

FRIDAY, SEPT. 7, 1877.

THE balance in the State Treasurer's hands August 31, was \$583,275.75, a decrease from the balance July 31, of \$53,437.82.

THE State Fair: it is to be held at Jackson, will open Sept. 17 and close Sept. 21. The M. C. R. R. carries passengers at half-fare.

HENRY WARD BEECHER is announced for two lectures in Jackson during the week of the State Fair. He will have to run opposition to a number of other second and third rate shows.

THE election in Maine comes off next Monday. Look out for a Republican victory,—to be thereafter construed as an endorsement of both Hayes and Blaine,—of "my policy" and of the opponents.

RANDOLPH ROGERS offers to complete the Soldiers' Monument at Detroit, by placing the four figures or statues in accordance with the original design, for \$9,000, or \$3,000 each. The association has \$3,425.93 on hand.

BRIGHAM YOUNG was the father of 56 children, 44 of whom, 16 sons and 28 daughters, survive him. Seventeen wives, exclusive of Ann Eliza, mormon (?) his loss, but were specially requested not to buy and hang out mourning goods in token of their grief.

THE NEW liquor tax law took effect Aug. 22. Under its provisions the tax upon the retail dealer in brewed or malt liquors is \$50 instead of \$40, and the supervisor or assessor must levy *pro rata* for the rest of the year, on all dealers engaging in business after that date.

W. W. WOOLNUGH, so long connected with the press of Michigan, has sold out his interest in the Battle Creek Tribune, and that excellent weekly is hereafter to be published by Messrs. Barnes and Buckley. We part company with Bro. Woolnugh with regret. He has shown both the knowledge and ability requisite to the making of a good paper. May his successors be equally successful.

THAT most celebrated of modern Frenchmen, M. Louis Adolphe Thiers, eminent as journalist, author, historian, scholar, and statesman, ex-President of the Republic, and the balance-wheel of the Republican party of France, died at his residence in Paris on Monday evening last, of apoplexy, aged 80 years on the 10th day of April last. The death of M. Thiers is a calamity to France, and especially to the party to which he belonged and in a great measure led and controlled.

HAS Garrison,—William Lloyd, the inveterate fault-finder,—gone back on Ben Wade and the other inveterate irreconcilables and given in his adhesion to the President's policy? This extract from a recent speech to an English audience has that look. He said that "the world never had so high an exemplification of political rectitude as it had at the present time in the Republican administration of President Hayes." And now the Detroit Post and Bro. Pattison, of the Ypsilanti Commercial, ought to speak better words for the administration.

THE annual meeting or show of the Tri-State Fair Association (Ohio, Michigan, and Indiana) is to be held at Toledo, commencing on the 24th inst. and closing on the 29th, and arrangements are being made to have it "the largest and most complete exhibition of the kind ever held in the West." The President of the Washington County Agricultural Society has been made a Vice-President of the Tri-State Association. If we can get a free ride over the Toledo and Ann Arbor Railroad we may "make an effort" to use the admission card sent us.

MR. EMIL PRETORIUS, of the St. Louis Post, comes up valiantly, if not gallantly, to repel the charges preferred by Gail Hamilton against Carl Schurz,—especially that of receiving \$48,000 for political purposes. Pretorius says that Schurz never received to exceed \$8,000, and then buries this polite and elegant challenge in the teeth of the plucky, if vindictive, lady: "Now, Miss Gail Hamilton, I call upon you to prove that you are as good an American as I am, in appreciating that American proverb, 'Pat up or shut up.'" Carl Schurz needs more discreet friends than this man who runs his St. Louis organ.

IN SOME of its features at least, modern Democracy in Iowa is not the Democracy of the fathers. Witness the following plank from the platform adopted at the recent Democratic State Convention in that State:

5. We favor a retention of the greenback currency and declare against any further contraction, and we favor a substitution of greenbacks for national bank bills.

It was only by stretching the powers of the Government in time of war that a packed Supreme Court was able to hold greenbacks a legal tender for debts contracted before the passage of the law creating them, and even that decision led not ground for Congress to extend the greenback volume in time of peace. The Democracy has always denied the constitutionality of the legal tender act, and maintained that Congress had no right to make its notes of hand or promises to pay a legal tender. If a war power, and warlike necessity, knows no law, there is now no shadow of claim in behalf of a Congressional right to flood the country with a new issue of greenbacks. Much better did the Iowa Democracy adhere to the traditions of the party in the following resolution:

1. The Democracy of Iowa, in convention assembled, hereby declares in favor of a tariff for revenue only, honesty, economy, home rule, supremacy of the civil over the military power, separation of church and State, equality of all citizens before the law, opposition to the granting by the general government of subsidies to any corporation whatever.

