

SUMMARY OF NEWS.

The convention of elect delegates from Massachusetts to the National Republican Convention will be held in Boston April 25.

A bill to amend the fifth prohibitory amendment to the people was introduced in the House of Representatives Thursday.

The Republican clubs of Illinois organized a State league Thursday. Four hundred organizations were represented by over 2,000 delegates.

John McDonald, a Rochester, N. Y., lady farmer, takes a year behind the bars to repay. It will also cost her \$100 for her maintenance.

Two dwellings and P. Kelly & Son's leather factory at Newark, N. J., were destroyed by fire Thursday. Loss \$40,000, partly insured.

The annual services of Louis M. Abbott were held Thursday. They were entirely private, only invited friends being present. The funeral will be in the old "Society Hall" graveyard at Concord.

From Lexington, Ky., comes a certified check for \$100,000, payable to the order of the Federal Reserve Bank, which is a record for any one paper that is written on a check.

Debutant South, of the American Flint Glass Workers' Association, has appointed a committee to meet the executive committee of the Manufacturers' Association at Pittsburgh, and endeavor to come to an agreement.

Heer Ludwig Barny, the eminent German who has arrived in this country on the steamer France, which brought Mrs. Goodell and daughter. He expects to stay in a rented house in "Kean" and also in "Kean." He will remain in the country for a week, then he will be sent to New York. Upon his return, he expects to take managerial charge of the German theater.

Major William of Germany died in Berlin April 19th morning. He had been steadily sinking since March. It was the physician and those about his bedside were not prepared for the fatal termination. The event was not unexpected, but it will nevertheless cause great sadness and grief among those who loved him.

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The budget committee of the Reichstag today approved the credit asked for strategic railways.

Prince Nicholas, of Leiningen, is believed to be Russia's candidate for the Bulgarian throne.

The Russian admiralty propose to increase the Baltic and Black Sea marine forces from 10,000 to 24,000 men.

The Supreme Court of Iowa, by a decision Wednesday, holds that liquor unlawfully brought into the State is subject to seizure at any time or place.

Connors & Russell failed in New York Wednesday. It was said to have been brought about by the collapse of J. W. Harrie, the big cotton operator of the south. Liquidation of the firm are in the neighborhood of \$300,000 or \$400,000.

An auction sale of old paintings, furniture, bric-a-brac, and curios from the estate of the late Henry H. Wadsworth, began at New York Wednesday. The property sold most of which would have made the eyes of a connoisseur glisten, and with fairly good prices. The prices of the day's sales amounted to about \$4,000.

T. C. Givens, a Nashville, Tenn., blacksmith, while dragging the river to find the body of a drowned boy, brought a barrel to the surface, in which the mutilated remains of a colored woman were found. It was a horrible sight and prostrated Givens. A coroner's jury returned a verdict of death from causes unknown.

Certificates of incorporation were filed with the Secretary of State, Wednesday, by the Champion Jack Company, of Cleveland, capital stock \$2,500, the incorporators being George W. Weston, Hiram Kimball, R. A. Harnan, G. F. Ray, and L. M. Coo, and the Robinson Lumber Company, of Cincinnati, capital stock \$20,000.

Two bills are pending in Congress for the removal of the bridge over the Hudson at Poughkeepsie. It is said that the present is an obstruction to navigation and would cost about \$1,000,000 every year for extra traffic. This would make the cost of shipping wheat greater and hurt the foreign market in the opinion of those opposed to the bridge.

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Gastave Ranger, New York cotton merchant and banker, assigned Friday. Liquidation \$100,000.

William Devine shot and killed Andrew Akers at his home, seven miles west of Madison, Ill. Devine was arrested.

Charles F. Bloebaum, of Cincinnati, was found dead in a beer vat. He lost footing and fell into the steaming contents.

A fire at Emlenton, Pa., destroyed Donnelly's tailoring establishment and a number of adjoining buildings. Loss \$15,000.

Shrinkage in coffee caused the failure of Meyer Brothers & Co., New York. Bards and large coffee houses are the principal losers.

William Johnson and Dora Shannon, by next of kin the Williamson county, Tenn., police, lost their lives by the burning of an out building.

