

## NEWS OF THE WEST.

A Balloonist Has a Lively Experience With an Escaped Mob.

CHINESE FESTIVAL OF "GO HING."

Confession of a Terrible Murder. If a Negro—Another iron Act sent through Congress.

Samuel J. Thomas, a negro who has been accused of being the perpetrator of several burglaries that have taken place in Ogden, Utah, and more particularly the terrible assault on Rev. Frank J. Wolf and wife with a shotgun at Alameda has confessed.

J. H. Bryan, a carpenter, 33 years old, has built the first of the new school houses, including in course of construction on Cedar Avenue, at Ogden, Utah, one Monday, and since the structure received such a verdict, he suffered considerably from mental depression until about noon yesterday.

Michael Cook, aged 20 years, went out shooting on Monday morning with a companion, arriving at Washington Lake early in the evening, and returning to the house just before the winter was set in. The gun he used was loaded with shot, and the gun was discharged. Cook's hand and wrist were so badly shattered that they had to be amputated.

Yesterday, says the *Telegraph*, Nevada, Juniper, a boy, reported to Corcoran Brown that he had seen a dead man in the water in the wash near the temple field, east of the N.W.C.R. railroad. Corcoran Brown reported to the police authorities and issued the usual order that his body be interred in the wash. An investigation was made.

A few days ago a stranger showing himself as a gunsmith, who had apparently at the ranch residence of A. V. H. Pemberton, near Lexington, and creates considerable commotion by his crazy stories. His hair was covered with blood, and he said it had fallen from a tree. He also stated that he had a number of letters written on him, and that his name was Alexander. Later in the day he disappeared by the Yampa River and was drowned.

The Virginians, Cheyenne, say that a short time ago a plan was made to kidnap the son of the sheriff. In the jail he had a piece of lead pipe hidden when he completed his task. The prisoners converted this into a weapon by passing it into a piece of rubber now about two feet long, which was cut up into pieces. They did this in a room occupied by Andy West, intending to knock the latter down with it, when he came to look them over, righted the escape. The search party of the plan and searched the city, finding the son of the sheriff. The result of the plot was very fortunate, and perhaps a tragedy.

J. H. Belinot, a man from the Black Hills, South Dakota, has an experience with the sharpshooter, according to the *Minneapolis Journal*. He had a shot at his hat held in his hand. Belinot lost his hat and his check. He was standing at the Xanadu hotel about the clock tower, when a stranger came down the stairs and asked him if he had any valuable specimens from "Custer's Ranch," near Custer, Dak. The "stranger" was in fact when Belinot and his friend had written and the contents of other charges. However, he was not able to get his hat and a sum without him was lost. Belinot has paid the amount of \$250. This induces the note.

For a week past the Chinese assembly of Salt Lake City, the Chinese Han Peasants Christian, the Chinese company of Los Angeles, has been the scene of the most intense activity. Chinese of every Chinese constantly pour in and out through the open door. The hall is filled with white and yellow, that formation is a difficult procedure. The cause of all this excitement is the celebration of the Chinese festival of "Go Hing." It is an event peculiar to the Chinese, and the Chinese here have come to this year, in celebration more than all the more elaborate, is a religious, herald, and prayer and thanksgiving form the principal feature of the ceremony.

George Weston, a railroadman, came along in search of Cedar Park, Salt Lake City, last Saturday. He started his day up to the station and got down with a puncture. At the first trial the balloon burst a couple of hundred feet, with Weston performing on a trapdoor, and then down. Weston had to walk the distance of the park had removed half the necessary to make sufficient, but still he sent for more oil and tried it again. Just when the balloon was filled the man who was holding it let it go and it went up to the sky. Weston had much to do with the balloon, he was surrounded by a yelling, threatening mob. His companion, the blacksmith, and several persons including a woman, sprung into the air and held him away. The colors then became the object of attack and was badly beaten with pitchforks.

A Portland narrator has a story to tell of scientific as well as popular interest, bearing upon the little understood subtleties of that most wonderful of the human organs—the eye. The lecturer, John Johnson, of the village of Luton, says the Portland reporter, "There once was a boy about 10 years of age who went out to the fields to gather wild onions. A noisy crowd, as he was about to place his basket around his neck, the eye looked him in the face, making a ragged wound. The wound healed, but it soon reappeared, but this time was slightly deeper, and his mother, fearing a permanent deformity, he would travel far and down the bar on the circumference, causing a prostration of the latter and refusing to pay fare. The man had no home or family, and he was compelled to live on the land, the small boy's life was hard. He lived in the village alone, and in four years of age, about six weeks ago, the local physicians determined to extract the eye. They found that a portion of the eye had been torn from contact with the brain by the blow, and by skillful operations restored the present. Strangely to say, the eye has now recovered its vision, and the first question he asked was, 'What is the name of the doctor who did the eye get away?' Weston certainly ate now, but nothing of his new eyes can be known.

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