### NEWS OF THE WEEK.

-A Deputy Sheriff named Shipe was shot dead by Hickey Martin, colored, whom he was trying to arrest for a murder, at the Powell Valley Railroad Works, twenty miles north of Knoxville, Tennessee. The murderer escaped. George Reilly was shot dead during a fight about a girl, near Baltimore, on the afternoon of the 20th. It is not known who fired the shot. The jury in the case of Charles H. Reidel, charged with the murder of his wife, then killed himself, The woman's in Wilmington, Delaware, on the 19th, returned a verdict of guilty. Reidel shot and killed his wife and child as jected him. B. F. French and six they lay asleep in bed, in September others have been indicted at Hazard, sanity. Henry Ebert, convicted of the was shot from ambush. His murder murder of his wife in Jersey City, New | was the result of a feud between him-Jersey, has been sentenced to be hanged | self and French of four years' standon July 18. Minnie Miegkourtz was ing. The body of a man about 25 found in the cellar of a house in Mul- years of age washed ashore at Painesberry street, New York, on the morning of the 19th, with her throat cut. the body were two flour sacks filled She was married, but was deserted by her husband in Philadelphia. Of late ear was a pistol shot wound, and on she has consorted with tramps It is the left temple a bad bruise. supposed she was murdered by two

-Eight thoroughbred Clydesdale stallions, valued at \$10,000, which were shipped from Scotland by Thomas Mc-Bey, have been seized in Montreal on the ground that McBey who was adjudged a bankrupt after the ship left Giasgow, exported them with the intention of defrauding his creditors.

-Two Harvard College students, Arthur Whiting, of New York, and Samuel Dexter, of Chicago, were fined \$100 and costs each on the 19th, for maintaining a liquor nuisance at the rooms of the "Dickey" Club, on Brattle street, in Boston, which was raided by the police.

-The rulings of Judge Cunningham in the Johnson county circuit, in Arkansas, on the 19th, were unsatisfactory to Attorney A. P. McKinnon, who took exceptions to them. He refused to sit down, and when the Judge fined him \$50 a dispute followed, during which McKinnon cut the Judge about the face and neck with a knife, inflicting dangerous wounds. McKinnon was arrested.

-Edward Wilman and his wife, living in St. Charles, Michigan, had a quarrel recently. The wife wanted to join the Advent Church, but her busband objected, and she left him and went to her father's house. On the 20th, Wilman shot and fatally wounded her and then killed himself.

-Frederick R. Gordon, a railway mail clerk, has been arrested at St. Alban's Vermont, for robbing the mails. Marked bills, which had been placed in a decoy letter, were found carriage. upon him.

-About 40 saloon keepers in St. keeping their places open. In some on the 22d. cases the saloon keepers defied the police and were arrested on a second, and | Montreal, a tract of land containing 15 man was persistent enough to subject | The land was ploughed ready for sowhimself to five arrests, when he gave up. ing. were formed, and Concordia Garden was made the headquarters of several.

-Fielder Carr, aged 68 years, committed suicide in the presence of his wife, at their home near Cockeysville, Baltimore county, Maryland, on the afternoon of the 20th. He blew the top of his head of with a gun.

and an accomplice sold to a man named Parker, an Oregon farmer, certain real estate in San Francisco to which they had no title. Parker paid them \$9500. When recently the title to the property was found to be defective Hamburg entered a plea that he sold under a belief that the title was perfect, and would not refund the money. Ham-burg's accomplice confessed that Hamburg deliberately planned to rob Par- between Wash. Edwards and James storm passed over the country two ker. The jury found a verdict of offence was only a misdemeanor in California, but sentenced Hamburg to one year's imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$19,000, and that, in default of payment of the fine, he be further imprisoned at the rate of one day for each dollar. If the fine is not paid, Hamburg will have to serve altogether 53 years and 20 days.

