

THE ANDOVER ADVERTISER.

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To our Readers. We again greet you, but in a new dress and with a new paper...

The business men, as well as some of the citizens of this place, we would say, that they have placed us under many obligations to them for the interest they have manifested in behalf of the property of THE ADVERTISER...

Mr. John J. Knox, Deputy Controller of the Currency, has just returned from New Orleans, where he has been to give testimony in the trial of Thomas P. May and Wm. R. Whitaker...

The Secretary of the Treasury is greatly reducing the list of National Banks, known as government depositories, leaving one in each congressional district; in large cities three additional ones will be allowed.

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The quarrel that has been going on for some time between the Post Office Department and the officers of the Erie Railroad on the subject of rates for carrying the mails from New York to Dunkirk and the intermediate ports has at last been settled.

Secretary Boutwell. Mr. Crittenden, George Opdyke, and other prominent business men of New York city, are visiting Secretary Boutwell, and endeavoring to have him proceed from his new position in selling gold and buying bonds...

Gratifying. The Post's Washington special says, under date of the 28th ult., that the Public Debt statement for May will make a most gratifying exhibit. The receipts from customs up to the 26th, reached \$12,549,638, and from the internal revenue, \$17,952,435.

Considerable anxiety has been felt for the safety of Gen. McMahon, United States Minister at Paraguay, and fears were expressed that he had been either put to death by Lopez or deprived of his liberty.

Geo. J. Howard, alias Greer, and Edward Dennis, the parties arrested for the robbery of Hamden's Express Messenger, have been indicted in the Criminal Courts of Baltimore.

Ex-Governor Curtin, Minister to Austria, has accepted an invitation from a large number of the leading citizens of Philadelphia to a complimentary banquet, at the Academy of Music, on the 12th of June.

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The bill for the disestablishment of the Irish Church has passed the British Commons, by a vote of 361 against 247.

Sixteen members of the Massachusetts Legislature arrived at Binghamton, N. Y., last week, and made an official inspection of the New York State Inebriate Asylum.

The Overland mail contract has been transferred from Wells, Fargo & Co. to the Pacific Railroad Company, at a yearly saving of a million and a quarter of dollars.

Charles W. Eliot has accepted the Presidency of Harvard College, and resigned his position on the Board of Overseers.

Graded School of Andover. A few weeks since the voters of District No. 1, Andover, at a meeting called for the purpose, voted to have a Graded School. It was

ORGANIZED. Last Monday, May 24, The school was organized into Primary, Intermediate and Higher Departments, with an attendance of about 130 scholars. With the assistance of Prof. Blakeslee, of Wellsville, the work of

GRADING. This proved to be quite a difficult and laborious task, particularly on the part of Prof. B., who had the most of it to do, from the fact that scholars have heretofore been permitted to pursue that study for which they had the greatest liking, to the exclusion of all others.

EXAMINATION. 100 per cent. was established as the maximum, and 75 per cent. as the minimum for any grade. Twenty-five questions were written on the books for each study, and 100 per cent. being the standard, each question would count four.

PRIMARY AND INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENTS. In these departments the grading was comparatively simple. Little ones, just beginning to read, were placed in the first grade; all able to complete the Second Reader this term in the second grade.

TEXT BOOKS. The question of text books has been a troublesome one. Several editions and kinds of Arithmetics were found in the school, and as many different kinds of Geography.

ADVANTAGES OF A GRADED SCHOOL. The advantages of a Graded School are very many, only a few of which we have space to mention.

1. The entire work to be done is systematized, thus instilling habits of order and system in the minds of the pupil. 2. It brings the pupil on a level basis, rendering him as proficient in one study as in another.

ges to the Metric system. Suppose a scholar to be sufficiently advanced to enter this. According to the grade, he must complete this in six terms, or two school years. To do this he must complete about fifty-three pages each term. The first term will take him to Division. He will no doubt get there before the close of the term, but he goes no further, but turns back and takes it over again.

SCHOOL YEAR. Our school year, commencing the last week in August or the first week in September, contains 42 weeks, and is divided into three terms of fourteen weeks each. There are three vacations: weeks between the fall and winter and winter and spring terms, being but two weeks in length each; but between the spring and fall term we have a vacation of six weeks, thus leaving the most salutary and "lazy" days out of the school year, and affording the larger boys an opportunity to pay their way if they choose so to do, and the smaller boys and girls a chance to keep those berries from waste.

TO THE PATRONS OF THE SCHOOL. This school can now be made a success only through your hearty co-operation. It may be properly graded; the text-books adapted to the wants of the pupils, and the teachers capable, but unless you give your support it will prove a failure.

F. J. BAKER, Sec. of Board.

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SWINE'S HOTEL. ANDOVER, N. Y. If you want a good glass of beer to Geo. Green's. Several new dairies are being established throughout Catabaugus County. The Exchange Hotel, Elliptical, has been purchased by D. E. Blair. The foundation of the new Mt. Baldwins Church at Springville, Va. The Catabaugus County Temperance Association is to meet at Otsego, July 1st. We will furnish next week's report of the Temperance Convention, Alfred on Monday last. We call the attention of our readers to the public generally to the card with a Hotel on this page. H. P. Bogen is in New York in the purpose of purchasing new goods, the advertisement on another page. T. F. Smith is in New York in the purpose of purchasing new goods, the advertisement on another page. There is a family in one village, consisting of three (the half brother and the sister) and a half brother, all of whom had each half the single of course, and that have been bonded. Our village was honored one week by the presence of the Board of the Whittier who were here on an Board of Overseers, we have been in tears. On account of an error in the when we sent our paper, we are to have a double edition of this week's paper, and we have a double edition of this week's paper, and we have a double edition of this week's paper.