

EASTERN NEWS.

The President signed the House amnesty bill passed by the Senate May 23d. About two hundred exceptions are covered by this bill, including Jeff Davis and J. C. Breckinridge.

The Republican State Convention held at Springfield, Illinois, on the 23d, was the largest Convention ever held in the State. Richard M. Oglesby was nominated for Governor, by acclamation; Gen. J. L. Bearveridge, for Lieutenant-Governor; Col. J. H. Hartlow, Secretary of State; Gen. Charles Lippencott, Auditor; Edward Rutz, Treasurer; Kendall, Attorney General. The resolutions endorsed Gen. Grant, and instructed delegates to the National Convention to work for his re-nomination.

Swarms of locusts are said to have appeared in Bourbon county, Kentucky, and it is feared that they will do great damage.

At the annual meeting of the Texas and Pacific Railroad at New York on the 23d, Thomas A. Scott was elected President, Harvey G. Stebbins Vice President, and Edward Pierpont, Treasurer.

Senator John A. Logan endorsed the action of the Republican State Convention of Illinois, and said with Oglesby for Governor, and good men on the ticket with him, the Republicans would sweep Illinois by 30,000 majority.

A terrible tornado passed over the country northeast of Cincinnati on the afternoon of the 22d, destroying a number of houses and orchards in its track, which was about one-fourth of a mile in width.

The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, now in session at Brooklyn, N. Y., has decided to hold its next session at St. Louis.

A Mr. Peck recovered \$8,000 from the Central Railroad, N. Y., for being put off a palace car for refusing to pay extra fare, when the ordinary cars of the train were full.

At the Methodist Conference Brooklyn, N. Y., on the 21st, W. L. Harris, R. R. Foster, Thomas Boreman, J. W. Wiley and S. M. Morrill were elected Bishops.

The owners of the Grand Opera House, N. Y., refused to allow the Woodhullites to hold a meeting there as advertised.

Mr. George F. Gressor, of Howard county, Ind., is the proprietor of a well from which flows both water and gas, irrigating and illuminating his premises at one and the same time. It is located at Alto, five miles south of Kokomo.

Five hundred millions of postage stamps were issued the first week in May by the United States Government.

The Republican State Convention of West Virginia met at Gratton on the 23d, and instructed for Grant for President, and Boreman for Vice President.

The Republican State Convention of Arkansas, nominated Joseph Brooks for Governor.

The region about Fortress Monroe was visited by a most violent storm on the 22d, inst. Many Houses were unroofed, orchards destroyed and other damage done.

The greater portion of the business part of Mannington, Virginia, was burned on the 23d. Loss, \$180,000.

The business portion of Sharpsville, Ohio, was burned on the night of the 24th. Loss, \$30,000.

Spaulding, manager of Dan Rice's circus, was shot and seriously wounded at Baxter Springs, Ark., May 23d.

The contest for the Vice President on the Republican ticket is now admitted to be between Colfax and Wilson, with the chances in favor of the former.

Margaret Bower, an unmarried woman about twenty-six years of age, of Zanesville, Ill., deliberately split the skull of her illegitimate child with a hatchet while it was sleeping. She showed no remorse.

Dayton, Ohio, had eighty cases of small pox on the 23d.

At East Saginaw, Michigan, C. Besse, a laboring man, attacked, and as he supposed, killed his wife with a hatchet. He then carved himself with a knife and hatchet until he died; but his wife, it is thought, will recover.

A bill granting the wife of the late Robt. Anderson a pension of \$50 per month was introduced and passed the Senate on the 25th.

The New Jersey Republican State Convention at Trenton on the 23d, endorsed the Administration of Grant, and strongly favored his re-nomination and that of Colfax.

In Virginia the colored people as well as the whites are opposed to mixed schools.

Governor Hoffman, of New York, has delivered up Carl Vogt, the Belgian murderer, to the authorities of Belgium.

D. W. Voorhees addressed three thousand persons in the Court House at Terre Haute, Ind., May 25th, on the present aspect of political affairs in this country. He opposed the indorsement of Greeley by the Baltimore Convention, and advocated the nomination of a straight Democratic ticket.

At Dubuque, Iowa, a large brick building fell on the 25th, the falling walls killing a woman and baby, and breaking both legs of another woman. The women were engaged in trundling the baby on the sidewalk in front of the building.

The late Miss Rabby Joy, of Boston, left \$280,000, to various charitable associations.

Near Troy, Ohio, on the 25th, Robert Fuller, a farmer, called his wife out of the house and shot her with a revolver—fatally, it is believed—and then shot himself dead.

It is stated that M. L. Sullivan, of Ford county, Illinois, who has a farm of 40,000 acres, recently ordered 56 corn planters from a Galesburg factory.

Returns of the Massachusetts Bureau of Labor Statistics show that the cash value of farms in that State has decreased nearly \$7,000,000 within the past ten years.

Last week at an up town funeral in New York, three of the pallbearers, while carrying the coffin from the house to the hearse, were robbed of their watches.