-Peter J. Quinn, chief bookkeeper for C. G. Dixon & Co., contractors and builders in Pittsburg, is missing, and his accounts show a shortage of \$15,000. It is supposed he has gone to Canada.

is slowly abating. Hundreds of families have been rendered homeless and St. Joseph, Missouri, on the afternoon thousands of acres of growing cropruined. Dwellings have been demolished and fences washed away. From the northern end of Adams county to storm. Their clothes were torn from the southern end of Pike county the their bodies. It is thought Lizzle will land on the Illinois side of the river is die. now a vast lake, from six to ten feet in depth. Along the bluff on the eastern edge of the submerged district hundreds of families are camped, being in tents, buts, and in the open air. Much sickness prevails among the unfortunates. In some few places families are living in the garrets or on the roofs of their houses. The towns of Fall Creek, Sechorn and Hulls are but mere islands and hundreds of refugees are huddled together in limited space. The damage to railroad property is very great, and it is said that it will be three weeks after the water subsides before trains can be running on time. Quincy is cut off from railroad communication North, West and South. It is estimated that the loss from crops alone will reach \$3,000,000, and that the damage to levees, houses and railroads will approximate \$600,000. Reports were recived in Quincy on the 21st, of the drowning of Samuel Moore by the floods in the Indian Grove levee district, and of the children of William Johnson in the Sny district. It is thought that many fatalities will be recorded when all the facts regarding the flood are fully known.

both dead. A despatch from St. John, New Brunswick, says that on the 17th, five lumbermen were crossing the Aris- was washed away, not a rail or tie be- escaped. The Sheriff's injuries will, it partment, was passed—233 to 13. Adtook river when their boat upset and | ing left. The work cost \$172,000.

three of them, named Feeney, McQuade and Cole, were drowned.

-The river at Quincy, Illinois, is slowly falling. Relief committees are hard at work caring for the most urgent cases of distress.

-George Thomas, a peddler, shot and killed Maggie Wise, a divorced woman, in Cincinnati, on the morning of the 21st, and then shot himself through the temple. Peter Kalb, a saloon keeper, in San Francisco, shot Louise Kullmeyer, on the 20th, and wounds are not fatal. He had proposed marriage to her and she had relast, and then shot himself, but not Perry county, Kentuky, for killing J. dangerously. The defence was in- C. Eversole, six weeks ago. Eversole ville, Ohio, on the 20th. Fastened to with sand and stones; over the right

-William Hubert and Henry Cook, boys, were arrested on the 22d, in Newark, New Jersey, for defacing the sign of a saloon keeper. Hubert said that if he could have got into the saloon he would have opened all the faucets of the barrels. He said there had been great suffering in his own and Cook's family from intemperance, "and both he and Cook had resolved, if possible, to abolish rum drinking.'

-E. Bradley, teller of the Union National Bank of Chicago, has disappeared, and it has been discovered that his accounts are wrong. The amount involved is not known. Bradley was "supposed to be a young man of the most exemplary habits." He had a wife and one child. The safe in Rothschild's clothing store, in Davenport, Iowa, was blown open by burglars on the morning of the 22d, and \$500 in gold and valuable papers taken. A clerk who slept in the store was bound and gagged by the burglars. The post-office at Attleborough, Massachusetts, was robbed of \$1200 worth of stamps early on the morning of

-Thomas Wynne, 28 years old, a resident of Canton, Penna, died in a hospital in Cincinnati on the 21st. He was found in a freight car, and the direct cause of death was exposure. Horace Ellis, 18 years of age, fell upon the saw in a mill at Hewittville, New York, on the 21st. His head was severed from his body. Schubert Wilder, a retired iron merchant, was found dead in the street in Middleboro, Massachusetts, on the morning of the 22d, It is thought he was thrown from a

-Howard Gaskill, a red 12, and John Williams, aged 14, were drowned which one of the prisoners was knocked

-At Beloeil, about 20 miles from

-Allan B. Dills, a well-known farmer near Webster, Jackson county, North Carolina, shot and killed Wm. H. Bumgartner and fatally wounded his father, Logan Bumgartner, on the afternoon of the 22d, The difficulty grew out of a misunderstanding about a small tract of land, and is the termination of an old feud. Parson Cantrell -Last November Simon Hamburg is a Seventh-day Baptist, and his fatherin-law, Descon Coffey, went to his field, near Jimtown, Indian Territory, on the 20th, where Cantrell was plowing, and bank of sand not only remonstrated againt his working onthe Lord's day, but undertook to Argonia, Kansas, on the afternoon of kick him out of the field. The Parson the 23d. Among the buildings deresisted and split his father-in-law's stroyed were the Methodist Church, head open with a hoe. Advices from Palace Hotel, and a number of stores the Chickasaw Indian Nation give an and dwellings, Several persons were account of a fight with bowie knives injured by flying timbers. A hail Schneider. The former was literally miles east of Sulphur Springs, Texas, guilty. The Judge regretted that the cut to pieces. Schneider was not hurt on the 22d, doing great damage to and escaped.

