

NEWS OF THE WEEK

Nine tenement houses in Allegheny City, Pa., were burned on the morning of the 6th, and sixty persons rendered homeless. Loss, \$15,000.

The fires in the Catskill Mountains were extinguished on the morning of the 7th by a heavy rain. Elijah Temper, of Palmyra, was burned to death on the 6th while fighting the James St. Patrick's Church, in Dixon, Illinois, was burned on the afternoon of the 7th. Loss, \$45,000.

Near Spring Station, Kentucky on the morning of the 8th, Miss Henrietta Blackburn, niece of United States Senator Blackburn, accompanied by her cousin, Henrietta Hempstead, aged 19 years, went out to shoot a mark with a small rifle.

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struck by lightning, and on the Steubenville pike a dwelling was wrecked and a woman paralyzed by the electric fluid.

By the earthquake of the 3d instant 150 persons were killed at Batavia, in the Mexican State of Sonora. At Oputu 27 persons were killed.

A fire at Garden City, Kansas, on the 8th, destroyed about twelve buildings, mostly occupied as stores.

A fire at Holland, Manitoba, on the 7th, destroyed two large stores and Sinclair's Hotel, causing a total loss of \$120,000, on which there is only \$31,500 insurance.

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The Democratic State Committee of Pennsylvania met on the 11th in Harrisburg and agreed to hold the State Convention on August 31st.

Willie Reilly, five years of age, was shot dead by Eddy Ryan, a playmate, at the latter's home in Chicago, on the afternoon of the 11th.

Dangerous forest fires are reported in Alger and Marquette counties in the Michigan peninsula.

While four men were cleaning out an old well at St. Sauveur, Quebec, on the afternoon of the 11th, two of them fell in.

The 12th, was the third day of the centennial celebration in Baltimore of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Maryland.

Mrs. J. D. Pugh and her mother were fatally poisoned on the 12th, at Portage, Wisconsin, by eating head cheese.

A few nights ago seven men took James Trim from his home near Taylor, Texas, and gave him a hard whipping.

A desperate fight took place on the 12th, among the silver miners in the mountains about sixteen miles from Hot Springs, Arkansas.

A dispatch from Marquette, Michigan, says forest fires are raging in the vicinity of Negaunee.

A passenger train on the Lehigh Valley Railroad struck three men who were walking on the track near Freemansburg, on the morning of the 12th.

On the evening of the 12th three masked men broke into James Porter's house, in Kent county, Delaware, overpowered Porter and his wife, tied them to the bedposts, robbed the premises of \$3500 in cash and bonds, and carried off the plunder with Porter's horse and wagon.

STATE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE. In the Senate, on the 9th, three vetoes were received from the Governor.

In the Senate on the 10th the Elevated Railroad bill was reported without amendment.

power to grant license in the Quarter Sessions Courts. The High License bill was considered, the vote by which it had passed second reading was reconsidered, and it was practically restored to the shape in which it came from the House.

In the Senate, on the 11th, bills from the House were reported regulating the practice of homeopathic pharmacy; extending the authority of justices of the peace; authorizing County Auditors to regulate the licenses to be paid by auctioneers; establishing county boards of health; and to provide civil rights for all persons, regardless of race or color.

The bill was amended by striking out the proviso that petitions for or against the granting of licenses shall be based on the necessity of the license, the fitness of the applicant and the necessity of the hotel, inn or tavern.

In the Senate on the 12th, bills were reported authorizing the abandonment of burying grounds by church officers, and authorizing the issuance of attachments against fraudulent debtors.

The Wholesale Liquor License bill was amended by grading the rate of license, making it \$500 in cities of the first, second and third classes, \$400 in all other cities, \$300 in boroughs and \$200 in townships.

In the House, on the 9th, a concurrent resolution was unanimously adopted thanking General Louis Wagner, who had served as Inspector of Soldiers' Orphan's Schools without pay.

