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FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 1884. DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION.

The Democratic State Convention of Pennsylv nia will assemble in the Opera House, Allentown at 10 A. M. on Wednesday April 9, 1884 to nominate a candidate for congressman-at-large, six delegates at-large to the National Convention and six electors at-large; to confirm and ratify the choice of representative delegates to the National Convention and representative electors by the members of the State Convention from the respective confressional districts and to transact such other bu-

W. U. HENSEL

Educational Matters. SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

The grammar school life of the average boy or girl is the most critical in the educational career. This is the time when the fever for all unlikely things runs high. So, too, it is the time when the full energies of the wise teachtime when the fever for all unlikely things runs high. So, too, it is the time when the full energies of the wise teacher are bent to teaching his pupils to foraske the bad and foolish, and cleave to the good and profitable. This cannot be done by lecturing; for more depends upon the man behind the word than upon any thoughts that he may utter. Teach morality by history and biography. The reading hour is one of the most useful helps in the grammarpends upon the man behind the word than upon any thoughts that he may utter. Teach morality by history and biography. The reading hour is one of the most useful helps in the grammarschool course for this true teaching. Right reading will stimulate the best thoughts and feelings in our nature. Character is moulded only by converse with character. The best books should introduce us to the best thoughts of introduce us to the best thoughts of

Happy are the children who have free access to a school-library. A system of free libraries connected with the schools should be established, and these plentifully supplied with workingtools in the shape of reference-books. This would effect a reformatory work whose value would far transcend all

Channing has said, "Books are the true levelers. They give to all who faithfully use them the society, the spiritual presence of the greatest and best

A good school library would do much to neutralize this baneful effect of flash literature, and go far to inspire the pupils with a desire to read a healthier and more nutritious class of books The gems of classical litera-ture, when suited to the comprehen-sion of the pupil, can be made very valuable. The individual tendencies of pupils must be suited by the teacher, and, when this is done, he will not be at a loss what reading to recommend. Every teacher should be a library director. "Next to having knowledge is to know where knowledge is."

In witnessing the almost superhuthere not some way in which all this superabundance, this wealth of energy. that now works off in ways of annoy-ance to teachers, can be utilized in modes of culture?" We fully believe there is such a way, and that the teacher is gradually coming to a better un-derstanding of this way.

A characteristic of children is their

unceasing activity, frequently showing itself in a constant desire to do something with the hands as well as with the eyes. This will be turned to good account by the wise teacher; the training of the hand in writing complete and carefully prepared statements upon the important subjects in each study. There are several advantages in this method; the p*pils become better writers; they prepare the lesson more accurately and remember it lon-

picture gazing and picture-making do not constitute the whole of education. Unlike harp study, these things fail to develop the powers of the mind and strengthen the memory. Like sweetmeats they must be taken with proper

Whatever methods we employ let us keep in mind the oft repeated adage— "Education is a development; it is, in no sense, a creation."

AMELIA APMSTRONG. CATAWISSA SCHOOLS.

Schools here are moving very pleasantly; have 420 pupils enrolled. At-tendance not so good owing to sick-

We are now making a little prepara tion for closing exercises on April 10th Can't you be with us?

O. H. BAKELESS.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS. Local institutes are unknown here and repeated attempts to have them have met with as many failures. Dimonth when reports are examined, salaries paid, and any trouble existing in the schools reported. So far no

trouble has arisen in any of our schools

and we hope the future report will be as favorable as the past has been encouraging. We have four schools, with an average attendance of forty pupils for each school. Our school term is six months, one month longer than any previous term. This extra month and the furnishing of one of the houses with improved furniture necessitated a high tax, which caused considerable "grumbling;" but this subsided after our schools got in operation, and now all is quiet. It is a great drawback that no reserve fund has been provided for the support of our public schools. Had should not issue to compel them to count the votes for Ira J. Burns for additionmoved a great burden. In many localities it is not felt, but in others where the soil is thin and agriculture is the only dependence, it is a heavy burden. Our children must be educat ed, and in order to better their condi-

tion a wise plan should be adopted to support our schools.

THE CINCINNATI MOB.

RIOT AND BLOODSHED IN THE STREETS BECAUSE A JURY DID NOT RENDER A JUST VERDICT.

William Berner, a young man, had a hand in a cold blooded murder last December at Cincinnat: He was employed by a man named Kirke, who frequently carried large sums of money about him. With Joe Palmer, a negro, Berner killed Kirke with clubs, and they divided the money they got. After dark they hauled the body to a creek and damped it in. When Berner was arrested he confessed the murder but afterwards recanted. His trial resulted in a verdict of murder in the second in a verdict of murder in the second degree, which was received with sur-prise and indignation by the court and spectators. People argued that if a man like Berner could get off so easily, the law would have no show at all against most of the murderers confined in the jail. Public sentiment ran so high that an indignation meeting was called last Friday night to discuss the prevalence of crime. During the day Berner was sentenced to twenty years imprisonment, the utmost limit of the law, and was secretly removed to Col-

