THE NEWS.

Bishop W. D. Walker, of North Dakota, has been elected bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Western New York .---- In Logansport, Ind., St. Michael's College burned to the ground. Loss, \$70,000; insurance, \$35,000. Sixty-five students had matriculated .---- Joseph Wickss, son of Judge Wickes, of Baltimore, has been awarded the contract of a sewerage plan by the highway committee of York. The bid was \$2,400 ---- The National Association of Life Underwriters held its seventh annual session at the Arlington Hotel, Washington, with about 150 members present .---- At Peoria, Ill., the building occupied by the Parson's Horological Institute and the Ide Manufacturing Company was nearly destroyed by fire. Loss, about \$100,-000; insurance \$135,000 ---- George Venderbeck, a young man whose home is in Utica, N. Y., was found dead in bed in Easton, Pa. Excessive cigarette smoking is the supposed cause of his death .--- The man who murdered Mrs. Baumie last week at Maryville, Mo., has been captured. He gives the name or Ezra Rosco and has confessed. A lynching party is being formed at Arkoe .---- The elegant passenger steamer Columbia struck a rock near Red House, on the Ohio River and sank almost immediately. The passengers escaped in yawls. The steamer was valued at between \$14,000 and \$15,000 ----At the conference of the Mormon Church all the authorities of the church were sustained with the exception of Apostle Moses Thatcher whose name was omitted from the list for failing to take counsel before accepting nomination for a political office.

The steamship City of Richmond, which arrived at Key West from Miami, reports the British steamship, Springwell, of about 1,500 tons, without cargo, ashore on Elbow Reef, about 120 miles from Key West .---- H. M. Whitney, of Boston, has closed a deal for the purchase of the Halifax (N. S.) Gas Company's stock, plant, &c., by the People's Heat and Light Company. Three hundred thousand dollars was the price paid for the old gas company's stock ---- Receiver Ghauncey B. Regers, of Class "A" of the Equitable Aid Union, has issued his notice of assessment to those liable for the debts of that class. In the supreme jurisdiction, the States of Virginia, Minnesota, California and several Eastern States, are assessed from \$5 to \$40, according to the amount of insurance carried .--- The 28th meeting of the North American Bee Keepers Association is in session at the Chapel of the University of Nebraska. The question of amalgamating the National Bee Keepers Union and the No:th American Bee Keepers' Association will be considered with a prospect that it may be accomplished.

DESTITUTION IN FLORIDA.

Sufferers by the Hurricane Without Food or Shelter-Help Needed.

A depatch from Jacksonville, Fla. says:-The destruction of property is altogether beyond estimates. The belt of the country devastated extended from Cedar Keys, on the Gulf of Mexico, to the St. Mary's river and is about 115 miles long by 20 m

OUR COMMERCE This Year's Figures of Exports and Imports Go Up. GRAND TOTAL FOR A DECADE

The Bulk of Trade in Buying and Selling Is With the United Kingdom-Japan, China and India do the Least Business.

The imports into and the exports from the United States for 1893, 1894, 1895 and 1896 are reviewed in detail in a tabulated statement just compiled by the United States Agricultural Department. The statement also shows that during the ten years ended June 30, last, our total exports amounted to \$8,357,077,604; imports for the same period being \$7,656, 127,784. The total commerce of the United States, including imports and exports, for the decade, was \$16,013,205,388, or a yearly average of \$1,600,000,000.

Compared with annual average of this tenyear period, the statement says the figures for 1896 show an upward tendency not quite so marked as the gain over 1895, but sufilcient to warrent the hope that unless some new disturbing factor arises, the commercial depression of 1894-'95 is a thing of the past. and our commerce, the measure of general prosperity, will soon resume its former di-

mensions. During the fiscal year just ended, the American farmers sold to foreign nations \$570,000,000 worth of their produce-a gain of \$17,000,000 over the preceding year.

The sale abroad of our manufactured pro. ducts gained \$44,000,000 for the year.