-The Democratic State Convention met on the 23d in Harrisburg and carried out the programme previously outlined. W. U. Hensel was chosen temporary chairman and William A. Wallace permanent chairman. The platform endorses Cleveland and the Mills Tariff Bill. R. Milton Speer and A. F. Keating, the latter of Pittsburg, were nominated for Electors-at-large. Delegates at-large to St. Louis, Lewis C. Cassidy, Charles E. Boyle, William T. Mutchler and William L. Scott were -The great flood in the Mississippi selected.

-While playing on the commons in of the 21st, Lizzie and Lena Baker, aged 12 and 13 years, were struck by lightning during a severe thunder

-On the morning of the 23d, a freight train on the Rock Island Railroad went through a bridge near Randolph Point, Missouri, crashing into a ravine 25 feet deep. A short time after a freight train on the Hannibal and St. Joe Railroad went through a bridge which adjoined the Rock Island, and which had been weakened by the first wreck. Two engineers, a fireman and two tramps were killed. S. R. Potts, a conductor, was killed by jumping from an express train, at Cressona, Penna., on the morning of the 23d. He was 35 years of age, married and lived in Reading.

rebbed of \$400 in cash and \$1000 in stamps.

-A telegram from Van Buren, Arkansas, says heavy rains have washed out 10,000 feet of bridging four days. Crops and fences have been washed away.

-A telegram from Trinidad, West Indies, says the severe winds along -The steamer Atlantic, which the Spanish Main in March did great reached Collingwood, Ontario, on the damage. At Laguayra, Venezuela, 20th, picked up two men, lashed to much of the new breakwater was their boat, near Killarney. They were washed away. At Point Colombia the much of the new breakwater was son and Robert Catterson, prisoners washed away. At Point Colombia the in the jail in Monticello, Indiana, asnew extension of the Boliver Railway, saulted Sheriff Henderson with an iron between the mainland and the point,

-William J. McFarland, of Cleveland, Ohio, shot his wife and 8-yearold daughter, on the afternoon of the 23d, and then shot himself. It is thought they are all fatally wounded. Since the death of his oldest child, about a month ago, McFarland has been drinking. Mrs. George Reed, of Napanee, Indiana, on the 24th, took her three months old child in her arms and jumped into a well. They were both drowned. She left a note saying she was tired of life. Albert Muth, aged 14 years, son of a wealthy farmer near Stouchsburg, Penna., on the evening of the 23d, threw a stone, which struck one of his father's cows on the leg and broke it. Fearing a whipping, the boy went no me and blew the top of his head off with a pistol.

- Frank Conant, a prominent citizen of Avendale, a suburb of Cincinnatti, was thot in the mouth and severely wounged by a highwayman on the evening of the 23d, while on his way home. When found his pockets had been rifled of their contents. Hicks Carmichael, a negro, who while resisting arrest, in Knoxville, Tennesse, on the morning of the 20th, killed D. A. Shipe, Deputy Sheriff, was captured on the 24th. He had two loaded revolvers on his person. He is said to be a desperate character, and to have murdered a woman in Alabama some months ago. Thomas Carey, a young man, who on April 3, while drunk, shot and killed Moy Ni Ting, a Chinaman, in Chicago, for amusement, was on the 24th sentenced to 50 years' imprison-

ment. -Daniel Hickey, of Lancaster, Penna., a baggage master on the Pennsylvania Railroad, was killed in the ards in Harrisburg on the 24th, His body was found under the cars. Thomas Childlow, a policeman, and Richard Ray, a collector, both of Pittsburg, were struck and killed by a train on the Pennsylvania Railroad near Roup's Station on the 24th. They stepped off one track to avoid a freight train and were struck by a passenger train coming in the other direction. Mrs. F. C. Krueger was killed in Elgin, Illinois, on the 23d, in trying to rescue her 18-months-old child from an approaching freight train, on the North-western Railroad. The child had wandered from the house out to the track and was also killed, being struck just as the mother reached it. The boiler in Hodgman's saw mill, near Bowling Green, Ohio, burst on the afternoon of the 23d, killing "Clem" England, aged 17 years, and Charles Hodgman, aged 12. William Hodgman, owner of the mill, and an employe were perhaps fatally injured.

