

THE CENTRE REPORTER.

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ENTRE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE FOR 1888.

Table listing names and addresses of the Democratic Committee members, including District, Name, and P. O. Address.

The crop of new doctors is large. Last week the annual commencement of the Jefferson Medical College was held. Degrees of Doctor of Medicine were conferred as follows: Pennsylvania 114, Ohio 14, New Jersey 13, Massachusetts 8, Illinois 7, New York 7, Delaware 6, Missouri 5, West Virginia 4, North Carolina 4, Texas 4, Maryland 4, Oregon 4, Indiana 3, Iowa 2, Alabama 2, Maine 2, Georgia 2, Wisconsin 1. There were graduates also from Cuba, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Austria, Ireland, Turkey and Germany.

Examination of the cash in the Treasury is progressing satisfactorily. There are sixty persons, including female counters, engaged in this work under the supervision of the general committee. The count so far has shown a deficit of five cents in one bag of silver, and an excess of six cents in the accounts of the interest teller. It is supposed this discrepancy will be explained as the count progresses. Cash is being counted twice, the first time by the committee and again by representatives of the Treasurer. It will require two or three weeks to complete the examination. The sum to be counted is a thousand millions, which is considerably above the yearly income of the Reporter.

THE STATE NORMAL SCHOOLS.

The taxation paid by our people for the Common School system is a heavy load to carry, but when the citizens are saddled with the State Normal and the Soldiers' Orphans' Schools the force is almost crushing. The Philadelphia Record and the Doylestown Democrat express our views better than we can, and therefore we give them for the benefit of our readers. The former says: The Normal Schools were authorized by an act of Assembly of May 20, 1857. They were at first of slow, weak and doubtful growth. But in 1861 the State came to the relief of the two or three institutions that had been started with some degree of success with an appropriation of \$5,000 each. Under the provisions of the General Appropriation act of 1866 and subsequent appropriation acts there is paid to each Normal School student who attends school for at least 12 consecutive weeks, and who declares his or her intention to teach in the common schools, at fifty cents per week; to soldiers' orphans preparing to become teachers, one dollar per week. The same act provides for the payment to each Normal School graduate who signs an agreement to teach at least two years fifty dollars. From the year 1866 to 1882 (both years included) there has been appropriated under these provisions, in the aggregate, three hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars.

In addition to the foregoing appropriations there has been given to each of the ten schools now in existence a gift of ten thousand dollars per annum, except that 1 or 2 were omitted last year, always aggregating fifty or one hundred thousand dollars per year. The entire sum thus appropriated since 1861 amounts to \$1,134,330.88.

The number of teachers graduated by these institutions who remain in the profession any length of time is small, indeed—so small that neither the Institution themselves nor the Department of Public Instruction deem it worth while to collect and report the statistics. The percentage of students who graduated from Normal Schools now in the ranks of the teachers of the State who have been over two years in the business of guarding, is infinitesimally small. Then is not the State paying "too dear for its whistle" in making such extravagant appropriations to the Normals? Would not the scholarship appropriation at least be sufficiently ample?

The Normal Schools are, in fact, simply academies, nowhere or in any single instance superior to private academies. But, notwithstanding the large appropriations to them by the State, they in no respect excel private academies, and are equally costly to the students who attend them. Of what benefit, then, is the State appropriation, and what becomes of it? It is wholly swallowed up in extravagant salaries to the Normal "Faculties," who receive two, three and four times as much in salaries as other teachers of like grade and qualifications, or as the same person could obtain in any other school or occupation. How can members of the Legislature justify themselves in thus wasting the people's money?

The Doylestown Democrat, speaking of the appropriations to the Normal Schools, reflects the sentiments of nine-tenths of the people of the State when it says, "They should be abolished, and the taxpayers no longer be called upon for their support. They are a waste of and beyond

the Common School system. When common Schools were established, nearly half a century ago, nothing was contemplated beyond providing the children of the Commonwealth with the rudiments

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A FARMER KILLED AFTER REFUSING A DRINK.

