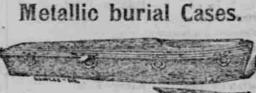
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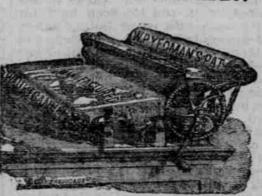
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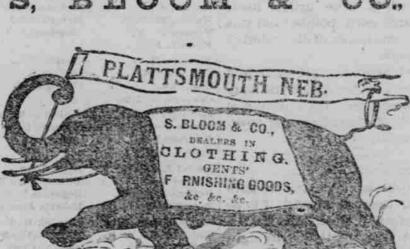
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