NEWS OF THE WEST.

Killed by a Flying Splinter While On His Throne.

A BOY DROWNED IN FUN.

Forced to Death—Killed by a Glancing Fall—Shot for a Deer—Local Personal Brevities.

On Thursday Thos. Hollands, a stonecutter, was blown a distance of 20 feet by the bursting of a blast at the Rand at San Jose, Cal., and received a fatal injury which may prove fatal.

Guy Steward of Santa Maria, Cal., was drowned in an artificial lake on overturned in the water when the car last washed the Santa Maria river bridge. Three boy companions rushed out to the rescue, but could not reach him. Steward was a son of Mrs. Steward, a widow. The latter escaped by swimming ashore.

Sherman E. Orff, a shiftboss at the North Pacific Lumber company's mill, near Portland, Oregon, was killed by a peculiar accident Wednesday. A large timber flew from a car, the earth was being moved, striking him on the head and severing his jugular vein.

A man named Waitel was burned to death at Tuttle, Idaho, on Wednesday at Glen Lewars, Ore. His house caught fire, and he rushed in to save some money. Overcome by the dense smoke, he perished in the presence of his father and a large crowd of neighbors.

Rod. L. Webster died near Bisbee, Cal., on Thursday, from the effects of a gunshot wound. A friend was cleaning a rifle and the latter supposed to have struck the cartridge in such a way that the bullet in the chamber was exploded, striking Webster in the abdomen and passing through his body. He lingered about twenty-four hours.

Peter Bjumer, a native of Finland, aged 32 years, a sailor by occupation, committed suicide in San Francisco on Tuesday and was drowned. He was evidently not a swimmer, or was half in the jail. In order to save his fare to help Custom Inspector Nicholson can to give bail, he returned to the unfortunate man had spent for the last time. J. McArdle, a boatman, grappled for the body and succeeded in raising it.

Clarence Rose and his little daughter had a narrow escape from injury on Elsie ay at Alameda, Cal. Seeing the child on one side, with a lighted lamp in his right hand, Rose started to cross the street. At the first step he stumbled and fell down the entire flight to the hall below. The glass lamp was broken, but fortunately the flame extinguished itself. The little girl ran and fell on a few steps. Her robe caught the flame, but Rose extinguished the burning garments with a deep bath on the right leg, caused by a broken glass. His back was also injured, and it was at first thought that one of the vertebrae was broken. Dr. Deuber, who was hastily summoned, reports that Rose's condition is improved. The child escaped without injury.

San Francisco Chronicle, Dec. 23: When the curators of Kate Field were taken from the steamer Belgic at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon there was no one present to do honor to the memory of the woman whose fame was national, save Mrs. Henry E. Highton, her Hawaiian friend. The body, resting in a metal casket and inclosed in a plain pine box, was lowered from the steam deck of the Belgic to the Pacific Mail dock by the freight crane. Was lifted by a score of brawny longshoremen and placed on a heavy truck, from which a few moments later it was again raised by hands and placed within a conveyance. It was thus that the undertaking parlors of Haswell & Co., at 766 Mission street, where it will remain until Sunday next, when the funeral service will be held, the body cremated, and the ashes forwarded to Mount Auburn.

Idaho Falls, Idaho, Register: On Friday night, Dec. 18, the body of Calleo Walker was brought in town from Conant Valley, he having been shot and killed by Asa Christiansen. The circumstances, so far as we were able to get them were stated as follows: Walker, Christiansen, Goss, Wilkie and one other started out on Thursday morning on a hunt for deer. They had separated and Walker shot Wilkie supposing him to be a little thicker of brush. As Christiansen came over a ridge ran at right angles from them, he saw Wilkie and about fifteen steps ahead of him saw what he took to be a deer, and thinking he would get a shot at it saw Wilkie saw it, took sight and fired. Walker called to Wilkie to cause quiet but he was caught in the throat and came staggering toward him meeting him. Wilkie asking if he had mistaken him for a deer, Walker said he had not seen him. Walker said no and expired. The ball had passed through the arm and through the body a little to the heart. Inquest was held by Justice White and a verdict that it was accidental shooting at Christiansen was rendered. Walker came to the valley in the fall from Pittsburg last June. He was, W. A. Hall having been located there, 27 years old. He was the son in law of his family in the valley, having formerly married a wife and four children, by her he has left a former marriage. Mr. Christiansen is from Fairview, Utah, and was on a visit to the valley for the winter hunting and trapping. He feels badly broken up over the occurrence. Walker's father-in-law brought here one of his own stock to be buried but it was thought best the remains be taken home, the latter being sent on Saturday from Jan Sharp's undertaking rooms.

On Wednesday Mr. Wm. Cornell, of Bonneville Co., Wyo., was thrown from a wagon by a wheel striking a deep rut in the road. He was thrown

Sewing Machines to Rent.

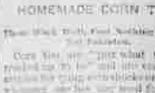
We have received a limited number of sewing machines to rent on short notice, and can have a few in each week. It is limited to which time they must be returned. The rent will apply on the purchase price if you decide to buy. Remember this is for short time only. Call at once at the Deseret News office.

Mr. Wm. Wallace, of Ogden, has received a letter from his son Alexander, who is in the employ of the Klondike Mining company, stating that he has struck it rich. He has been in the Klondike country for about two years, and has been prospecting all the time. He has now struck a claim which he values at $100,000. He has not yet had it surveyed, but will do so in the spring. He has also a claim on Bonanza creek, which he has leased to a party of Chicago men for $50,000. He has also a claim on Eldorado creek, which he has leased to a party of Seattle men for $25,000. He has also a claim on Hunker creek, which he has leased to a party of Dawson men for $25,000. He has also a claim on Gold Bottom creek, which he has leased to a party of Dawson men for $25,000. He has also a claim on Gold Bottom creek, which he has leased to a party of Dawson men for $25,000. He has also a claim on Gold Bottom creek, which he has leased to a party of Dawson men for $25,000.

HOMEMADE CORN TIES.

Those Made With Fuel Nobbler and Are Not Patented.

Corn ties are "just what they are" cracked up to be and are very handy around the farm, especially in binding a number of bundles in a hurry. They are used in the same manner as wire ties, but are much stronger than the latter, and can be used over and over again. Sometimes a tie can be used three times before it is worn out, but three uses is common. They are made from the stalk of the corn plant. The following is an illustrated description of some which I have seen in use, which I have found to work perfectly:



FOR MAKING CORN TIES.

Take the stalk of corn and cut off the ear, and then it will be easier to work. Then cut off the butt of the stalk, leaving about two feet of the stalk. Then split the stalk in two, and then split each half in two, making four pieces. Then take a vise, such as is shown in the cut, and fasten the stalk in the vise, with the outside of the stalk next to the jaws of the vise. Then take a knife, such as is shown in the cut, and with the knife shave off the pith from the stalk, leaving the tough outside part. Then take the piece and twist it, and it will be found to be very tough and pliable. Then tie the ends together, and the tie is complete. It is only a matter of a few minutes' time to make a tie, and when one has learned how to make them they can be made very rapidly. Corn ties are very much better than wire ties, as they will not cut the bundles, and they are much easier to handle. They can be made at any time during the winter, when one has nothing else to do, and will be found very handy when the busy season comes around in the spring. Sometimes a tie will break when it is twisted, but this is the exception rather than the rule. Before the advent of wire ties I used to make them of hay, but they were very inferior, and soon broke. Corn ties are also much handier than wire ties, as they