

The chairman of the National Committee of Union Labor Party has issued a call for a National Convention to be held at Cincinnati on Tuesday, May 15, to nominate candidates for President and Vice President.

The annual report of the Superintendent of the Soldiers' Orphan Schools is printed in the current number of the Pennsylvania School Journal. It gives a history of the schools and their present condition.

No newspaper has hit Ingalls, the Kansas "lion," who disgraces a seat in the Senate at Washington, a harder or more deserving blow than the Philadelphia Telegraph, a Journal of Independent Proclivities.

TAMMANY HALL and the county Democracy of New York City will go to the National Democratic Convention, at St. Louis, in a style eclipsing any previous trip.

There is a wide difference between the tariff bill which has been submitted by Mr. Randall and the bill prepared by a majority of the committee of Ways and Means.

HENRY BERRY, the well-known friend of dumb animals, died unexpectedly in the city of New York, where he was born sixty-five years ago, on Monday last.

BOB GARDNER, as he was familiarly called, who was a passenger locomotive engineer on the Pennsylvania Railroad between Harrisburg and Altoona, proved himself to be a true hero on last Monday morning while at his post of duty.

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With the demise of Emperor William of Germany, there has been a change of the great central figures of the nineteenth century. We in our Western land, far away from the atmosphere that surrounds imperial power, looking on the "divine right" of kings to rule as something from which we have happily emancipated ourselves, cannot understand the life-work of a monarch who would have ruled by the standard that will be applied to it by those who live under the shadow of a monarchy.

It is difficult to realize that the man who died no later than yesterday, and who wielded the sceptre of government almost until his last hour, was the great Napoleon on the field of battle; was a dynastic change and empire overthrower; witnessed the revolution in France; and the outbreak which reached far and wide over Europe; watched a new Napoleonic Empire arise from the ruins of that struggle, and, having brought about the crown of Emperor of Versailles, himself as Emperor of a united Germany.

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NEWS AND OTHER NOTINGS.

An elephant in the funeral procession to a recent Indian cremation wore a silver collar worth \$5,000.

Extremist prairie dogs at so much as the occupation of several men at Wichita Falls, Tex.

There are 900 bestzugar factories in Europe. France manufactures 600,000 tons of sugar, and Germany 1,024,000 tons.

Dynamic when ignited by a blow or by detonating fuse explodes with tremendous force; when fire is applied to it it burns with a strong flame without any explosion.

The lot on which the California Theater stands in San Francisco, which has just been purchased by Mr. Kate McElhough for \$127,000, was bought 40 years ago for \$25.

Says an imaginative statistician: "If Texas were a circular lake and France a central island, the island could be anchored centrally in the lake out of sight of land, 22 miles from any point on the encircling shore."

J. T. Campbell, United States Consul at Auckland, New Zealand, says in his latest report to the State Department that the New Zealanders in the last eight years in the effort to overcome the rabbit plague.

Two women living near Davenport, Iowa, went to visit a friend some miles distant. Each took her baby with her, and when returning as it was very cold, they took particular pains to wrap the little one up snugly to keep them from freezing to death.

In the office of the Recorder of Deeds, Philadelphia, is preserved a justice's docket over 100 years old. One of the entries in the book is as follows: "Commonwealth vs. Stephen Blunt, July 21, 1773. Citation of drinking damnation of General Washington and all his Army. Defendant held in \$200."

A Doylestown O. man discovered that his chickens were being stolen from time to time. He set a trap for them, and on the other morning, and while looking around the coop discovered a white lock containing \$85 and the name of a well-known neighbor who was a respected member of the community.

Farmer in Clinton county, Mo., found out that the grand jury was trying to haul him up for working on Sunday. He had one had his four sons summoned to appear before the jury as witnesses against him. He was fined \$1 and costs, a total of \$5. His sons' fees and mileage amounted to \$20 each, a total of \$80.

Louis Richter on last Friday shot and killed his cousin, Louis S. Richter, at Evansville, Ind., and then sent a bullet through his own brain. Richter was the son of one of the wealthiest and best known citizens in the county. He was in love with the girl, but she did not reciprocate, and it is thought his unbalanced brain was excited by a short time ago by a Newfoundland dog near Williamsburg, N. Y.

Brooks' Last Litigation. One of the most important cases tried last week before the Lehigh county courts was that of Leuben Semmel vs. the county of Lehigh. Semmel has for many years been constable of North White Hall township, and had to recover fees and mileage for making monthly visits to places where liquor is sold, as required by the county license law. The constables of the county last fall formed a league, having for its object the securing of compensation for making monthly visits to all places where liquor is sold.

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