HE GOT THE HAMB.

And Units No. Could Not Hop Conviebting Mimach

Ol' Une' Ned' was up charged with stealing four hams. They had been found in his possession, and as there was no way gotting around that Une Ned sought other means of de-

"Ya-aa younh honah, I 'mit dat dey was foun' in my house. But 'pon my oat', sah. I did ot steal 'em."

Vne' Ned' was a short thick set man, with bandy lags, a short beard on his chin and an unctions smile. which he now turned on this honah and the court room.

You see, youah honah, on de night in question. I was walkin' home along the callroa' track. It was purty dark. sah an' I couldn't see very fur. 'N' den just all at once sah, a man 'peared befoh me. Lor'! I was frighten', sah, turrible frighten', "N' 1 stoppe-d-d, right stock-still, younh honah

And what did this man do, Uncle Ned?" inquired the judge. "Well sah I dunno wevver you"

b'lieve it or no. sah, but dat man hed foh bundles under his ahm, 'n'-Which arm ?"

.Foh God, sah, I can't quite disremember, but it must 've been hees off ahm. 'N' den de man comes up w'ere I was standin' 'n' he says, says he. Une Ned, heah's foh ham'ms." 'N' I 'spose, youah honah now dat I see how oberyt'ing was, dey was de foh hams dat was purfiscated, sah. Now, w'en dat man says. 'Heah's foh hams,' I didn't say nothin'. De might be foh hams an' de mightn', but dat didn' 'sider me. But w'en he went on 'n' says, Say, Une Ned, you take dese foh hams home 'n' keep dem foh me till next week, 'n' I'll gib you two o' 'em, ' co'se I took 'em lak any colohed gent-'men would. But how do you 'spose dat I c'd tell dey was stolen hams, sah, is what I w'd lak t' know?'' And thus Unc' Ned concluded his defense, and took his seat, assuming a very grieved expression.

Describe the man who met you and told you to take care of the hams for him, " said the judge. ...Wa-al," said Unc' Ned slowly,

cocking one eye and looking up at the celling to help his memory. "it's putty ha-hd to say, youah honah, fur it was dahk, turrible dahk. But ez near ez I kin recolleo' he was a short, thickset sort of a man," (speaking very slowly) 'wid kindah bow legs, puty big. wid a bea'yd on hees chin, 'n' ez near ez I could see he was kindah dah-kk complected, " describing himself as accurately as any one could have done.

Then there was a roar in the court room, says the Minneapolis Tribune, but "Une' Ned" was finally acquitted, as no one could prove that he had committed the theft.

MEN WHO BLOW OUT THE GAS.

Are Not Products of the Paragrapher's Brain-The Prize Hayseed.

Well, said a clerk in a Jersey City hotel to a Mail and Express reporter, 'you would be surprised to see some of the countrymen who come into this town. Most of our customers are cat-

The Record on Fick Scories is Housen at the Third Annual Monting-It was a most romarkable thing.

THE LIARS' CLUB.

said Alderman Cocos. at the third wookly meeting of the Linrs' club as eported in the Brookiyn Engle. What was?" quaried the inquisitive

That adventure of mine in-" "The Twelfth ward?" asked the L

No; off Jamaica bay. We were

fishing for-Suckers?" interrupted the I. M. mee more

"No whalos Well we had a Jonah aboard, and couldn't catch a 'slossed thing

"One fine summer day, when the sun shone on the bay and the catfish sported in the waves, when we sailed quite far away to the land of strife and fray, where-there. I know it would come that I'd drop into rhy med verse-well on this beautiful day. with not a cloud in the azure sky and all nature feeling on very good terms with itself, we heard a low, rumbling sound in the distance. It was like the moaning of the wind when whiskers are scarce, or when the board of aldermon sets up an opposition show. It came from the land of the applejack. which strikes several times in one place, especially if taken through a straw, and grew louder and louder. Fear and fright were visible in every countenance, and we finally went below and battened down the hatches. Then it grew hot down there! Why, one of us set an old hen we had on board on an omelet souffle. and she hatched out a dish of scrambled eggs. All this time the noise was getting louder and louder, and the ship was trembling from stem to stern-post, and we were trembling and shivering. Then it grew less and less, until finally it ceased altogether, and we plucked up sufficient courage to open the hatches and to venture on deck. Well, to cut a long story short, a swarm of Jersey mosquitoes had descended upon us and had carried away every stitch of can-VBB."

