

NEWS OF THE WEEK

Tornadoes swept over Blue Springs and Papillion, Nebraska, on the evening of the 13th. In Blue Springs the school-house was demolished and its janitor fatally injured. Half an hour later a girl lying on a lounge near a window was killed by lightning. At Papillion several buildings were moved from their foundations. A. J. Pitter, a hotel keeper, was killed by lightning at Orell.

The fiftieth anniversary of the foundation of the Baltimore Sun was celebrated on the 17th in Baltimore. The Sun building was beautifully decorated with evergreens and flowers, and thousands of people visited it, while hosts of friends congratulated A. S. Abell, the founder. Among the telegrams received was one from President Cleveland. The 17th also marked the retirement of Mr. Abell from any participation in the management of the Sun. His sons, George W., Edwin F., and Walter Abell, having been admitted into partnership with their father, will continue its publication upon the same system which has been followed for fifty years.

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Carrying on Bargaining by Means of Hand-Squeezing. In the customary open-air markets of Eastern countries—especially in those devoted to transactions in hides, leather, wool, grain and fruit—it is no uncommon thing to see a couple of sedate-looking traders seated on the ground, each with his right hand concealed in his neighbor's capacious sleeve, and engaged, to all appearances, in squeezing each other's fingers. For a few minutes they will remain in this position, one nudging the other occasionally, but without exchanging a word; and then, rising, they will separate and go their way. Sometimes the performance is varied a little. A couple of merchants will stand in the middle of a brawling and gesticulating crowd, by which they are surrounded and observed; one will raise the end of his long robe or unroll the muslin veiling his turban, and under cover of this the pair will begin to clasp hands and fingers as before. The spectacle is extremely funny to the Western traveler who does not understand what is going on; but in point of fact the traders are simply engaged in what they call "fixing the price," or bargaining, by means of a code of manual signs almost universally used by Eastern merchants, who are compelled to do much of their business in the open air, surrounded by people who are quite as curious about every affair in progress as the principals themselves.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT A hero, whether he wins or loses, is a hero. Cheerfulness is the weather of the heart. You get the truth habitually from equals only. We stand in our own sunshine oftener than others do. Do not stop to tell you know unless you are in a great hurry. Tears sprinkled across life's highway settle in the dust of sorrow. Some persons are able to make haste only when going backward. If you are not wiser and better at the end of a day, that day is lost. Money and kind words given in charity are all flowers in their nature. The best kind of parlor magic is that which converts gloom into sunshine. It is no honor, credit or profit to cheat a person who knows less than you do. Of ten persons spoken ill of, the speaker knows nothing whatever of nine. A bald-headed expression is generally understood better than a long-haired one. Better think what you can make of your children than what you can make of them. Enthusiasm is the genius of sincerity, and truth accomplishes no victories without it. The man who by drink muddles his brain will surely muddle your business. Trust him not. The hill has not yet lifted its face to heaven that perseverance will not gain the summit at last. The angels are doing a good deal of plowing this year with the implements of thought. We accomplish more in the sunshine of what we think of ourselves than in what others think of us. To smile at the jest which plants a thorn in another's breast is to become a principal in the mischief. Never trust a man who does not think enough of himself to keep his think-shop always in order. No person can be a useful man or a good man who does not think more of humanity than of himself. A good word is an easy obligation; but not to speak ill requires only our silence, which costs us nothing. You are the only one to blame for the escape of your secret. If you cannot keep it, why should anyone else? The less you deal with vice in youth, the greater your mental and physical vigor as old age comes pleasantly on. If a married couple will go one month without jawing each other, as they can, they will abandon the habit entirely. Words are spiritual forces, angels of blessing or of cursing. Unuttered, we control them; uttered, they control us. The seeds of love can never grow but under the warm and genial influence of kind feelings and affectionate manners. Never throw stones at a child who has to live in a glass bottle, and who is not to blame for what it cannot prevent. Humor is the laugh of charity; literature is the vestibule of religion; piety is the persuasive element of the best literature. As a mound of earth is raised by the ants or the sands in the hour glass, so religion, learning and riches increase only by degrees. A moment's work on clay tells more than an hour's work on brick. So work should be done on children's hearts before they harden. Cool is the water when the brook runs deep. Sound is the judgement and cool the temper of him whose mind runs to contemplation. Money and time are the heaviest burdens of life, and the unhappiest of mortals are those who have more of either than they know how to use. Every person who uses profane language ought to be compelled to wear his words, printed in large type, so all could see and read his character. No man's life is free from struggles and mortifications, not even the happiest, but every one may build his own happiness by seeking mental pleasure. He is rich whose income is more than his expenses, and he is poor whose expenses exceed his income. Laws that protect persons in their rights are blessings; but we have no right to rob others of their rights and properties honestly acquired and held. Every poor man who rises above the common level receives two educations. First, from his instructors; the second, the most personal and important, from himself. It is better to meet danger than to wait for it. He that is on the lee shore and foresees a hurricane, stands out to sea, and encounters a storm to avoid a shipwreck. Do not harrow the feelings of a child with severe denunciation and condemnation such as you are tempted to use with hardened sinners. A public place where the laborer, mechanic and tradesman may meet his friends and neighbors is a want which the gin-shop supplies, and so long as it has nearly a monopoly of this form of society its position will be unassailable. The classes who frequent these places do not, as classes, go there to drink, but they drink because they are there, having gone there for society. The temperance problem is how to abolish the gin-shop, and that practically means how to supply a social substitute. The English coffee-house system is the best substitute yet invented. In the present form the movement seeks to establish "cocoa-houses," and a pamphlet before us mentions that in Liverpool twenty-nine houses capable of seating at once an aggregate of 3,500 men have been opened and are financially successful. Their success, the fact that they pay, means that they meet the social want and attract men from the gin-shops. The association having the enterprise in charge, declared this year a dividend of ten per cent., and carried a considerable sum besides over into the new year as a surplus for contingencies.

