

NEWS OF THE WEEK

Howard Stoyer, aged 17 years, was accidentally shot by George Wesley, a companion of about the same age, at Shenandoah, Penn., on the evening of the 25th, and died on the morning of the 26th of his wounds.

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several thousand dollars concealed on her person. The goods discovered are valued at \$7000. Her other baggage, three trunks and a packing case, were seized, but not opened.

Two daughters of William Nicholson, of Mill Grove, Ontario, one 12 years old and the other 8, died on the 26th from the effects of morphine administered by mistake for quinine.

A passenger train on the Iron Mountain Railroad was wrecked near Walnut Ridge, Arkansas, on the morning of the 26th. Among the passengers were members of the Texarkana and Hot Springs Grand Army Posts, en route to the National encampment at St. Louis.

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500,000,000, an average of \$300,000,000 a year, while the total value of Southern agricultural products is \$700,000,000 a year.

According to a despatch from Knoxville, Tennessee, there has been a riot among the convicts at Cool Creek, but the full particulars cannot be obtained.

The Knoxville Iron Company is reticent about the matter. Inspector Burrows returned from the mines on the 26th ult., and said the troubles had been settled.

In Chicago on the 28th ult. a man started to cross Clark street through a gap in the string of cars and wagons, between a truck and an express wagon.

According to despatches from Corpus Christi, Texas, Juan Garcia Barrera, a rich ranchman, on the 13th of September, while a short distance from his house, situated between Las Tederias and La Gozalina, was surrounded by five desperadoes and robbed of \$200.

A telegram from Constable McKinney has been received at Holbrook, Arizona, to the effect that Sheriff Mulverton attempted to arrest the Gramams, who resisted. They were fired upon by the Sheriff's posse, and John Graham and Charles Blevins were killed.

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road with a friend, Thomas Henderson, on the 25th ult. He was ordered to halt, but turned on the sheriff and fired three shots, one of them slightly wounding a deputy sheriff.

The bond offerings to the Government on the 29th ult., amounted to \$405,950, making the total amount under the new circular to date \$9,772,700.

By the fall of a derrick at the brewery of W. J. Lemp, in St. Louis, on the 29th ult., Daniel Ohmers was killed, Ferdinand Newmann fatally injured and four others seriously hurt.

The smoke from the Canadian brush fires hangs like a dense fog over the St. Lawrence river, and has practically stopped all navigation between Montreal and Quebec.

Reports from Santiago state that at 7 A. M. on September 23d, a severe shock of earthquake lasting half a minute was felt there.

Mrs. L. A. Baarek attempted to light an oil stove in Mobile, Alabama, on the 28th ult. A servant had allowed the fountain to remain open and the stove was flooded with oil.

Several masked robbers entered the Farmer's Bank at New Castle, Delaware, on entering they overpowered and gagged William J. Black, U. S. Consul at Nuremberg, who, being home on leave of absence, is stopping with Richard G. Cooper, the cashier of the bank.

A race between Charles E. Courtney and George Bubar for \$1000 a side, was rowed on the Susquehanna river, at Oswego, New York, on the 28th ult.

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limber has been burned. A despatch from Quebec says a strong east wind set in on the morning of the 30th ult., and cleared off the smoke. Navigation was resumed.

Robert Bard, colored, beat his wife at Rolling Forks, Louisiana, on the evening of the 25th ult. When he turned away she said: "If that gun was loaded I would shoot you."

The Comptroller of the Currency on the 30th ult., authorized the National Bank of Paola, Kansas, to begin business with a capital of \$100,000.

In the earlier days of Colorado mining camps there were some very stirring scenes and adventures, and a tender fight was broken in without much ceremony sometimes.

Next day we were treated to a little "fun." A tin can was tied to an unwelcome visitor's coat tail and he was told to "git."

"When you take a tramp through Trinidad," says a writer, "you must bear in mind that it is the home of the snake and be sure to provide yourself with high boots and a stick."

There are two kinds of monkeys very common here—the red monkey or howler and the white sapsucker or weeping monkey.

The bell-bird makes a sound like that produced by striking an anvil with a hammer, and its effect is very startling.

Every one whom we distinguish as natural has independence of mind. The judgment may not be correct, but it is what it professes to be—the man's own opinion.

Those who do it always would as soon think of being conceited of eating their dinner as of doing their duty.

THE MARKETS. PROVISIONS—Beef city fam. 8 01 @ 8 50. Pork Mess. 15 — @ 16 —. Prime Mess, new. 15 30 @ —. Sides smoked. 10 — @ 10 75. Do in salt. 6 50 @ —. Smoked Beef. 14 — @ 14 —. Lard Western. 6 25 @ 6 50. Lard Iowa. 6 30 @ 6 75.

