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**Controllers of Public Schools.**—A special meeting of this Board was held yesterday afternoon. Mr. Reed, President, in the chair.

Mr. Jackson, from the Committee on Estimates, made report of the estimated expenses of the Public Schools for the coming year. After referring to the tabular statement annexed, showing the amount asked for, with the number of teachers, pupils, &c., the Committee say:

"It will be seen that the sum of \$146,388 is asked for the further erection of school buildings. Since consolidation there has been but one building erected in the city for school purposes, which cost \$3500. The committee are impressed with the great necessity which exists in the want of better accommodations for our schools, and insert the amounts asked for by the different Sectional Boards. For the item of books and stationery, \$55,000 is asked. It will be observed that there is 58,321 pupils in our day schools, and for three months of the year there is an average attendance of nearly 7000 pupils in the night schools, all of which are supplied with the necessary books and stationery for the prosecution of their studies. The appropriation for this purpose has averaged, for three years, \$33,000. For the last seven months it is stated that many of the schools have not been supplied with the necessary books and stationery.

The report closed with a resolution to inform Councils that \$572,196 are required to defray the expenses of the schools for the coming year, and \$146,300 to build school houses.

The report was accepted, and the resolution adopted.

The Board then adjourned. The following is the table showing the number of teachers and pupils, and the amount required by the several sectional boards:

	Total.	Teachers—Males, Females, Average attendance, No. of Applicants.	Amount required for salaries, For rent, Repairs, and Stationery, Furniture, and Schoolhouses, Printing, and Night Schools.
High School.	\$16,860	14	500
Normal.	7,220	2	100
First Section.	32,510	6	600
Second Section.	27,191	32	600
Third Section.	41,439	62	600
Fourth Section.	15,635	32	800
Fifth Section.	15,516	23	800
Sixth Section.	11,451	33	600
Seventh Section.	11,593	33	600
Eighth Section.	10,023	33	600
Ninth Section.	14,530	51	800
Tenth Section.	17,189	29	650
Eleventh Section.	17,189	29	650
Twelfth Section.	17,189	29	650
Thirteenth Section.	17,189	29	650
Fourteenth Section.	17,189	29	650
Fifteenth Section.	17,189	29	650
Sixteenth Section.	17,189	29	650
Seventeenth Section.	17,189	29	650
Eighteenth Section.	17,189	29	650
Nineteenth Section.	17,189	29	650
Twentieth Section.	17,189	29	650
Twenty-first Section.	17,189	29	650
Twenty-second Section.	17,189	29	650
Twenty-third Section.	17,189	29	650
Twenty-fourth Section.	17,189	29	650
Totals.	612,404	81	17,500

For ground rents, \$9,000; fuel, \$18,000; books and stationery, \$55,000; pay of additional teachers, \$5,000; rent of additional buildings, \$5,000; salary of Secretary, \$1,500; of clerk, \$500; messenger, \$550; rent of office, \$900.

**Robberies.**—On Tuesday night the clothing store of Simon Hano, Market street, below Tenth, was broken into through a window, and robbed of clothing to the amount of \$100.

On the same night the dwelling of Mr. Murringer, No. 253 North Eighth street, was broken into and robbed of clothing, a small sum of money, silver spoons and other valuables.

The residence of Mr. James Dillon, in Front street, above Oxford, was entered on Tuesday

night, through a back window, and robbed of a coat, hat, and several musical instruments.

**Police Items.**—Charles Allen and John Ashton, young men, were held yesterday by Aid. Tittermarry, to answer the charge of breaking into the house of Mr. Carr, corner of Ninth and Federal streets. The defendants alleged that they frequented the house and broke open the door to sleep there.

Augustus Rementer was held by the same on the charge of larceny; and Wm. Sewell by Aid. Femington, on suspicion of larceny.

Barnard Robinson and Thomas Johnson were committed, by Alderman Femington, last evening, for the larceny of clothing from tailor shops.

**The New Hotel.** corner of Ninth and Chesnut streets, is rapidly progressing, and will, from present appearances, be under roof before the first of the year. The walls on George and Ninth streets are up to their destined height, and workmen are actively engaged on the Chesnut street front. It has been decided by the stockholders to alter the original plan of a press-brick front, and it is now determined to erect this portion of the building of light sandstone, similar to that used in the construction of the building on the northwest corner of Eighth and Chesnut streets.

