

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The forest fires continue in the country around Memphis. Many gin houses have been burned in the districts of Mississippi and Arkansas...

The local election in Providence, Rhode Island, was held on the 22d. There was no choice for Mayor...

A telegram from Plainfield, Indiana, says a most startling report was received from Fisher's Station...

A despatch from Memphis, Tennessee, says the ravages of forest fires show no abatement in that section...

The oil well known as "Infirmary No. 1," situated about three miles west of Findlay, Ohio, caught fire on the afternoon of the 22d...

August Hatzka, has been arrested in Chicago on the charge of killing his step-son, Max Gilman, aged 11 years...

William Meyers, who shot his wife and attempted to shoot his son and daughter, in Chicago, gave himself up to the police on the 23d...

James T. Cook was shot and killed in Utica, Louisiana, on the 23d, by William Burnett. Both men had been drinking...

The house of Charles Fackler, at Browning Station, Illinois, was burned on the evening of the 22d, and Fackler, his wife and one-year-old child lost their lives...

A collision occurred on the Cincinnati Southern Railroad at Nemo, 95 miles north of Chattanooga, Tennessee, on the night of the 23d...

The second section of a freight train on the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Railroad ran into the first section at Anna Station, twenty miles south of Lima, Ohio...

There was a riot on Bedford avenue, Pittsburgh, on the evening of the 24th, between the notorious "Owl gang" and about twenty-five Italians...

Lena Wolfeale, 28 years old, died on the 24th, at her home in Youngstown, Ohio, from the effects of a dose of morphine...

Within the last few days, according to a telegram from Cleveland, Ohio, the Bee Line railroad has built twenty-five freight cars equipped with the Westinghouse air-brake...

L. K. Shaw, a farmer living near Rome, Michigan, was found dead in the woods on the 25th. On the 23d he had sold \$600 worth of wheat in Rome...

office in Columbus: Foraker, Republican, received 356,937 votes; Powell, Democrat, 333,205; Seitz Union-Labor, 24,712; Sharp, Prohibition, 29,700...

While examining a natural gas regulator in Beaver, Pa., on the 23d, Henry Camp, James H. Gunningham and H. P. Brown were dangerously injured by an explosion...

Mrs. Green, mother of George Green, one of the alleged train robbers now in jail in Tucson, Arizona, says her son will turn State's evidence...

The body of D. W. Kilne was found in the mountains near Mercersburg, Penna., on the 23d, by two hunters. From appearance it had been lying there for about six weeks...

A team containing Patrick D. Gorman, William and Charles Hannon and Joseph L. Burke, was driven through the safety gates at the Boston and Albany crossing at West Newton, Massachusetts...

A telegram from Chicago says that, according to an interview with an unnamed Anarchist, published on the 24th, "there is a movement afoot in the principal cities throughout the country to reorganize the followers of Spies and Parsons..."

A heated journal caused an explosion of dust in the large flour mill of T. Ault & Son, in Belleair, Ohio, on the 24th, and the mill was nearly destroyed...

A circular was on the 23d issued from Commissioner Fink's office, in New York, announcing a reduction of rates on dressed meats and live stock to take effect from date...

The skeleton of a man was found a few days ago at a point 35 miles south of Washington, on the line of the Virginia Midland Railroad, in Fairfax county, Virginia...

A sensation in which ladies delight is furnished by a lion tamer drawing a hypnotized girl into a den of lions. The lions (but the spectators don't know this) are more afraid of the young lady than she would be of them if awake...

Adamascolite is the name of a mineral found only in the State of Missouri. It is remarkable for its cutting power. With a fine edge, steel is cut by it very rapidly...

THE MARKETS. PROVISIONS—Wheat No. 1 red... 85 00 91 00. Corn No. 2... 45 00 48 00. Pork... 15 00 16 00.

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WHY DO PEOPLE DROWN? A Well-Known English Swimmer Explains the Science of Floating.

"I suppose," I remarked to Mr. Johnson, the well-known swimmer, "that such a cork as yourself cannot quite understand how a person sinks."

"Oh, yes, but I can. It is only such as myself, who study the science of floating, that understand the mystery of sinking. A swimmer becomes a swimmer by endeavoring to find out, not so much how to swim, as how not to sink."

"I believe your eyes shot fire then." "Perhaps they did. But were I a man I would knock you down."

"What's up, Egerton?" asked Mr. Vane, his friend and fellow-traveler. "The meanest trick that ever was played on a fellow," gasped Gerald, tearing at his neck-tie. "He's going to be married."

"You should say?" snarled Egerton, turning suddenly round on his companion. "Very possibly. He isn't your grandfather, and his marriage doesn't ruin you!"

"Take my advice," called Vane after him; "put your righteous indignation in your pocket—go home and do the agreeable to grandmamma! The whole lot undoubtedly is gone, but that's no reason you shouldn't enjoy a few of the crumbs if you are only a little polite."

"The change would be as though the sun had ceased shining and perpetual winter enveloped the earth. This is what is meant by the remark that birds eat a great number of bugs."

As for thieves, there are plenty of them among the feathered class. They steal chickens, pull up corn and wheat, steal bright-colored ribbons, and an occasional piece of sparkling jewelry left carelessly near an open window; but, after all, that is no worse than members of our own race do, and while the human thief makes no reparations, the bird-thief helps to keep the earth from being depopulated; so what matters a chick or two or a diamond ring which is of no use to the rest of the world?

It is a curious thing to see the varieties of disposition and character displayed by them. The quiet, shy, bashful thrush; the saucy, impudent reeve; the sly, prying blue-jay; the boldness of the hawk, or proud, warlike bearing of a game-cock.

The English sparrow—what a queer fellow he is—a foreigner who is so perfectly at home here that one would think him the only native bird. He is going to be comfortable in spite of all opposition. He insists upon it. If you don't like it you can lump it. The sparrow is one of three birds which do not belong here. He was brought to this country fifteen years ago, during a craze that made people fancy that a seed-eating bird would rid us of insect pests. This was done against the advice of well-informed persons, and now the innumerable little birds have overrun the entire country, and can laugh at legislatures and ornithological societies.

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