

THE NEWS.

Bishop W. D. Walker, of North Dakota, has been elected bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Western New York.

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.

DESTITUTION IN FLORIDA.

Sufferers by the Hurricane Without Food or Shelter—Help Needed. A despatch from Jacksonville, Fla. says:—The destruction of property is altogether beyond estimate.

In the western part of Alachua county, where thousands of people lived—most of them were well-to-do farmers—all of their homes have been destroyed.

FOUR STUDENTS CREMATED.

An Indian School of the Choctaw Nation Burns Near Antlers. At 11 o'clock Sunday night Spencer Academy, located ten miles west of Antlers, L. T., burned to ashes, together with all the furniture and four Choctaw boys burned up in the flames.

The origin of the fire is supposed to be incendiary, as no one was occupying the room in which the fire broke out.

BLOODY FIGHT REPORTED.

The Choctaw Troubles Said to Have 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.

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.

Its shows that many of our principal farm products, like cotton, wheat, lard, leaf tobacco, etc., brought smaller returns in foreign markets than in 1895.

During the fiscal year just ended, the American farmers sold to foreign nations \$70,000,000 worth of their produce—a gain of \$17,000,000 over the preceding year.

The sale abroad of our manufactured products 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.

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.

All parts of the British empire, in all continents, 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 showed decided gains in 1896 over 1895.

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, goat-skins and tin plates.

UNIQUE TRAIN ROBBING.

A 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 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.

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.

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 filibustering expedition from leaving port. The cruiser Newark, which left Key West last Saturday under sealed orders, is now anchored off St. John's Bar.

The Merrill arrived from Charleston. Captain Kilgore, of the Boutwell, said that both cutters would remain to prevent a suspected expedition from getting away.

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.

Engage 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 Hockley, 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 specialties to which Nebraskans around Arapahoe are treated now. The people are being forced away from the Southwestern country by drought.

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 herds aggregating 125,000 animals out there.

The annual conference of the M. E. Church South will meet in Hopkinsville, Ky., on the 25th of this month. The first conference after the separation from the M. E. Church North was held in Hopkinsville October 14 to 20, 1846.

BOLD ROBBERY OF A BANK.

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

The First National Bank of Joseph, Wallowa county, Ore., was robbed of \$2,000 by three men, one of whom is dead, another badly wounded, while the third is being pursued by a posse of citizens.

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.

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PTOMAINES IN FISH.

Many Families Stricken From Eating the Poisoned Meat.

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.

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 Merrill is causing quite a panic among fish eaters and dealers.

The analysis by the Milwaukee health authorities developed the fact that the fish par-taken of at Concordia College contained the poisonous germs called ptomaines.

A WHEEL TO ROB.

Masked Riders Dash Into a Bank and Kill Two Men.

ESCAPE WITH \$1,000 CASH.

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

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 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.

At 11 o'clock two masked men walked through the front entrance of the bank to the cashier box and without a word, whipped out their revolvers and leveled them at Cashier Thorburn.

As rapidly as possible they leaped over the railing which separated them from the cashier's desk and secured \$1,000 in cash.

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

The town of Sherburne contains scarcely a score more than 300 inhabitants, but inside of ten minutes several posses had been formed, including nearly every male citizen of the town, and a search was at once instituted.

BANCROFT BARRED OUT.

In Advance of Request Turkey Says the Ship Cannot 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, which has also decided not to admit the guardships of Greece and Holland, which countries also proposed to have a ship stationed in the Bosphorus to furnish men to guard their Legations in case of emergencies.

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The Turkish Government has also sent a circular to the different embassies demanding the right to search foreign vessels passing Constantinople for Armenians.

GUAYAQUIL'S SAD DISASTER.

Twenty Thousand Persons Homeless and Millions Lost.

Later information from Guayaquil, Ecuador, states that it is estimated that 20,000 persons are deprived of their homes and homes by the destructive fire.

The fire is said to have destroyed fifteen squares of the town, including the most important buildings in it, and is still raging. Among the buildings known to have been destroyed are four hotels, all the foreign consulates, all the banks except one, two churches, all the principal business houses, the military barracks and the arsenal.

Quay to the Front.

Quay is always a good and great Republican in campaign times. All Republican candidates love him then as McKinley does now.—New York World.

COST OF A BIG NAVY.

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

With colonies in every part of the globe, England is peculiarly vulnerable to attack, and the weakest and smallest possession must receive as great attention for defense and protection as the strongest and largest.

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 control its foreign relations, on which peace or war so largely depends.

If Italy and Russia be included, the total expenditures in an ordinary year on this arm of the service is \$200,000,000, and in an extraordinary year, under the influence of a war scare, half as much again may be appropriated to build up and equip new ships, a measure which involves additional expenditures in many directions.

A similar estimate of the cost of the 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 the service \$600,000,000 each year.

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.

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 that this dryness of the atmosphere takes from the moisture of the tissues and renders them less resistant to atmospheric changes.

A Kentucky Curiosity.

Pilot Rock is one of the natural curiosities of Todd county, says the Fairview, Ky., Review. It is about five miles directly north of this place, just on the Todd county side.

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.

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.

More than half the trees struck by lightning are white poplar. For this reason it is held by scientific men that the poplar must be an excellent conductor of lightning.

Trees Lightning Likes.

A queer pig story is told by the London Telegraph. A sow that lost her tail by an accident had a litter of ten pigs, but seeing that they all had tails, placed them in a row and bit off their tails one by one.

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 beautiful theories of love and domestic comfort and all that sort of thing with which he had very often beguiled the happy hours.

"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 I 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. He had beautiful dark hair and eyes and he was tall." "George made no remark. George was blond and short." "But you know, George," she said, after the pause had grown a little awkward, "dreams always go by contraries."

An Arizona Mummy.

An Indian mummy has been found in Arizona, near Prescott, that is believed to have once been one of the great men of the Aztecs. It was found by John F. Blundy, who communicated the facts to George F. Kunz, the New York diamond expert.

Beside the mummy was a basket filled with a half peck of turquoise. With the Aztecs green was a sacred stone, and wealth was gauged generally by the number of green stones the person owned.

The turquoise Mr. Blundy found were in the form of beads. These the Aztecs firmly believed saved the wearer from fevers, serpents' bites and diseases.