THE MUSICAL CONVENTION which was held here last week under the direction of Prof. Geo. F. Root of Boston, closed its session on Friday night. On Thursday and Friday evenings, concerts were given by the Convention, numbers [illegible] The music was [illegible] well executed and well performed, and [illegible] audiences [illegible]

[illegible] of the government, and [illegible] guidance of a thorough teacher.

[illegible] AND MUSICAL [illegible]—The latest dispatch [illegible] from Chicago dated Oct. 27 gives the following:

Complete returns from Minnesota give Sibley, Democrat, for Governor, 12[illegible] majority. A long number of Indians voted in the Democratic interest.

The Editors [illegible] are expected to [illegible] Republican, for Governor, [illegible]

AFRICA—Late dates from the Western coast of Africa have been received at [illegible]. A slaver with 161 slaves on board had been captured by a British cruiser [illegible] off Whydah.

Palm oil was scarce, and trade generally dull.

An American built brigantine, will the Sarah Jane, was taken into Sierra Leone by the British ship Alecto [illegible] had 1[illegible] on board, but no [illegible]

CHINA.—A letter in the [illegible] says Viceroy Yeh had issued a proclamation to the inhabitants of the Chinese provinces of China.

Yeh attributes the departure of the foreign residents to Canton to a resolution passed by the military to paralyze, and by the view of his army, which is so numerous as the leaves of the forest. Yeh concludes by a new Chinese fleet well armed, [illegible] scatter the barbarian vessels. The proclamation concludes by promising to do [illegible] for the maintenance of the tranquillity [illegible]

Henry Shaw, a former member of Congress from Lenox, Mass., and from 1821 to 1827 member of Congress from the western district of Massachusetts, died at Newburyport, N. Y., on the 18th, at the age of nearly 70 years.

He was one of the N. England Congressmen who [illegible] in the celebrated struggle for the admission of Missouri without a restriction on its being a slave State.

A CONFLAGRATION AHEAD.—A down engine crashed into the square in front [illegible] Hall, a few days ago, and [illegible] Franklin. In the morning [illegible]

[illegible] Statue of Franklin, all well! I've read all about him. Pretty good old fellow in his way. Never [illegible] but was great [illegible] —Punch.

The Revolution [illegible]

The World [illegible] York [illegible]

[illegible] Nye. [illegible] —Punch.

[illegible] Dentistry in Africa—[illegible] first week [illegible] $150 in [illegible] was through the New York press. The writer adds:

It is true that Jos. L. White and [illegible] friends had [illegible] treasury [illegible] that he was [illegible] application [illegible] hair.'

Hon. N. P. Banks delivered the annual Address before the American Institute in New York on the 14th. Various subjects were suggested to be [illegible] subject was "The Resources of Our Country, and the Duties of Americans."—He discoursed for more than an hour, and was highly applauded by the audience.

CANDLES FROM ONE ANIMAL.—Prof. Page four or five bale of Mouldings at No. 6 [illegible] out gasoline, when one of them, Professor Hayes by name, was partially [illegible] from the accidental discharge of a gun in the hands of another, standing near the next district. The whole charge of shot entered the group, destroying the Professor's artery and vein. He died very soon.

VEGETATION AT LOW TEMPERATURE.—Few persons are aware of how low a temperature seeds can germinate and growth proceed. Dr. H. Hatch has shown in a place of ice quite solid to all outward appearance, on the surface of which furnace of grain has germinated to the last house, and [illegible] like hairs in the ice, as far as [illegible] the other side, while the whole was nearly as long on the top of the ice.

[illegible] New York Commercial Advertiser, Oct. 29, 1857.

[illegible] in Iowa, [illegible] 2,[illegible] branches of the Legislature. The Senate stands—Republicans [illegible]

We have had Minnesota [illegible] carries everything.

[illegible] Swanson [illegible]

[illegible] Nye [illegible] was [illegible] Swanson [illegible]

[illegible] —Punch.

[illegible] Vermont [illegible] They [illegible] layer of eggs on [illegible] having [illegible] top, [illegible] Lucifer [illegible] hatched by the [illegible] and they take a fer [illegible] providing for their subsistence [illegible] history, of Nova Scotia, [illegible] one packet upon one of these nests with the eggs in a fort [illegible] bury, but one [illegible] of it to see what [illegible] the eggs being hatched [illegible] the voyage. The young one, a young alligator walked out and was soon followed by the rest, [illegible] dred, which he fed in his house, where they went up and down stairs [illegible] barking like young puppies.—Appleton's Geological

MERCANTILE FORTUNE.—Some years ago an examination was made of all the accounts kept in one of the Philadelphia banks during a period of thirty years, in order to ascertain as a question of interesting statistics, what had been the average loss of the depositors as regarded their existence in life. The result was so remarkable as to be deserving of careful study at a moment like the present, when every flash of telegraph is tinged, not with light, but with gloom. On the whole number, seventy-five per cent. had failed, or become so embarrassed with debt as to be compelled to relinquish business.

THE MORTGAGE DEBT IN IOWA.—Dr. Duff, in a recent letter from Cincinnati, says, in regard to the mortgage debt in Iowa, that:

"As to any [illegible] I can see no hesitation in saying, with the [illegible] emphasis, that [illegible] the result of a long contested [illegible] against the British [illegible] Mississippi valley [illegible]

The St. Louis Democrat says it is rumored in that city that the officers in the army, stationed in Kansas, have petitioned the President for the removal of Gov. Walker on account of his difference with the people in [illegible] to vote at the late election.

[illegible] Oct. 30, 1857.—A terrible [illegible] was [illegible] in [illegible] Mr. [illegible] Mr. [illegible] Mr.