

OUR NORMAL SCHOOLS.

PRESIDENT MAGILL SAYS THERE IS NO ANSWER TO HIS POSITION.

In the Education of Teachers for That Profession He Says They Are Almost Worthless—Dr. Wickesham Takes Issue With Him on This Point.

Dr. E. H. Magill, president of the Normal college, has recently awakened a deep interest among educators by a radical plan for a change in the system of training teachers for the public schools of the State.

Dr. Magill in response furnishes a column article in which he takes the ground that our normal schools, as at present organized, are almost worthless, and the \$20,000 spent by the State on these schools should be appropriated to endow professorships of pedagogics in any ten colleges of the State, and that persons having in view the profession of teaching should have access to these colleges.

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A CASE WITHIN A CASE.

His Views of the Days When Abraham Lincoln's Seal Was Tried.

Harbinger, Cor. of New York Herald. "Of all my experiences with public men and events none was so interesting as those which brought the country to the settlement of the slavery question on the field of battle. There was a great deal of by-play in the beginning that has not been heard of yet. It is true that General Robert E. Lee was tendered the command of the Union Army."

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HARRY REYNOLDS HERE.

THE REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIER IN THE REVOLUTIONARY CAUSE AGAINST HIM.

Committed to Jail for a Hearing—Accused of Robbing Two Farmers in This County—Served Time in a Prison for the Same Offense—Now He Operates.

Sheriff Wolf, of Lycoming county arrived in this city on Thursday having in his custody Harry Reynolds, a celebrated, cunning, steady and confidence man. He took him before Alderman Fordney and that official committed him to the county jail in default of bail for a hearing.

One of the men arrested is said to be a farmer named Lehr, of Manor township. It is alleged that Reynolds and a companion, who were in this city last winter, robbed the man of a couple hundred dollars by a "bunco" game.

Reynolds has left the city for a while, but he is expected to return. He is a man who has been in the county jail many times, and he is now being held in the county jail.

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AN ENQUIRY CONCERNING.

A Famous Violin and Dramatic Singer at Fenton Opera House.

A cultured and highly appreciative audience assembled in Fenton opera house on Thursday evening to enjoy the grand concert given by the violinist and dramatic singer, Miss Anna Wallace, the Philadelphia soprano.

There were about five hundred people present and the good order and close attention to Mr. Sherwood's introductory remarks proved that they were all determined to profit by the lesson from one of the greatest of piano teachers.

Mr. Sherwood, the renowned pianist and piano teacher, apologized for his absence, which was clear and forcible, he said that he had been requested to preface his performance with a few explanatory remarks, and then proceeded to give a most interesting sketch of the history of the program.

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DR. HALL'S FEELING TRIBUTE.

HE TALKS REPRESENTATIVELY OF FLYING SOUTH CHURCH'S PASTOR.

The Last Services Over the Dead—Forty Clergymen and Other Distinguished People Present—Brooklyn's Fabric and Private Meetings Trying Flags at Hallmark.

BROOKLYN, N.Y., Mar. 11.—A more profitable day could not have been had than that which dawned upon Brooklyn yesterday. The morning was clear and bright and sun.

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AN INVESTIGATION.

REVENUE OFFICERS SEARCH FOR A NUMBER OF HUMAN BODIES.

The House to Enquire Whether or Not the Bodies of the Men Who Died in the Battle of Gettysburg are Still in the Hands of the Rebels.

HARRISBURG, March 11.—In the Friday Masses, of Erie, had a petition read in the House to appoint a committee to investigate the management of the National Normal school at Edinboro before making an appropriation. In the petition it was alleged that the National Normal school was managed in a manner which was a disgrace to the State.

A dispatch was read from John J. Jarrett, secretary of the American Tin Plate Association, to Representative J. P. Wickesham, asking him to stand by the Bill of the House which was introduced by the Hon. J. A. Cooper, the principal member of the committee on the subject of investigation was authorized.

A bill was reported favorably appropriating \$75,000 to make improvements on the canal. The bill to prevent gambling in stocks was favorably reported. The bill to increase the salary of the county collector of Allegheny county was reported.

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THE SHERIFF'S BILL FARM.

It Goes Through the Repeating Machine—Vote 237 to 15.

BERLIN, March 11.—The Repeating Machine bill was passed without debate by a vote of 237 yeas, 15 nays, with 54 members abstaining from voting. The announcement of the passage of the bill was received with applause. All the Conservatives and National Liberals and a few Catholics voted with the majority.

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