The education of the soldiers' orphans has been one of the glories of Penusylvania. The abuses of the management of these schools, largely controlled by a syndicate of Republican politicians and speculators, have been the shame and scandal of the past year. The Republican State Convention was utterly silent on the subject. Its platform has not one word to say in denunciation of these vile wrongs. The Democratic Convention made the issue. Its platform says: "We indorse the Democratic reform administration of Governor Pattison. It has rescued the common wealth from flagrant corruption, vigilantly guarded the public treasury, scrupulously protected the rights of the people, economically administered the government, earnestly endeavored to enforce every provision of the con stitution, reformed the management of State institutions, exposed and corrected abuses in the soldiers' orphans schools, redeemed the pardon board from scandals and executed all the promises made by the candidate and party in 1882.

As to what this means there is a ready witness whom even the Republican politicians will not dispute.

Gen. Louis Wagner was the chairman of the Republican Convention that nominated Beaver this year. He is a Past Department and National Commander of the G. A. R. and was chairman of the committee appointed by that body to investigate the condition of the soldiers' orphans' schools, and just filed his report. It will be remembered that Governor Pattison appointed him inspector for all the soldiers' orphans' schools of the State and General Wagner accepted. The chief purpose of his selection for the place was to silence the cry raised by those who have been farming the equate supply of water, boys' lave: bellies and speculating in the bare feet of the orphans, that Governor individual towels, combs, or brushes, Pattison's investigation was partisan

by Governor Pattison that there has allowed to ren barefooted. been looseness in the management, general neglect of the health of the boys are allowed to run barefooted. children, and an unsavory condition of things generally. Every soldiers' orphan school has been visited, every feature of their internal economy scrutinized, and the g neral management and methods of business pursued investigated with manifest impartiality and care.

many of the abuses exposed by Gov. improvement in several particulars. Instruction in agricultural employ-Much remains to be done before all the evils pointed out can be entirely joy in full measure what the law from insufficient help. designs, and what public sentiment demands for them. There is much to commend but many

THINGS TO CONDEMN,

and when the suggestions of General will measure up to what they should have been from the beginning.

Following are the points of the re-

ings are very poor; the privies are disgracefully foul; the ice house too limited; the bedding old and worn; the table and dining room furniture poor and not well kept; no saucers, no napthe table; no basins, soap, brushes or rooms not in good shape; no instruc- trusion. tion in mechanical or agricultural employments, as the law directs; and am ussatisfactory condition.

Daton School .- The water supply is bad; lavatory and bathing facilities are unsatisfactory; no towls, no combs ne brushes; no chairs or clothes hooks in the dormitories; the girls dormitory is crowded; the children are not supplied with night gowns; the clothing met worn during the night is found three children!" Oh well, don't get the privies are bad; no teaching in ag riculture, as the law directs.

Hartford School -No bath tubs, vo comb, no brushes; one towl for two children; no night gowns furnished feet high-slave labor.

and the clothing account badly kept McAllisterville School .- The laundry arrangements are not satisfactory

boy's dormitory and lavatory ditto privies in bad condition no bath tubs; no night gowns; boy's clothing in bad condition, the boys not clean, the re: mains of sore eyes visible, coughs mani, fest and the institution over:crowded

The Mere r School -- General condition and management is unsatisfactory the buildings are run down, the floors worn out, the kitchen is not good, table ware badly kept, no saucers, no napkins, no butter dishes, the layar tories bad, the water supply scant, no wash basins, no combs, no brushes the laundry in a bad condition, the privy is foul, the girls dormitory is crowded, no night-gowns furnished and the dormitories without a place for the childrens clothing.

BAD ALL AROUND. Mount Joy School .- The grounds are not well cared for, the water supbly is insufficient, no wash basins, no combs, no bri hes towls, are scarce, many boys dress in the recitation rooms shoes are placed over the transoms to keep other boys from getting them, the furniture is old, worn and not well k pt, the clothing is insufficient and all of it in bad repair, the play room is dark and badly ventilated, the school itself ranks low, and there is a false system of economy with bad re: sults all round. He believes that the establishment should be reorganized and the number of children reduced.

Uniontown School. - The lavatories are not satisfactory, no bathing facilities, no combs, no brushes, dormitories so crowded with beds that there is not a chair visible, and that the clothing account is badly mixed and difficult of adjustment.

Whitehall School .- The grounds im: mediately surround the school are not well kept, the dormitories are too small, no night shirts furnished, inadtory dirty, privies unsatisfactory, no

Buller School .- There are no combs or brushes, or napkins, tableware not General Wagner's report in detail in harmony with the general condias a whole sustains the position taken tion of the institution, and the boys

Loyville School. There are no ingross carelessness in the internal econ- dividual combs, towels or night gowns, omy and disclipline of the schools, no saucers or napkins, and that the

THE LAW IGNORED.

