

## JOHNSON CITY WINS NORMAL

*Queen City Made Educational Center of East Tennessee*

WHISTLES SCREAM NEWS!

State Board of Education Decides Agony in Favor of Johnson City,  
Murfreesboro, and Memphis

*Johnson City Comet Thursday, December 2, 1909*

Johnson City gets the State Normal for East Tennessee. This result was reached by the State Board of Education Wednesday, noon after being in session since Monday morning.

The joyful news reached Johnson City by wire immediately and **every whistle in the city was dampened with steam and the lusty throated songsters conveyed the glad tidings to the community and the rejoicing was above Normal.**

As stated in The American several days ago, the decision of the Board as the locations of the Normals will be tentative for the present. The final settlement of the matter will await the securing of definite sites for the schools in or near the towns selected. A subcommittee will be appointed by the Board at the close of its meeting, and this committee will again visit the three towns tentatively selected for the purpose of determining exactly what the sites shall be. It is, of course, highly probable, however, that nothing will take place to cause the Board to have to change its decisions, once they are announced.

*The adjoining column of this great announcement (December 2, 1909) is quite interesting under the title "Soldiers' Home Notes."*

### **Soldiers' Home Notes**

Empty beds are still on the decrease in the National Soldiers' Homes. On the 10<sup>th</sup> of November, the Dayton home had 203 empty cots in the barracks and 68 in the hospital; Pacific, 162-63; Leavenworth, 40-34; Hampton, 325-49; Danville, 341-75; Togus (Maine), 148-28; Milwaukee, 93-9; Marion, 128-14; Johnson City, 117-39.

Sunday dinner was fine roast pork, stewed onions, baked sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, peach pie, bread, butter and coffee. Supper cake, figs, apple butter, bread and butter and tea.

At the Opera House Sunday the Salvation Army held a meeting and at 3 o'clock the band concert began, and a number of town folks came up, some in the cars, some afoot and some in their own conveyances.

On the bulletin board Tuesday morning there were three funeral notices: Patrick Dolan, Co. A., 1<sup>st</sup> KY; David N. Hays, Co. M. 83<sup>rd</sup> PA, Inf.; W. B. Duvall, Co. J. 10<sup>th</sup> NY, Inf.

James Noble, 1<sup>st</sup> regiment Ohio H. Artillery, was buried at 1 o'clock Sunday with the usual military honors.

Governor Smith made a capture of a lot of objectionable books last week that a boy was selling on the home grounds.

The dinner served on Thanksgiving was nice young turkey with sage dressing, cranberry sauce, baked sweet potatoes, bread and butter, coffee and mince pie. Supper we had stewed oysters, apple butter, pound cake, bread, butter and tea. In the evening the big movie picture show at the opera house was something grand. The dog chase was fine and the finale with the military drill and the hauling down the silk flag in the center of the state drew great applause.