Norfolk, Va., April 2.—This morning Patrick Joyce, who murdered Thomas Phillips, a prominent citizen of Hampton, on Saturday night, was brought here and lodged in jail by Sheriff Haas. The killing created great excitement and indignation, and fearing that some attempt might be made to lynch the prisoner he was removed to Fort Monroe, where he was kept last night, and this morning he was brought to this city. The killing took place in the barroom of the Barnes Hotel about midnight, and was a most brutal affair. Mr. Phillips entered the bar and billiard room of the hotel, where he was accosted by Joyce, who invited him to take a drink. He declined, but said he would take a cigar. As the bartender turned to get it, Joyce drew a revolver and discharged it into Phillips' breast the ball penetrating the heart and killing him instantly. He then thrust the pistol, muzzle upward, into the vest pocket of his victim and fled hoping to escape. Joyce, who is from New York, was employed in the National Soldiers' Home as a clerk. His victim was a farmer, quiet and inoffensive, and leaves a wife and four children.

If disease has entered the system the only way to drive it out is to purify and enrich the blood. To this end, as is acknowledged by all medical men, nothing is better adapted than iron. The fault hitherto has been that iron could not be so prepared as to be absolutely harmless to the teeth. This difficulty has been overcome by the Brown's Chemical Company of Baltimore, Md., who offer their Brown's Iron Bitters as a faultless iron preparation a positive cure for dyspepsia, indigestion, kidney troubles, etc.

ENTERPRISING BOYS.

Traveling Across the Continent for Nothing and How They did it.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 23.—In the words of a railroad man, "The two brightest boys in America arrived in this city this morning on a freight train." The lads spoken of were found in a cheap restaurant shortly after this eulogium had been passed upon them, and from their own lips it was learned that they had just arrived from San Francisco, their ultimate destination being New York. The lads gave the names of James Shaid, aged 16 years, and Robert Elliott, aged 13 years. There were ten boys in the party that started to make this long journey, but the other eight dropped out on the way over the continent. The aggregate capital of the ten when the start was made was just \$11.

Young Elliott, who was dressed in a suit many sizes too large for him, told the story of their journey. "We couldn't make a living in Frisco," he said, "and determined to try our luck in New York took a freight train. Me and Jimmy got on the bumpers, and the rest of the fellows hung on to the brake beams under the cars. You'd ought to see them when they got into Reno. Four of them had enough and they went up to Virginia City. Four more dropped out at Winnemucca and started back; but we tumbled to a racket that was as good as a sleeper. A young fellow that was traveling emigrant, East, gave us the point. The emigrants are hauled by the freight trains, and they change conductors about every hundred miles at the end of the freight divisions. To beat them all you've got to do is to get ahead of the train one water station beyond the beginning of the division; then the snap is to hop on the train, borrow a conductor's check from an emigrant, stick it in your hat and ride to the end of the division. If you can't borrow one steal it, and repeat as often as you strike a new division, and you'll get there. Eh, Jimmy?"

"I should smile," said Jimmy. "That's the way we did it plum thro' to Chicago," added Bob. "Then we watered cattle for drovers on the train to Pittsburg, and the cattle men fixed it for us to Philadelphia. We'll strike New York in a day or two, and then we'll take in Wall street."

A BLESSING.

The pain in all his joints became intense; fever with its deteriorating effects, was now added, and he became rapidly reduced to the semblance of a skeleton, while vitality reached its lowest possible condition, and his sufferings were of such indescribable character that those who most loved him sometimes thought it would be better if he were called away. At this time physicians, well-known in this city (Pittsburg), informed his parents that he was in imminent danger of total Paralysis, and directly afterward they announced to his sorrowful mother that they could give no hopes of his recovery. At this juncture the use of Peruna was commenced, and in six weeks Wm. Lincoln Curtis was well and at work. Read page 23 of Dr. Hartman's "I'lls of Life," get it from your Druggist.

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