It is time for common sense to take the place of clap-trap and demagogism.

ANN ARBOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Board of Education: GENTLEMEN,—In accordance with Sec. 3, Part I, of Rules and Regulations, I submit for your consideration my Seventh Annual Report of the schools under your direction.

The statistics concerning the operation of the schools are for the year ending June 22; the financial items include the whole year to date.

1. Assessed valuation of district property,	\$1,598,955
2. Cash valuation of school property,	130,000
3. Balance on hand from preceding year,	1,471.72
4. Amount received from primary school fund,	1,112.74
5. Amt. received from local taxation, (two mill tax, voted on property,	2,865.43
6. Amount received from tuition, non-residents,	3,952.28
7. Amount received from all other sources,	645.00
Total receipts,	\$32,490.67
8. Cost of superintendence and instruction,	18,000.25
9. Amount paid Superintendent,	2,000.00
10. Amount paid special teachers,	1,000.00
11. Cost of incidentals,	4,759.42
12. Amount paid for bonds and interest,	5,320.00
13. Amount paid for permanent improvements,	3,520.10
14. Population of dist., estimated,	7,350.10
15. Census of school age,	2,419

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1868-9.	1,869	1,201	92	123	121	1,677	
1869-70.	1,864	1,182	94	120	118	1,699	
1870-1.	1,749	1,182	94	132	148	1,809	
1871-2.	1,840	1,206	95	131	168	2,774	
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1881-2.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1882-3.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1883-4.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1884-5.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1885-6.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1886-7.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1887-8.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1888-9.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1889-90.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1890-1.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1891-2.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1892-3.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1893-4.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1894-5.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1895-6.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1896-7.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1897-8.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1898-9.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1899-0.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1900-1.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1901-2.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1902-3.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1903-4.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1904-5.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1905-6.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1906-7.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1907-8.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1908-9.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1909-10.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1910-11.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1911-12.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1912-13.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1913-14.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1914-15.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1915-16.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1916-17.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1917-18.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1918-19.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1919-20.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1920-21.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1921-22.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1922-23.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1923-24.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1924-25.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1925-26.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1926-27.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1927-28.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1928-29.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1929-30.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1930-31.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1931-32.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1932-33.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1933-34.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1934-35.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1935-36.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1936-37.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1937-38.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1938-39.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1939-40.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1940-41.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1941-42.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1942-43.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1943-44.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1944-45.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1945-46.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1946-47.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1947-48.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1948-49.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1949-50.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1950-51.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1951-52.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
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1953-54.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
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1955-56.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1956-57.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1957-58.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1958-59.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
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1960-61.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1961-62.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
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1964-65.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1965-66.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1966-67.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1967-68.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1968-69.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1969-70.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1970-71.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1971-72.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1972-73.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1973-74.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1974-75.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
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1981-82.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1982-83.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1983-84.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1984-85.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
1985-86.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
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2000-01.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
2001-02.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
2002-03.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
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2009-10.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
2010-11.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
2011-12.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
2012-13.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
2013-14.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
2014-15.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
2015-16.	1,900	1,350	96-12	144	325	5,000	
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COMPARATIVE TABLE. This table covers ten years of the most important statistics of the Public Schools.

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HIGH SCHOOL.—F. P. Partridge, E. H. Bowdoin, F. C. Reynolds, Charles P. Shall, Alice Clark, Alice Lovejoy, Henry Page, Dwight Page. For two years—Ernest Chase.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Carrie Hendrickson, Lottie Outley, Charlotte Brown, Flora Carrington, Libbie McKim, Emma Armstrong, Seward Cramer, Fred H. Berry, Willie Humphrey. For two years—Jennie C. Bentley, Jennie Shadford, Eddie Dygert, Charles Page, William Cramer. For three years—Ada S. Upson, Willie Edie.

FIRST WARD SCHOOL.—Clara Van Riper, Bernice Upson, Gertrude Rose, Carrie Wheeler, August Deitz, Geo. Keck, Frank Hollock, Newton Phelps. For two years—Eddie Ottley, Hiland Thatcher.

SECOND WARD SCHOOL.—Mary Mamie, Emily Jenter, Bertha Kummer, Mary Horn, Emma Graf, Louisa Laubengayer, Edward Greve, Robert Schmeider, John Schmeider. For two years—Bertha Kähler, Amanda Reyer, Lydia Greve, Emma Kummer.

THIRD WARD SCHOOL.—Rickie Gerstner, Eddie Seyler.