It is shown that many of our principal farm products, like cotton, wheat, lard, leaf tobacco, etc., brought smaller returns in foreign markets than in 1895. Wheat, flour, canned beef and pickled pork held their own, while farm animals, corn, fresh beef, hams, oleomargarine, oilcake, fruits and nuts brought better returns than last year.

During the past fiscal year this country sold to the English-speaking people of Europe \$406,000,000 worth of merchandise, which is 46 per cent. of our total exports, and we bought from them \$170,000,000 worth of goods, or 22 per cent. of the total imports.

All parts of the British empire, in all Contiments, brought from the United States \$512,-000,000 worth of goods, or 58 per cent. of the total exports.

Of the more important countries that bought from the United States more than \$500,000 worth of goods during the year Germany, Canada, Italy, British Australasia, British Africa, Japan, Russia and China show decided gains in 1896 over 1893. The United Kingdom shows a gain of 1895, but a falling off from 1894. A very rapid and continuous decline is shown in our exports to Cuba, which dropped from \$24,000,000, in 1891, to \$20,000,000 in 1894 declined to \$13,000,000 in

WATCHING FILIBUSTERS.

Revenue Cutters Determined That No Expedition Shall Leave the Florida Coast.

The Government has put a strict watch upon Jacksonville to prevent any filbustering expedition from leaving port. The cruiser Newark, which left Key West last Saturday under sealed orders, is now anchored off St. John's Bar, where a commanding view of the entrance to the river is to be had. The revenue cutters Boutwell and Merrill are anchored in the stream at the foot of Liberty street within 100 yards of the filibustering steamers Three

Friends and Commodore, which are tied at the same wharf.

The Merrill arrived from Charleston. Captain Kilgore, cf the Boutwell, said that both cutters would remain to prevent a suspected expedition from getting away. The inference was also drawn from his remarks that the stay of the Newark at the mouth of the river will be indefinite.

A statement that the Dauntless would be blown up if it should attempt to leave port, which has been attributed to Captain Kilgore, was addressed to Engineer Devereaux, of the Dauntless, in jest, the two men being old friends. However, Captain Kilgore has positive instructions not to allow any of the alleged filibustering vessels to leave port without permission of the collector of customs, who in turn communicates with the Treasury Department. With such permis- i through the heart. sion the Dauntless left for Brunswick, Ga., to engage in towing.

Besides all this deputy marshals are stationed on the Three Friends and the Commodore, and there is not even a possibility that the anticipated expedition can leave port.

CURRENT EVENTS.

The city of Florence, Ala , has recently paid \$125,000 for the water works.

Grapes are selling for half a cent per pound in Monroe county, Mich., the cheapest ever known.

Nearly every working miner around Silver City, Idaho, has contributed a day's pay to the national silver fund

For the first time in forty years the Circuit Court of Logan county, Ky., convened in regular session recently without a murder case on the docket.

In Hicksville, O., recently a wedding party was stormed by tramps, who locked the groom in the smokehouse, ate the wedding supper and stole the marriage license, A man in Lawrenceville, Ga., recently sold his horse for 25 cents. He had put it up at auction once before, but as he could not get even that sum for it he did not sell.

Prairie schooners bound East are the spectacles to which Nebraskans around Arapahoe are treated now. The people are being forced away from the Southwestern country by drouth.

The extent to which bicycles and electricity are superseding horses is shown nowhere so strikingly as on the Western plains. It is estimated that there are loose berds aggregating 125,000 animals out there.

The annual conference of the M.E. Church

AWHEEL TO ROB. Masked Riders Dash Into Bank and kill Two' Men.

They Swooped Down Upon the Little Town of Sherburne, Minn, and Walked into the Bank, Shooting the Cashier on Eight.

Two masked and bicycle mounted robbers swept into the little town of Sherburne, Minn., dashed into the bank of Sherburne, murdered the cashier, and, securing \$1,000 from the cash tray, mounted their wheels, and escaped before the eyes of the startled villagers. The affair was conducted with all the bravado of the border drama, and the killing of two men, one of whom died instantly, was purely wanton, as neither made any resistance. The dead are :

J. A. Oestern, traveling agent of the Walter A. Wood Harvester Company, shot

Cashier Thorburn, of the Bank of Sherburne, shot in the head.