In the House, on the 10th the vote defeating the Senate bill for an additional Law Judge for Chester county was reconsidered and the bill was passed finally.

In the House, on the 11th, Mr. Hickman, from the Library Committee, made a statement detailing extravagant expenditures in the purchase of books by the late Librarian, Edward Stuck.

In the House, on the 12th, the Senate bill to abolish all taxes on watches, household furniture and pleasure carriages was passed finally; also Senate bill supplementary to the act relating to the salaries of county officers and payment by them of fees into the Treasury; also Senate bill permitting water companies to increase their capital, and to relieve the New York, Lake Erie and Western Railroad Company from escheat of its lands in Elk and Jefferson counties passed second reading.

THE WOLFMAN.

What I Learned in an Interview with this Queer Person.

In school days I read the history of the wolf-reared children, Romulus and Remus, and the founding of Rome. Later, in India, I heard that at such a place or such another city a wolf-boy had been seen; but even in India, where people and wolves are most abundant, wolf-reared children are rare.

Life's real heroes and heroines are those who bear their own burdens bravely and give a helping hand to those around them.

Do not be surprised if, in your first efforts at doing good, you are not very largely successful. Usefulness is an art, a science, a trade.

A wise man will observe the rules of propriety; yet there are cases where it would be improperly to observe them with too much exactness.

Justice demands more than a conscientious private life. It claims of its followers that they sacrifice something of self for social welfare.

Don't think. Just keep doing. That's your part. Folks that think too much of what's coming most likely won't attend to what there is.

Hasty words often rankle in the wound which injury gives, and soft words assuage it, forgiving cures, and forgetting takes away the scar.

Once let a man insult the majesty of duty by waiting until its commands shall become easy, and he must be disowned as an outlaw from her realm.

There ought to be in a healthful ambition the stubborn stuff of persevering longevity; it must live on and hope for the day which comes, slow or fast, to all whose labors deserve the goal.

Our houses and barns we lock and keep in careful repair; but our bodies and minds are repeatedly robbed and roughly handled before we consent to take a like precaution with them.

No efforts to say what is not thought or felt can ever be successful or meet with thorough acceptance. As is the life so will be the speech, for "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh."

The happiness of your life depends upon the quality of your thoughts; therefore, guard accordingly, and take care that you entertain no notions unsuitable to virtue and unreasonable to nature.

If thou hast done a wrong or an injury to another, rather acknowledge and endeavor to repair than to defend it. One way thou gainest forgiveness, the other thou doublest the wrong and the reckoning.

Commerce links all mankind in one common brotherhood of mutual dependence and interest and thus creates that unity of our race which makes the resources of all the property of each and every member.

The world is governed by three things—wisdom, authority and appearance. Wisdom for thoughtful people, authority for rough people, and appearance for the great mass of superficial people who can look only at the outside.

Each man has his own fortune in his hands, as the artist has a piece of rude matter, which he is to fashion to a certain shape. But the art of living rightly is like all arts; the capacity alone is born with us; it must be learned and practiced with incessant care.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

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Don't gossip. It not only injures you by leading you to exaggerate facts, but it often injures those of whom you speak when no injury was intended. Words, especially bad ones, are like thistle seeds borne upon the breeze. They lodge and grow over the land, and when once started cannot be picked up again.

Chinese Signboards.

In alluring business announcements few can match those in the flowery language of the Celestials. The traveler must have been amused who saw in Peking scores of curiously worded signboards, of which these are a few specimens: "Shop of Heaven-sent Luck," "Mutton Shop of Morning Twilight," "The Nine Felicities Prolonged," "Flowers Rise to the Milky Way," "The Honest Pen Shop of Li" would seem a reflection on his rivals. A charcoal shop calls itself the "Fountain of Beauty," and a place for the sale of coals indulges in the title of "Heavenly Embroidery," and "The Thrice Alighteous" is a pretension which would scarcely expect from an opium shop.