

UNITED STATES.

The Crops.—The rain which has fallen in abundance in this section during the week, has been of immense advantage to the growing crops; even to wheat, as the temperature has been quite low, so that it could not be injured. Generally speaking, the present is the most favorable season we have had for six or seven years, for the crops, both as regards the early and abundant vegetation, and the peculiarly favorable adaptation of the temperature and the rain to it. The accounts we have from the country give favorable reports of the crops generally. Corn has been planted in good season, and a full average breadth of land planted. In this State, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Iowa and Wisconsin, the wheat crop promises well, and should nothing arise to injure it after this time, will be abundant. The grass crop throughout the whole West looks well. Complaints regarding peaches are quite frequent, and no doubt a large portion of them was killed by the frosts of the first week of April, but there will be, we think, a good supply. Apples will be in a pretty good supply, though not a full crop.—Cincinnati Price Current June 1.

The Boston Daily Traveller states, that the town of West Roxbury, adjacent to Boston, has had no less than fifteen fires since the 13th of February last, of which twelve were of an incendiary character, entailing a loss of \$13,923, which, however, was mostly covered by insurance.

The Jacksonville (Fla.) correspondent of the Springfield Register says a most terrific tornado occurred twelve miles south of that city on the 27th ult. The violence of the whirlwind is described as exceeding anything of the kind ever witnessed in the West Indies. Sixteen persons are reported killed, and many others seriously injured. Houses, barns, &c., were torn to atoms. The names of the killed are not ascertained.

A destructive and fatal tornado visited Iowa City on Tuesday week. Houses, barns and everything moveable was swept off. The track of the whirlwind was in a southerly direction, and it extended for ten or twelve miles before its force was spent.—As far as heard from, four persons were killed and twelve badly injured. A family named Morgan, father, son and grandson, were killed instantly.

Old Wash Taylor, a man of great repute in the counterfeiting fraternity, has just been arrested by the authorities of Philadelphia, and a large amount of counterfeit money and apparatus was found and secured. Taylor is an old man, and one of the most expert counterfeiters in the country. He had settled down quietly on a farm in New Jersey, a few miles from Philadelphia, and was at all appearances a thrifty and hard-working farmer; but his house was found to be fitted up with unrivaled completeness as a manufactory of counterfeit notes.

On the evening of the 27th ult., as Mr. Durrill Arnold, of Centerville, Warwick, R. I., was sitting in his store, he was instantly killed by some person unknown, the ball entering his neck between the shoulders. He had just returned from Providence.

Robert Morrison, a well known citizen of West Troy, and Sheriff of Albany county, was robbed and murdered at a late hour on Friday night of last week and his body thrown into the canal basin, from which it was recovered next day.

TORTURE IN OUR PRISONS.—A correspondent of the Albany Statesman relates the following case of "discipline" at the Sing-Sing State Prison.—A day or two since a negro, Hiram Robinson, made an attack upon his keeper, striking him twice before he could be arrested. To properly punish the refractory, and restore the discipline, was a desideratum, and of course the inventive genius of the management has been entirely engaged in the conception of modes of punishment that would reduce the viciousness without impairing the physical system of the convict. I saw one day (in which the negro, Hiram Robinson, was doing penance), which combines a refinement of torture hardly to be excelled. It would have been prized as a chef d'œuvre in the days of the Inquisition. It is a box about three feet square, and as high as the tallest man. As it stands up, a door opens so as to let the convict step in, and there is a hole in the top through which the head projects.—After he is in, a sliding collar of wood fits around the neck and keeps him in place. A false bottom of this box is raised or lowered by means of a pulley, so that it may be adapted to the attitude of the man to be punished. This false bottom is pulled up so that the convict's legs are bent as if about to kneel. He cannot straighten up, he cannot kneel down, without throwing his entire weight upon his neck, but must bear his weight by the muscles alone, for his knees cannot touch anything to sustain them in position. "Crock the pregnant hinges of the knee" until the feet, knees and thigh form the points of a triangle, stand in that position, and fancy a more terrible torture. But I believe this stalwart negro has endured this torture for more than twenty-four hours, without food, and without manifesting any signs of contrition.

The latest intelligence from California reports the discovery of not less than five guano islands by a San Francisco vessel. It is stated that altogether there have been as many as seventy islands of this useful fertilizer discovered and claimed by the Americans.

