

MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOLS.

Secretary of State and State of Massachusetts.

The city public schools will open

next Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

Superintendent Wilson has prepared

the following course of study to be

submitted to the school board to-day,

for criticism and approval, as a basis

upon which to begin the school work.

Prices of the public school books

adopted by the state are given.

GRADE 1. Price.

Holmes' First Reader..... 13

Stepping Stones to Literature,

Book 1..... 13

Dominic ruled tablet, white paper,

Studies in Nature (to be selected).

GRADE 2.

Holmes' Second Reader..... 22

Stepping Stones to Literature,

Book 2..... 22

Harrington's Speller..... 15

Vertical Copy Books, Nos. 1-2..... 6

Nature Studies (to be selected).

GRADE 3.

Holmes' Third Reader..... 28

Stepping Stones to Literature,

Book 3..... 28

Harrington's Speller..... 15

Colwell & Elwood's Primary Arith..... 24

Maurry's Elementary Geography..... 40

Vertical Copy Books, Nos. 3-4..... 6

GRADE 4.

Holmes' Fourth Reader..... 35

Stepping Stones to Literature,

Book 4..... 35

Harrington's Speller..... 15

Colwell & Elwood's Primary Arith..... 24

Milne's Mental Arithmetic..... 25

Maurry's Elementary Geography..... 40

Hyde's Language Lessons, 1..... 22

Vertical Copy Books, Nos. 5-6..... 6

Montgomery's History for Begin-

ners..... 22

GRADE 5.

Holmes' Fifth Reader..... 42

Stepping Stones to Literature,

Book 5..... 42

Harrington's Speller..... 15

Colwell & Elwood's Adv'd Arith..... 48

Milne's Mental Arithmetic..... 25

Maurry's Manual Geography..... 80

Hyde's Language Lessons, 2..... 22

Montgomery's History for Begin-

ners..... 22

GRADE 6.

Holmes' Sixth Reader..... 48

Stepping Stones to Literature,

Book 6..... 48

Harrington's Speller..... 15

Colwell & Elwood's Adv'd Arith..... 48

Milne's Mental Arithmetic..... 25

Maurry's Manual Geography..... 80

Hyde's Language Lessons, 3..... 22

Montgomery's History for Begin-

ners..... 22

GRADE 7.

Holmes' Seventh Reader..... 55

Stepping Stones to Literature and

Other Selections..... 55

Hyde's Language Lessons, Book 2..... 40

Milne's Standard Arithmetic..... 25

Spencer's N. C. History..... 45

N. C. Stories (to be selected.)

Steele's Physiology..... 45

Collar and Daniel's First Latin

Book..... 40

Maurry's Physical Geography..... 90

GRADE 8.

Buchler's Grammar..... 50

Literature (to be selected.)

Milne's Standard Arithmetic..... 25

Montgomery's English History..... 40

Collar and Daniel's First Latin

Book..... 40

Maurry's Physical Geography..... 90

Westworth's School Algebra..... 40

GRADE 9.

Buchler's English Grammar..... 50

Literature (to be selected.)

Milne's Standard Arithmetic..... 25

Harper and Tolman's Caesar..... 40

Harkness' Latin Grammar..... 40

Vergil Aeneid (probably begun.)

Montgomery's English History..... 40

Milne's Arithmetic (completed.)

Westworth's School Algebra..... 40

GRADE 10.

Rhetoric (to be selected.)

Literature (to be selected.)

Westworth's New Plane and Solid

Geometry..... 40

Harper and Millers' Vergil..... 40

Harkness' Latin Grammar..... 40

General History (Myers.)

Science (to be selected.)

Money in Tomatoes.

Memphis Commercial Appeal.

It is stated on good authority that

the Bank of Humboldt, Tenn., paid

\$100,000 in cash in payment for the

tomato crop of that section. The

country around Humboldt is not more

than ordinarily fertile, but the people

seem to have discovered that endeavor-

ing to raise cotton on uplands is not

equally valuable. The discovery that

more things can be raised with much

less trouble and which will bring in

greater returns. These are other

things to be raised besides tomatoes,

RURAL DELIVERY GROWS.

Agricultural Department Receives a

Report on the Success of the System

of Delivering Mail, Money and

Supplies to Remote Sections of the

Country.

Washington Aug. 31.—The wide

discussion now being had on the subject

of rural free delivery makes of especial

interest at this time a report made on

the subject by Mr. Charles H. Great-

house of the Agricultural Department

to Secretary Wilson. The report is

very exhaustive, and part follows:

The system of free delivery of mail

at the farm homestead is developing in

the United States by great strides.

The first routes bearing the name "rural

free delivery" were established on

October 1, 1896, at Halloway, Virginia

and Charleston, W. Va. Others fol-

lowed and by the close of the fiscal

year the experiment showed satisfactory

results.

There were forty-four routes in the

fall of 1897; this number increased to

125 in 1898 and on November 1, 1899

had jumped to 684. These routes had

from 355 distributing points and served

a population of 468,735 persons. On

June 30, 1900 a little more than six

months later, the number of routes

had grown to 1,314, for a population of

579,137, and the cost had risen to

\$7,137,727. The system again more than

doubled its proportions, showing on November

1, 1901, 2,361 routes for 1,801,564 per-

sons, and there were also at that date

2,168 applications for the establish-

ment of new routes.

WHOLE NATION "LAID OUT."

The whole of the United States is

now laid out in four divisions for the

inauguration and maintenance of this

service, and the work is going forward

with steadily increasing volume.

April 13, 1901, an important advance

took place. Rural carriers were author-

ized to receive and deliver registered

mail. As the law requires such matter

to be delivered personally, the carriers

are obliged to go to the house instead

of dropping the letters or packages in

the farm box. Rural carriers are also

authorized to receipt for applications

for money orders and while they cannot

yet issue the orders, they can save the