-Five prisoners escaped from the Ballard County Jail at Wickliffe, Kentucky, on the evening of the 22d. They knocked the jailer senseless with clubs while he was serving supper, and after got away. Mounted men started in and badly wounded and the other was Peter Blanchard. beaten to insensibility. The other two escaped.

-Investigation shows that the deaths of John F. and Charles G. Fuhrmann whose bodies were found on the 23d in their apartments in St. Louis, occurred from natural causes. The younger brother, aged 74, was in very feeble health, and the elder, aged 80, was subject to apoplexy. Patrick A. Keenan was killed and John O'Rourke badly injured on the 24th in Providence, Rhode Island, by the caving in of a

-A clyclone struck the town of growing crops and fruit trees. The plants were completely decotton stroyed. The hall stones were so large that they broke shingles on the roofs of houses. The village of Brooklyn, in Lamar county, is reported to have been almost demolished, but no lives were lost. A heavy storm visited Corsicana, Texas, on the evening of the 23d, The damage to business and resident property is estimated at \$25,000. The damage to crops cannot be estimated. Over a dozen buildings were unroofed and a number of small houses demolished. The Colored Methodist Church and Odd Fellows' Hall were blown to pieces. A tornado swept over Brownton, Texas, on the afternoon of the destroying the Methodist, Baptist and Congregational churches and eight dwellings, Amanda Willis, colored, was killed, and eight persons were fatally injured. The path of the storm was 300 yards wide, and everything within those limits, crops, fences, barns, outhouses and trees, were swept away. A heavy rain and hall storm followed.

-Mrs. Searle shot and killed herself in Chicago on the morning of the 52th. She was 36 years old, and left two children. Her husband has been dead for several years. The suicide is thought to have been the result of despondency. Mrs. E. Davis, of Salt Lake City, Utah, learned on the 23d that her husband, to whom she had been married twenty years, had married a second wife, The shock unbalanced her mind, and on the 24th she cut her throat with a razor, -During a parade in Marshall, inflicting a fatal wound. Frederick Texas, on the 23d the post-office was M. Matthieson, publisher of the Odell Reporter, in Odell, Illinois, committed suicide on the 24th. He was subject to park, was received and referred. A fits of despondency owing to ill health. Albert Kumpke, an old farmer who kill-ed his wife near Columbus, Nebraska, mittee on Merchant Marine and Fished his wife near Columbus, Nebraska, near Mountain Bay. All bridges are a few weeks ago, committed suicide in eries was directed to investigate the fur unsafe, and no trains have arrived for jail on the 24th by hanging himself with his handkerchief and suspenders. He left a letter saying he wished to save | call of States, among them one by Mr. the county further expense on his account, and asked to be buried beside

his wife. -Edward Chamberlain, Albert Benbar on the evening of the 24th and is feared, prove fatal. Before leaving jouined,

all three wrote long letters. Chamberlain was under indictment for robbery, robbery. Chamberlain said that the unwholesome atmosphere of the fail was undermining his health; that this was his only chance for his life; that he had done right in murdering his sweetheart, and would advise others in similar situations to do the same thing. The tramps said that there was no chance for them to get justice in Indiana. The Sheriff entered the jail with a cocked revolver but was completely trapped. His wife witnessed the affair and gave the alarm.

-Lincoln Cook has been centenced to 25 years' imprisonment in Hannibal, having been adopted, and the House Missouri, for killing his brother-in-law, adjourned. Carber Jackson, and severely wounding Mrs. Cook, Benoit Builledeau was ate bill appropriating \$125,000 for a murdered by an unknown assassin near public building at Paterson, New tion, like the keystone of an arch. Welsh, Louisiana, on the morning of Jersey, was passed after being of Rhode Island—Named from the the 24th. Reuben Drake, his wife and amended so as to reduce the appropriatwo grandchildren were on the 25th tion to \$80,000. Senate bill for a found murdered in their home at Viola, public building at Vicksburg, not to Richmond county, Wisconsin. There cost more than \$100,000, was passed. is no clue to the murderer.