The crime is paralleled only by the raid of Jesse James and the Younger boys, when they swooped down upon the little town of Northfield, a few miles north of the scene of this crime, shot the cashier of the bank of Northfield down, and decamped with a large amount of money. In that instance the robbers departed on horses, whereas the criminals, in keeping with the times, used bicyles in escaping from the enraged citizens of herburna

At 1 30 o'clock two masked men walked brough the front entrance of the bank to the cashier box and without a word, whipped out their revolvers and leveled them at Casher Thorburn. The latter did not move, but he next minute the report of two revolvers rang ovt and Cashier Thorburn fell at his iersk.

At another desk in the bank stood J. A. Oestern, a traveling man. He was the only mmediate bar to the ends the robbers sought o gain, and as Thorburn fell to the floor they turned and shot him dead.

As rapidly as possible they leaped over the railing which separated them from the cash. ier's desk and secured \$1,000 in cash. They then ran for the back door of the bank where isy had taken the precaution to leave their bicycles, mounted them, and rode away. It all happened inside of two minutes, and the only witness to the deed was a woman, who stood across the street from the front entrance to the bank, and who was

attracted by the report of the revolvers. She saw them then turn on Oestern, secure the money, and disappear. As soon as possible she gave the alarm, and in five minutes after in with a severe chill and accompanied the deed had been c litted the little town of Sherburne was in a state of excitement such as has never before been seen. Thorn burn, it was found, was not dead. Oestern, however, had been shot through the heart and was apparently instantly killed. Thornburn lived two hours, having received bul- (and sharpness of breath, with respiralets in several different parts of his body. The town of Sherburne contains scarcely a score more than 330 inhabitants, but inside to use prompt measures for relief. of ten minutes several posses had been formed, including nearly every male citizen of the town, and a search was at once insti-

COST OF A BIG NAVY.

England's Fleets a Heavy Drain on John Bull's Pockets.

globe, England is peculiarly vulnerable comfort and all that sort of thing with to attack, and the weakest and small. which he had very often beguiled the est possession must receive as great happy hours. She thought she might attention for defense and protection as brag him to the scratch, but she did the strongest and largest. Toward the not want to make it altogether too maintenance of the navy no depend- plain. She thought that under a kind ency contributes, and the entire cost is of allegory she might "fetch" bim. So borne by the people of the United Kingdom.

The same condition applies to countries other than England which have been reaching out for colonial empire. In no instance is the dependency of sufficient weight to be allowed to con- through the interlaced foliage of the trol its foreign relations, on which tree. He approached. Apparently she peace or war so largely depends. The heard him not. He looked at the picfirst cost of empire, therefore, is in- ture a moment while she was steeped volved in the expense of a navy, and in reverie. He spoke. that this is true the annual expenses | She gave a little start and gently of the navy may be compared with the rubbed her eyes. territorial expenses to be protected. Germany has entered upon colonial en- softly. "I was dreaming." terprise more recently than France, and its possessions are of less extent; yet dreaming of?" its navy costs each year nearly \$18,-000,000. France, with two and one. you.' half times the extent of colonial territory, approximates \$49,000,000 for the same purpose. The United Kingdom spends less proportionately in ngyal expenses, but is obliged to expend \$70,-060,000 a year, and is in perpetual fear lest its naval efficiency fall below a strength necessary to cope with the ambitions and jealousles of the other Dowers.

If Italy and Russia be included, the total expenditures in an ordinary year on this arm of the service is \$200,000.- He had beautiful dark hair and eyes 000, and in an extraordinary year, under the influence of a war scare, half as much again may be appropriated to was blond and short. build up and equip new ships, a measure which involves additional expendi- after the pause had grown a little tures in many directions.

