

NEWS OF THE WEEK

Mrs. Annie Kelly and Mrs. Ellen Barrett were arrested in New York on the evening of the 23d for counterfeiting silver coin.

M. J. Scanlan, a freight brakeman on the Fort Wayne Railroad, was arrested in Pittsburg on the 26th, on a charge of robbing freight trains.

Willis Brothers' grocery, in Allegheny City, Penna., was burned on the morning of the 26th. The upper part of the building was occupied by the Willis family and some lodgers.

In Paulding county, Ohio, on the 25th, two hundred masked men overpowered the guards at the reservoir, blew up the banks, and saturating the locks and timber with oil, burned them.

Near Mansfield, Illinois, on the afternoon of the 26th, while four men repairing a barn were standing on a bracket scaffold, twenty feet from the ground, a calf, running at large, with a rope around its neck, managed to wrap the rope several times around one of the posts used to support the scaffolding.

A. B. Falk, of New York City, arrived in Chicago on the evening of the 25th, and put up at a hotel. During the night his room was entered, and his gold watch and chain, valued at \$175 were stolen, with a small sum of money.

Samuel U. Heiland, ex-Treasurer of Carroll county, Indiana, was arrested on the 27th for embezzlement and held in \$6,000 bail.

Oliver Troth, a young lawyer of Chester, Penna., is reported to have disappeared, leaving four thousand dollars in forged notes in the Chester bank.

Three children were burned to death in a farm house near White Wright, Texas, on the afternoon of the 27th. Their mother locked them up while she made a call at a neighbor's.

A young man, supposed to have been James Gaunt, from West Chester, Penna., was found dead in a room in the St. Cloud Hotel, in Wilkesbarre, on the morning of the 26th.

Four frame cottages in Lake, a suburb of Chicago, were blown down on the afternoon of the 28th, and two men were killed.

A serious state of affairs is reported in Louisville. Turner and Patterson, the colored assailants of Jennie Bowman, were taken back from Frankfort on the 28th ult., and lodged in the Louisville jail.

thousand dollars from Wells Fargo & Co. They got two packages of railroad money, one \$1210 and one of \$500, and also two packages of postage stamps going to the post-office at San Francisco.

Dr. W. T. Northrup, a prominent physician of Haverhill, Scioto county, Ohio, was murdered on the 27th, by Thomas McCoy, a saloon keeper, and his brother, Alfred, the Postmaster at Haverhill, aided by the two sons of Alfred McCoy.

On the evening of the 27th, John Rowland, while drunk, shot Peter Martin, a saloon keeper, through the arm. Joseph Bussiere, standing behind Martin, received the same bullet in the abdomen and died.

A vault and safe in the ship-chandlery of G. B. Carpenter & Co., in Chicago, was drilled open on the 27th, and money and jewelry aggregating \$11,000 were stolen.

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THE SMITHS. A Mass of Valuable Information Regarding the Patronymic.

Mythology gives the highest place in its pantheon to Vulcan, the god of fire. For notwithstanding he is represented as bearded, covered with dust and soot, blowing the fires of his forges and surrounded by his chief ministers, the Cyclops, he is given Venus to wife and made the father of Cupid.

The vulgar accounted for the keenness of the first sword-blades on the score of magic, and the praises of the smiths who forged were sung with the chiefs of chivalry who wielded them.

The Smith was a mighty man in England in the early time. "In the royal court of Wales he sat with the King and Queen and was entitled to a draught of every kind of liquor served."

The ordinary household samovar is from one to two feet high, and ten inches in diameter, polished to the highest style of art. It is so ingeniously constructed that, with a hot charcoal fire burning in its little furnace, it may stand on the table for hours without scorching the cloth.

Measuring Time. The story is that King Alfred had no better way to tell the time than by burning twelve candles each of which lasted two hours, and when all the twelve were gone, another day had passed.

How few whom God has blessed with the responsible gift of genius can truthfully say with Walter Scott: "I have tried to unseat no man's faith, to corrupt no man's principles, and I have written nothing which on my deathbed I should wish blotted out."

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THE ORIGIN OF FETTERISM. Regarded as the Result of Simple Modes of Thinking and Reasoning.

So soon as intelligent curiosity began to mingle with the dull wonder with which human beings had long regarded unusual natural events—such as, for instance, an eclipse, a flash of lightning, or a flood—the only explanations that could suggest themselves would be the logical result of the prevalent habits of thought, of such simple analogical reasoning as has been referred to.

The characteristics of such a state of thought is that the moving principle is not thought of as separate from the moving thing, nor the living principle as separate from the living being, nor the spirit of other men or animals as separate from their bodies.

The observances appropriate to such a religion would consist in appeals to those external beings or imprecations upon them, similar to those appropriate between man and man, because those things would be regarded as living, and so not felt to be wholly different from men; but in every case the thing or object itself, and not any thing unseen, would be the object of any ceremonial observance.

A community of children between the ages of 2 and 5 might naturally evolve a somewhat similar religious system. The baby who cries out "Naughty door!" when it punches its fingers in its hinges; the child who urges a spinning top to continue spinning, or is angry with it for stopping, or who listens with wondering awe to a watch and asks if it is alive, long before any of them have any notion of spirit or ghost, or of unseen cause of action—all illustrate how naturally fetichism results from simple modes of thinking and reasoning.

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STATE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE. In the Senate on the 26th, bills were passed finally extending the provision of the Mechanic's Lien law relating to opening, widening and changing the grade of streets in cities of the first class, and making it a misdemeanor to maliciously pull the bell-rope on any passenger car.

HOUSE. In the House on the 26th, the bill to enable certain school districts to establish high schools; the Senate bill to prevent the making and dissemination of obscene literature and other criminal matter; the Congressional Apportionment bill; the Representative Apportionment bill, and the Senate bill for another Judge of the Orphans' Court in Philadelphia, were all passed finally.

HOUSE. In the House on the 27th, bills were reported favorably authorizing the Governor to appoint a legal counselor to the Legislature and permitting corporations to fix the number and services of trustees and directors. The Senate bill providing for the support and maintenance of associations for the control of fires and saving of human life and property in cities of the first and second classes was passed to third reading; also the bill prohibiting the employment in factories of children under 16 years of age.

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