Under the act of A. D. 1867 the usual branches of a common school education are required, but an exami nation by General Wagner revealed the fact that certain of the branches of study called for are omitted. Vocal Legislature next fall and I want to music is taught in only two schools-General Wagner finds that while Military tactics are taught in only the campaign opens .- Estelline Bell. one school. Calisthenics are taug t Pattison have been remedied, the in one school. Instruction in mechanschools still show the need of radical ical employment is entirely ignored. ment is equally neglected. The Mercer, McAilisterville, Mount Jay and removed, and the orphan children en. Chester Springs schools are suffering without a parallel in the history of

General Wagner says that the pres ent fiction of the officers and teachers eating at the same table with the children, as in a bome, thus securing for the latter ample and proper food. Wagner are applied and enforced is not true, and that the officers and these important public institutions teachers are provided with dishes denied the children. He reports that it is impossible to audit the clothing account rendered in several of the schools. On this point the law is not Chester Springs School .- The build observed. He declares that Pennsyl. vania has no right to farm out these unfortunate boys and girls; that the system is a false one, and that proper modification should be made in the appropriations for the support of the kins, no tumblers; bad discipline at schools. In conclusion he states that one subordinate officer, in response to combs in the lavatory; the boys cloth his official inquires, seemed to considing in a bad state of repair; the school or them an impertinence and an in-

CAREFUL experiments by Mr. that the institution, as a whole, is in Joseph Jastrow show that the evidence obtained in favor of a "magnetic sense"-a perception of the mysterious force of magnets-is unreliable. The sense probably does not exist.

headline, "A New York drummer here this morning. It seems that elopes with a married woman and her hung up on the floor in the morning excited about that. That's only five off; that isn't much for a New York | mediately placed in jail, but his partdrammer .- Burdette.

The walls of Babylon were 350

A CHEAP DINNER.

A colored man walked into a cheap estaurant in Detroit and inquired ow cheap he could get dinner.

"Our prices are 15, 20, and 25 cts,"

'Can't y u do better dan dat?" "How cheap do you want a meal?"

"Two cents." The restauranter looked at him for

minute and then said : "All right. Sit down a minute and we'll fix you up a 2 cent meal."

When the negro was invited into the dining room he found only a glas? of water and a bottle of horse-radish on the table. He did not make a single complaint, but emptied the con: tents of the bottle on his plate and scooped it up with his knife inside of two minutes and without amaking a wry face. Then he drank off the water pushed back his chair and walked off picking his teeth.

"How much are you a head ?" ask ed a party who had witnessed the

"Say," replied the restauranter, that bottle of horse:radish cost me just 10 cents!'-Detroit Free Press.

POLITICAL LIFE.

A hard-looking spectmen of humanity was leaning against a freight car in a Dakota town when a citizen approached him and said:

Looking for a job? Bet I am, Capt'n.

Think you could abuse a man? Reckon I could ef he weren't too

Call him a liar and a fraud and a

Can when thar hain't no danger. Could you accuse him of having been in jail and say he was once tarred and feathered and was a fit subject for an imbecile asylum?

Guess I could.

Any objection to reading a piece five or six times a day to him in which t is claimed he poisoned his grandmother and blew up his native village with dynamite?

Are you willing to throw bad eggs and mushy turnips at him gevery time he begins to speak?

If he don't get mad.

Would you mind kicking him down stairs occasionally and then tramping on him and shouting at him and whoo ing when he tries to run.

No objecuns, pardner.

You're the man I'm looking for then, and I'll hire you for one month. I'm going to be a candidate for the train and get in good condition before

Got Into Trouble.

HUNTINGDON, Pa., September 17 .-Rockhill, this county, was the scene of an excitement last night sthat is the lower and of the county. This was due to the elopement of Thomas Anderson, a Polander, with Mrs. John Wheelbarrow, also a Polander For some time past Anderson, who is but 21 years of age, has been paying attention to Mrs. Wheelbarrow, and although his attentions were observed and well known to the lady's husband, the latter found nothing apparently wrong between the two. For several months this intimacy has been kept

uf unknown to her husband. Last evening, shortly after 5 o'clock, Mrs. Wheelbarrow and Anderson ap peared at the railroad station at Orbisonia, decked out in their best apparel and awaited the arrival of the train that would take them to Mt. Union. Their absence, however, was noted by the woman's husband, on his return from work, and on inquiry he learned that the couple had bought tickets to this place. Mrs. Wheelbarrow was accompanied by her two children, Mary and Alice, 5 and 6 years respectively. Upon the husband learning of his wife's conduct, he telegraphed to Broad Top City to have the eloping couple arrested, and before their arrival there an officer was in waiting, who apprehend-A newspaper has the startling ed the parties. They were both brought Mrs. Wheelbarrow had taken \$175 with her belonging to her busband, but this was recovered from the per- and between the Camperland and son of Anderson. The latter was imner in crime, Mrs. Wheelbarrow, is |, still wandering about the sirceis, her as a whole or in smaller tracts, husband refusing to take up with her neighbor stock raising again. The children are in his pos-

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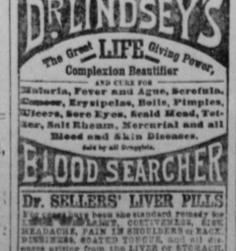
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