

NEWS OF THE WEEK

-Dr. Ralph L. Stone, 22 years of age, committed suicide in his room in the County Hospital at Brooklyn, New York, on the 5th.

-A slight shock of earthquake was felt on the 8th at Reno, Nevada.

-Near Indiana, Penna., on the 8th, five masked men entered the house of George Smith, and, holding a revolver to his head, forced him to give up five thousand dollars in gold which he had concealed in the house. Smith's wife and a hired man were in the house at the time, but were covered by the robbers. Frederick Reger was arrested in Chicago on the 8th on several charges of robbery. He has been identified as the perpetrator of three jewelry robberies, two of them committed recently. One of the methods, it is said, was to throw pepper in the eyes of the person he wished to rob. Frank Hart, the colored pedestrian, was arrested in Boston on the 8th, on the charge of having embezzled \$700 of the gate receipts of a recent walking match in that city. Five of the mounted police at Regina, in the Northwest Territory, have deserted and carried off the pay of a troop amounting to \$2000.

-Another weather prophet has arisen in the shape of "Professor Foster, the meteorologist," who publishes in the Burlington Hawkeye a prediction of "a great storm period extending from December 4 to 17, during which will occur some of the most destructive winter storms of recent years." "These storms," he says, "will be much of the same nature as the great blizzards of last January. Heavy storms and high winds will greatly impede railroad travel," and he advises the railways to prepare for blockades that will occur in the Western States about December 5, and reach the Eastern States December 9." There will also be "energetic electrical disturbances that will affect telegraph and telephone lines."

-Lyman A. Hill and Charles Niles, deputy sheriffs, were shot dead on the 8th, by one of the Poachers, whose dogs they were about to capture, in the Hamenway township, on the Machias river, Maine. The murderer was about 35 years of age, his companion 50. Both escaped.

-Ice a quarter of an inch thick formed at Lynchburg, Virginia, on the night of the 7th. The snow is three inches deep in the neighboring mountains.

-At Tchula, Mississippi, on the 8th, a ruffian, named Vautry McEee, attacked and wounded four colored men, one of them fatally. He then, accompanied by his brother, Albert, led to the cane brakes. A Sheriff and four deputies are in pursuit. The fugitives are armed with "six or eight pistols and shot guns." Hewitt Greiner, an American ranchman, and some friends had a battle with Mexicans opposite Del Rio, Texas, on the 8th. Greiner and one of his men were killed, and one of the Mexicans was also killed. Further trouble is anticipated. Greiner owned a ranch in Mexico.

-It is stated that more than 1000 cattle in Jasper and Christian counties, Indiana, are afflicted with pleuro-pneumonia, and that the disease is spreading rapidly. The malady was brought from Northern Ohio by spring calves about three weeks ago.

-There were several incendiary fires in Salem, Massachusetts, before daylight on the 9th, which caused an aggregate loss of about \$20,000. The principal building of the Portland Stone Company's Works, near Portland, Maine, was burned on the 9th. Loss, \$50,000; insurance, \$22,900. Sixty-five men are thrown out of employment. The East Shore Lumber Company's Mill at Muskegon, Michigan, was burned on the 8th. Loss, \$25,000; insurance, \$30,000.

-The official vote of Ohio gives Robinson, Republican, 340,895; McBride, Democrat, 329,314; Smith, Prohibition, 28,657; Bonaal, Greenback, 1902. Robinson's plurality, 11,581. In 1884 Robinson's plurality for Secretary of State was 11,242. The rest of the Republican State ticket has pluralities ranging from five to six thousand greater than the head of the ticket. The combined majorities in the Congressional Districts will exceed the head of the ticket about 10,000. The total vote in the State is a little over 700,000.

-Jesse H. Lord, one of the contributors to the *Scientific American*, was on the 10th found lying on the grave of his wife, in a cemetery, at Hartford, Connecticut. He had shot himself in the head, inflicting a fatal wound. He was 55 years of age.

