

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4, 1878.

Owing to the time and labor in putting in type the bar-docket and dilinquent list, we are unavoidably delayed in the issue of this number of the Sentinel.

At a caucus meeting of the democracy and independents, held at Rensselaer, Jasper county, Indiana, on Wednesday, January 2d, 1878. Captain Charles A. Edmunds was called to the Chair.

The Chairmam stated the object of the meeting to be to select delegates, and alternate delegates to represent Jasper county in the democratic State convention, to be held at Indianapolis, on the 20th of February, 1878.

On motion John G. Culp, of Barkley township, Henry A. Barkley, of Marion township, O. B. McEntire, of Carpenter township, and James Yeoman, of Newton township, were elected as delegates to said convention, and John H. Pruitt, of Gilliam township, Robert Patton, of Marion township, Reuben R. Pettit, of Carpenter township, and Madison Makeever, of Newton township, were elected as alternate delegates to said convention.

On motion the secretary was instructed to notify the delegates and alternate delegates of their election to attend the State convention.

It was deemed advisable by this meeting that a committee of all voters of Jasper county, of whatever political persuasion, either past or present, who are opposed to the ruinous management of the radical republican party, be called to organize a county central committee, and to transact such other business as usually comes before such conventions; and accordingly.

On motion, Saturday, March 2d, 1878, was fixed upon as the day for holding said convention, the meeting to be held in the court-house at 1 o'clock P. M. of said day.

On motion the secretary was instructed to furnish the editor of the DEMOCRATIC SENTINEL a copy of these proceedings for publication.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

CHAS. A. EDMUND, Chairman.

Ira W. YEOMAN, Secretary.

Trustees, Report of the Rensselaer Free Schools, for the Term Ending December 21st, 1877.

The school trustees in announcing the successful close of the Autumn term and the auspicious outlook for the ensuing winter term, commencing January 7th, 1878, submit a few remarks upon the regulations which have not been properly understood and applied.

SUPERINTENDENT.

The teachers should often consult as per rule 3 and classify their work as per rule 4 in accordance with the course of study. The statistical report required by regulation 5 should be collateral from the records, required by rule 4 for teachers. This report should include the following items:

1. Number of pupils enrolled.

2. The average attendance.

3. The per cent on punctuality.

4. The per cent on conduct.

5. The per cent on study.

6. The cases of absence excused by teachers and the excuses.

7. The cases of absence excused by superintendent and the excuses.

8. The cases of suspension reported by trustees and reports.

9. The names of pupils expelled during the month.

10. The number of pupils strictly punctual.

11. The number of pupils who observed good conduct.

12. The number of pupils who observed rules for study.

13. The names of pupils whose record is 3.

14. The names of all pupils charged with marring school property, with the evidence to sustain such charge.

15. The names of teachers who fail to observe either rule 2, 3, 4 or 7, and the particular fault.

TEACHERS.

The daily duty of each teacher should be practical and well planned to include all the subjects named in the catalogue. Observe rule 4 closely. Place an index upon the margin of each page of the register from which an observer can understand the figures and marks used. It would ensure neatness if paper were used in the schoolroom and posted weekly to the school register. Weekly, monthly, and term summaries are required to be made upon the register. All facts asked by the superintendent can be solated from a register thus kept. Pupils, patrons and officers can thus be informed of your account with each pupil. The roll should be called in the morning. All excuses should be numbered and retained until the end of the month, and then be surrendered to the superintendent, and by him to the school trustees.

PUPILS.

The trustees desire and require rule 7 to be enforced. Excuses must be in writing and contain plain reasons for absence. Teachers must after roll-call suspend all pupils absent or tardy for the previous day who do not rise in the proper place in school and read a reasonable excuse signed by the proper patron, and in case such absence or tardiness arose from other cause than sickness of self

or in family) the superintendents or trustees approval endorsed thereon, and after the same is thus read hand it to the teacher. After such tardy pupil is thus suspended the teacher is forbidden to recognize said pupil as a member of the school until so directed by board of trustees.

The law will not authorize the penalty of exclusion when the tardy or absent pupil present an excuse from the patron reciting any of the following facts:

1. The casual sickness of the pupil.

2. Sickness or death in pupil's family.

3. An impediment of fire or flood.

4. An accident to the pupil necessarily precluding his attendance.

In all such cases the patron should write a note to the teacher after this:

Dated 1878.

To (Name) Teacher. On yesterday Mary was sick and could not come to school excuse her this once and oblige her mother. (Sign here.)

Such a note would suffice for the above set forth, if it state the true cause of absence.

If tardiness or absence result from the negligence, malice, truancy or stubbornness of pupil or patron the decision of the teacher and school trustees excluding the pupil is final.

In case a pupil is negligent, or is directed to be absent by the parent, such tardiness or absence severes the pupil's connection with the school which can be restored by application to the superintendent before school calls in the morning by a writing signed after this form:

Dated 1878.

Prof. G. W. Allen, Superintendent of Rensselaer Free School:

On yesterday (Pupil's name) played truant and did not attend school. His acts were without my knowledge, and I do not know what is wrong. He promises me to not repeat the offence, and I have so chastised him that I am quite sure he will give no further trouble during the term. He and I greatly desire that he may be restored to his place in school, and to have his present conduct attended hereon. I would really ask you to endorse this application to (Name of teacher) his teacher, and you will oblige his father. (Sign here.)

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