STATE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE. In the Senate on the 17th the House resolution giving the thanks of the General Assembly to General Wagner for his patriotic services in behalf of the better management of the Soldiers' Orphans' Schools was concurred in. Bills were passed finally for the protection of German carp in public lakes and streams; to regulate the practice of homeopathic pharmacy; and extending the jurisdiction of justices of the peace. Bills were passed finally "providing civil rights for all people regardless of race or color;" regulating the admission of attorneys to the bar; authorizing churches to abandon burying grounds; amending the act relating to game and fish. Several appropriation bills were passed, among them the bill for the celebration of the Constitutional Centennial, with an amendment increasing the appropriation \$100,000. Adjournd.

HOUSE. In the House on the 16th, the Anti-Discrimination bill was reported back with amendments reducing the number of Commissioners to three, making the word "railroad" apply to bridges and ferries operated in connection with railroads; striking out the exceptions which permitted railroads to give preference in furnishing cars or motive power for transportation of perishable freight; also the section giving Commissioners the right to suspend the short haul principle. Adjournd. In the House on the 17th, the conference report on the Revenue bill was adopted—149 to 23. Senate bills were passed appropriating the tax on dogs to the support of public libraries in boroughs, and supplementary to the act carrying into effect Section 5 of Article XIV of the Constitution relative to the salaries of county officers and the payment of fees received by them into the State or county treasury in counties containing over 150,000 inhabitants. Senate bill for the inspection of buildings in Philadelphia was passed finally; also the following: Supplement to the Mechanics' Lien law; to prevent the adulteration of candy and confectionery; prohibiting the employment of children under 12 years of age in mills, manufacturing or mines; to secure to laborers the benefit of the Exemption laws. The Grade Crossing bill was amended and laid over to be printed. Adjournd. In the House on the 18th a conference report on the Congressional Reapportionment bill was agreed to 101- to 72. Bills were passed finally providing for an increase in the building inspectors in Philadelphia; to secure to laborers the benefit of the exemption law and to prevent the crossing at grade of streets, roads and highways by steam railroads or of steam railroad by streets, roads or highways. The conference report on the Getsburg Memorial Tablets bill was agreed to. Adjournd. In the House on the 19th, the Senate amendments to the bill regulating the employment of labor and abolishing blacklisting were concurred in. Senate amendments were also concurred in to the bill taxing all orders, checks, dividends, coupons, pass-books, or other paper representing the wages of an employe not redeemed in thirty days; amending the Marriage License Act, and for the condemnation of the Frankford and other turnpikes. Adjournd.

THE MARKETS.

Table with market prices for various commodities including flour, wheat, and sugar.

THE LATEST FOOLY.

We have had pink teas and yellow lunches, but the latest fad has been a Greek dinner. The table was decorated with garlands of roses, and the center ornament was a Greek lyre with golden strings. The walls were hung with rugs and fastooned with roses. The guests reclined on couches, and each wore a laurel wreath tied with purple ribbon. The menu was written in Greek, among the dishes being wild boar, roast kid and hare. An intermission of about half an hour took place in the middle of dinner, when burning Oriental drinks were served in silver tankards.