FOURTH WARD SCHOOL.—Mary Miller, Emily Katz.

FIFTH WARD SCHOOL.—For two years—Katie Belle Lovejoy.

In addition to these we have:

Not absent or tardy for two terms, 102
Not absent or tardy for one term, 232

The variety and quantity of work below the High School may be seen in the following summary of branches taught and the number of pupils in each:

Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Reading and Spelling,	757	702
Writing,	540	400
Object Lessons,	288	243
Numbers,	294	241
Singing,	656	886
Geography,	455	390
Free-hand Drawing,	466	428
Oral Language,	131	118
Arithmetic,	410	403
Primary Botany,	100	90

GRAMMAR SCHOOL EXERCISES.

The workman who is pushed from his place of labor and livelihood may yet see his child educated and able to remunerative handicrafts in the opening fields of industrial art.

Free-hand Drawing has been taught the past year in grades three to seven inclusive, and the classes have made reasonable progress. The pupils have used no drawing books, only slates, black board, and in the higher grades, paper.

The instruction, in the main, has followed the manuals of Prof. Walter Smith. The instruction in the third to sixth grades, inclusive, was given altogether by the regular teachers who met the special teachers fortnightly for directions and lessons.

I see no valid reason why nearly all the special work of teachers in the ward schools may not be compassed in a similar manner by the regular teachers.

The examination of candidates for promotion from the Grammar School to the High School was held as usual at the close of the spring term in June. The class numbered 50, 41 of whom were passed without question, 5 were conditioned, and 4 not passed.

The average age of the class was 15 years. The following members of the class ranked especially high in the examinations: Adell Wheeler, Minnie Gregg, Nettie Gregg, Clara Mann, Amelia McLaren, Zada Rhodes, Celis Burke.

At the close of the year, cards of promotion were issued in all grades above the fourth; this will materially aid in organizing the classes at the opening of the coming year.

HIGH SCHOOL. While all the lower schools report nearly the same numbers from year to year, the High School exhibits a continuous growth. The enrollment the past year exceeded that of the previous year by 44, of which increase 43 were non-residents. The total tuition receipts in all departments were \$4,597, an increase from the preceding year of \$400.

The non-resident tuition receipts amounted to \$3,952, an excess over like receipts of the preceding year of \$647. Such a growth bespeaks, as nothing else can, the popularity and I trust the excellence of the High School.

There is still an occasional doubt concerning the wisdom of fostering so large a High School department, but the balance of opinion is very largely, if not nearly unanimously in its favor.

Cheapness, thoroughness of instruction, reputation, the interest of the University, and increased local trade, all combine to encourage its growth.

The present position of the High School can be maintained only by superior management and instruction, for other schools are rapidly coming into competition with it. Considering the mutations and perils that beset all great enterprises, we shall be fortunate if we never have occasion to deplore a policy that may lessen the working efficiency and so the prosperity of our High School.

Of the 417 pupils enrolled, 237 were non-residents; their average age was about 18 years; 63 boys and 6 girls were over 20 years of age.

The studies pursued and the number of pupils in each are given in the following table:

Study.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Latin,	144	77	221
Greek,	53	25	78
French,	28	12	40
German,	13	12	25
Geometry,	72	31	103
Algebra,	238	109	347
Natural Philosophy,	39	21	60
Natural Drawing,	8	9	17
Astronomy,	5	13	18
Chemistry,	18	12	30
Zoology,	24	9	33
Physical Geography,	28	31	59
Physiology,	5	24	29
Rhetoric,	20	16	36
Grammar,	58	67	125
English Literature,	10	11	21
Botany,	28	29	57
Reading,	21	35	56
Arithmetic,	68	42	110
Civil Government,	4	4	8
History,	66	57	123
Word Analysis,	8	14	22
Geography,	62	38	100
Composition,	62	38	100
Punctuation and Capitals,	40	16	56
Book-keeping and Commercial Arithmetic,	29	31	60
Book-keeping and Commercial Law,	17	3	20
Writing,	12	8	20

The work of the year closed with the graduating exercises of the senior class, June 22, in the central building. Sixteen of the class, selected on the basis of scholarship, furnished the literary part of the exercises. Seventy-one diplomas were awarded, distributed among the several courses as follows:

Classical Course,	22
Latin Course,	13
Scientific Course,	15
English Course,	4
Commercial Course,	10
German Course,	2

Besides these, several who did not complete our course of study have passed quite creditable examinations in the University and others are preparing for examination in the fall. A larger per cent. than usual of the class expected to enter the University.

