

NEWS IN GENERAL FROM OUR EXCHANGES.

The Coyote in a New Character.

When El Paso was a little village called Franklin it was the boast of old-timers that hydrophobia was unknown in the Southwest, save when the frontiersman was exposed to the bite of the skunk. Of recent years a new danger has been added to a life upon the plains from the attack of the coyote, or wild dog of the plains. Under normal circumstances the coyote is a cowardly animal; but, due to some fact unknown to the writer, of late years coyotes have been frequently known in the Southwest to attack travelers in broad daylight or to sneak upon them when wrapped up in their blankets at night resting, unsuspecting of danger. Five deaths occurred last year from this cause, one of them near Albuquerque. Lieutenant Briton Davis of Chihuahua, Mexico, upon Saturday informed the writer of three fresh cases, one the son of a Bishop. Of the other two the Lieutenant had just been informed by one of the victims in person, who had been bitten when asleep at the Hacienda of Corralitos. They were two brothers, one having died of the effects of a bite in the head, the remaining one having arrived in person in El Paso seeking medical assistance.—El Paso Bulletin.

The Blue Color of the Sky.

The blue color of the sky is probably merely the color of the air seen through a length of about 45 miles. It has been observed by those who have ascended about 5 miles above the earth's surface that the sky appears of a dark inky hue, owing to the very small reflection and dispersion of the light, while the blue color no longer appears above, but below them. Similarly the blue color of distant hills is owing to the same cause. De Meier believed that were it possible for a man to ascend to a height of 10 miles, he would find himself in total darkness, even though it were bright noonday on the earth below.

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