



HON. PETER KIOLBASSA.

Who Will Probably Be Nominated for President of the County Board.

HORRIBLE TRADE IN JAPAN.

Woman Traffics in Heads of the Dead for Medicinal Purposes.

The Japanese Government for many years has been trying to stamp out a most barbaric custom among its subjects of the lower classes, handed down for centuries—that of using the heads of dead bodies for medicinal purposes, says the San Francisco Bulletin. A few days before the steamship Coptic sailed from Yokohama a family was arrested for carrying on the gruesome trade. The heads were either charred over a fire and thus sold, or ground into powder. The powder thus obtained is sold under the disguised names of Tenseki, Tengal or Henjirishi, according to its form. It is formally announced that these heads are the charred heads of stags and no one but the druggist or his chief assistant is supposed to know the real facts.

The police have now succeeded, however, in tracing the persons who procure these heads, and the wife of a man named Hanamoto Kakichi, residing at Nipponbashi-ji, Higashi, Osaka, and her eldest son were arrested on Feb. 10 as the result of a search of their house. The man had been suffering from leprosy for three years. A human head, quite intact, was found in the dwelling. This one had already been charred, but two more were discovered buried in the ground, being seemingly too old for disposal. Besides the heads, a considerable number of snakes, some measuring over five feet in length, were found in tubs, and also a number of tortoise and hundreds of live bullfrogs. These were also for charring and selling as medicine.

The woman, upon examination, at first stated that she found the head in a pond near Sakai. Upon being taken to the pond, however, she confessed that she got the head from a cemetery at Suminoyanura, Nishinari-gun, Osaka. From her statement it appears she was in the habit of going to the cemetery to catch snakes, of which a great number abound there, and thus made the acquaintance of the watchman. Together they devised a plan for securing the heads of people buried in the cemetery. This outrage, it appears, has been going on for years, but has only now come to light.

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