-Near Marine, Kansas, on the 5th, Samuel Purple shot and killed his wife's babe and another child, and wounded his sister-in-law and attempted to strangle a third child. He then started for the house of his wife's parents, but an alarm had been given by his sister-in-law, and, seeing himself frustrated, he went to Jettmore and gave himself up to the authorities. On the 8th he was taken from the jail by a mob and lynched. At St. George de la Beauce, Quebec, on the 9th, a number of young roughs attacked a farmer, named Wintle, in his own house. The farmer seized a rifle and fired at his assailants, but the bullet struck his niece, killing her instantly.

-The November crop report of the Department of Agriculture shows a general average of cotton two or three pounds lower than indicated a month ago. The yield of corn is 22 bushels per acre, making a total product of 1,068,600,000 bushels. The potato crop is the same as last year, averaging 73 bushels per acre, or a total of 183,000,000 bushels. Buckwheat promises 11,000,000 bushels. The yield of tobacco promises to be 438,000,000 pounds, about equal to the average requirements of consumption and exportation. The apparent product of hay is 45,000,000 tons.

-The standard mines, at Mount Pleasant, Penna., have been flooded, and the lres are believed to be under control.

-A telegram from Raleigh says the Senate of North Carolina "stands 27 straight Democrats, 3 Independent Democrats and 20 Republicans. The House, 54 straight Democrats, 9 Independent Democrats and 57 Republicans. No labor candidates were elected.

-A train on the Ducktown branch of the Western North Carolina Railroad was wrecked on the 10th by the spreading of the rails. Three men and a woman were injured.

-It is reported from Plymouth, Michigan, that David Smith, O. McGuyon and Hugh Stewart have been poisoned by drinking beer furnished by Smith. The latter is dead, the others in a critical condition. It is said Smith put poison in the liquor. Alexander Goldenson, aged 19 years, shot and killed "Mamie" Kelly, aged 14, in one of the streets of San Francisco, on the 10th. The girl was "deeply in love with him," and he gave as a reason for the shooting that he "was thoroughly tired of her." Polk Hill, colored, who killed Dewee Bolton, of Courtney, Texas, on election night, was captured on the 10th, while asleep in a cabin near Brenham. "He had eluded the bloodhounds by rubbing his boots with tobacco." To avoid lynching he was lodged in the jail at Cameron.

-When the mail train north on the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh Railroad arrived at Dubois, Penna., on the 11th, the car inspectors, while passengers were getting on and off the cars at the depot, discovered three dynamite bombs and caps fastened under the springs of the rear coach. "The bombs were carefully removed, and there were many pale faces among the passengers when they learned the terrible fate they had so narrowly escaped. The train starts from Dubois every morning, and it is undoubtedly at that place that the bombs were placed under the springs, as it only makes short stops between there and Dubois. It is twenty miles from the place of starting, and how it was possible for a train to run that distance over short curves with that amount of dynamite and caps under the springs of a coach is a mystery." Thirty-four persons were in the coach. The matter will be investigated.

-William Stephenson and George Havens, injured by the Fortite Powder Works explosion at Lake Hopatcong, New Jersey, died on the 10th. The other two, John Rogers and John Faucher, are in a precarious condition. The boiler of a draining machine in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, exploded on the 10th, killing Gabriel Burroughs and dangerously injuring two other men. The boiler was hurled a distance of an eighth of a mile. Edward J. Roulter, William Walsh and Joseph Young, fishermen, are believed to have been lost in the recent gale, off Manitoulin Island, Lake Huron.

-Russell Blackstone, aged 17 years, hanged himself in the cellar of his father's grocery at Berlin, Wisconsin, on the 11th. "Despondency" is assigned as the cause.

-The house of Reuben Baker, at Latrobe, Penna., was completely wrecked on the 11th by an explosion of natural gas. The pipes had just been connected and the gas turned on when the explosion took place. None of the family were in the house at the time. The loss is about \$10,000.

