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DIPHTHERIA in a very malignant form has appeared in different parts of the city.

MR. ED. SELDOMRIDGE has had to close his doors against the swarm of applicants who want a "place" as a special contributor. His office is like a new house of representatives, always crowded.

PROMINENT Milwaukeeans have subscribed \$100,000 to establish a new Republican morning paper in that city, with the Hon. Horace Rublee as editor-in-chief, and Dr. Kaine, late of the *Sentinel*, as managing editor.

KEENAN, of Okolona *States* notoriety, has started a fiery secesh sheet at Memphis called the *Solid South*. In his salutation he prays God "the day be not far distant when the Union will become a thing for worms to feed upon."

The Court of Queen's Bench at Dublin refused the application of Mr. Parneil, Biggar, Sullivan, Sexton, and Dillon, for postponement of their trials until the 25th of January, which was made on the ground that they had a constitutional right to be in their seats at the opening of Parliament.

FIFTEEN stores and houses in Nevada, Iowa, were burned on Thursday night, loss \$40,000. The bagging factory of S. & M. Walton, in Spring Valley, Ohio, was burned on Thursday. Loss \$30,000. The Mandell House, in Prairie du Chien, was burned the same day, and the inmates barely escaped with their lives. The cotton house of the Pepparell Manufacturing Company, in Biddeford, Maine, was burned yesterday. Loss about \$25,000.

The French people are getting exultant over the approaching issue of the new Panama Canal stock. Fabulous sums of money are being spent in advertising the new scheme, and it is said that the enterprise has been the "cordial of life," to a score of sickly Paris papers, which but for the manna from on high, could not have existed another year. Sixty one Paris dailies vie with each other in new inventions to amusing advertisements. The public have begun to look upon the new stock as a western leadador.

A FIRE on the lower floor of a clothing store in Toronto, yesterday morning, spread so rapidly that the occupants of the upper stories were compelled to escape by ladders. Four persons were burned, two of them, it is believed, fatally. The Beckwith House, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, was burned last evening. A lady who boarded in the hotel perished from suffocation, and a waiter girl is missing. Another lady jumped from a fourth-story window, and escaped with but burns and bruises. The loss on the building is \$60,000.

SECRETARY SHERMAN'S REPORT.
D. W. Mishal was kind enough to send us yesterday the report of the Secretary of the Treasury in pamphlet form, for which we are obliged. The report is a very able presentation of all matters from a financial stand point, and the policy of the government. Along with the usual tables, receipts, estimates, etc., etc., the Secretary sends some very important recommendations. The Secretary shows that there will be a large surplus revenue during the next three years, and propounds the question, whether it will be better to continue the present internal revenue taxes, and apply the surplus to the further reduction of the public debt; or whether it will be better, to so modify the taxes now imposed, as to correspond with the surplus. It is very evident that the great Secretary, favors the further reduction of the public debt, rather than a reduction of the taxes. He suggests, however, that should the taxes be repealed, that it should not be those on bank circulation, spirits, or tobacco and fermented liquors. This is a very wise suggestion, of the Secretary's, and is sound doctrine. The luxuries should pay the burden of the taxes. With reference to the refunding question, the Secretary makes a very clear and succinct statement. He says the amount of the bonded debt which will fall due on or before July 1st, 1881, is \$687,350,000. In providing for the payment of these bonds, he recommends that Congress authorize the issue of \$400,000,000 of Treasury notes bearing interest not to exceed four per cent; and running not to exceed ten years, and that they shall not be sold at less than par. Also for the sale or \$400,000,000 of bonds, bearing 3.65 per cent interest per annum, and payable in fifteen years, while the aggregate amount of treasury, notes and bonds, recommended to be issued, only a sufficient amount would be sold to take up the maturing bonds. The Secretary is very sanguine that with this authority the outstanding five and six per cent, bonds, can be redeemed within a year, and the public debt reduced at least \$12,000,000 per annum. The Secretary's views upon this subject are very valuable, and will no doubt receive the immediate attention of Congress.