Some slight changes have been made in the course of study. In the English course, History has been put in place of Mental and Moral Philosophy. The Commercial Course has been extended to two years by adding U. S. History, Civil Government, Political Economy, Natural Philosophy, and Arithmetic. These additions for the objects in view will make it a course of much intrinsic merit, and it is believed will increase its usefulness and popularity.

We lose, by resignation, two of our most competent teachers, Miss Anna A. E. Easton, of the High School, and Mrs. Sallie A. Crane, Principal of the Grammar Department, and I desire here to express my high appreciation of their long and efficient service in our schools.

W. S. PERRY, Superintendent.

French. Sarah W. Pease, French. B. E. Nichols, Assistant in Latin. Ellen Regal, Mathematics and English. Lucy C. Andrews, History and Arithmetic. Cynthia A. Sager, Natural Science.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Clara L. Conover, Principal, Eighth Grade. Abbie A. Pond, Seventh Grade. Katharine E. Kerr, Sixth and Seventh Grades. Addie H. Morey, Sixth Grade. Eliza Ladd, Assistant.

FIRST WARD. Lizzie Wines, Principal, Fourth and Fifth Grades. Flora I. Hall, Third Grade. Emily J. Eldridge, Second Grade. Maggie McDivitt, First Grade.

SECOND WARD. Mary Mulholland, Principal, Fourth and Fifth Grades. Frank R. Larned, Third Grade. Celia Baister, Second Grade. Susie Spoor, First Grade.

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FIFTH WARD. Carrie E. Canwell, Principal, Third, Fourth and Fifth Grades. Josephine Armstrong, First and Second Grades.

SPECIAL TEACHERS. Penmanship, Sarah W. Pease. Drawing, Doley O'Hara.

Both statistics and examinations show the schools to be in excellent condition and give promise of a prosperous coming year.

Respectfully submitted, W. S. PERRY, Supt. ANN ARBOR, Aug. 25, 1877.

MICHIGAN WHEAT.

Letter from Prof. Kedzie—He Calls for Reports from the Farmers.

To the Farmers of Michigan: The relative value of different varieties of wheat grown in our State is a matter of public importance, and is attracting marked attention at the present time. As the time for seedling approaches, and the farmer is about to settle the question which kind of wheat he shall sow for next year's crop, the relative value of different varieties becomes a matter of pressing importance.

If there is a marked difference in the productiveness of different varieties of wheat, and in their relative immunity from the attacks of destructive insects, it becomes a matter of great concern which variety to sow.

The Secretary of State shows that 1,238,000 acres of wheat were sown on the ground in the State last May—a difference of five bushels to the acre in consequence of raising one variety rather than of another would make a total difference of more than 6,000,000, which at present prices would amount to more than \$8,000,000—a sum sufficient to make the difference between "hard times" and "good times" to the farmers of our State.

On the other hand, if there is a marked difference in the food value of different varieties of wheat, this becomes a matter of just concern to the consumer. The statement that any variety of wheat extensively cultivated is inferior in food value seriously affects the farmer, because it depresses prices at home and seriously injures our export trade. If only 10,000,000 of our estimated 21,000,000 bushels produced in this State this year are sold, and the prices are depressed 10 cents a bushel, the loss to the farmers of Michigan is \$1,000,000. In justice, also, the farmer and consumer demands that the question be settled in a way that shall leave no doubt or obscurity on so important a subject. It should be settled in such a way that all the parties interested should be properly represented; the farmer, the miller, the baker, and the consumer, all have a voice in settling the question.

The State Board of Agriculture have been urged by the farmers, through their various organizations, to take up this subject of the relative values of the different varieties of wheat now raised in our State; and it would seem that the board, from their position and relations, are eminently fitted to take charge of this work. Although there was no quorum of the board present, the members here have assumed the responsibility of directing that this investigation shall be commenced at once and carried on, so that, if possible, the farmers may learn the results before the time for fall seeding. Fortunately, the necessary of expediting the investigation, in order to avoid the injury by destructive insects, will afford more time for investigation. It is true that "the early bird catches the worm," but it is unfortunately equally true that the early-sown wheat in this State will catch the insect!

The following plan of investigation was submitted to the board and adopted by them:

1. Let a circular be addressed to the farmers' clubs and granges in the State. E. Easton, of the High School, through the public press, asking for statistics of the relative productiveness of different varieties of wheat now raised in our State, the replies to be condensed into a brief summary by Prof. Ingersoll; also, in regard to the relative liability of wheat from different varieties to attacks by destructive insects—a brief summary on this topic will be prepared by Prof. Cook.