-Dr. Cyrus Edson, Chief Inspector of the Health Department of New York City, on the evening of the 11th exhibited before the Society of Medical Jurisprudence, a hog full of measles, twin pigs rotten with cholera, and a barrel of "bob veal," all seized on the 11th while being taken into New York for consumption by its citizens.

-The director of the Mint estimates that not less than seven millions of dollars in pennies are now in circulation in the United States. The Philadelphia Mint is now turning out minor coins to the value of \$3000 per day, but the demand for such coins is \$200,000 ahead of the supply. The amount, however, will soon be made up and the demand fully met.

-Joseph P. Long, dealer in cloaks, of Chicago, made an assignment on the 11th. Liabilities, \$83,204. C. Haven Coffin, a shoe manufacturer of Haverhill, Massachusetts, has made an assignment. Liabilities, \$75,000.

-A severe snow storm, with a high wind, set in on the 12th, at Columbus, Ohio. At Louisville rain began in the morning, and at noon turned into snow, melting as it fell. Rain has been falling for forty-eight hours at Pittsburg, and there are good prospects of a rise in the rivers and a resumption of navigation, which has been practically suspended since last spring. Enough water is expected to permit of the shipment of nearly ten million bushels of coal to Cincinnati, Louisville and the Southwest.

-George T. Hathaway, the Fall River embezzler, was on the 12th released from the Massachusetts Penitentiary, after having served 8 years of his 10 years' sentence. His good behavior in prison secured commutation.

-There is trouble in Brazoria county, Texas, over the election of Henry Masterson as County Judge. The county, which has a large colored population, usually gives about 700 majority. Masterson, who is the present judge, and serving a second term, was charged before the election with malfeasance in office. It is said he agreed not to be a candidate for re-election, but violated his promise at the last moment, and, by sending "runners" among the colored voters, carried the county by a small majority. "The taxpayers now threaten to kill Masterson if he attempts to assume the office. Masterson has fled to Houston, but it is reported that he intends to return and take the office.

-At Montreal, on the 12th, in the extradition case of John F. Hoke, the Florida bank defaulter, F. C. Clarke, one of the Directors, testified that the total amount of Hoke's default was \$188,000, of which \$78,000 had been taken from the Mechanics' National Bank, the predecessor of the Merchants' National Bank. Clarke also testified that Mrs. Hoke had handed \$40,000 to the bank since the default.

-R. A. Miller, owner of a hotel in Pocomah, Virginia, which was burned on the 3d inst., when the business portion of the town was consumed, has been held in \$3000 bail on the charge of having fired his own house and caused the conflagration.

-The county court house at Montevideo, Minnesota, was broken into at 3 o'clock on the morning of the 12th. One end of the brick vault was battered down and the county records was taken. The burglar proof safe of the County Treasurer was also taken. The safe is said to contain considerable money belonging to the county. Madison was voted the county seat at the last election. Governor Hubbard received a telegram from the County Auditor stating that the records were being removed to Madison, and asking for instructions. Governor Hubbard answered: "The County Attorney and Sheriff will be able to secure obedience to the law and the court."

-A mob of one hundred "Bald Knobbers" entered Chadwick, Missouri, at one o'clock on the morning of the 11th, to raid the saloons and pour their stocks of whiskey into the street. While thus engaged the citizens opened fire on the ruffians, and more than one hundred shots were exchanged. Finally the "Bald Knobbers" retreated, carrying off one of their number, dangerously wounded.

-A severe snow storm raged on the night of the 12th and 13th in Northern and Western Pennsylvania and New York, the snow being from three inches to nearly two feet deep on a level, according to local reports. New York, the depth on a level was 18 inches, while many of the drifts were six feet. There and at Rochester, the street cars were stopped for hours and travel on all the railroads was interrupted. A similar snow fall was experienced at Geneva and Whitehall. Much damage was done by the high wind at Poughkeepsie and Elmira. On the lakes the storm was violent, and there were several mariae disasters. Two barges broke loose from a tug and have not been heard of since; they had twelve men on board. Three freight engines on the Central Vermont road were wrecked in the snow storm on the evening of the 13th near Montpelier. They were a short distance apart when the second engine ran into the first and a third engine ran into the other two and all were ditched. The accident caused a delay of three hours. One brakeman was slightly injured. Two new buildings in Jersey City were demolished by the wind on the night of the 13th. Many chimneys in Jersey City and Hoboken were blown down.

