

General News

CHILIAN DESPERADOES.—A horrible story of brigandage reaches us from Chili. Don Go-

mezy Lagoberon, a famous bandit captain, who, on his fastnesses in Sierra Profunda, has long defied the Chilean authorities, was recently pursued, with the brigands under his command, by a body of troops, which succeeded in cutting him off from his followers, and driving him to take refuge in a cavern, situated near the summit of one of the lofty mountains constituting the above named range. In this cavern he had concealed a female captive, whose husband he

had robbed and slain, and whom he had for some time compelled to live with him as his mistress. The soldiers made several attempts to reach the entrance to this cavern, to which there was only one means of access—a mere mountain-goat track; but Lagoberon, a man of gigantic stature and herculean strength, rolled

heavy rocks down upon them, and succeeded in beating them off, after several men being severely injured. The officer in command, unwilling to sacrifice his troops uselessly, resolved to starve the bandit out, and, "sat down" before the place. After two days, however, the soldiers grew weary of so tedious and humiliating an expedient, so they improvised an escalade of the robber chieftain's stronghold, and succeeded in

capturing him. To their horror, they found that Lagoberan had cut off one of his unfortunate companion's breasts and eaten it. The poor woman was discovered in a dying state, having sustained a fearful loss of blood; and she expired shortly after her rescue from the clutches of her barbarous paramour. The butcher was con-

veyed to Talca, where he was promptly tried and condemned to death by the garrotte. In South America execution follows the sentence with startling rapidity; and Gomez was straightway conveyed to the scaffold, guarded by a strong escort of mounted gen' d'arms. While the executioner was engaged in adjusting his "tail-

ette de mort, the convict drew a whistle from his pocket and blew it sharply; whereupon about sixty of his men, who had introduced themselves among the crowd surrounding the scaffold, rushed upon the gen'darms and massacred them ere they could offer any resistance. They freed Lachbagen and several other prisoners.

They freed Zagorodon and completed their enterprise, in a manner not devoid of a certain ghastly humor by garroting the executioner; after which they escaped, almost unscratched, to the mountains. They they are probably still at liberty, practicing their profession to the terror of the whole country. It should be observed

that to facilitate their flight, they "annexed" the horses of the fallen gendarmes, and that a good many of them seized women from the throng gathered upon the place of execution, carrying them away, flung across their saddles. The social condition of Chili, as revealed by this narrative, is one of almost hopeless de-

gradation, only to be equalled by that of Mexico, Greece, and certain districts of Central Africa, where murder, lust and rapine are the rules of life. Civilization penetrates but slowly into these savage countries, of whose existence we are scarcely ever reminded, save by some appalling and revolting incident, like the Mar-

CURIOUS STREAK OF LUCK.—The New Orleans *Times* of the 10th inst. is responsible for the following story:—Several months ago it was discovered by the managers of the Louisiana

discovered by the managers of the Louisiana State Lottery that the \$10 000 prize had been sold, but week by week rolled by and no claimant appeared with the fortunate ticket. For some time past the managers have been congratulating themselves upon the fact of its being lost or destroyed, and had almost ceased to look

for its appearance under any circumstances. — Day before yesterday it appeared at the counter, having been forwarded for collection from Chicago, and of course was paid immediately upon presentation. An inquiry into its delay revealed the fact that a recent sale of unclaimed packages took place in the express office in Chi-

ago, where numerous trunks, boxes and bundles sold at ridiculous prices, both above and below their rates, as afterward discovered. A boy among the crowd purchased a rather dilapidated package that was offered for \$1.35, and upon investigating its contents, found them to consist of a bundle of song books and a Louisiana

ostery ticket. Disgusted with his ill luck, he immediately sold the lot to an old darky standing near, who carried it to his employer, a large ore factor, for investigation. The payment of the \$10,000 over the counter is the result of that investigation, and makes a fitting moral to the story.

We recently gleaned and gave to our readers the opinions of the press in different sections of the country concerning the prospects for the coming crops of the great staples and cereals.—Our exchanges also contain very flattering ac-

fruits from all quarters of the great horticultural interests of the country. In New York and New Jersey the fruit prospects were never better; apple, peach, plum and cherry trees are one mass of blossom, and strawberries and smaller fruits are not behind in promises to the lovers of Pomona. In a few days the supply of Jersey

rawberries will flood the markets like an avalanche. In Pennsylvania the prospect of a great crop of peaches, pears and cherries was never better. The same can with truth be said of Delaware, Maryland, Kentucky and Ohio.— Southern Indiana, and, in fact, throughout the entire State, the season for fruit so far has

men one of the most favorable to farmers for several years. There is splendid prospect for apples, all kinds of small fruits and berries, while the varieties of vegetables are rapidly coming forward under the warm and genial influence of the pleasant weather. In some portions of Illinois the heavy frost has materially affected the

pects for a bountiful yield, while in other directions our exchanges indicate that the fruit crop was never more auspicious. From several counties in Iowa the reports are favorable for an abundant yield of fruit. The grape crop in Missouri bids fair to be unusually large. Accounts from California are showing a Greenac-

and from Concord are cheering. Grapes look well for thus early in the season. Briefly, the prospects for an unparalleled yield of the larger and smaller fruits were never more auspicious than they are now, and only a visitation the shape of blight or some other untoward accident can prevent their realization. — *Boston*

Manitoba Lake, which has given a title to the Province formed out of the Red River region, derives its name from a small island from which, in the stillness of the night, issues a mysterious voice," though there is no real

ystery" about it. On no account will the highway approach or land upon this island, supposing it to be the home of the Manitoban—the speaking God." The cause of this curious and is the beating of the waves upon the shingle," or large pebbles lining the shores—along the northern coast of the island there is

Along the northern coast of the island there is long, low cliff of fine grained, compact limestone, which, under the stroke of the hammer, rings like steel. The waves beating on the shore at the foot of the cliff cause the fallen fragments to rub against each other, and to give out a sound resembling the chimes of distant bells.

church bells. This phenomenon occurs when the gales blow from the north, and then, as the wind subsides, low, wailing sounds, like whispering voices, are heard in the air. English travellers assert that the effect is very impressive, and have been awakened at night under the impression that they were listening to church bells.

The Vermont Constitutional Convention has defeated the proposition to give women the ballot—by 231 to 1.