

found that other religious interests are likewise neglected and the tide of religious life is at low water mark. It may be likened to a tree which at a distance may appear green, but on closer examination is found to be hollow and decayed in the center and whose death and fall are only a question of time.

A TERRIBLE TRANSACTION.

How much longer our vaunted civilization will tolerate such barbarous performances as that which was enacted in the prison at Auburn, New York, on Thursday no one knows; but every one ought to know that they constitute so many blots which time cannot erase nor posterity excuse. If, for the sake of society's protection, the murderer must be put to death, we owe it to ourselves, to those who are to succeed us, that the infliction of the penalty be as destitute of torture and attended by as little of harshness as possible. Death by electrocution is had enough when it is expeditiously performed; the mental agony that the victim must undergo while the preparations are going on are worthy a descriptive place in the Inferno; but to apply the current until not death but unconsciousness results, then have the apparatus fail and the victim slowly return to a realization of his situation while repairs are being made, is quite worthy of ranking alongside the most exquisite tortures of the Inquisition.

Would that man might cease his crimes, and that until he does we might avoid such spectacles as that spoken of or any of like character!

NEWS OF THE WEST.

Fire destroyed a barn and fifty tons of hay at Temescal, near Riverside, Cal., on Saturday. Loss, \$1000.

New rich placer mines have been discovered on one of the tributary streams of the Yukon river, Cal., a few hundred miles below Forty-mile creek.

At the target practice of company F at Woodland, Cal., on Sunday, Willie Mallet, marker, was struck on the foot by a bullet which glanced from the target.

Henry B. Rule of Reno, Nev., has received the following returns from an assay made of rock from his mine recently discovered this side of Peavine mountain, near Reno: \$222 in gold, \$53.20 in silver and 25 per cent copper to the ton.

The board of supervisors has raised the assessment list of Yuma county, A. T., from 25 to 60 per cent. The Harqua Hala mines, which have just been patented and sold for \$1,250,000 cash and which were assessed last year at \$25,000, were raised to \$40,000.

Saturday night at Carbon, Wyo., two men got into a row. One had a gun and the other a knife. A man named Wm. Bessola stepped in to stop the trouble, and Andrew Woltz, the one who had the knife, slashed Bessola about three inches under the heart,

inflicting a horrible wound. It is feared the wound will result serious.

Lander (Wyo.) *Gazette*: The grain fields have improved in appearance wonderfully during the last week. What seemed almost impossible to make a crop at that time now looks promising, but it is not yet equal to the crop prospects one year ago, so we are informed. The acreage is also less this year than last. Hay is also light in yield.

News was received at Tombstone, Arizona, on Tuesday, of a daring robbery at DeCanzo, eighteen miles distant, of Tom Harris. Two Mexicans held him at the muzzle of a revolver and, after tying his hands behind him, one of them went into the house and demanded the money from Mrs. Harris, who was there with three children. She gave them all there was in the house, about \$90. Sheriff White is on their trail, which leads towards New Mexico.

The ticket office of the Southern Pacific at Fernando, twenty-one miles north of Los Angeles, Cal., was robbed on Monday evening. About 11 o'clock the night operator at the station was surprised in his office by a Mexican, who had his face partly concealed by a handkerchief, and to add emphasis to his request, held a revolver under the operator's nose. The Mexican wanted money and the agent gave up what he had in his pocket, amounting to about \$7. The robber then searched the premises and found about \$10 in the change drawer. The young man did not know the combination of the safe and was therefore unable to hand over to the highwayman its contents.

News reached Albuquerque, N. M., on Tuesday afternoon of a conflict between cowboys and Mexican sheepherders on the St. Augustine plains in Socorro county. Three unknown cowboys rode up to several sheepherders and began abusing and hitting them with their quirks. Enatacio Lobato, one of the men abused, offered resistance and struck one of the cowboys, when the latter commenced shooting, one shot taking effect in the lower part of his body. The cowboys then rode off and the companion of the wounded man took him to Socorro, where he died the next day. For the past few years there has been bad blood between these men and it is feared that the present killing will result in more bloodshed.

Alma Young, a farmer living near Brighton, Colo., made a ghastly discovery in the Platte river, nine miles from Denver, early on Tuesday morning. While walking along the bank with some boys he came across the dead body of a small boy. Little more than the bones were left and they presented a horrible appearance. Clinging to the remains were a pair of dark, knee trousers, a white blouse and a pair of home-made stockings. From appearances the body must have been exposed on the shore for at least three months. On June 20th the three-year-old son of John Desky of Globeville fell into the Platte river near the packing house, and although the river was dragged for several miles the body was not recovered. This is the only case of the kind which the authorities know anything about and they believe that

the body found must be Mr. Desky's son.

The Lander (Wyo.) *Gazette* gives the following interesting story of the abduction of a child near that place: "Last Saturday Mrs. George Huddleston came into town with her sister from over the mountains, in a wagon, and proceeded to the Appleby place on Squaw creek. Mr. and Mrs. Appleby have had charge of two children, a boy and a girl, belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Huddleston, since the latter separated some time ago. Appleby and wife had left home, coming to town in the forenoon, bringing the girl with them, and when the mother arrived at their place she went into the house and asked one of the boys to see the little boy. Her request was complied with and she signified her intention to take him down the road 'so that his aunt could see him,' and when once at the wagon she bundled the boy in and away they drove. The Appleby boy started after them in hot pursuit, and overtook the women and riding around in front of the team grabbed the bridle rein of one of the horses and ordered them to stop. Instead of obeying his demands they each drew revolvers and ordered him to get out of the way, which order he executed with precision and dispatch."

The *Seattle Press-Times* of July 10th contains the following: A singular manner monster that is now attracting unusual attention as a "What is it?" is to be seen at the Denver Market. It was caught in the northern waters of Queen Charlotte sound, and the scientists and others versed in such matters who have seen it are unable to classify it among aquatic specimens, though a conchylologist would probably find it to be sui generis; but whatever its scientific place may be, it is deeply interesting to examine this rare and mysterious monster of an unknown species and age that so seldom leaves its submarine regions as to come within the reach of man. Its length is fully six feet and at a distance presents more the appearance of a gigantic eel or snake than a fish. It is dark brown in color and wedge shape in form, tapering gradually from the head to the tail which is flat and evidently very muscular. The head is short and narrow, with widening jaws of the bulldog order. It has long, sharp teeth, or tusks, in the upper and lower front jaws, evidently used to tear with, and behind these, tripple rows of molars, or grinders, fixed, not on the sides of the jaws, but in the middle of the upper and lower jaws, indicating that the thing evidently lived on shell fish and crunched shell and all between these powerful looking molars. It was caught by an Indian on a halibut hook and made such a vicious fight that it broke the sides of the canoe before the frightened Indian succeeded in hammering it to death. The oldest of the Indian fishermen could give no idea of the nature of the fish, and none like it had ever been seen or heard of by any of them and its capture aroused their superstitious nature, and many were firm in the belief that a submarine god had been sacrificed which would forever act as a hoodoo on their future fishing operations. The present specimen will be sent to some eastern museum.