

light is obscured of greed, or only momentarily flashing to make the darkness more profound, and wreckage more and more assured.

Every man is free to select his own reasons for present anxiety. Mercantile agencies may endeavor to soothe the popular apprehension; they may claim that "the business of the country is on the whole in a sounder position than usual," with "a smaller average of liabilities." But in contradistinction to this they mark the lack of confidence which leads to the "curtailment of loans;" they point out the "enormous liabilities" of trusts; they note the "outgo of gold," and see that "financial uncertainty" prevails; they know of the large indebtedness west and south by mortgage on farms and real estate; they count, present and discuss present and possible failures; but all these conclusions and assertions show increasing business unrest, and urge the thoughtful one, at least, to avert, if possible, by caution, calamity from him and his.

NEWS OF THE WEST.

Walter Scrivner, while driving forty head of steers through Green river the other day lost them all in the quick-sands.

Dr. Schmidinger, who attempted to assassinate his divorced wife at Leadville, Colo., last week, has been released on \$500 bonds.

Mrs. Ambrosia Rozas, one of the original Spanish settlers at San Juan, Cal., has died suddenly of heart disease. She and her husband were among the passengers who escaped a watery grave on the ill-fated steamer Jenny Lind, which blew up at Alviso in the early days.

Rainbelt suckers have been taken in by bunco and confidence men who are connected with a circus which showed at Denver, to the tune of over \$1,000. Andy Reech, a section foreman on the Burlington, was taken in for \$140. One arrest was made and \$53 restored to a hayseed preacher. The sheriff is now looking for the bunco men, who seem to have decamped.

Mike Leitch of Pullman, Wash., attempted to kill R. S. Browne, president of the Moscow National Bank. Leitch owes the bank money, and after talking with Browne concerning his debt, Leitch drew his revolver and fired through a screen over the cashier's desk at Browne. The bullet struck Browne in the left side of the neck, inflicting a serious wound. Leitch was at once taken into custody.

While four men were repairing the Lakeview tunnel, a mass of rock and gravel weighing thousands of tons broke through the timber roof, filling up the tunnel. The men escaped to a flatcar a moment before the crash. Thirty men were at once sent to the scene with carpenters and Roadmaster Kirk. Work went on all night, but next day two more caves occurred. On the hill above the tunnel a great gaping hole, forty feet deep and twenty-five feet in circumference, lets daylight into the tunnel below. Railroad travel is continued by transferring the passengers, baggage and mail over the hill.

Governor Hughes has received a

letter from R. C. Bramlett, a Colorado deputy marshal, offering to bring a pack of trained bloodhounds to hunt Kid, the renegade Apache. Bramlett has a large number of bloodhounds trained to hunt fugitives, and within the past five years has captured twenty-six in this way in Colorado and New Mexico. He is confident that he can capture the "Kid," but asks, in event of failure, a guarantee of expenses. The governor answered that, while anxious for Bramlett to make the attempt, he himself was unauthorized to make such a guarantee, but thinks that the \$5000 reward offered for the capture ought to be a sufficient inducement.

Deil Storms and a boy named Swartz, had a quarrel over the possession of a calf near Hule, says the *Sundance Reform*. Swartz was being whipped over the head with a rope by Storms when he jumped on his horse and rushed for the corral where his coat, vest and six-shooter were lying. Storms becoming aware of his intentions threw his lasso just as Swartz reached for his gun and succeeded in catching him around the waist and pulling him away from the gun which he missed about three inches. Storms then started his horse on a run across the prairie dragging Swartz after him. He only succeeded in going two or three hundred yards when he was stopped by men from the roundup. This indeed was a narrow escape from a horrible death. The quarrel has provoked much bad blood in that vicinity and trouble is expected.

Bill Daly, a confidence man, well known and notorious throughout the West, made a bold attempt last week to swindle W. Richmond, a wealthy resident of Cripple Creek, out of \$6000 at Denver by the old-time gold brick swindle. Richmond at first bit at the bait, and then informed Chief Hopkins. Daly was led to the mouth of the trap, but he is too wary an old fox to be caught, and at the last moment he drew back. Daly's partner, who exhibited the brick, is a mysterious unknown, and as the detectives were unable to solve his identity no arrests were made, and Richmond still has his \$6000 and a little experience.

Richmond is a mining man who, in Cripple Creek, made a stake of \$20,000 or \$30,000. He sold out his principal interest there last week, went to Denver and put up at the Windsor hotel.

The trial of Ursula J. Untug, one of the most notorious women in the Northwest, for the murder of her lover or possibly her husband, Thomas Henderson Boyd, editor of the *Olympian*, on December 2nd at Seattle, Washington, has begun in the superior court, says a special to the *San Francisco Chronicle*. It is said to be a foregone conclusion that the defendant will be acquitted although the deed was most foul. The influences which have been working to kill the case can be traced to those who were most intimate with Boyd. One of the most conspicuous figures in the case is Rev. William Carney, who has furnished the money to procure counsel, and from the manner in which he follows the handsome murderers about many believe that he is infatuated with her. She has been at liberty on \$5000 bail, and the two principal witnesses cannot

be found. It is charged that they were spirited away by the attorneys for the defense.

The affairs of the great cattle firm of Miller & Lux are to be made the subject of litigation in the courts of San Francisco. Mrs. Maranda Lux, widow of the deceased partner, Charles Lux, is dissatisfied with the manner in which the business and affairs of the firm are being conducted by the surviving partner. According to the provisions of the will of Charles Lux the entire management of the business was to be vested in Miller. The latter, although now controlling more land and cattle than any other man in the world, is anxious to still further extend the possessions of the firm. Mrs. Lux, on the contrary, desires the assets turned into money, so that she can realize upon her share. She now announces her intention of suing for a partition of the entire assets of the firm, valued at \$20,000,000. Pending the litigation she desires a receiver appointed to assume charge and control of all the ranches and cattle which are to be made the subject of controversy. The suit promises to be the most important of its kind ever tried in California.

Peter Latterade seems destined to spend his life in a madhouse. The unfortunate man was once very prosperous and making a great deal of money. One day he seemed to lose his reason suddenly and became a raving maniac. As he was quite dangerous to be at large, his wife had him sent to the Napa Insane Asylum, where he has been confined for several months. Under the skillful treatment of physicians reason commenced to dawn on him again and there was hope. He had a faithful wife, who waited days, weeks and months for the return of reason, for she wanted to take her husband to his old home in Germany, believing that a change of scene and climate would have much to do with restoring his health and mind. A couple of days ago the wife wrote a letter to the superintendent of the asylum, and in reply to the inquiry received word that her husband had greatly improved and would probably be able to make the trip to Europe. Mr. Latterade was taken from the asylum on a leave of absence. He appeared to be just as sane as any man in Alameda when he returned to his old home. His wife then bought two tickets for Europe, and everything was made ready for the start. Latterade was delighted with the prospects, and became so joyous just as he started that he again went violently insane and attacked another man's wife. There seemed to be no hope for him. Mrs. Latterade bade the insane husband a fond farewell, and now she is on her way to Europe. The wild husband has been returned to the asylum.

THE "HARD labor" to which the inmates of some of the eastern jails were sentenced appears to be digging through and under the walls that enclose them.

UTAH DOES very well and rather poorly by comparison in the matter of rainfall. The eastern gulf coast has the heaviest rains, over 60 inches a year; Arizona and New Mexico the least, less than 10 inches.