Ben Butler has been for some time past giving the public a vast amount of cheap wind, in talking about going to Ireland to defend the indicated agitators. Such talk is preposterous as he ought to know, for no foreign man is permitted to appear in the Court of Queen's Bench.

THE reaction against the anti-Jewish movement in Germany is becoming more perceptible. The Provincial School Commissioner has recommended the government to dismiss two teachers, for their show of animosity toward the Jews. Dr. Moritz, late editor of the Leipzig *Grenz-Blatt*, feels constrained to publish a card announcing that his connection with that paper ceased before the anti-Jewish articles were published in its columns; and a semi-official statement is made to relieve Prince Bismarck from the responsibility of those articles, which attached to him on the supposition that they were inspired by him.

ITALY.
Roman papers announce that a Philadelphian Committee of Action, composed of Garibaldian officers, has been constituted, with the aim of rendering succor to Greece, within legal limits, should she commence war.

Suggestions to County School Officers.

1. Let your deliberations be friendly, and keep your thoughts constantly on the success of your school.

2. To make your school a success, furnish a suitable place, and suitable and sufficient material to work with.

3. Divide the school year so as to have no school during July and August. A few districts still follow the practice of having school during these months, but in nearly every instance it is a failure.

4. Employ your teacher by the year, or for the year, giving him a contract each term if satisfactory. Twenty-eight districts employed in that manner last year, and with scarcely an exception the schools made more and better progress than any others in the county.

5. Get the best qualified teacher that your means will command. One that has not got to the top of the ladder in his own estimation, but one that is still advancing. You cannot afford to employ the same teacher to teach the same lesson in the same manner term after term, as the pupils would soon tire of such monotony. If you desire a female teacher, get one who will not devote her whole time to making tidiess, crocheting or gossiping. If you desire a male, get one that will not spend his time in loafing or idleness; and in either case obtain one that is capable, from his own exertions, to teach the same lessons more practically and more thoroughly than he ever taught them before. It is your privilege and your duty to know what the person has been doing, that you intend to employ. The person that cannot get a better certificate now than when he was last examined is not the person you want to teach your school. The teacher who does not attend any of the places for self-improvement is not the teacher you are looking for. The person who is actively engaged in other business, and imagines he can make a few dollars out of you besides, is not the person to create and maintain a thorough interest in your school, and therefore do not employ him.

6. Select the best men you have in the district to perform the arduous duties which naturally belong to a school board. Elect persons that will be above partisan interest, or favoritism; persons that are good judges of what a school is and ought to be; persons that will not hesitate to act justly and promptly in all cases of emergency.

7. Secure a uniformity and sufficiency of books. Deal directly with the publishers to secure cheapness. No pupil has any right to attend school and waste his own time, other pupils' time, and the teacher's time; and yet that is just what occurs when pupils have not the necessary books.

If you don't want your children to grow up in ignorance, and be vicious, disorderly citizens, give them the necessary books. If you do not wish your children to beg or borrow when grown, destroy the habit now, and establish one of independence by furnishing them with books, pens, ink, pencils, slate, etc.

8. Supply the school with plenty of blackboard. There is no school in the country so small but what it is absolutely necessary to have a board completely across one end of the house. Your school yard should be supplied with two good outhouses, and if possible make arrangements to enclose it so that your summer teacher may be able to improve it.

9. Have as much school as possible, and if possible divide into three terms, with short vacations. Have a uniformity of books. Cheap teachers generally make dear schools. Thorough teaching can only be done by persons who thoroughly understand the subjects to be taught. Labor for regular attendance and the least possible amount of tardiness. See that the property is taken care of. Do not hesitate to dismiss a teacher when he ceases to labor in your interest. Visit your schools as frequently as possible. The Superintendent is willing to assist you in any manner at all times. Consult him, especially with reference to the employment of your teacher.

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