Wheat and Pa. sup. 2 50 @ 2 75. Pa. Family. 3 50 @ 3 75. Minn. Clear. 4 — @ 4 25. Do. No. 1. 4 25 @ 4 50. Rye Flour. 3 15 @ 3 35.

GRAIN—Wheat No. 1 red. 86 @ —. Do. No. 2. 85 @ —. Corn, No. 3 White. 50 @ —. Do. No. 1 White, new. 36 @ —. No. 2 do new. 34 50 @ —. No. 3 Mixed, new. 34 @ —.

FISH—Mackerel, Large Is. 15 @ —. Herring, Lab. 6 50 @ —. SUGAR—Powdered. 23 16 @ 23 16. Granulated. 6 1/2 @ 6 1/2. Coffee, A. 5 15-16 @ —.

HAY AND STRAW—Timothy, choice. 15 — @ 15 50. Mixed. 14 50 @ 15 00. Do. No. 1. 14 00 @ 14 50. Rye Straw. 12 50 @ —. Wheat Straw. 11 — @ —.

Wool—Ohio, Penna and W. Va. Fleeces XX and above. 22 50 @ 23 25. Common. 21 50 @ 22 25. Unwashed medium. 21 @ 22.

ABOUT NATIVE AFRICANS.

Their Superstitions, Polygamy, Mohammedanism and Other Matters.

When the little republic of Liberia was founded it found itself in the midst of the most degraded savages. They had some arts and trades, and some idea of a life hereafter, but they were cannibalistic and warlike, and the incoming government and civilization had to make its peace with those tribes that were within the borders of Liberia by being careful not to disturb too rudely their old habits and authority.

These native kings and chiefs, who can perhaps boast a longer regal descent than some of the white rulers of Europe, are still allotted a wide dominion. The chiefs are subordinate to the kings. So that a king may have many chiefs under him, but upon each certain duties rest, which relate to the government of the native population in the republic.

As to the institution of polygamy in Africa, it is just about universal. The missionaries do what they can to root it out, but the prevailing custom is that a man, poor or rich, may have just as many wives as he can support. In one instance, where a native who had a good many wives was converted to Christianity, he sent them all back except the first one to their respective families, greatly to the scandal of his relatives on their side and to his unconverted native friends generally.

The superstitions of the native Africans are very numerous. They are continually fearing danger, and they wear amulets and charms which are supposed to prevent death, sickness or capture. These, says Mrs. Barboza, are sometimes made of tigers' and leopards' teeth; but a common and potent charm is made of the white under skin of the alligator, on which certain texts from the Koran are inscribed. This sort of amulet is often connected with the most elaborate decorations.

They also wear a great deal of silver in the form of earrings and ornaments in the supposition that it prevents their being poisoned. Poisoning is very much dreaded by the natives, as the danger from excessively poisonous plants makes its occurrence a frequent probability. There are wild plants in Africa the inhalations from which may cause death, and others which, if you rub against them, will prove often similarly destructive. The natives say, too, that the silver will tell you if you are poisoned, by turning its color, so that you can take antidotes against the effects incurred before it is too late.

From certain plants the natives get an effect like that of ether or chloroform when they wish to diminish pain or secure sleep. They have, too, a sassa wood, which is the product of a beautiful tree, a decoction from which brings out sin, according to their notion, as saffron tea does the measles. It is commonly administered by husbands to their wives to determine whether they have done wrong; but the wives, I understand, are not permitted to turn the tables and test their husbands by it.

Nearly all the moon superstitions concerning the planting of crops and the beginning of enterprises, which still linger with civilized people, have their similarities or counterparts in Africa. But the Africans add to these. For instance, when they see a wasp very stout about the moon that it foretells the death of some eminent person.

The reason that when a great man dies a certain number of slaves or inferior persons are killed, is that he may have their company on his long journey. They think there is a future world somewhere, but that it is a great distance off. Their heaven is a place the peculiarity of which is that every one can do there, that which he most wished to do on earth, but which, here, he may have been prevented from doing.

Not long after Mrs. Barboza's father died she lost a son by drowning. The natives told her that it was because no one was killed to go with her father on his death journey. He could not start upon it alone, they said, and so he lingered about, and when he had a good opportunity, drew the boy in the water to go with him. If a person in moderate station dies it is considered well enough for him to travel to the other world unattended. They bring to his grave, however, certain articles of food and clothing, and perhaps a few trinkets or utensils which they imagine he will need upon the route.

Mohammedanism is the prevailing belief and religion among the natives, but the superstitions of which I have been speaking are the remnants of a faith which came to them from their own early traditions. Neither Christianity nor any strictly modern faith seems adequate to uprooting these crude ideas which their forefathers handed down.

Poverty is the want of much, but avarice of everything.