Mathias Busch a Chicago wife murderer, made a second attempt to commit suicide Sunday. He was cut down in time to save his life. The officials claim that he is showing insanity.

The coal and tank houses of the Cincinnati Despatching Company, located at Gilman Station, on the Ohio & Mississippi Railroad, were burned Friday. Loss \$20,000; partially covered by insurance.

A man named Knowles, living near Zanesville, Ohio, has been found guilty of manslaughter by the jury. In all these cases, the jury found that the defendant was guilty of manslaughter by the jury.

Reconstructing a Shark.

When the famous phosphate beds were discovered in South Carolina some years ago, vast numbers of bones and teeth were unearthed, showing that in early times this locality had been populated by a great concourse of strange forms. Among the most abundant curiosities, as the workmen termed them, were quantities of enormous teeth, triangular in shape and serrated on the cutting edge. When shown to a naturalist they were immediately recognized as shark teeth, and it became evident that at one time in the vicinity of Charleston was the bed of an ocean, and that a great shark flourished there in great numbers. Whenever the beds of the Asa-Ly and Cooper rivers are dredged to any number of these teeth are brought up, and one in my collection is nearly as large as my hand. As the bones of the shark are of cartilage, they have long since been destroyed, and only these beautifully pointed teeth for they are as fresh and gleaming as when first discovered are left to tell the story. It would appear to be an impossible task to restore this giant from a single tooth. But it is not so difficult as one might imagine. From the shape of the tooth of the great archonion we can form some idea of its appearance by comparing it with existing sharks and from this we can determine how large it was. One day I attempted a rough restoration to gain some idea of the dimensions of the giant. I had in my possession the jaw of a shark which I had caught in the Gulf of Mexico, and which at the time passed readily over my shoulders. The shark was about thirteen feet long, and the teeth about an inch and two-eighths wide, and an inch and a half in length. There were eight rows of these, each row being a little smaller than the last, until they dwindled down to mere points. I took as many of the teeth to use as I had, and built up a jaw after the existing model, using teeth where I had the aid of leaving space where I did not. Gradually the great mouth grew on the floor until I found myself a small item in the area, and when completed I found that the largest fossil shark could have opened its mouth and allowed me to drive in a top-buggy, and that its length could not have been less in proportion than one hundred and twenty-five or thirty feet.—C. F. Hodder, in Wide Awake.

Dr. M. H. Leskerstein, of Chicago, reports the remarkable effects of nitro-glycerine in resuscitating life. His patient was a woman, who sank rapidly and was apparently dead. Any action of the heart was imperceptible, the temperature of the body had fallen to 92 degrees F., and every indication of death was present. A solution of nitro-glycerine was administered hypodermically, when there was a gasp, followed by three others within a minute. During the second minute six respirations were noted, with a faint fluttering of the heart, but no third pulse was discernible. During the third minute eighteen respirations were evident and a feeble pulse. During the fourth minute the pulse rose to 180 and above, the face was flushed, the eyes rolled, the muscles slowly relaxed and the patient became comatose.

According to the Moslem creed the reason why every Mohammedan boy consents to his father to wear earrings is attributed to the following curious legend: Sarah, the first wife of Isaac, was sojourning in the presence shown by Abraham for Hagar that she took a son in her arms and would give him a name, and she had named him Ishmael. A rain, who had known her, and who was his father, and he was to be named Ishmael. At length, however, she repented, and she decided to name her son Isaac. But Hagar was so fond of the boy that she would not give up her son. She saw her way out of the difficulty. Instead of giving the boy the name of Isaac, she named him Ishmael, and she named him Ishmael.

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A BATTLE WITH RATS.

The Story Told by a Professional Rats-Catcher in Philadelphia.

"I have caught and killed plenty of big rats in my time, but the biggest ones were captured along the wharves," said old Jack Gregory, or "English Jack," as he is called by his acquaintances.

Gregory is a little old fellow, not more than five feet in height, and pressing close upon his sixtieth year. He lives in Camden, on William street, below Loydon. When he starts out on his rat-catching expeditions he is always accompanied by two little Scotch terriers, chained together. With a box of ferrets thrown over his shoulder, "English Jack" presents an odd picture.

