

Work of the New York Public Schools

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—With the single exception of Russia, there is no nation in the world whose standing army equals in numbers the army made up of those who attend institutions of learning in New York. Not six cities in the United States have a population equal to it, for the latest figures show that no less than 625,000 pupils are enrolled at the various schools of the city. This total is roughly equal to the present population of St. Louis, Baltimore or Boston. It exceeds by more than 50,000 the peace army of Germany and is two and one-half times as large as that of Great Britain. The total far surpasses the school attendance for any other city in the world. Not even London can compete with New York in this respect. At the public schools the total register is 228,250, with an average attendance of more than 200,000. Aside from these there are 20,000 high school pupils in Manhattan and the Bronx and 4,000 in Brooklyn. Then there are the pupils in parochial schools, 65,000 in all, as well as those receiving instruction in colleges, universities, night schools, or from private teachers. A decidedly pleasing feature is found in the fact that as the percentage of school attendance increases, the number of those without instruction, either through truancy or any other cause, steadily declines, the point now being very nearly reached at which there is universal education within the official school ages in New York.

an expenditure. At the time when the famous Lawson pit rose became the property of Thomas W. Lawson it was claimed that it cost him \$50,000, but those on the inside who were acquainted with the deal say the price was really not one-third of this amount. Previous to New York's record-breaking purchase, the highest price ever paid for a carnation was probably the \$10.00 given up by a Chicago firm for the now famous Plancee variety. Despite the big price paid for it, however, the Plancee was almost a complete failure a few years ago. While this is yet known concerning the new \$15.00 Winona, it is believed that its value will be found in its size rather than in its color, since previous attempts to create popularity through the latter have not been particularly successful. The principal effort of carnation hybridists at present is for increased size, and next to the chrysanthemum the carnation is undoubtedly the most wonderfully developed flower.

Unless present indications are all wrong, this city in the near future will have the first mono rail high speed road in the United States. The Rapid Transit commission is at present considering this project, and for once the object of its consideration does not belie the first part of its title. Rapid transit, such as this country has never seen, will be the result if the road is authorized, for the mono rail is capable of a speed of 120 miles an hour, and for the new project a speed of sixty-five miles an hour, including stops, is proposed, so that Brooklynites through whose territory the road runs will be given some-

With the Thaw trial looming close ahead, the ubiquitous person who backs his assertions with figures as proof positive of their accuracy has been very busy with his pencil. As a result he has discovered that, reckoned by the law of averages based on the records of the criminal courts of the country, and without reference to the merits of the case, the chances that Thaw will be convicted of murder in the first degree are only 6 out of 100. In other words, out of every 100 persons against whom a murder indictment is returned by the grand jury, only six receive the severest punishment of the law, while 94 per cent manage to wriggle out of the clutches of the district attorney's office to a greater or less extent. Of the fifty-five persons indicted for murder in the first degree since January 1 only three convictions have been secured out of the forty-nine cases tried, a showing over which New York cannot enthuse in any great extent, especially since in Chicago during the same period sixty out of the 112 persons indicted were found guilty as charged, a record for convictions of better than 50 per cent. Of course New York takes a grain of comfort in the fact that its indictments were only half as many as Chicago's, but there the matter stops. The figures would seem to show that while twice as many murders are committed in Chicago as here, about nine times as many convictions are secured in the western city.

Expensive New Flower. Fifteen thousand dollars for a new flower, that is the record over which New York, always after the biggest of the most expensive in any line, is proudly boasting at present. According to report, a local fancier in the line of floral beauty has just acquired a brand new carnation at the trifling cost of \$15.00. This price, it is said, gives New York the record for such

Humorous Incidents That Are Briefly Told

Got one on the Judge. LAWRENCE JEROME of New York, the father of District Attorney William Travers Jerome, was noted in his day as a wit on a greater or less extent. Of the fifty-five persons indicted for murder in the first degree since January 1 only three convictions have been secured out of the forty-nine cases tried, a showing over which New York cannot enthuse in any great extent, especially since in Chicago during the same period sixty out of the 112 persons indicted were found guilty as charged, a record for convictions of better than 50 per cent. Of course New York takes a grain of comfort in the fact that its indictments were only half as many as Chicago's, but there the matter stops. The figures would seem to show that while twice as many murders are committed in Chicago as here, about nine times as many convictions are secured in the western city.

Why, Judge. Mr. Jerome platonically, "you know my name as well as Mr. — does. Didn't we three have a drink together at recess?" The judge rapped down the audible smiles which arose all over the court room and meekly directed the stenographer to enter the witness' name as Lawrence Jerome—New York Tribune.

And there was no doubt that the workman's eye had been injured, but the physician claimed that he could see out of it, while he stoutly declared that the sight was utterly destroyed. "The judge heard all the evidence, pro and con. Then, sending the workman from the court room, he said: "Get a blackboard and write a sentence on it with green chalk. Also get a pair of spectacles with ordinary clear glass for the left eye and with red glass for the right." "This, in the course of an hour or so, was done. Then the workman was brought back, and he was ordered to put the queer glasses on. "He put them on and the judge said to him: "Turn the blackboard round and see if you can read what is written." "The man read the sentence without hesitation, whereupon the judge said to him sternly: "Your case is dismissed. You are an impostor. You must have read that sentence with your left eye, for the red glass over the right one turned the green writing black and made it quite visible on the blackboard."—Indianapolis Star.



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Some time afterward the landlord met the Indian and accused him of deception. After being denounced for some time, the son of the forest inquired: "You find Broad Meadow?" "Yes." "And big maple?" "Yes." "And deer, too?" "No." "Very good! Two truth to one lie; that very good for poor Indian!"—Boston Herald.

Has Yankee Thrift. A Massachusetts man tells a story of "Old John" Langley, a veteran Worcester horseman, that is illustrative of Yankee astuteness. One day Langley sought his tailor and in somewhat profane terms demanded "a pair of breeches of the best stuff in the shop." Of the many samples submitted "Old John" hit upon a beautiful one of silky broadcloth, the most costly piece of goods the tailor had, and, although this was most unsuitable for the purpose, Langley insisted that it was just what he wanted. Furthermore, he declared that he desired it "made up wrong side out."

DRESSY MAN is often credited with mysterious qualities which enable him to know how to wear clothes; but if you know him well, you will find his whole secret is simply discrimination in the clothes he buys. The GRANVILLE, on the left, is a strikingly stylish double-breasted coat that particularly appeals to fastidious buyers. The RENWICK, on the right, is also a stylish, desirable coat favored by many men.

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Deciding a Case. A negro justice of the peace was about to open court in a small country town in Alabama. The first case on the docket concerned two negroes, one of whom charged the other with having stolen a hoe. The judge called up the plaintiff and said: "Mr. Jones, how many witnesses has you got dat Mr. Jenks stole dat hoe?" "Two, sah." "Mr. Jenks, how many witnesses has you got dat you neber took dat hoe?" "Fo, sah." "Den I shall dismiss de case. Everybody knows dat de witnesses can't see de hoe, and two witnesses is 'em no use to take up de valuable time of dis court. Next time, Mr. Jones, you is gwine ter sue a man you wants mo' witnesses dan he's got or you are gwine to be left."—Philadelphia Ledger.

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A Modern Solomon. Joseph Choate, the famous lawyer, related at a dinner party at Lenox some interesting reminiscences of the bar and bench. "A striking case," said Mr. Choate, "transpired in the '60s. It was a case of a workman who claimed to have lost the sight of his left eye in an explosion. "There was no doubt about the explosion

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