-The United States Treasurer has paid out \$12,500,000 during the present month on account of pensions alone, notwithstanding which fact the excess of receipts over expenditures during the month is nearly \$5,000,000. Treasury surplus, which fell to \$98, 000,000 at one time during the month, has again risen to \$101,000,000.

natural gas some months ago, and a Kent, a naturalized American citizen. mineral water has since been flowing Adjourned. from it, Many persons have drank this water thinking it would be beneficial. Among these was Samuel R. Miller, nineteen years old, who had been overworked and wished to recruit. He took two or three glasses a day. A few days ago he began vomiting and periton tis ensued, from which he died on the 25th. His body turned livid within fifteen minutes, Several physicians have forbidden the use of the water to their patients till an examination shall have been made. On the other hand, many who have used the

-A detective named Naegels was sentened in Montreal on the 25th, to 10 years in the penitentiary for complicity in the robbery of the Grand Trunk Railway office.

-In the public school at Bloomfield. Essex county, New Jersey, on the 24th, the ceiling of one of the rooms fell. causing a panic, in which a number of Lizzie Murphy and Annie Andrews, each about 9 years of age-are in a critical condition. It is said the attention of the School Trustees was called to the condition of the building some time ago.

-A thunderstorm visited Scranton, Mississippi, on the afternoon of the a fight with the jailer's son, during 24th. The two-masted schooner Lizzie S. James, of Philadelphia, hauled out Louis were arrested on the 20th for in the canal at Lockport, New York, down and recaptured, the other four on Blanchard's shipyard, was struck by lightning, instantly killing Captain pursuit and succeeded in capturing two W. B. Joonson and injuring Christian of the runaways after a struggle, in Christiansen, Charles Robbins, John in several cases a third charge. One acres has sunk a distance of 40 feet, which one of the prisoners was shot McKibben, Lawrence Aukenson and

In the United States Senate on the 22d, a conference was ordered on the Pension Appropriation bill, An executive session was held. When the doors were reopened, the House bill to establish a Department of Labor was taken up. Mr. Reagan moved, as a substitute, a bill creating a Department of Industry. The vote on the substitute meg State," and "Land of Steady was 9 yeas and 27 nays (less than a quo- Habits," rum), and he therefore withdrew it. The bill was then passed, and a conference committee appointed on amendments. Senate bills were passed appropriating \$125,000 for a public building at Paterson, New Jersey; increasing the appropriation for a public building at Winona, Minnesota, to \$120,000; appropriating \$100,000 for a public building at Vicksburg; incorporating the National Academy of Dental Science, and increasing the annual appropriation for the militia to \$600,000. House bill was passed appropriating \$120,000 fer enlargement and repair of the public building at Atlanta. Adjourned.

In the United States Senate on the 24th, the Deficiency bill for expenses of collecting the revenue and the Indian Appropriation bill were reported. The Chair announced as the select Committee to investigate all questions touching the meat product of the United States, Messrs. Vest, Plumb, Henderson, Cullom and Coke. A conference report on the Pension Appropriation bill was agreed to. After an executive session of nearly three hours duration the Senate adjourned.

In the United States Senate on the 25th, the House amendments to the bill for a public building at Paterson, New Jersey, were concurred in. Senate bills were reported appropriating \$50,000 for a public building at Staunton and \$100,000 for one at Newport News, in Virginia, The House bill making an appropriation to supply a deficiency in the appropriation for the expenses of collecting the revenue from customs was passed, with an amendment striking out the clause repealing the law making a permanent annual appropriation of \$5,500,000 for the expenses of collecting the customs revenue. After an executive session of over four hours the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE. In the House, on the 21st, the President's veto of a bill authorizing the use | Water. of Castle Island, in Boston harbor, as a conference report was ordered on the seal fisheries of Alaska. Various bills were introduced and referred under the Springer, placing on the free list articles of merchandise, the production of which may be controlled by trusts and combinations. The rules were suspended, and the bill creating and Executive Department of Agriculture, under the supervision of a Secretary, and transferring the weather service to that de-

confine the products of convict labor and the others, tramps, for highway to the State in which they are produced was discussed at much length, and an Duke of York and Albany. It is callamendment was adopted prohibiting the importation, for commercial purposes, of foreign made convict goods. The previous question was then ordered on the bill 185 to 44. Pending final ction the House adjourned.