For a moment, but a moment only, there was an intense and dramatic silence, broken only now and then by the low gurging of a disappearing cocktail. Then the I. M. gave a pre-liminary hem and started in at top speed.

"I can testify to the truth of that story," he said, while the assembled liars looked astonished. "I was sailing past the same spot about two days later and heard the same identical noise. It grew louder and louder in the same fashion until we discovered it to be that same identical swarm of mosquitoes. But, gentlemen, every one of those same mosquitoes wore canvas pants made out of those same identical sails."

CALLING UP BIG GAME.

When You Want to Call & Moore You Must Talk Moose.

Joe Francis, the well-known guide, was in Bangor lately, remarks the News. In relating some of his experfences Joe said:

"While I was with a party in the tlemen. Many of them come on all moose-calling season, near Eagle lake, the way from the far West with con- we were out one night, and suddenly signments. People think those para- came upon some young college fellows graphs about blowing out the gas are | who were on a hunting trip and had moosey," as if a moose were called in "A few nights later we were out and heard a strange noise at a point on the lake not far off. I said I thought there was some one lost, for that was the only way I could account enough I shouted to the fellows, and asked them what was the matter. moose. I told them to keep still or they would frighten every moose in the state. I never heard such an unearthly sound in my life as they were making. "I tell you, when you want to call a moose you must talk the moose language through a birch bark horn. Early in the season when the bulls are flerce, they are more easily fooled; but it is no child's play, and if you tackie one that has been called and fired at then you have got to get in some fine w 'L'

THE AMERICAN.

When the Bight Person Spake to Him All Others Wore Sale

A VERY HUMILE DESPERADO.

don't know who it was in the crowd on the railway platform that started the report that the man sitting on the haggage truck with his has pulled down over his eyes and a briarroot pipe in his mouth was a desperado. But it waan't five minutes after the term had been applied to him that I found lots of information at One man took me saids and hand. antii

"I'll toll ye what I'm knowing my-it. Ha killed five revenue officers seif. in South Carolina in one year. Ho's the gamest man in the country and can shoot both-handed."

A second man came up and added: "It's a mighty lucky thing he's feel-ing good natured to day. I'm told that he killed seven men in Kentucky one Sunday morning because he happened to have a headache."

A third man know where the desperado had wiped out a family, declares the Detroit Free Press, and a fourth and fifth related other instances of cold-blooded murder. The man didn't seem to know that he was being watched and liouized. He sat with the sun at his back, and by and by we saw him begin to nod, and his pipo fell at his feet.

"The tiger sleeps!" whispered a little man with mutton-chop whiskers. He sleeps now, but beware when he awakes. He was no doubt the man who killed eight negroes just north of me on the cross-road.

I was wondering why the village constable didn't arrest the bad, bad man, when a tail and slatternly woman about 40 years of age opened the door of a mean looking shanty opposite the depot and looked up and down the one long street. Then she looked across at us and shaded her eyes with her hand. She made out the blood-thirsty desperado on the truck and came straight across to him. The truck was close to the edge of the platform, and she grabbed the man's leg and shook him awake. "Wha -- what's the matter?" he

growled, as he looked around. You, thar'- ax- woodpile- git!"

replied the woman, as she pointed across the street. The man got down in a shambling

way, shuffled across the road after her, and a minute later was working with the ax at an old knot before the door.

The man with the mutton-chops was the only one who kept his presence of mind when the climax came. He calmly lit a cigar, tossed the stub of the old one away, and speaking to the score of us said

"Gentlemen, it's my opinion that all immediate danger has passed and that it will be quite safe for any of us to go around the corner of the freight shed and take a drink!"

HEPHZIBAH'S SPEECH.

"Seribes, Pharisees and Hypocrites, 1 Could Kasp & Better School.