-At Winfield, Kansas, on the 13th, Lillian Quinn shot and mortally wounded Frank F. Lockwood and then committed suicide. It is said she had been betrayed by Lockwood. The house of Benjamin S. Wheeler, in Cleveland, Ohio, was entered on the night of the 12th by burglars, who, after beating the old man into insensibility and choking his aged wife to death, ransacked the premises. Quite a sum of money in a closet escaped the notice of the robbers, and it is not known how much was secured. Patrick Graves, a former tenant, was arrested on the 13th for the crime and Wheeler identified him. William M. Hughes, of Hazleton, Penna., a well-known turfman and politician, quarreled with a man named Wells, on the 13th, near Bloomsburg. Wells knocked Hughes down and was about to kick him, when Hughes drew a pistol and shot his antagonist through the heart. Hughes gave himself up to the Sheriff.

-A fire in Louisville on the 13th burned out Robinson Brothers' wholesale hardware store and William Cornwallis' wholesale notion store. The losses are estimated at \$225,000; insurance, \$165,000. During the fire a large cistern full of fowl gas exploded and killed one fireman and injured three others. A fire at New Brighton, Staten Island, on the 13th, destroyed the office of the Staten Island Dyeing Establishment, the press house, dyeing house, frame room and silk house, together with their contents and machinery. The loss is about \$100,000.

-During the firing of an election salute in Knoxville, Illinois, on the 13th, a cast-iron cannon burst, killing a young man who was walking along the sidewalk, about two hundred feet from the cannon.

-The Roman Catholic Pro-cathedral of St. Peter, in Allegheny City, Penna., was destroyed by fire on the 13th. The loss is estimated at \$130,000; insurance, \$40,000. The spire is undamaged, and the walls, lined with brick and cement, remain intact. The edifice will be rebuilt on once. The fire is attributed to the registers becoming overheated from natural gas, which was introduced into the building a week ago.

THE MARKETS

Table with columns for Philadelphia and Raw York, listing various commodities and their prices.

It Might Have Been.

God might have made no gentle flowers To beautify this world of ours, And scatter on the summer air Their wondrous perfume every where.

A NIGHT AT SEA.

Just off the coast of New Hampshire nine miles out at sea from the charming sleepy old town of Portsmouth, the Isles of Shoals lift their grand, storm-beaten granite ledges alike in clear and cloudy weather, enduring with unmoved serenity all the changes of calm and tempest.

the shore and strain eyes and hearts too, watching for a father and brother, sweetheart, husband and son, and to pray that the white sails, which come flying in before the dreaded northeaster may reach the little harbor before the waves run too high for them to enter—that is the common lot of the women of Star Island.

Tossed by the rough sea, cold, wet, hungry and sleepless, the men ride out the storm, while the night blots out the slender masts from the sight of the anxious women who stand in desolate groups upon the shore. They cannot tell from hour to hour whether the strain of wind and wave may not prove too strong for the cables, then destruction is sure, as the treacherous rocks of the New Hampshire coast bear ample evidence.

But the men love the sea, and they love their boats, their graceful white-winged schooners that fly at command over the rippling, sunlit waves, or "tough it out" in storms, and bring them in their daily "fare of fish."

"O Dan, not to-night—she'll tough it out—she alws has," Nabby pleaded with her woman's logic, catching her lover's arm to detain him.

Down swooped the hurricane, and caught the dory, and whirled it away as a dead leaf is blown over the plains. The horror-stricken people who rushed out of the cottages, and gathered upon the more sheltered outlooks gave Dan up for lost as he was soon swept beyond their sight.