2. Gather a number of specimens containing two bushels of each variety of wheat from different parts of our State. Let these specimens be separately ground in the same manner by some reliable miller, who shall report the grinding quality of each variety and the number of pounds of merchantable flour to the bushel of each variety of wheat.

3. Place this flour in the hands of some good baker, who shall report in regard to its baking qualities, and the amount of bread made from the same weight of each kind of flour.

4. Let this bread be examined by a committee of reliable experts, who shall report in regard to the quality of bread from each kind of flour.

5. Let a specimen of each kind of flour be submitted to chemical analyses to determine the amount of mineral matter, water, albumenoids, and carbohydrates.

The results of all these separate examinations will then be combined in one report, which will afford the farmer, the miller, and the consumer reliable data from which to judge of the relative value of different varieties of wheat now raised in this State. It seems to me that by such methods of investigation we may secure information of great interest and of permanent value. So far as I can learn, no investigation has ever been made in our State, nor even in the United States. By securing reliable information, derived from so many different sources, of the relative value of all varieties of wheat raised in our State, we shall be provided against sudden and capricious fluctuations in the price of this staple production.

In behalf of the Board of Agriculture, I therefore call upon the farmers for prompt replies in response to the information solicited under the first head named, in regard to productiveness and liability to injury by insects.

If a few of the farmers' clubs in different parts of the State will respond at once to the second plan by donating two bushels of wheat raised in their neighborhood, stating the kind of wheat and the kind of soil upon which it was grown, they will assist us in making a more thorough investigation by enabling us to compare wheat raised in different sections of our State. I am sorry to use the word donate, but the truth is that the last Legislature cut down the appropriations to so low a figure that there is not a dollar in the State treasury for such an investigation.

I now call upon the farmers for prompt information in aid of an investigation of great importance to the agriculturists of our State.

R. C. KEDZIE, Agricultural College, Aug. 28, 1877.

STATE NEWS BRIEVES.

The heaviest rain-storm ever witnessed in that vicinity passed over Monroe on the evening of the 31st ult., doing much damage. Two-thirds of the city was completely flooded. A portion of the Lake Shore track near the junction was washed away, several buildings were struck by lightning, and considerable damage was done in general.

The Chicago and Michigan Lake Shore shops have been removed from St. Joseph, and are now under the course of construction at Muskegon.

William Austis, of Independence, Oakland County, was instantly killed on the 1st inst. by a huge boulder falling upon him while he was digging a hole in which to bury the stone.

Eighty-seven prisoners have been transferred from the State Prison at Jackson to the new State House of Correction at Ionia. The number in prison is now 760, a total which is less than at any time since November 1875.

At Grand Rapids on the evening of the 24th 300 workmen formed and marched through the principal streets. The procession went to the City Park, where speeches were made in English and German, favoring the adoption of a National Workmen's Association platform, and the eight-hour system.

How it is Done.

The first object in life with the American people is "to get rich;" the second how to retain good health. The first can be obtained by energy, honesty and saving; the second (good health), by using Cassell's Aromatic Food. Should you be a dependent sufferer from any of the effects of Dyspepsia, Liver Complaint, Indigestion, &c., such as Sick Headache, Palpitation of the Heart, Sour Stomach, Habitual Constipation, Low Spirits, &c., you need not suffer another day. Two doses of Aromatic Food will relieve you at once. Sample bottles 10 cents. Regular size 75 cents. Positively sold by all first-class Druggists in the U. S.

DIED.

WELLMAN—In Freedom, August 25 JULIA, wife of Manasseth B. Wellman, aged 73 years and 1 month.

Mrs. Wellman was born near Rome, in Central New York, in 1804. In 1817 she accompanied her parents, who emigrated to Murray, on the southern shore of Lake Ontario. In 1839 she was married, and in 1852, with her husband, emigrated to Michigan, where she has since resided, having been a resident of the township in which she died forty-four years. She leaves a husband, a daughter, and many friends to mourn her loss. She was an affectionate wife and mother, a true friend, and her death leaves a void which cannot be filled. She died at peace with all, and we may say of her in the beautiful lines of Mrs. Hemans:

Calm on the bosom of thy God,
Fair slept that rest thou need'st not.
Even while with us thy footsteps trod,
Thy soul was to thy brother
Dust to thy narrow house beneath,
Soul to its place on high.
Nay that had been thy lot in death
No more may fear to die.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE OF DIVIDEND.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 7, 1877.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

— Mack & Schmidt are receiving their New Goods, and offer great inducements to buyers.

— That old reliable clothing, Wm. Wagner, has a new advertisement in this day's Argus.

— Bevanagh photographed the "Pioneers" in front of the Gregory House on Tuesday afternoon.