TERRIFIC FIGHT WITH A RATTLESNAKE.—We have hitherto supposed the day long since passed for chronicling a big snake fight in the vicinity of the Central City, but such it appears is not the case from a scene which recently transpired within a short drive from the Court House. Some of the older residents will remember a building which formerly stood on Prospect Hill, about six miles distant from Peoria, and which was destroyed some seven or eight years since. During the past season another house was erected near the same location, and all that has remained as relics of the old hotel, was a partially filled excavation for a cellar, and two well preserved brick cisterns, which had been kept covered up.—Last week, the proprietor of the place, while busy with his wife in preparing their Summer flower garden, found himself in the want of a few bricks for the edge of the walks. Remembering the cisterns, he uncovered one of them, and finding it dry at the bottom, and only about six feet in depth, he jumped in, and commenced throwing out some of the best bricks he could pick from the walls. It seems, there was a piece of plank, with one end partially imbedded in the earth that somewhat incumbered him, so seizing it, with some exertion, he pulled it out and threw it to the top. What was his horror and surprise, at the next moment, to find that he had unloosed an enormous rattlesnake, and himself without a weapon in his hand. As the cistern was round, and only about five feet in diameter, he could not jump out, and the snake, bristling with anger and rattling defiance, was ready for battle. His screams brought his wife to the scene, but she was so overcome with fright that she became powerless to render any assistance. The snake, in the meantime, had commenced the fight, making repeated springs at him, but fortunately he managed on each occasion to hit him upon the head with his boot, without receiving a bite, the snake all the time becoming more defiant and enraged. During the whole scene, which lasted several minutes, the man did not lose his presence of mind, but watching his chance, made several frantic efforts to jump bodily from this seemingly perilous situation. At the last trial, he fortunately grasped a brick, which gave way with him, and remained in his hand, as he again stood fronting his hissing enemy. After a few more kicks, and watching his opportunity, he fired it, making probably one of the best shots on record, for it struck the snake on the head, and between the one sent and the wall, he became a "pretty well used up serpent." The snake and exhausted, our hero, by the assistance of his wife, was enabled to climb from the pit, but when once more upon the earth he fainted away, and it was sometime before he recovered. For several

succeeding days he was quite unwell, owing probably to the poisonous effluvia inhaled, while his desperate exercise in the encounter rendered him exceedingly lame. The snake was afterwards taken from the cistern, when it was found to measure seven feet in length, and contained thirteen rattles! The latter have been preserved, and have been placed in Shoaf's Museum for exhibition.—Peoria Transcript.

PETER THE GREAT.—The first three volumes of a new "Life of Peter the Great," by Ustrialov, the Russian Historian, have just appeared at St. Petersburg, and have produced a greater sensation than any other historical work in Russia since the masterpiece of Karamzin. The narrative is carried no further than to the outbreak of the war with Sweden in 1700; but so much new light is thrown on all the subjects treated from documents and other sources hitherto unknown, that the work will evidently supersede all other biographies of the regenerator of Russia. The most elaborate work on their greatest monarch which the Russians have hitherto possessed is the Life by Golikov, in thirty volumes, the history of the origin of which is very singular. Golikov, who had been condemned to perpetual imprisonment for malversation, was released with other criminals in 1782 by a general pardon of the Empress Catherine, issued on occasion of the uncovering of the celebrated statue of Peter the Great, in the square of St. Isaac, at St. Petersburg. The liberated captive hastened to throw himself at the feet of the statue, and publicly pronounced a vow that his future life should be devoted to writing the life of his deliverer. Golikov travelled to every spot in Russia that had been visited by his hero. Ustrialov has done the same to every spot in Europe where the Czar left traces of his presence. The enthusiasm which the Russians feel for the memory of Peter has led them recently to form, at the Imperial Library of St. Petersburg, a collection of all the known representations of his face and figure, whether in painting or engraving, and the collection which is exhibited to the public amounts to no less than 240 articles. One of the most conspicuous among them comes from London. When the Czar was in our metropolis, he was accustomed to pay frequent visits with his boon companions to a public house in Tower Street to smoke a pipe and drink beer and brandy. The landlord, proud of his illustrious customer, requested and obtained permission to alter his sign to the "Czar of Muscovy's Head," and the head was delineated from the original. More than a century after, in 1808, a Russian traveller, of the name of Waxel, proposed to the then landlord to give him a new sign for his old one, effected the exchange, and carried off the unvalued relic, which he presented to the Academy of Sciences at St. Petersburg. It has now, as we have stated, been transferred to the Imperial Library, where, as the sign is, of course, painted on both sides, there was some consultation as to how both should be exhibited with perfect impartiality, and by an ingenious plan, proposed by one of the librarians, Mr. Sobolschikov, it was at length made to revolve without cessation, so that each spectator who stops in front of it for a few minutes has an opportunity of surveying it in both its phases. It is now, perhaps, the most honored sign-post in Europe.—Athens.

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