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 can engage in reguiar employment who has not completed the sixth grade in school and attained the age of 16 years.
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the ages of 14 atid 16 years to go inco empioyment ploviding they attend a continuation school for 8 hours each week during the school term. The law is again at fauit when it re-
quires that a district shail establish a cohtinuation school qumen 20 or more children of school age are in employment
in the district. It in the district. It ignores all children who happen to be em-
ployed in districts wnere there are less than 20 such children. The contmuation school is an expense to the districts
and does not perform the work expected. Children attending the school do so by compulsion and have po interest in'tit. They look upon the school day as a day off and do not continue the
studies at home. There may be exceptions but the great majority of the pupils gain no benefit. the district and Stāte. In this district one teacher is employed equipment. This service could be of great value were it made a part of the regular school work as the sc
ercrowded and more teachers are needed.
Many employers refuse to employ children of school age
but so long as the law permits the employment of children, there are parents who will deny their chuldren the advantages

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Should the law be amended so that no child under 16
yearts of age may be regularly employed, every child wul be
given the same advantages in the public school system; chilgiven the same advantages in the public school system; chil-
dren will be sent out into the world stronger mentally and
physically and with the chances of becoming public charges tater in life greatly lessened than under the present system. work. The State superintendent should have the organized support of the school directors in urging the amendment of the
law by the present legislature.

## Cost of Fire Protection.

When the firemen are called out to save property, the respond to the call at all hours and in all weather and give
their service to the public without any cost. Few people give thought to the fact that every time the firemen go into ser vice they not only give their own services free of charge bu
that the company is placed to expense in the operations their machines.
The people
and are proud to know that Conshohocken is one companies protected towns in the country against fire. In fact there are rew towns of the size of Conshohocken in the entire country that has so complete and modern fire fighting equipment. The
town has been raised to this high standard by the firemen themselves. They not only volunteer their own services but by their own efforts have given to the town the fine equip
ment. Every time this equipment is used it costs money the annual report of the Washington Fire Company to ton council shows what the firemen are g
how little the public gives in return.
taining the service of company submitted the cost of main every dollar was devoted to the public service and the amount in gthe balance of $\$ 2624.30$ for the-firemen to raise in order to Conshohocken Company No. 2, did not submit an expense account but it is known their expenses far exceeded the ap-
propriation of $\$ 1200$ and the firemen had to meet the excess These expenses do not include the cost of equipment an charges of maintenance and depreciation. All these expenses which represent an investment of thousands of dollars
have been given to the public. aid the firemen by purchasing the entire equipment. Many towns pay the volunteers for the h
vice. Conshohocken does neither.
a large number of public spirited men whe willingly give their services and money to the end that the town may not only tion may not always maintain and as a matter of fairness for hould present and a protection for the give greater financial aid to the firemen. The borough is ge
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