

NEWS OF THE WEEK

The forest fires in Wisconsin continue and the Superior region is reported "well burnt over."

The Geddies & Bert and Mill, in Secret Canyon, Nevada, was burned on the 16th. Loss \$200,000.

A boiler in the carpenter shop of Periner & Webster, in Ashland, Wisconsin, burst on the 16th.

Dr. William Cruick, of Philadelphia, was taken with a fit while bathing at Spring Lake on the 15th.

A wind storm, accompanied by torrents of rain and a brilliant display of electricity, visited Chicago on the 16th.

A heavy wind and rain storm visited the vicinity of Aberdeen, Dakota, on the 16th.

A courier arrived at Fort Huachuca, Arizona, on the 15th.

Colonel Cecil Valentine, of Hackettstown, New Jersey, died at the Toronto General Hospital on the 15th.

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The business portion of Tulare, California, was destroyed by fire on the 16th.

The Acting Secretary of the Treasury, on the 19th, issued a call for \$15,000,000 of the three per cent. loan of 1882.

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CONGRESSMEN'S HABITS.

Senators and Representatives Who Indulge in Smoking, Chewing or Snuffing.

I was surprised one day in the White House to see Senator Edmunds take out a package of fine cut chewing tobacco and put a good-sized quid into his mouth.

The three hundred and twenty-five members of the House only a few abstain wholly from tobacco.

Senators Morrill and McPherson do not chew tobacco except in the form of cigars; that is, they cut up cigars for the purpose, and one cigar serves either of them for several days.

Mr. Blair puts tobacco, liquors of all kinds and other evils things behind him.

THE INTELLIGENCE OF DOGS.

Some Remarkable Examples of Canine Sagacity--A Conclusion.

Quite a remarkable paper on the dog's intelligence from the pen of a well-known French savant appears in The Popular Science Monthly.

If, while sitting at my table, I say to my son: "Will you be so good as to bring me my slippers?" he will understand me.

The Emperor's throne at San-hai is to have its foundation and pedestal made of gold bricks.

The boy does, the "cool, calm request," unless it is accompanied by some gesture or peculiar tone of voice to indicate what it wanted, we deny.

The dog makes an effort to reach him by swimming toward the boat; but the current carries him down a considerable distance below where the steamer is anchored.

If the mental processes which the dog went through in making these successive experiments were not those of reason, and of reason precisely like that which a human being employs, what in the name of reason were they?

Immediately in each of these cases, and in others like them, the dog would deliberately obey the instructions given him, without his master raising his eyes, or indicating by any peculiarity of tone or gesture what he wished.

No human servant, however well drilled, could have obeyed the commands more punctually or precisely; and none could have performed the dog's feat.

The common or domestic goat was originally a native of the highlands of Asia.

Days of Grace.

Great Britain, Ireland, Bergamo and Vienna, 3 days.

Frankfort, out of fair time, 4 days.

Lepsic, Naumburg and Augsburg, 5 days.

Hamburg and Stockholm, 12 days.

At Rio de Janeiro, Bahia, and other parts of Brazil, fifteen days.

Swiss Acquisitiveness.

Everywhere throughout Switzerland the traveler finds people who wish to sell him something, or who continually volunteer to do something for which they wish him to pay.

When I was at Grindelwald, a little village among the Higher Alps, I went part way up a mountain to visit a glacier.

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Three days' grace are allowed in North America, at Berlin, and in Scotland.

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In the United States the three days of grace are reckoned, exclusive of the day on which the note or bill falls due, and inclusive of the last day of grace.