— C. H. Millen & Son's new advertisement must surely tempt the money out of the pockets of buyers.

— After having been closed for three weeks the Ladies' Library room was re-opened on Saturday last.

— On Tuesday Lewis Moore, at the Agricultural Works, cut off the little finger of his left hand in the "Yankee Whittler."

— Washenau County has the honor(?) of paying the largest State tax of any county in the State except Wayne and Kent.

— The Red Ribbon Club is to have a series of invitation hops at their club rooms, the first to be held on Thursday evening of last week.

— Autumn weather put in a prompt appearance on the first night, and has continued with us ever since. Warmer weather accepted.

— Senator Christy and Ron. Wm. L. Webber were in our city on Tuesday: looking up the University suit against Dr. Douglas we suppose.

— Geo. E. Lawton, of Battle Creek, many years resident of Pittsfield, has been looking at the old landmarks in this city and vicinity this week.

— At the annual school meeting in Dexter on Monday evening last, Messrs. Gregory and Copeland were re-elected trustees for the term of three years.

— Justice Noyes, of Chelsea, has granted a permit to John Flynn to borrow chairs seventy-five days in the House of Correction, that as soon as his wife.

— If persons having houses to rent would advertise in the Argus they would enable us to answer many questions weekly asked us. Agents should also take the hint.

— Local telegraph rates have been reduced, and messages to points within 100 miles of this city will be sent at 25 cents, instead of 30 and 40 cents. Mile will continue to displease.

— Postmaster Clark is making some radical changes in the internal arrangements in the postoffice. When completed the public will soon discover whether improvement has come with change.

— A number of ladies exercised their right as taxpayers by voting at the school district election on Monday. They should have attended the business meeting and had their say about the taxes.

— Roscoe Beaman, son of Judge Beaman, of Adrian, and some years ago a student in the University, died in Chicago on Friday night last. The deceased married the daughter of Byron Green, of this city.

— The authorities did a very wise thing in increasing the thickness of the walls of the large eastern or reservoir in Main street at the crossing of Liberty. Citizens in the public streets should be made strong and safe beyond question.

— The annual fair of the Eastern Agricultural Society is to be held at Ypsilanti, September 25-28, four days. As no fair of the Washenau County Agricultural Society is to be held this year our fair-going citizens will probably give the Eastern Fair a benefit.

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Doings of the Common Council.

The regular meeting of the Council was held on Monday evening with a full attendance of members, and the following business transacted:

— On John Clancy and contractors for sidewalk on north side of Huron street, in front of lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, in block 1 north range 12 east. To Sidewalk Committee.

From A. W. McIntyre, Captain of Relief Fire Co., relative to the more efficient protection of the city from fires, and asked the appointment of a committee to take into consideration the matter of putting the fire department in a more effective condition. Accepted, and committee appointed consisting of Ald. Beamer, Gott, and Woodruff.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Finance—Submitting list of bills audited on the several funds, which were allowed and warrants ordered drawn for the same, in the following amounts: General fund, \$95.97; First ward, \$55.41; Second ward, \$12.00; Third ward, \$92.21; Fourth ward, \$22.13; Fifth ward, \$87.13; Sixth ward, \$43.00; General fund, \$416.36; Contingent, \$209.97. Total, \$1,130.18.

General Fund—Recommending that Chief Engineer be authorized to purchase 500 feet of new rubber hose for use of fire department, at an expense not to exceed 90 cents per foot. After considerable discussion the amount was reduced to 300 feet, and then the report was adopted.

Sidewalks—Submitting a list of dilapidated sidewalks in various parts of the city, recommending the rebuilding of same under direction of Sidewalk Committee. Adopted.

FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The monthly statement of the Recorder, of the amount of warrants drawn on the several funds for the fiscal year ending last week, General fund, \$3,656.17; First ward, \$2,007.71; Second ward, \$109.33; Third ward, \$147.81; Fourth ward, \$27.08; Fifth ward, \$700.12; Sixth ward, \$179.14; General fund, \$298.81; Contingent, \$8.81; Firemen, \$485.00; Contingent, \$2,099.53. Filed.

The monthly report of Marshal Johnson, for August, shows that four arrests were made by the police, of which one was for larceny and three were for being drunk and disorderly. Filed.

From same, giving amount of aid disbursed from the city poor in the several wards, as follows: First ward, \$11.71; Second, \$4.50; Third, \$3.00; Fourth, \$25.40; Fifth, \$30.19; Sixth, \$42.42; Total, \$82.22. Filed.

The monthly statement of the Treasurer shows the following condition of the treasury: Funds on hand at date of last report, \$4,279.08; Receipts from Aug. 6 to Sept. 4, 65.25.