A similar estimate of the cost of the traries. army would give an even greater sum. For every dollar annually spent on the navy three are expended on the army. and the five powers named pay out for he service \$600,000,000 each year. Of Arizona, near Prescott, that is believed this one-half may be considered as nec- to have once been one of the great men CESary for home defense and to cover of the Aztecs. It was found by John the educational advantages incident to F. Blundy, who communicated the the system; the other half may be set facts to George F. Kunz, the New York down as the requirements for imperial diamond expert.

"ense .-- San Francisco Chronicle.

The Care of Your Lungs.

Careless neglect in the treatment of a cold, or the ignoring of chest symptoms that do not seem important, has been the regret of many who have awakened to find themselves suffering from serious lung trouble. Latent pneumonias need as much, or evea more, watching, care and prompt attention than those which are ushered with grave symptoms. During the win ter months too strict attention cannot be paid to the laws of hygiene of the lungs; and if colds settle within the chest, or troubles arise in which there is more or less fever, with rapid pulse tory depression, it is best to look into the matter as closely as possible, and Pneumonia is not confined to severe and cold climates, for in some of the Southern States it is more prevalent than in the northern parts of the country. Some have suggested that it occurs where the climate is dry, and view, Ky., Review. It is about five that this dryness of the atmosphere | miles directly north of this place, just takes from the moisture of the tissues on the Todd county side. The line of and renders them less resistant to at- Todd and Christian counties runs just mospheric changes. Whether this be | west of the rock a few feet. proven or not, we find pneumonia often Collins, in his history, thus describes occurring in places where it could not it: "The rock rests upon elevated be looked for as a result of severe ey. ground and is about 200 feet in height. pesure or of sudden and extreme cli- Its summit covers about half an acre matic changes .-. The Ledger.

Caught by a Dream.

He had been paying attention to her for a long time and seemed to be slow in putting into practice any of the With colonies in every part of the beautiful theories of love and domestic the next time he came he found her in the garden reclining in a hammock. An open book was lying beside her, her hand carelessly resting upon it: the other hand was gracefully posed pressing her back hair; her eyes were fixed dreamily on the cloudless blue, seen

"It is you, George, is it?" she cried

"Dreaming! And what were you

"It was silly-ridiculous! I won't tell

"Do tell me,"

"No-it was so silly!"

"Do tell me what it was."

Well, you won't laugh at me," she said, coyly.

'No, indeed I won't."

"I dreamed that I was married, and was living in a pretty little cottage all covered with honeysuckle and woodbine and roses, and my husband-

"What was he like?"

"He was a very nice looking man. and he was tall.

George made no remark. George

"But you know, George," she said, awkward, "dreams always go by con-

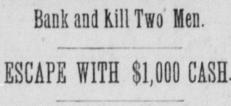
George saw the point.

An Arizona Mummy.

An Indian mummy has been found in

Beside the mummy was a basket filled with a half peck of turquoises. With the Aztees green was a sacred stone, and wealth was gauged generally by the number of green stones the person owned. Every man's treasure in those days was buried with his bones, and neglect to do this was regarded as highly sacrilegious. For the courishment of the departed soul a few ears of corn were added.

The turquoises Mr. Blundy found were in the form of beads. These the Artrain Service Incline and warren the se er from fevers, serpents' bites and dis-CHER. The mummy is a singular specimen. altogether unlike the Egyptian variety. The skin is dried firmly over the bones, giving it a withered' appearance. This is due to the rare air in Arizona, which dries, but seldom has the decomposing effect of our atmosphere .- New . York Journal.



the gulf and 60 miles wide on the Georgia boundary. On a large part of this are most of the buildings that were destroyed and many of the people are almost starved and are shelterless. Measures have been taken in various places to organize relief committees and appeals for aid will be sent out to the people of the United States. At a public meeting in Gainesville \$350 was subscribed and a resolution passed calling for help from the State treasury. Similar action is expected at several other places.

In the western part of Alechua county, where thousands of people lived-most of them were well-to-do farmers-all of their homes have been destroyed, together with the provisions that they had stored for winter. At Yulee the storm made a cleaner path than at any other point. Not a tree remains standing, every store is down and all parts of buildings were carried for three miles. Goods, such as clothing and dress fabrics, were found five miles away tossed around trees or floating in the Suwannee river. The people have gathered what lumber they could find and with that have made camp in which men, women and children, are being sheitered by the hundreds. Their food is nearly gone.