In the House, on the 23d, the Postoffice Appropriation bill was considered in Committee of the Whole. It appropriates \$60,035,840, against \$55,-694,650 in the bill of last session. Pending final disposition of the bill the committee rose, no amendments

In the House on the 24th, the Sen-The Post-office appropriation bill was passed. The Senate Marine Conference bill was pessed, with some amendments. An appropriation of \$15,000 is made for the necessary expenses of the conference. The conference report on the Invalid Pension bill was agreed to. On motion of Mr. Belmont, of New York, the Committee on Foreign Affairs was directed to inquire into the facts connected with the imprison--A well was bored in Louisville for ment in an English jail of John Curtis

In the House, on the 25th, the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation bill was considered in Committee of the Whole, and a few amend ments were adopted. Pending action the committee rose. Senate bill was passed appropriating \$75,000 for a public building at Tallahassee, An evening session was held for the consideration of private pension bills. Adjourned.

## THE NAMES OF OUR STATES.

water assert that it has benefited them. Their Various Derivation --- How tho Nick-names Came to be Attached.

An examination of the names of our States and Territories and a glance at their derivation would serve to give a United States, if no detailed history children were injured. Two of them- and Massachusetts have names directly borrowed from England; the central States and Territories, from Kentucky and Tennessee to Minnesota and Dakota, are of Indian nomenclature: while the names Florida, Texas, California and Nevada perpetuate the recollection of former Spanish occupancy. The Evanston (Ill.) High School Joural gives a very good list of the derivation of the names and nicknames of our commonwealths and territories:

Alabama—The name is of Indian origin, signifying "Here We Rest." Arizona Territory-An Indian word ignifying "Sand Hills."

signifying "Bow of Smoky Waters." is also named the "Bear State," 5)th CONGRESS .- First Session, from the number of these animals formerly found there.

California - From Spanish words meaning "Hot Furnace." Also called "Golden State."

Colorado-From Spanish word meaning "Colored." Called the "Centennial State." because admitted in 1876. Connecticut—An Indian name signifying "The Long River." The nicknames are "Freestone State," "Nut-

Dakota-Indian word meaning "Al-

lied." Delaware-Named in honor of Lord Delaware. It is called "The Diamond State," from its small size and intrinsic value. Also "Blue Hen State." Florida-From the Spanish, mean-

ing "Flowery," so called from the abundance of flowers, and the day (Easter Sunday) upon which it was discovered. From its shape it is sometimes called "The Peninsula State." Georgia-Named in honor of King George II, of England. The nickname is "The Empire State of the South," Illinois-An Indian name signifying

'A Superior Tribe of Men." briquet is "Prairie State;" also "Sucker State." Indiana-Is so called from the In-

dians. The nickname is "The Hoosier State, Iowa — An Indian word meaning The Beautiful Land." The ficti-

tious name is "Hawkeye State," Kansas-An Indian word signifying Smoky Water." The sobriquet is Garden of the West." Kentucky-An Indian word signi-

ground. The nick-name is "The Corn- the throat tube, and succeeded in recracker State." Louisiana-Named in honor of King Louis XIV. of France. Sobriquet,

"Creole State." Maine—So called from Maine in Connor, who was born France. Fictitious name is "The Pine and died July 4, 1887." Tree State,"
Maryland—Naned in honor of Queen Maria, wife of Charles II. of England. Massachusetts-An Indian name sig-

nifying "Blue Hills," The fanciful name is "The Bay State." Michigan-An Indian word meaning 'The Lake Country." It is nicknamed "The Lake State," also "The Wolverine State,"

State," Mississippi—An Indian word meaning "Father of Waters." Nick-named will run in verbal grooves.

"The Bayon State." Missouri-An Indian word meaning "Muddy Waters." Nebraska-An Indian word meaning "Shallow Water," the Missouri and Platte rivers being of little depth.

Nevada-Spanish, signifying "Snow-

clad." New Hampshire - Named from Hampshire County, England. The sobriquet is "The Granite State," New Jersey-Named for a grantee, Sir George Carteret, Governor of the

Isle of Jersey. The sobriquet is "The Jersey Blue." New Marico.....Snanish named from

In the House, on the 224, the bill to the country of Mexico, meaning "The confine the products of convict labor Place of Aztec-God of War." New York-Named in honor of the

ed "The Empire State." North Carolina-Named, with South Carolina, in honor of Charles I, of England. The fictitious names are "The Old North State," "The Tar State"

and the "Turpentine State." Ohio-An Indian word signifying Beautiful River." Nickname Buckeye State." Oregon - Name derived from the