Expenditures from Aug. 6 to date, 266.55.

Balance in treasury at date, \$4,072.78.

MISCELLANEOUS.

By Recorder Saylor, a resolution approving the action bonds of Geo. F. Lutz and August Herz, and directing the Recorder to certify the approval of the Council thereon. Adopted.

By Ald. Beamer, that Recorder and Chairman of Sidewalk Committee be directed to prepare a list of persons upon whom notices have been served, and to cause the same to be filed, and that Sidewalk Committee cause immediate compliance with the directions of said notices by such persons as have not renewed their sidewalks. Adopted.

By Ald. Cate, that a committee of three be appointed to negotiate a lease, for one year, of the grounds used for the hay and wood market. Adopted, and Ald. Cate, O'Brien and McDougall appointed committee.

By Ald. Cate, that City Engineer be directed to prosecute to a judgment the claim against ex-Recorder Lovejoy, amounting to \$1,478 or thereabouts. Adopted.

Red Ribbons.

The Reform Club of Dexter dedicated a new hall on Wednesday evening of last week, and had an enjoyable time. There was music by the Band and choir, prayer by Rev. Mr. Wortley, solos by Miss Anna Warner and Geo. W. Smith, and an excellent address by Judge Cheever, of this city. After the address, in behalf of "friends" Mr. Wortley presented to the leader of the Band, Mr. B. J. Sutton, a magnificent silver plated gold mounted Cornet. A tasty copy of the pledge, in "spatter work," in a frame 27x31 inches, was presented to the Club, by Mrs. Sutton, President of the White Ribbon Club.

Ald. Allen, Esq., of Rochester, N. Y., was present, and on Wednesday evening of last week, at the Opera House, he is reported an able and eloquent speaker. The house should be filled. Admission 5 cents.

At the meeting of the Reform Club on Sunday afternoon last, and gave his hearers an interesting address—of full matter to think of.

J. W. Andrews, of Detroit, a prominent worker in the reform movement, will address the Opera House, on Sunday evening of next week, at 8 o'clock. Turn out and hear him.

Chas. Boyden and H. E. Ash went to Detroit last Sunday evening and addressed the Reform Club of that place.

DEATH'S DOINGS.—Francis D. Stagg, of this city, died at his residence on East University avenue on Friday last, Aug. 31, aged 65 years. His funeral was attended on Sunday afternoon, the Masons, of which order he was a member, turning out in a body.

Honored John, formerly of Lodi, in this township he settled in 1826, died at the residence of his son Nelson, in Pittsfield, on Monday last, aged 75 years. The old inhabitants of this city and vicinity will bear testimony to his integrity and worth.

Charles H. Wallace, for many years a resident of Saline, and one of its best known and most highly esteemed citizens and business men, who lately removed to Ypsilanti, died on the morning of August 30, at the residence of his wife, in the city of Detroit. He was born in Livingston County, N. Y., in 1831, settling on the Chicago road west of Saline. Mr. Wallace had held many official positions, the intelligent discharge of the duties of which had given him a general acquaintance throughout the country above, and he was a member of the Commercial College, rivaling the courses in law, and the University of Michigan, for students desiring a college course.

It may also be stated, and from official figures, that the cost of our High School per scholar above, aggregate \$4,557.25, while the operating expenses of the High School have not been increased.

The same official tables also make a favorable showing as to the total cost of operating our whole school system, especially as to cost per capita for incidental expenses, the aggregate of which may have been considered large.

Adrian, Bay City, Flint, Grand Haven, and Lansing are the only schools reporting a lower rate than ours, which is but \$5.95 per scholar.

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ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING.

The annual meeting of School District No. One of this city, which includes the whole city and a belt of country surrounding it, was held at the Court House on Monday last. Present, by the election of officers a public meeting was held on Thursday of last week, at which Messrs. Israel Hall, Alonzo A. Gregory and Christian Mack were placed in nomination, nominally as an "anti-ring" ticket. No other ticket was brought out on Monday, contrary to the hopes and fears of certain parties who had heard of that terrible "ring" and were "polling for a fight" and victory—so that the election was in fact a foregone conclusion, and the result was a foregone conclusion.

Schedule "A" is an estimate of the probable receipts and expenditures of the coming fiscal year.

Schedule "B" is a list of teachers employed for the school year 1877 and 1878, with their salaries.

Schedule "C" is an estimate of the probable receipts and expenditures of the coming fiscal year.

The term of office of three trustees, Messrs. Ebenezer Wells, Elihu B. Pond, and Martin L. D'Ooge, expires at the date of this annual meeting.