FOUR STUDENTS OREMATED.

An Indian School of the Choctaw Nation Burns Near Antlers.

At 11 o'clock Sunday night Spencer Academy, located ten miles west of Antlers, I. T., burned to ashes, together with all the furniture and four Choctaw boys burned up in the flames. There names are John Smith, Daniel James, Thomas Kuniotubble and William Wilson. Those injured are: Alfred Bryan, bruised and burned on the head; Harris Fisher, spraiged foot; Colton Bacon, leg sprained; Edward Clark, jawbone broken; Sam Spring, burned on face, head, shoulders and wrist sprained.

The origin of the fire is supposed to be incendiary, as no one was occupying the room in which the fire broke out and there had been no fire in it this season. Superintendent J. B. Jeter, who is in charge_of the schools, heard the flames popping, and when he got up the stairway was on fire. He ran on the outside and awakened all the boys, and barely saved his own life. The boys threw their beds out of the windows and jumped to the ground on them. One of the boys who was burned to death was a cripple, and the other three were in rooms where there were no windows. It is said that their moans and groans were heart-sickening in

the extreme. The academy was built by the Choctaw Nation, and 102 boys were there when it burned. Everything is a total loss, as the nation did not carry any insurance. Superintendent Jeter does not know whether the nation is going to rebuild, as it is financia'ly embarrassed and is away behind with the school fund.

BLOODY FIGHT REPORTED.

The Choctaw Troubles Said to Hows Resulted Fatally.

An unconfirmed report from Guthrie, O. T., states that a bloody battle between the full breeds and squaw men occurred in the Choctaw country on Horse Creek, in which several squaws and their white hi bands were killed.

1895, and amounted to only \$7,500,000 in 1896.

The statement continues: "Our total imports during the year were \$780,000,000 worth of goods. This was a year's gain of \$48,000,-000. A considerable falling off is noticeable in the import values of coffee, manufactured silks, India rubber, tea, cotton, laces, goatskins and tin plates. As in exports, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland leads in imports. We obtained from English-speaking nations \$259,000,000 worth

of merchandise, or 33 per cent. of the total. "After the United Kingdom, follow in order, Germany, Brazil, France, Canada, Cuba-Japan, Italy, China and British India.

"In shipments to our shores for 1896, nearly all the principal countries show a decline as compared with 1893, the exceptions being Canada, China, Dutch East India, Belgium and Hawaii.

"Our imports from Cubs, which were valued at \$79,000,000 in 1893, shrank to \$40,-000,000 in 1896, or a little over half of the former amount. Mexico dropped from \$34,-000.000 to \$17,000.003.

Compared with 1895, there is a gain in 1896 in the imports from most of the principal countries, the exceptions being Brazil, Cuba, British India, Switzerland and the Netherlands.

UNIQUE TRAIN ROBBING.

1 Man Shipped in a Box Worked This Scheme.

In the arrest of Peter Nelson, alias W. T. Johnson, T. W. Parker and J. C. Miller, the Chicago police think they have made a catch that has revealed one of the most unique robbing schemes ever practiced. The scheme was to have a box marked "household goods," but which, in reality, contained a man, shipped from Chicago to some far away city, addressed to W. T. Johnson.

The man in the box, who was supplied with necessary tools, would, when far enough away, come out of the box, fill it with merchandise from the car, make good his escape, while the box would go to its destination laden with merchandise, but ahead of the box would go a message ordering i's immediate return to Chicago. A box thus sent to Chicago from Omaha was found to contain \$800 worth of stolen shoes consigned to Kansas by the Cincinnati Shoe Company.

TRAMPS KILLED BY TRAINMEN.

Brakemen Charged With Ruthlessly Murdering Ten Hoboes.

A special dispatch from New Haven says that the police of New York believe that brakemen of the Consolidated Railroad have been ruthlessly murdering tramps caught stealing rides on cars of that line.

