

SENATOR LOGAN ON NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL

We publish to-day in another column the letter of Senator John A. Logan to the North American Review, concerning a national system of public schools and national appropriation for the benefit of the children of the nation...

CITY ELECTION.

The city never had a more quiet or peaceable election than took place on Thursday last. And so far as our observation went we only saw one thing that was wrong, and that we again call the attention of the city authorities to...

RIVER AND HARBOR APPROPRIATION.

The usual appropriation for our river and harbor improvement failed the past session, but not from the neglect of our senator, who has always succeeded in the past in doing so well for us...

We hope our citizens will do themselves the honor to invite Senator Ransom to Wilmington and entertain him for a week they cannot do better...

National Aid to Public Schools.

The advantages of the public school system of our country are now universally admitted; yet this institution, like other advantageous elements in the development of social and national life...

In the year 1835, Boston, then but five years old, resolved that "our brother Philemon Perinot be appointed school master for the instruction and education of our children..."

Here the word "servant" is worthy of attention, and if we were disposed to speculate might prompt the question, what would have been the effect of such a clause in the codes of the southern states in their earlier days?

Table showing the number of children attending schools in 1880, categorized by color (White, Colored) and sex (Male, Female).

Two slaves attending school, in 1880, in the whole state of Mississippi out of a slave population of over three hundred thousand!

The progress of popular education, however, was slow and fitful until about the year 1835. At this time, the public mind becoming aware of the alarming amount of illiteracy existing...

numbers, a difference in wealth, commerce, etc., even where equal efforts are put forth, will cause a proportional difference in the results, a fact especially evident in reference to education.

Turning to the census bulletin before quoted, we find that this startling degree of illiteracy is not by any means wholly due to the presence of the colored population, but to an unwillingness on the part of the people of those states to tax themselves as others do in order to maintain public schools.

Alabama, 24.7 per cent; in Arkansas, 25 per cent; in Florida, 19.9 per cent; in Georgia, 22.2 per cent; in Kentucky, 22 per cent; in Louisiana, 18.4 per cent; in Mississippi, 16.3 per cent; in North Carolina, 31.5 per cent; in South Carolina, 21.9 per cent; Tennessee, 27.3 per cent; in Texas, 16.3 per cent; and in Virginia, 18.2 per cent.

This shows that the percentage of illiteracy among the native whites in the southern states is, with a single exception (Texas), greater than when the foreign element is included.

In Alabama, the amount is \$2 00; in Georgia, \$1 99; Kentucky, \$2 85; Mississippi, \$2 70; North Carolina, \$1 12; Virginia, \$3 32; South Carolina, \$2 42; while in Connecticut, amount is \$17 80; Illinois, \$9 48; New York, \$10 03; Ohio, \$8 59; and Rhode Island, \$11 03.

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The President's Southern Policy.

We repeat with emphasis that "President Arthur has given the whole weight of the administration in support of the Virginia coalition."

It is that in each southern state native white citizens of Democratic and Confederate antecedents, who make a new political departure, unmistakably implying a separation from the upholders of the old Bourbon regime...

The Virginia Republicans were nearly unanimous for this, despite the opposition of a few local leaders. The Republican state convention declared for coalition with Gen. Garfield...

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THE LOST CHILD.

When the Post babble about the last elections having forbidden, the President to distinguish between the right and the wrong side in politics, or having called for the exaltation of Bourbonism in making appointments to office in Virginia...

A FATE WORSE THAN ABDUCTION.

How parents, by a Lack of Precaution and Care, are Responsible for the Death of Their Children.

The moral and legal responsibility of parents, in the care of their children is, fortunately, attracting the serious attention of the better portion of the entire country.

These are truths which must be manifest to every worthy parent and especially in a vicinity where the unknown effects of the atmosphere, the water and the general tendency to malaria are so great.

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