

## WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Pleasanton, Cal., is moving toward incorporation. The town that is to be has a population of 937.

The Indian troops in the department of the Colorado are being slowly disbanded.

The Longmont (Colo.) *Times* is urging the establishment of manufacturing in that thriving agricultural town.

The loss of stock in Crook county, Wyo., is placed at 15 per cent. The county has an excellent agricultural outlook.

The Denver association of Congregational churches will hold its thirteenth annual session in Boulder during the first week in May.

The Denver police are searching for Edna Smith, a wayward young woman of sixteen, who left her home in Colorado Springs last week.

During March the Fort Collins cheese factory sold in Denver ten tons of cheese, besides shipments to Colorado Springs and Pueblo.

A line of the Postal Telegraph company is now being constructed along the Atlantic and Pacific, in northern Arizona.

Butte, Mont., has passed an ordinance that all persons maintaining slot machines must pay a city license or discontinue their use.

A San Jose, Cal., mechanic has invented an engine that can be put in a box twenty inches square, and yet it is capable of exerting a force of six-horse power.

Judge Frost of Denver has fined ex-Chief of Police Stone \$200 and ex-Lieutenant Clay \$100 for having dynamite in the city hall on March 15. Appeals were taken.

Next Saturday the southern California counties will inaugurate a series of floral exhibitions which they propose to give at stated intervals during the remaining months of the fair.

A woman 60 years of age passed over the summit of the Sierra Nevada this week on her way to the Old Ladies' Home in Oakland, all the way from Dallas, Tex., on foot.

While endeavoring to fire a blast to kill fish in the Salinas river, Cal., Sherman Storkey had one hand blown off and was hurt about the face by the explosion of a giant powder cartridge.

An old Virginia, Nev., miner, in a letter written to Nevada City, says that the great mining town is fast decaying. He says that most of the people who are leaving are going to California mountain towns.

The complaint against Banker Charles W. Waldron, of Whatcom, Wash., charging him with having received county money for deposit at the Whatcom County Bank, knowing it to be failing, has been dismissed.

Miss Emma Hoffort, who lives near Grass Valley, Cal., was seriously if not fatally hurt by a savage bull. She was gored and stamped in a most cruel manner. Her younger sister finally fought off the animal.

The Pecos valley of New Mexico is beginning the shipment of alfalfa-fed

cattle to the eastern markets, and in time this, says an exchange, will be one of the greatest sources of wealth to that valley.

The hay crop of the Star River valley of Arizona will, it is stated, be one of the largest ever known, and even better than that is the fact that the prices to be realized promises to be far more than obtained last year.

The Ploche (Nev.) *Record* says the squaws are rapidly learning the ways of civilization. A few days ago a copper-hued maiden appeared on the street dressed in a gaudy dress cut in a late fashion with large puffed sleeves.

The new Swede settlement near Las Animas has meeting every Sabbath morning at some private house at present, but expect to have a church in the future. The ladies have organized a sewing society that meets every week.

All northeastern Colorado within the watershed of the Platte is alive on the irrigation question. New ditches, says the *Denver News*, and reservoirs are being projected and their construction will add largely to the agricultural development of that section.

William Moore, a miner, fatally shot Al. Smith, a bartender in a saloon at Altman, Colo., on Monday. The ball entered Smith's right breast and ranged downward. Directly after the shooting Moore went to his cabin and was then placed under arrest.

The property of the Denver City Water Works company has been sold at trustee sale having been bid in by the 5 per cent and 7 per cent bondholders for \$1,010,000. The mortgages for which the property was sold amount in principal alone to \$3,652,000.

The tax laws of Vancouver, B. C., are so peculiar that collection cannot be enforced. Land cannot be seized and no interest is charged on delinquent taxes. As a result there are \$86,000 of back taxes on the city books which will never be paid.

Eddie Patton, aged twelve years, was nearly killed with giant powder on Wednesday at Silver Cliff, Colo. Some boys had gone to Grape creek fishing and used a fuse only a few inches long, with terrible results. The boy's left hand was blown off, the thumb of his right hand injured and one eye is supposed to be gone.

The North Idaho Agricultural association, says the *Grangeville Free Press*, at a recent meeting in Lewiston, requested us to publish the fact that trees affected with pests are being shipped into the country, and that purchasers should not receive them until they have been examined by the official inspector, as they are both to be condemned and destroyed.

In 1876 Felix Polishinski was sentenced at Oakland, Cal., to life imprisonment for killing a comrade at Warm Springs. He has served seventeen years and is now 71 years of age. Governor Markham has commuted the sentence to twenty-nine years, which means a practical pardon, for with his credits the prisoner will be entitled to a release.

United States Attorney Judd, of Utah, says that the sheep men are not popular, remarks the *Hailey (Idaho) Times*. That is a fact. Ever since Cain, the first tiller of the soil, murdered Abel, the first shepherd, an irrepressible conflict has existed between the two classes. Sheep crop the grass so closely that they practically destroy the range for many years.

Two Chinamen appeared in La Plata City, Colo., on Sunday evening and camped in a gulch above town. The news was quickly spread and in a short time a party of citizens proceeded to their abode, and with the aid of a few six-shooters, convinced the Celestials that La Plata City was no place for them. The Chinamen left the city at daylight next morning.

The Jinglebob cattle now consisting of 10,000 head are to be driven from the Pecos valley, New Mexico, to the Adobe Wall ranch in the Texas Panhandle country. This is the oldest brand of cattle in that territory, originally belonging to old John Chisum. The Jinglebob cattle have ranged in the Pecos valley for more than thirty years.

The Glenwood, Colo., Orchard and Irrigation company has been incorporated to colonize the fruit lands lying under the Hallett canal. These embrace about seven thousand acres of the finest lands along the Grand river, between Rifle and DeBeque, for 30 miles. They are to be divided into tracts of ten acres each, and are eminently adapted to the growth of all varieties of fruit.

A few days ago it was discovered that some vandal had spiked the cannon belonging to the G. A. R. of this city says the *Moscow (Idaho) Mirror*. The gun has been sitting on the hill near the court house for about three years and it was never thought that any one would be mean enough to spike it. A three cornered file has been driven into the firing tube and then broken off.

Rev. C. H. Hobart of the First Baptist church at San Francisco prepared a sermon for the Industrial army last Sunday, but as the army had moved on to San Pueblo avenue he delivered it to his regular parishioners, upon "That's the Way the Money Goes." The reverend speaker, who is a stalwart prohibitionist, declared that Oaklanders pay more than a million dollars for drinks and less than \$100,000 for religion.

Last Saturday, says the *Moscow (Idaho) Mirror*, the five-year-old daughter of George Hill, of Viola, while playing on the bank of Fourmile creek fell into the water and was drowned. An older child also fell into the water but managed to get out and give the alarm. The body of the drowned child was carried over a mile down the stream by the raging current made so by the melting snow on the mountains above.

A carload of forty young elk from Opal, in the western part of the state, passed east through the city Sunday evening, remarks the *Laramie (Wyo.) Boomerang*. These animals have been purchased by a gentleman in Pennsylvania and it is understood that they will become the property of Mr. Starin of New York. The animals are caught during the winter while the snow is