Spanish for "Wild Thyme," which is abundant there. Pennsylvania-"Penn's Woodland" is the signification; the grantee was Wm. Penn, and the country is covered with forests. The sobriquet is "The Keystone State," from its central posi-

ofRhode Island-Named from the Isle Rhodes in the Mediterranean, Rhode Nicknamed gnifies "A Rose." 'Little Rhody.,' South Carolina-Named in the same

nanner as North Carolina, which see. The sobriquet is "The Palmetto State." Tennessee - Derived from Indian words signifying "River of the Big

It is nicknamed "The Big Bend. Bend State." Texas — Spanish; said to signify 'Friend.' It is nicknamed 'The Lone

Star State." Utah-Named from the Ute Indians. Vermont-From the French; signi-

fying "Green Mountains," It is also called the "Green Mountain State." Virginia - Named for Elizabeth, Queen of England, the "Virgin Queen. It is nicknamed the "Mother or Presidents," also "The Old Dominion,"

West Virginia-See Virginia. It is nicknamed "The Panhandle State." Wisconsin-Named from its principal river, and that from the Indian name meaning "Wild Rushing Water." The fictitious name is "The Badger State "

Wyoming Territory—An Indian term meaning "Large Plains.

## New Languages.

The question of a universal language again excites attention. The convenience of a language which would be rough sketch of the make-up of our the means of communicating all over the world has always been acknowlwere obtainable in books. All the edged. In medicine, certain forms of thirteen original States but Connecticut law and the religious services of the Catholic Church Latin retains that function; but, although as recently as the days of Bacon, Milton, Addisonwe might say of Johnson-Latin was a written language, it steadily becomes obsolete. In China, where every provinc has its spoken dialect-unintelligible in other provinces-there is a "Mandarin" tongue used by officials and persons of education all over the empire.

Some such office is hoped from this profered tongue called Valapuk, We are not familiar with its philosophy, but we have grave doubts as to the elasticity or durability of any language Arkansas-French and Indian word made to order. There would be certain advantages in everybody speaking English, although, not withstanding its strength and beauty, no such lawless, barbarous tongue was ever invented, When we consider the changes forced upon English by the influences of nature and the social customs to which it is subjected in so many different places of the world there is little hope that it may be reclaimed into more symmetrical ways.

If we want a universal language, to be to the nations what the Mandarin dialect is to the diversified provinces of China, we could take the ancient Greek or the modern Spanish. Laying aside the prejudices arising from affection and association, there is no language so logical, so beautiful, and at the same time so mathematical in the simplicity of its laws as the Spanish. It has a wider range when we take in the American provinces from the Rio Grande to Cape Horn than would be supposed. It has left an ineffaceable impress upon the United States from Florida to Oregon. For every form of speech-eloquence, devotion, poetry or conversation-Spanish has no superior among living tongues, while in many respects it has excellencies which no living tongue can rival.

# In Memoriam.

A memorial window is to be placed in the Bristol (England) Royal Infirmary to commemorate the heroic deed of a young surgeon, William Connor, who lost his life in a daring effort to save a poor patient who had undergone the operation of tracheotomy while suffering from diphtheria. A false membrane having formed in the throat, fying "The Dark and Bloody Ground," and the patient being in imminent danfrom it being a favorite Indian hunting | ger, young Connor applied his lips to moving the obstruction. The window is in three panels, and it will be inscribed: "To the glory of God, and in affectionate remembrance of William Connor, who was born May 7, 1851,

# Messages for the Wires.

Intelligent receiving clerks in the larger telegraph offices have the best possible opportunities for the study of human nature. The half written messages left at the close of each day's business often constitute a volume of Minnesota-From the Indian word half finished romances. It is curious, meaning "Whitish or Sky-colored for example, how occasional messages, Water. It is called "The Gopher that is, messages inspired by an occasion likely to suggest the same general

> PATENT-MEDICINE MAN (to editor) -You made a nice mess of that testimonial advertisement. Editor-How?

> Patent-Medicine Man-"John Smith wrote: 'Your "Live Forever Pellets" are doing me a great deal of good. Send another box'; and I told you to give it a prominent place. Editor-I did-immediately preced-

ing the death notices. Patent-Medicine Man-Yes; and the first death notice on the list was that of John Smith!