The old-time residents of a small town in Maine were familiar with two grim-visaged and dark-complexioned individuals who traveled about the country, each bearing a huge pack or bundle on her back. In winter they used a small hand-sled to carry their goods and belongings. They were known as Hephzibah and Poliy Austin. says the Youth's Companion.

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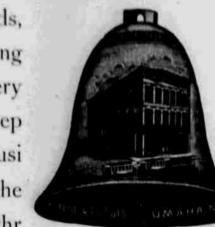
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DYNAMITERS' WORK. The Free Use of Bombs Filling the Pris- The Minneapolis Delegation Instructed ons Throughout Italy. Rome, April 29 .- A bomb was exploded in the main street of Corleone, Sicily. All the windows in the neigh-

JEFFERSON CITY, April 29 .- The Republican state convention nominated Major William Warner of Kansas City TELEPHONE 225.

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COME TO-DAY.

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written up in newspaper offices. Why, evidently heard about calling moose, I tell you we have to watch for that but did not know anything about the very thing all the time. We send a art for one of them was innocently watchman over the house every fifteen calling, in a soothing voice, 'moosey, minutes during the night, and it averages three times a month that he the same manner as kittens. finds a room with the gas blown out.

"I struck the funniest experience, however, about two weeks ago. The watchman came down and said gas was escaping from No. 33. I rushed up and knocked at the door. After for the noise. When we got near repeated rapping the old 'jay,' in a voice that sounded as though he had all the bed clothes over his head. They replied that they were calling yelled: 'G'way fr'm here, now. I don't want no foolishness.'

"The gas is turned on in your room,' I shouted. Open the door.' "Open nothin,' he yelled back.

G'way fr'm there.' "I put my shoulder to the door, and with a crash the lock smashed and the

foor flew open. "What in thunder did you do with

your gas-blow it out?' I asked. "No,' he replied, 'I didn't blow the

gas out. I knew better than that ' " Then how did it come to be turned on, as I found it?"

"Well, I s'pose I didn't quite understand the durn thing. When I got ready to go to bed I turned it off all carrying a very large car trumpet, right 'nough. Then I lit it again to which was not for his own use, but get the hang of workin' it. Then I for his deaf father's, was crossing the put it out again, and just as I did so I Common. A new arrival stopped him thought now I'll have a time finding with a loud question. that measly handle in the dark and turn it on when I get up. So, before I went to bed I jist turned it on so's to have it all ready to light when I to strangers who inquire politely their got up.""

He Gave the Weight.

Patrick was an employe in a grocery where the scarcity of help had compelled the grocer to take in an assistant who was entirely without experience. One day the grocer, in weighing out a purchase to a customer, searched about the scales for. romething. "Patrick!" he called out, "where's

the pound weight?"

"The pound weight is it. Sure it's Misther Jones that has the pound weight.

"Mr. Jones has it? What do you mean?"

"An sure, didn't yer tell me to be perlite to the regular customers?"

·Of course.

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"Well, thin! Misther Jones comes weight in the package wid the tay, in his house is on the same scalewid it!"-Youth's Companion.

Deceived by Appearances. Not long ago a young Boston man

"Say, you-tell me the way to the Providence deepow."

Bostonians are nearly always polite way around the crooked streets of the Hub, but this stranger was not polite. The young man raised the ear trumpet to his ear.

"I beg your pardon." he said. "What's-the way to the Providence

deepow?' the stranger raised his voice What did you say?" Twenty peo-

ple had now collected. "What's - the - way - to-the

Providence-depot?" roared the inquirer.

"Why, I'm not deaf." said the Bostanian in a pleasant voice, and everybody except the rude stranger laughed | inevitable cane or switch. At last he at the rude stranger's astonishment. -Youth's companion.

A Temperance Lecture.

An old colored man, who recently addressed a temperance meeting in in the next day for a pound of tay. this state, said: "When I sees a man An' says he when I axed him what going home wid a gallon of whisky quality o' tay he wud have. 'Whativer and a half pound of meat, dat's temye give me,' says he, give me the p'rance lecture nuff for me, and I sees weight" So I putt in the pound it every day; I knows that everything perlite like, an' it's himself that's gone gallon of misery to every half pound of comfort."-Boston Traveller.