Whereas Messrs. Hall, Gregory, and Mack were declared elected trustees for the ensuing term of three years. These gentlemen are well-known citizens, large property holders, and well-to-do men, and we have no reason to believe that the schools will suffer from any sets of theirs.

The regular business meeting was held at 2 p. m., the first business in order being the reading of the annual report of the Board, as follows:

ANNUAL REPORT.

The Board of Trustees of School District No. One of this city, at the annual meeting of the school year ending this date, September 3, 1877:

From Balance to credit of General Fund, \$1,388.65.

Balance to credit of Library Fund, 83.07.

Tax voted to pay interest on Bonds due Feb. 1, 1877, 2,320.00.

Tax voted to pay for fuel, ink, stationery, repairs, furniture, janitors' services, and incidentals, 5,100.00.

Tax voted to pay teachers' salaries, 10,400.00.

Tax voted to pay for boiler repairs, 1,500.00.

Tax voted to pay Bonds due Feb. 1, 1877, 3,000.00.

Primary School Fund, 1,112.74.

Fine money, 63.17.

Tuition, non-resident pupils, 3,932.28.

Interest on bonds due Feb. 1, 1877, 645.00.

Bonds issued as per vote of Annual Meeting, 2,000.00.

Interest on bonds issued, 2,000.00.

Gas, Alpha Sigma Society, 332.00.

Gas, Clippings Society, 8.00.

Gain on Collection of taxes, 40.00.

Total, \$34,490.67.

PAID SALARIES OF TEACHERS, \$18,000.25.

Bonds due Feb. 1, 1877, 2,320.00.

Interest on bonds due Feb. 1, 1877, 2,320.00.

Heating apparatus, balance, 2,872.00.

Room, 90.00.

Room from June 1, 78 to June 1, 77, 102.70.

Taking census for 1878, 50.00.

Insurance on Library, 50.00.

Books in Library, 50.00.

Janitors' services, 1,047.66.

Wood and coal, 1,180.75.

Repairs on heating and apparatus, 520.24.

Repairs on buildings and grounds, 696.94.

Incidental and contingent expenses, 1,024.08.

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EXPENDITURES.

PAID SALARIES OF TEACHERS, \$18,000.25.

Bonds due Feb. 1, 1877, 2,320.00.

Interest on bonds due Feb. 1, 1877, 2,320.00.

Heating apparatus, balance, 2,872.00.

Room, 90.00.

Room from June 1, 78 to June 1, 77, 102.70.

Taking census for 1878, 50.00.

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than would that of a class of five or ten, experienced and able teachers must be employed, and the expense of such a school cannot be secured for smaller salaries than are now paid our principal teachers. The board cannot believe that to save the mere difference of a few hundred dollars the taxpayers would desire them to substitute for their present efficient and superior corps, young and inexperienced teachers.

For statistics bearing upon the several matters presented in this report, and for information of the public, the following facts are given:

Schedule "A" is an estimate of the probable receipts and expenditures of the coming fiscal year.

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The term of office of three trustees, Messrs. Ebenezer Wells, Elihu B. Pond, and Martin L. D'Ooge, expires at the date of this annual meeting.

Whereas Messrs. Hall, Gregory, and Mack were declared elected trustees for the ensuing term of three years. These gentlemen are well-known citizens, large property holders, and well-to-do men, and we have no reason to believe that the schools will suffer from any sets of theirs.

The regular business meeting was held at 2 p. m., the first business in order being the reading of the annual report of the Board, as follows:

ANNUAL REPORT.

The Board of Trustees of School District No. One of this city, at the annual meeting of the school year ending this date, September 3, 1877:

From Balance to credit of General Fund, \$1,388.65.

Balance to credit of Library Fund, 83.07.

Tax voted to pay interest on Bonds due Feb. 1, 1877, 2,320.00.

Tax voted to pay for fuel, ink, stationery, repairs, furniture, janitors' services, and incidentals, 5,100.00.

Tax voted to pay teachers' salaries, 10,400.00.

Tax voted to pay for boiler repairs, 1,500.00.

Tax voted to pay Bonds due Feb. 1, 1877, 3,000.00.

Primary School Fund, 1,112.74.

Fine money, 63.17.

Tuition, non-resident pupils, 3,932.28.

Interest on bonds due Feb. 1, 1877, 645.00.

Bonds issued as per vote of Annual Meeting, 2,000.00.

Interest on bonds issued, 2,000.00.

Gas, Alpha Sigma Society, 332.00.

Gas, Clippings Society, 8.00.

Gain on Collection of taxes, 40.00.

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