It is asserted that 10 bodies, a'l mangled by being run over by trains, have been found on the tracks of the Consolidated within the last six months. The dispatch states that a man named Moloney, from Brooklyn, was shot twice and thrown from a train by the train hands, but survived his injuries and has given information to the authorities which led to the arrest of a brakeman named Bean.

The latter, according to the story's con. fessed to the superintendent of police of New Haven that the trainmen made it a practice to kill tramps found on their cars.

South will meet in Hopkinsville, Ky., on the 23d of this month. The first conference after the separation from the M. E. Church North was held in Hopkinsville, October 14 to 20, 1846. Bishop James O. Andrews presided; A. C. DeWitt was secretary. Of the number then present only three are alive.

BOLD ROBBERY OF A BANI.

All the Officers and Customers Held Up .- One Robber Killed.

The First National Bank of Joseph, Walowa county, Ore., was robbed of \$2,000 by three men, one of whom is dead, another badly wounded, whille the third is being pursued by a posse of citizens. At the time of the hold-up there were four customers in the bank. Cashler McCully had occasion to go to a vault. When he came back he was confronted with a shotgun in the hands of a robber and told to throw up his hands. The customers had already complied with the request, and McCully did likewise.

One of the robbers leaped over the railing and opened the private door, through which the men were made to pass, and were then lined up against the wall. One robber took his position at the door, and compelled all passers-by to halt and throw up their hands. The third robber went into the vault, taking all the coin and currency, even to nickels, and placed them in a sack. He then de, manded from McCully the keys to the pri. vate boxes, and ransacked them. By this time the report that the bank was being robbed reached the citizens, several of whom armed themselves and awaited the appearance of the robbers. When they appeared Alexander Donuelly, a young man twentyfive years of age, opened fire and killed one robber instantly and wounded another hitting him twice. The third robber had the sack containing the coin, and succeeded in reaching his horse, which was standing nearby. The dead robber was named Brown, while the one who escaped was Cy Fitzhugh, The wounded robber is unknown.

PTOMAINES IN FISH.

Many Families Stricken From Eating the Poisoned Ment.

Cases of poisoning from eating smoked whitefish continue to be reported. Three deaths thus far have taken place at Merrill, Wis., where Albert Radloff, Gus Krueger and a man whose name is not given, succumbed. Radloff's father and two children of the family are very ill from eating the fish.

Several others in the town are in a critical condition, and although 70 cases of poisoning are reported at Merrill,

Following so closely after the prostration of all the students in Concordia College, in Milwaukee, and the similar affliction of over 50 people at Oshkosh, the news from Merril¹ and dealers. Twenty additional cases are reported from Brotherton, on the east shore of Lake Winnebago, the family of George Weber, consisting of himself, wife and five children, being in a serious condition.

The analysis by the Milwaukee health authorities developed the fact that the fish partaken of at Concordia College contained the poisonous germs called ptomaines. The State Board of Health will investigate the

BANCROFT BARRED OUT.

tuted.

In Advance of Request Turkey Says the Ship Gannot Pass Dardanelles.

The United States cruiser Bancroft will not be allowed by Turkey to enter the Dardanelles to act as a guardship. This is the announced decision of the Porte, who has also decided not to admit the guardships of Greece and Holland, which countries also proposed to have a ship stationed in the Bosphorous to furnish men to guard their Legations in case of emergencies

The exact ground upon which the Turkish Government stands is not stated, but it is known in official circles that Russia has obocted to the presence in the Bosphorus of United States, Grecian or Dutch guardships. Her objections are said to be based on the Berlin agreement, which excludes from naval representation in the Bosphorus any powers that were not party to that agreement, and that, therefore, the United States cannot be allowed to send a warship to the Dardanelles.

The Turkish Government has also sent a circular to the different embassies demanding the right to search foreign vessels passing Constantinople for Armenians. It is believed that the powers will not accede to this request, as, up to the present. Armenians who have sought refuge on board of British or French vessels have been protected by the guardships until the vessels on which they had sought refuge sailed.

GUAYAQUIL'S SAD DISASTER.