Two or three sympathizing neighbors drew the sobbing Nabby away with them, and the storm drove even the men to the shelter of their homes, all the sooner perhaps that Dan's family lived upon the main land.

What of Dan? Driven and tossed over that whirling and tossing sea, he gave himself up for lost. Still a strong man will struggle for life even when the struggle is hopeless.

The blackest night ends at last in morning, and to the involuntary voyager the sun came up, and the wind went down, and there before him the early sunlight was gilding the steeples of his native town of York, on the coast of Maine.

Hangry? The Ricker family just stood around, with open and empty mouths, while the mother piled Dan's plate again and again. The home folks devoured his tale that day, and Dan made away with the breakfast.

crowd of excursionists landed him a Star by dinner time. Somehow real life is not so romantic as the story teller would have us to believe. It would be more "artistic" to overturn the dory, and break Nabby's heart, and depict a heartrending scene when a ghastly corpse was washed upon the beach. There were two strong objections to such a finish. Sunburnt Nabby, strong and lithe, was far too tough to kill easily, and strange as it may seem, the true ending really pleased her.

She was very well satisfied when Dan strode into her father's cottage followed by half the astonished villagers, who welcomed him as one risen from the bottom of the sea.

GROTESQUE DWARFED TREES

Arts of the Chinese Landscape Gardener.—Pigmy Bearers of Fruits and Flowers.

"Melican man him heap smart; him makee tee glow velly big. Him nee savee makee tee glow little. Chinese-man do that; me tell you how do that," said Hop Low, a Chinese landscape gardener freshly arrived from the Pacific slope, in answer to in queries about the peculiar dwarfed trees shown in Chinese garden scenes.

"Chinaman him makee tee any shape him wants," continued the speaker. "Likee bell, likee cloas, likee man's hand. Me makee orange tee likee man's hand in China. When him old him no bigger than this," said the gardener, holding his hand about two feet from the floor, "and him heavee nicee good oranges on him. Me makee oak tee just likee sammee."

The celestial who seemed to be in a communicative mood unusual with his race, went on to say that the dwarfed oak bore acorns and that its wood was just like a tree of natural size. Citron and bamboo trees were also dwarfed and for this purpose the lucubr was a favorite. "How is this dwarfing accomplished?" was asked.

"Him velly easy," was the reply, and the speaker described the process, which consists briefly in covering a branch of a full grown tree with mold and binding the same on tightly with a cloth or matting of some kind which is kept constantly soaked with water.

It is said that bamboo trees scarcely four feet high are frequently distorted to represent dragons and other fanciful creatures dear to the Chinese imagination. These the informant above had never seen, but he smiled blandly and shouted after the scribe: "You cloomee black aglain, me tellee you slomee more."

He has been brought to Chicago for the purpose of exercising his fantastic skill upon some of the handsome north side and suburban grounds.

A Negro Prince.

London is shortly to be honored with the visit of a really black prince, blacker than Cotewayo. His name is most euphonious, such as Theodore Hook himself would have delighted in. Diaoulouk Karamokoko. He is the son of the great Senegalese Emperor Samory. His age is but 18. His tastes toward European ladies are said to be barbaric. His stay in Paris, where he was the admired of all admirers, who were legion, may account for this. He takes a most intelligent interest, it is said, in all he sees, and his observations prove him to be possessed of good mental qualities. His manners are gentle and affable. He wears the national costume, consisting of loose pantaloons, a silken vest, and a cloak of rich velvet, purple in hue. A sort of silver tissue smoking-cap forms his head-dress. Like the late King Cotewayo, Diaoulouk Karamokoko keeps a diary. An enterprising Parisian editor has seen this naturally remarkable production, and it is rumored has even obtained permission from this affable prince to publish extracts from it.

He who provides for this life, but takes no care for eternity, is wise for a moment, but a fool forever, and acts as untoward and crossly to the reason of things as can be imagined.