"I have followed rat-catching for a living for forty years," said Gregory, "and the most vicious chaps are generally found along the wharves, near where the sewers empty into the river. They grow up in the sewers, and eventually find their way to the water's edge, and there settle permanently, or else take up quarters in the warehouses near the docks.

"I don't mind clearing a stable of rats. That's fun for me. But when I am called upon to clean out a warehouse I always know that it means tough work, with probably the loss of two or three ferrets. Some times out of ten a rat will run away from a ferret, and when they emerge from their hole, my dogs and I just lay for them and kill them as soon as they show themselves. But I have had many a valuable ferret killed by wharves. The rats being used to eating garbage, greedily devour everything they come across, and grow to be tremendous in size. I have seen lots that were as big as cats, and ferocious fellows they were too. I remember once of a pitched battle that took place between three of my ferrets and five rats down at the sugar-boling house on Delaware avenue, below South street. Each rat was fully from a fifteen to eighteen inches in length, and must have weighed from four to five pounds. They had it hot and heavy for a quarter of an hour. The ferrets fairly chewed the rats to pieces and came out victorious, though they got severely bitten themselves. Subsequently one of the ferrets died.

"Last night I succeeded in killing ninety rats. But I have seen larger rats than those in my time. A few years ago my dogs caught a rat down at the Washington avenue grain elevator which was much bigger than a cat. It was two feet long and weighed twelve pounds. He must have been quite old and unusually fat. I guess he was the king rat about the elevator. I was very anxious to capture him alive, and it was hard work to drive the dogs off, so eager were they to put an end to him. He had fought them hard, notwithstanding his age, and the dogs had their dander up. I managed to drag them away, and then I threw a net around him and brought him home to Camden. I doctored him for three weeks, and his wounds healed pretty well. A saloon keeper near the old navy yard made me an offer of \$20 and I sold the rat to him to place on exhibition. He did not make much by the venture, as the saloon keeper's wife was afraid of the big rat, and being anxious to get rid of the animal, poisoned it. While the animal was on exhibition there was a sign displayed on the iron cage in which it was confined, saying: 'Don't fool with the rat.' This inunction was rather unnecessary, for all the customers willingly refrained from poking their fingers between the bars to stir him up. His looks were enough to frighten folks."

Couldn't Bother With a Drummer.

Recently I was awaiting the convenience of one of these "aristocrats" whose store is in a small inland town in the State. While I was patiently putting in my time on a convenient chair a gentleman, carrying two grps similar to those used by drummers, entered with a business-like air, and putting his baggage upon the floor began to make a minute inspection of the contents of the showcases. The autocrat was arranging his window, and now and then casting an interested glance into a dressmaker's work room opposite. He paid no attention to the new arrival, supposing him, as he afterward tearfully remarked, to be "only a drummer." The stranger glanced at him several times, and was plainly growing impatient. Finally he evidently decided that he had waited long enough, and with a muttered exclamation that he couldn't buy anything if he wasn't shown anything, he seized his grips and vanished through the door before the astonished jeweler could recover his scattered senses.

They were still more widely scattered a few days afterward when he learned that his competitor, a few blocks away, had sold the stranger a pair of diamond earrings and a two-carat stud. "Now when a drummer comes into his store the autocrat's obsessions manifest almost make his visitor's hair stand on end in astonishment."

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The Biblical Recorder.

The Biblical Recorder, the organ of the Baptist denomination in North Carolina is an uncommonly vigorous paper. Besides its special work of fostering and building up the interests of its church people, and always containing something excellent for the edification and benefit of Baptists, it has recently acquired a special general value, by the introduction of a weekly essay or treatise on some popular current subject, always totally leaving out politics.

These articles are either the work of the editor or are contributed by the most learned, able and widely known writers in this and other States, and are forceful, discursive and interesting.

Altogether the publication is a happy combination of the denominational and family paper and the general magazine. It fosters thought and encourages home literature. No Baptist can well afford to be without the Recorder.

Even the South Mountain brother who opposed local option, and the one whose son was recently found in a Lockade still house, will like the Recorder, for it says nothing against the liquor traffic.

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