**Improvements in the Twenty-fourth Ward.**—The construction of city passenger railroads has had a tendency to enhance the value of property at their termini by the erection of buildings for the uses of the companies. In the Twenty-fourth Ward the improvements made by the West Philadelphia Passenger Railroad have been quite extensive. The buildings on the southwest corner of Haverford road and Logan street, embrace the stables on the east, superintendent's and receiver's offices in the centre, with spacious rooms for passengers waiting for the cars, and on the west is the car-house. The buildings are all of brick and extend nearly 200 feet on Haverford road, by 180 feet deep. The front is of pressed brick, ornamented; the roof of the centre building is of circular form, surmounted with a skylight nearly the whole length. The roof of the stable is covered with corrugated iron, the centre building with gravel, and the car-house with zinc. The stable is 80 feet wide by 180 feet long, and accommodates two hundred horses. These are arranged in stalls facing each other, between which are avenues running across the building to doors opening on the outside, thus affording a means of speedy exit for the horses in case of fire, as well as good ventilation. It is paved with cobble stones, and is supplied with gas fixtures and water in abundance. In the centre the stable building is raised two stories high, the second story of which is used to stow the hay and horse-feed for the animals. The floor of the second story is laid with patent cement, and has an iron roof, secured with iron braces; the building seems to be almost perfectly fire proof, very little wood being used in its construction. The main building, for the offices, is 60 feet wide by about 100 deep, with a hall in the centre, and is divided into several fine rooms for the offices and passengers, each room being supplied with gas, washbasin, &c. The car-house, on the west side, is 40 feet front by 180 feet deep, having four tracks to run the cars in and out. The front of this building is built to correspond with the stable on the east side. The company have at their own expense laid gas pipe along Logan, from Market street, to the depot, 1860 feet, and 860 feet of water pipe from the Lancaster turnpike, along Logan street, also to the depot. Workmen are now engaged in planing the road along Logan street, from Market street to the depot. A branch of this road has been extended to the Bull's Head Hotel, a distance of two and a half miles, upon which cars are run every half hour. Another branch has been built to Mantua Village, running along Thirty-third (old Crammond) street, to Bridge street, and out Bridge street to Thirty-fifth. The first car was run on this road on Monday last. Bridge street is now being cut through immediately fronting the Wire Bridge, and when finished the communication with the northwestern part of the city will be more convenient than heretofore.

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**The Washington Monument Association.**—A meeting of "The Washington Monument Association of the First School District of Pennsylvania," was held yesterday afternoon at the Chamber of the Board of Control. Delegates from sixteen of the twenty-four School sections being present, a permanent organization was effected by the election of James H. Randall, Esq., President; Joseph Cooper and J. H. Wheeler, Esqs., Secretaries, and George F. Gordon, Treasurer. The President appointed the following Committee on By-Laws, viz:—George F. Gordon, Charles Shaffer, William Steadman, Dr. J. R. Angney, and Ed. J. Brodie. The Association adjourned to meet at the same place on Friday, 26th instant, at 4 o'clock.

**Monument to the late Judge Conrad.**—A committee of gentlemen, friends of the late Judge Conrad, are making arrangements to have a monument erected over his grave, in Laurel Hill Cemetery. It is to be done by voluntary contributions; and is estimated to cost \$15,000. The gentlemen having the matter in charge, seem to be sanguine of accomplishing the undertaking.

**Sale of Stocks and Real Estate.**—The following stocks and real estate were sold last evening, by J. A. Freeman: A share of Mercantile Library, \$8; do. Academy of Fine Arts, \$9 50; do. Law Association, \$7 50; two-story frame house in Hanover street, Kensington, and lot 42½ feet front, by 140 feet deep, \$2750; three-story brick dwelling, Second street, near Mary, with large back buildings, 25 feet front, 102 feet deep, \$25 ground rent, \$3330; frame house and lot, Second street, adjoining 133 feet front, and 102 feet deep, \$13 ground rent, \$300.

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**The Chesnut Street Bridge.**—The ordinance authorizing the Board of Surveyors and the Chief Commissioner of Highways to contract for the construction of a bridge over the Schuylkill at Chesnut street, has passed both branches of Council, and been signed by the Mayor; but the ordinance will be inoperative until Councils create a loan for the building of the bridge, as the ordinance provides "that no contract can be entered into until a loan has been created and taken for the said construction." If there is a necessity for this bridge, Councils should at once pass the ordinance creating the loan, so that the work could be commenced at once. The subject has been fully discussed, and nothing more can be said upon it.



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