Twenty Thousand Persons Homeless and Millions.

persons are deprived of their houses and homes by the destructive fire. The losses to foreign insurance companies are placed at

squares of the town, including the most important buildings in it, and is still raging. Among the buildings known to have been consulates, all the hotels except one, two is causing quite a panic among fish eaters the military barracks and the arsena'. It is further stated that Guaryaquil has been house, the flames extending from the bank

Quay to the Front.

of the river.

Quay is always a good and great Republican in campaign times. All Remblicau candidates love him then as cases at Oshkosh, Brotherton and Merrill. Mc Kiviey does now. -- New York World.

Chinaman's Queer House.

One of the most curious habitations on the California coast is located on the beach near Cypress Point, in Monterey county. The place belongs to a Chinese fisherman, and the residence is partly natural and partly the work, senting a prospect at once picturof his own hands.

The natural portion of the structure is a small cave in one of the many rocks that stick up all over the beach. The remaining part is a sort of wooden shed that has been built in front of the opening. The lumber used is of the roughest kind, but the aesthetic Chinaman overcomes this objection by covering the whole outside with abalone shells, the hollow side being in an early day used this rock as a turned out.

The Chinaman evidently did that many years ago, when the shells were plentiful, and had scarcely any market value.

Some of the shells are magnificent in color and enormous in size. There is one at least fifteen inches wide, which, if not destroyed, would bring \$5,000 in San Francisco. They have all been spoiled by the nails which the above. At the foot of the hill on which builder sent home to keep the shells Later information from Guayaquil, Ecus, in position. Were it not for that, the beate water that is as cold as ice. This dor, states that it is estimated that 20,000 outside of the house would bring a small fortune. The smaller ones would easily bring \$3 apiece, and there are many among them that would bring far more.

Trees Lightning Likes.

More than half the trees struck by lightning are white poplar. For take destroyed are four banks, all the forsign | reason it is held by scientific men that the poplar must be an excellent conchurches, all the principal business houses, ductor of lightning. In consequence, It has been suggested that agriculturists should plant trees in the vicinity of burned from the post-office to the custom their farm buildings. An additional suggestion is the attaching of lightning rods to two or three of the tallest trees.

> on Telegraph. A sow that lost her sight of the village it crutables into tail by an accident had a litter of ten earth and the water is spilled on the pigs, but seeing that they all had tails, ground. On returning for her own displaced them in a row and bit off their | carded one that is always found brotalls one by one.

A Kentucky Curiosity.

Pilot Rock is one of the natural curiosities of Todd county, says the Fair-

of ground, which affords some small growth of wild shrubbery. This rock attracts considerable attention and is visited by large numbers of persons and sight seers, particularly in the summer months. Its elevated summit, which is reached without much difficulty, affords a fine view of the surrounding country for many miles, preesque, magnificent and beautiful."

From the summit of this rock the city of Hopkinsville can be seen on a clear day. There is in the rock a cave which one can go down through. The top of the rock is reached by several avenues up through the rock about four feet wide and with perpindicular walls on either side reaching up many feet. It is a tradition that the Indians place to watch the approach of the white man, and that when they would come up through these avenues spoken of above, expecting to capture them, they always disappeared, much to the chagrin and disappointment of their pale-faced pursuers. This hole in the rock is seen, and we have been told that one can easily pass down through it and make his escape as described the rock stands is a stream of chalyrock is at some time destined to become a great summer resort.

African Superstition.

In South Africa I and my black companions had once to sit down and wait two and a half hours at a place on a fairly open forest path, because across it, in front of us, about that time in the afternoon, the ghost of a spear flew, and a touch from it was necessarily fatal. And there is a spring I know of, in the Kacongo district, where, when you go to fill your pitcher, you see a very handsome pitcher standing ready filled. Many a lady, seeing no one about to whom the pitcher belongs, has picked this up and left her A queer pig story is teld by the Lon. own, but as soon as she got it within ken,-Cornhill Magazine.

Lost.

over \$2500,000 sterling (\$2,000,000) The fire is said to have destroyed fifteen