From the mass meeting the people surged towards the jail and an attempt made to break in it to lynch the prisbut were driven back by the militia, who killed two of the sheriff's officers and wounded several of their own num ber in the excitement. The mob out side acted like demons. They got a barrel of coal oil and poured it into the front entrance of the jail, and set fire to it, and when the engines came they cut the hose and would not permit the firemen to throw a stream of water. As the building is fireproof no great dam-age was done. By this time it was af-ter midnight and the mob broke into the armory, and sacked gun stores, thus securing arms and ammunition, with which they returned to the jail and fired at the militia through the windows. The latter returned it and people drop-ped right and left Presently it began to get light. The mob had dwindled down, and all were worn out, and by the time the city awoke to the new day they were gone, and quiet once more

reigned.
During Saturday there were no demonstrations, but at sundown there were indications of more rioting, and by nine o'clock a great crowd had assembled about the jail. The office of the county treasurer was broken open, and the place covered with coal oil. Hand grenades were thrown over the jail wall and burst with violence. When the inflammable substance was thrown into the treasurer's office the troops fired on the mob and drove them back, but subsequently the court house was set fire to and burned. The records of the court, the auditor, and the recorder were destroyed. Untold trouble will man efforts of teachers to control and train the uneasy, active and nervous children, the question will arise, "Is Columbus and other points were guard ing the city, and the mob spirit was entirely quelled. The leaders in this terrible movement were wild spirits who only wanted an excuse for their incen-diary proceedings. It is strange into what excesses an excited crowd may be

led. Because a jury failed to do its duty by hanging a murderer who de-served it, the perple of Cincinnati, in order to show their disapprobation of the jury's conduct, brought about the death of scores, many of them innocent spectators.

The Mission of the Journalist.

McClure, of the Philadelphia Times, gives in plain language his status on political questions. "He is a journalist; nothing more, nothing less, and when more accurately and remember it longer; they are quieter during study hour.

Another characteristic of child-life is their walking by sight rather than by faith. Hence the interest, manifested the unblic." A prewayang that can take their walking by sight rather than by faith. Hence the interest manifested by the young in museums. They like to see and handle objects, and are always ready and delighted to bring to the school room collections of minerals, plants, relics. The civil war seems more real after they have handled some relic from the battle field of Gettysburg. tysburg.

China seems nearer when the jossstick has been seen. Distant cities and beautiful landscapes are brought to them by means of the stereoscopic views. But in doing all this we must bear in mind that entertainments, picture gazing and picture making do

It is pleasing to note that Ex-Governor Horatio Seymour sits before his cheerful fire place in Utica, pulls a peaked cap of black silk down upon his venerable head, bridges his nose with eyeglasses and scans the great journals of the country in thorough ap-preciation of the political movements passing across those mirrors of events. Thus a visitor from the office of the New York Mail and Express found the sage, happy in the consciousness of life well spent and in the passing of a sunset full of peaceful charms. What the ex-Governor said was, in substance, that he advocates a low tariff and that he is sorry to see extreme measures abruptly forced upon the party. He believes, moreover, that there is coming a
great contest between the West and the East on industrial questions. As for Mr. Tilden, he regards that comrade in the battles of the past as too feeble to enter the Presidential race. Randall have met with as many failures. Di he regards as a good and earnest work-rectors and teachers meet once each er and McDonald as a capable man, but General Butler he thinks should be bot-

> ple are glad to hear that such a good old friend as the ex-Governor beams apon them with kindly eye .- Times. The Great Eastern is to be brought to Antwerp during the International Exhibition there in 1885 and used as a

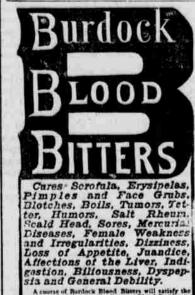
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floating hotel. Minister Sargent was offered the ap pointment to St. Petersburg, but he has leclined this, and has also tendered his resignation as minister to Prussia.

The Supreme Court has granted a rule on the Judges of Lackawanna county to show cause why a writ of mandamus

The action of the Democratic Congressional caucus last week was so much of a victory for the Protectionists that the Richmond Dispatch believes there is no longer any need for the nomination of Mr. Tilden in order to keep the tariff issue out of the canvass.





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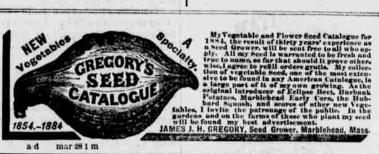
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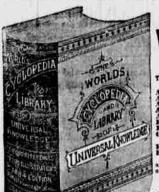
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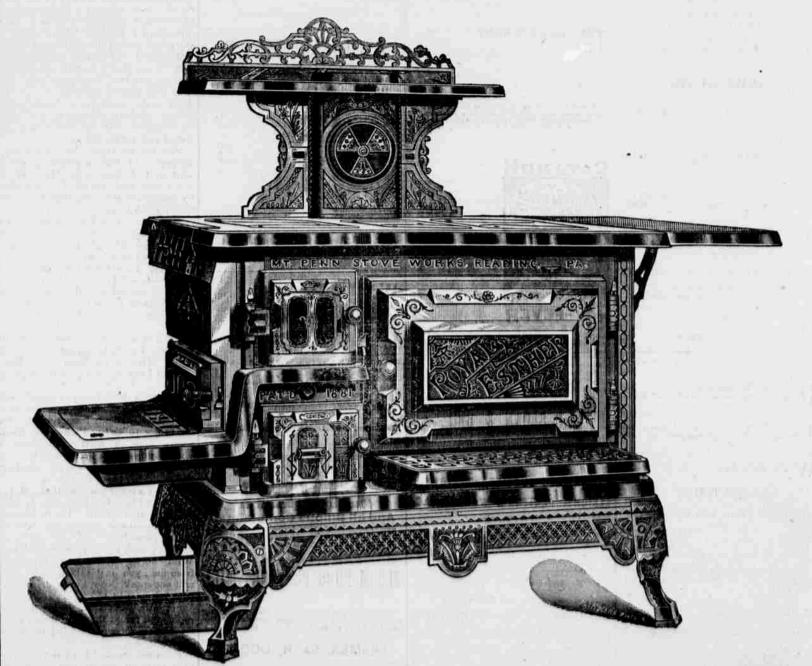
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