Hon. William Butler fed and shipped from Page county, Iowa, delivering in Chicago, January 26, a lot of one hundred hogs which weighed 528 pounds to the average.

A sportsman in Richmond, Va., recently mistook the red turban of a colored lady, which he saw moving about through the branches of a fruit tree, for a robin, and lodged a charge of shot in it. The supposed robin promptly retaliated with a brick.

Rev. George Peck, of the Wyoming Conference, has been elected thirteen times in succession to the M. E. General Conference.

Miss Ida Greeley, whose father is some known as the author of a book on farming, was educated in a convent.

Andrew Johnson says that he won't support Greeley, and that the Democratic party won't.

Justice Davis has retired from the Presidential field disgusted—won't be a candidate under any circumstances again.

The Louisville Courier declares that the coming dictionary will be a more complete affair than the present book. For instance, it will contain definitions like this: "GREELEY. 1. A great editor, who flourished A. D. 1872. 2. To bolt, as in politics; the use 'to Greeley' in connection with fastening doors is a vulgar corruption. 3. Utter a profane oath; to swear horrible; to execrate. 4. To till the soil, as a farmer."

The National workingmen's Convention held in New York to nominate candidates for President and Vice President, met on the 23d, and on the first ballot Grant received 204 votes, and Greeley 5. The nomination of Grant was then made unanimous. Thirty States were represented by 210 delegates.

Gerrit Smith is for Grant unconditionally, and Wendell Phillips prefers him to Greeley.

Prof. Albert Hopkins, of Williams College, died May 24th.

On the night of the 24th, in New York, Crawford, a brother-in-law of Commodore Vanderbilt, in attempting to induce the release of Commodore's colored coachman, arrested for assaulting a white woman, shot and accidentally wounded detective Henderson.

The will of the late Professor Morse leaves the bulk of his property to his wife during her life, and at her death to be divided into eight parts, one of which is to be appropriated to pay certain legacies. His biographer is to be appointed by his executors, who are to be allowed free use of his books and papers. His trustees and executors are Thos. F. Walker, Utica II. Day and Arthur Breeze.

The Tenth District Democratic Convention of Boston ratified the Cincinnati platform on the 24th, and appointed Greeley delegates to Baltimore.

The Centennial Commission has fixed upon opening the exhibition on April 9th and closing it October 9, 1876. All nations will be invited to participate.

A Wonderful Dreamer.

The Indiana Sentinel relates the following astonishing dream, which it vouches for as truth:

A gentleman of high social position, living in this county, has a son engaged as a clerk in a large mercantile house in Omaha. A few weeks ago the father received a letter from his son stating that he had been robbed of \$5,000 belonging to his employer while returning from a collecting trip into the country. The father was naturally troubled by the intel igence, when he retired to his room he lay awake sometime thinking of the unfortunate occurrence. At last he fell asleep, and it seemed to him as if he was sitting by a table in a bed chamber of the Hotel of Omaha, listening to the conversation of two young men who were recalling the particulars of a robbery in which they had been concerned, while they counted over the proceeds of the same with an exultant air. Learning the number of their room, he descended the stairs, consulted the register, fixed their names in his memory, together with the date under which they were written, and then awoke. He immediately wrote a letter to his son; requesting him to call at Hotel, look at the register, and if he found the name of John B. Wilson and James Frank inscribed on its pages, under the date of November 14th, to have the parties found, arrested and charged with the theft of the \$5,000. The son followed the directions, and from a letter received by the father yesterday, we learn that John B. Wilson and James Frank were arrested at the said hotel—they confessed to the felony, that \$1,813 of the money was recovered, and that the offenders had been sentenced to the Penitentiary.

WOODS' REAPERS AND MOWERS—the most wonderful improvements of the present age. The success with which the above justly celebrated machines have met with throughout the entire world should be sufficient guarantee to convince the most skeptical of their true merit. They, without a question of doubt, have received more encomiums by way of awards, medals, first premiums and flattering testimonials from the press, in this and foreign countries, than any other machines extant. As proof of this statement it affords us pleasure to state, in this connection, that at the great field trial at Owatonna, Minnesota, held in July and August, 1871, the officers of the State Agricultural Society being the judges; the competing machines at this trial were the Champion, Buckeye, McCormick's Advance, Excelsior, Kirby, Little Champion, Marsh Harvester, Johnston, Williams, &c., &c., a list of competitors that any one might well be proud to lead, at this trial like all others, the highest prize, the Grand Gold Medal, was awarded to the Woods' Machine. In 1871 the Japanese government sent their agent or commissioner to this country, and among the various machines he examined he selected the Woods, as the most complete Reaper and Mower, and took them back to Japan with him. The headquarters and depot for these Machines is located at the warehouse of C. B. Comstock & Co., at foot of Ellsworth street.