Hephzibah was said to have deal. ings with familiar spirits, and consoquently was feared and shunned by those who knew no better than to believe the story. Children especially were sometimes frightened to meet the two women, although they were never known to harm say one.

One day Hephzibah and Polly came down the village street just at the noon recess of the school. The children regarded them quietly until they were supposed to be out of hearing. Then a shout went up, "There goes Hip and Poll Austin."

Unluckily they were within hearing. and the children, seeing Hephzibah drop her bundle and run toward them, fled for refuge into the school house.

To their horror she followed; and, going up to the teacher, related her grievance and asked redress.

The teacher reprimanded the children, and ordered them to their seats. although recess had just begun. This, they supposed was the end of the who affair; but they were mistaken. Hephzibah grabbed the door case with both hands, and, leaning forward, said: Scribes Pharisees and hypocrites, I could keep a better school than this."

Then she joined her sister, who was waiting for her at the door, and both went on their way. Her meaning. undoubtedly was that she would maintain a better discipline among the scholars, and teach them to be civil, even to trampa like herself.

Totally Lacking.

An army officer writing from Fort Schuyler, N. Y., says: "I read with much amusement the sketch in a late Argonaut entitled Our American Army,' and it reminded me of the story of the Irish drill-sorgeant in the English army. A squad of newly enlisted men are paraded for his inspection and a preliminary drill. His little visorless forage cap is canted to one side as he struts up and down the line, tapping his leg gently with the halts in front of an undersized, roundshouldered victim. steps back a pace, places his arms akimbo, and soliloquizes: Well, what kind of a man wud it be that 'ud go and 'list a kangaroo for the army with a hoomp on his back like a dog scaaping a pot. Shtip out here. Wud ye know yer facings? Right face. Ah, there ye go to the left ----- yer sowl. don't yez know yer right hand from the left? Which hand do ye bless yerself wid? Ye don't bless yerself at all, ch? So ye are a heretic? Git back to the ranks."

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oken but noi injured. The innkeepers were frightclosed immediately. A half hour later an anarchist was arrested pasting a pla-card on a church door. The placard an-nounced that the time had come for nounced that the time had come for anarchists "to write their demands in blood," and exhorted Sicilian anarchists to follow the examples of their col-leagues in Paris. "No more words, but deeds, deeds, deeds," were the closing words of the manifesto. Seven printers were ar-rested and a great quantity of inflam-matory literature dated May 1, in red letters was seized.

matory literature dated May 1, in red letters was seized. In Faenza, near Ravenna, one of the centers of the May Day riots in former years, a bomb was exploded at the en-trance to the perfecture of police at s o'clock a. m. The door and steps were blown away, the whole front of the build-ing was cracked and houses nearby were damaged badly. Four policemen were injured seriously by falling ceilings, and one on the ground floor received from a flying piece of stone a blow which will probably prove fatal. Throughout Italy the police are mak-ing large numbers of arrest on suspicion.

Throughout Italy the police are mak-ing large numbers of arrest on suspicion. The plan of keeping anarchist suspects in prison only until after May day has been abandoned. All anarchists are being held and tried for criminal con-spiracy. Reports from Ravenna, Genoa, Florence, Palermo and Naples, say that anarchists are being arrested by dozens and that by Saturday the prisons will be full. The plans of the police in all cities are said to be the incarceration of all dangerous persons, and the eventual conviction, so that the backbone of the movement in Italy will be broken.

Paris Placarded-Bombs Exploded. PARES, April 29,-The anarchists have

placarded this city with May Day appeals to workingmen to make a supreme effort to terrorize the bourgeoise. In all the barracks an address has been dis-tributed addressed to the soldiers, ap-pealing to them for sympathy. The po-lice are at work tearing down the pla-cards. The fact that the address must have been introduced into the barracks in each case by soldiers has revealed a new source of alarm. Regimental com-manders have been warned if they interfere with the anarchists that they and their families will be marked for death by dynamite. The police will make a dragnet raid in all the anarchist quarters of the city. Bombs were expeals to workingmen to make a supreme quarters of the city. Bombs were ex-ploded before five houses in Langeac, in the department of Hante Loire. The doors and windows were broken and the occupants were thrown into a panic. Nobody was injured. More trouble is expected to some on May Day.