Horace Greeley says that castor beans may be cast or not, which ever you like. The fondry at which he gets his seed is the best. If the best egg has been cracked by frost, the beans are apt to sprout and shrink, which is not the case with oats or hay when properly ground. Saw-dust manure has been found to contain too much heat for the ordinary castor, dried glass from fractured lanterns being the restorative when the bean is to be hastened. Pull off your boots while cultivating. No rain-water should be allowed to settle on the vines during wet weather.

Heracles was a model husband; rather than stay out at night, he invariably carried his club home with him.

HUMOROUS.

A farmer reading a journal to his wife, in which was the sentence, "The President was received with three buzzards," pronounced the last word "buzzards." "More shame for him," exclaimed the indignant and scandalized lady; "I don't say, Mr. Judge," said a witness, "that the defendant was drunk. No, not by no means; but this I will say—when I last saw him, he was washing his face in a mud puddle, and drying it on a door mat. Whether a sober man would do this I can't say."

Permanent headquarters—the shoulders. How to make a clean sweep—wash him.

A prickly pair.—A porcupine and a hedge-hog. What is the difference between a valse and a young widow? One is a giddy-whirl and the other is a widdy-girl.

"I meant to have told you of that hole," said a gentleman to a friend who was walking with him in his garden, and stumbled into a pit full of water. "No matter," said the friend, blowing the mud and water out of his mouth, "I've found it."

An old farmer in New Hampshire recently killed a pig, and being asked how much it weighed, replied that it did not weigh as much as he expected, and he did not expect it would.

Said a Detroit lady to a gentleman of that city: "You are not a musician I believe." "No," said he, "if I were the proprietor of a hand-organ, set expressly to play 'Old Hundred,' I could not get seventy-five out of it."

A Milesian born on the last day of the year, felicitates himself on his lucky escape of not being born at all. "Be jabs," says he, "and if it had been the next day what would have become of me?"

"Briget, what has become of the tallow I greased my boots with this morning?" "I fried the backwheats in it." "Oh, I was afraid you had wasted it."

Teacher—"Tommy, what does h-a-r-r spell?" Apt Pupil—"Dunno sir." Teacher—"Why, you numbskull, what have you got on your head?" Apt Pupil—"I dunno, sir, but I think it becs a flea."

Horace Greeley is said to be sick and tired of the "evilsments" that beset an editor nowadays, in the way of politics. He some times swears that he will quit the business and take to teaching writing school for a living.

Why is the letter "I" in the word military like the nose? Because it stands between two "i's."

"Mr. Smith I wish to speak with you, privately. Permit me to take you apart a few moments." Smith (who wasn't the least frightened)—"Certainly, sir, if you'll promise to put me together again."

A couple were married at Shelbyville, Ind., the other day, the groom being sixty-four years old and the bride nineteen. After the nuptial ceremony, the happy pair bought twenty-five cents worth of cheese and crackers and started on foot on their bridal tour to the groom's residence—five miles from the city.

"I love you like anything," said a young gardener to his sweetheart, as he gently pressed her hand. "Lotto" said she, returning the pressure. The ardent lover, who was no scholar, was sorely puzzled to know the meaning of ditto. The next day, being at work with his father, he said, "Father what is the meaning of ditto?" "Why," said the old man, "this ere's one cabbage-head ain't it?" "Yes, father." "Well that ere's ditto." "Drat it!" ejaculated the indignant son, "then she called me a cabbage-head."

An examination committee about to test the capacities of an individual for school-teaching, put the following questions to him: "At what period did France have her greatest general?" "At what period?" pausing and scratching his head. "Ah! you've got me there." "Can you tell me whether it was before or after Christ?" "Before or after Christ? Before or after? Old horses, you have got me again."

A Sacramento telegraph office is riding itself of loafers. The *Bea* says: "Box, running the full length of the front of the office on the outside, has heretofore furnished a tempting seat for the habitues. This has been covered with the batteries, that are contained in the box. A person sitting upon the box without touching his hands thereto will not feel the electricity, but if his hands fall upon the box, or he puts them thereon to assist him to rise, he receives such a sudden and astonishing shock as sends him an unbelievable number of feet toward the lofty roof and the adjacent river. Any good day a person may see some of these unfortunates unexpectedly struck by some of this domesticated lightning, describing a fifty feet parabola in the air."

"William, these names I never called anybody names; but William if the mayor of the city were to come to me and say, John I want thee to find me the biggest bar in Philadelphia I would come to thee and put my hand on thy shoulder, and say to thee, William, the mayor wants to see thee."

The following is an estimate of the hotels building and to be built in Chicago: Palmer's Hotel, \$1,200,000; Pacific, \$1,000,000; Sherman, 900,000; Briggs, \$400,000; Gardner's, \$400,000; Homere's, \$400,000; Matterson, \$500,000 City, \$100,000; Probable, \$200,000. In addition to these figures add the cost of the ground and the furnishing of the hotels.

In his retirement this summer Horace will busy him elf about a long-contemplated addition to his work on farming. It will be entitled "Recollections of a fussy Life Spent in the Cultivation of Beets," and will be ready for the press by the middle of November.

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