Gook County for Fifer.

CHICAGO, April 29.- The Republican primaries here resulted in a victory for the Fifer faction, the governor securing the Fir Fraction, the governor secting at least two hundred delegates from Cook county. Treese, with the delegates already instructed for Fifer, will give him control of the state convention, and matterally assures his recommended.

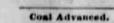
for governor. The platform endorses injured. The innkeepers were fright-ened and all places of business were closed immediately. A half hour later vote for Harrison.

Late in the afternoon the committee of fifteen appointed to canvass for the various offices decided to recommend Henry T. Alkire for secretary of state; John M. Weeks for suditor; E. J. Wil-son for treasurer; David Murphy for at-torney general: W. S. Hathaway for railway commissioner; Charles Nagle, W. V. Hubbard and Judge W. S. Shirk for supreme judges; W. W. Edwards for appellate judges; St. Louis district, and ex-Congressman John B. Hale for the western district. The Republican convention endorsed the candidates recommended by the committee and adjourned. Late in the afternoon the committee

ALABAMA REPUBLICANS.

The Convention Splits and Two Delegations Are Named.

MONTGOMERY, April 29. - The Alation, but split into opposing factions, tion, but split into opposing factions, and the result was two conventions. One wing was controlled by Chirman Mosely, of the state executive commit-tee, while the other was conducted by his opponents. This body is composed largely of colored delegates, who accused Mosely of trying to sell out to the Dem-ocratic party. The Mosely faction elected delegates to the national Repub-lican convension and adjourned. The anti-Mosely men also elected delegates and will make a contest for the seats. Both factions endorsed the administra-tion of President Harrison.



NEW YORK, April 29 .- The eastern sales agents agreed upon the following advance per ton in coal: Grate, 10 cents; egg, 15 cents; stove and nut, 25 cents. The estimated output for the month of May will be 279,000 tons.

Suit Against the Southern Pacific. CHICAGO, April 29 .- The Texas railroad commissioners have filed a suit against the Southern Pacific railroad company for charging higher rates on wool than those fixed by the commissioners.

Afro-Americans.

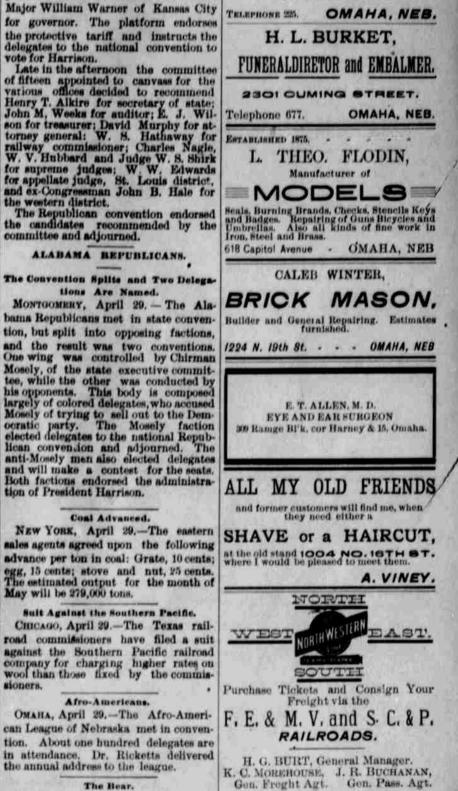
OMAHA, April 29 .- The Afro-American League of Nebraska met in convention. About one hundred delegates are in attendance. Dr. Ricketts delivered the annual address to the league.

The Bear.

WASHINGTON, April 29 .- The revenue cutter Bear sailed from San Francisco for Port Townsend. The Bear will carry supplies to the refuge station at Point Barrow, Alaska.

The Weather.

WASHINGTON, April 29.-For Nebraska and Iowa: Fair, warmer, variable winds, becoming south.



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