

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

The gold output in Leadville (Colo.) district shows a steady increase. When the produce at all the flat veins are liberal.

The national guard of Montana in all probability will meet in regimental encampment next month at Fort Ellis, near Bozeman.

A baseball craze is the epidemic now raging with Gilpin countyites, Colo. Even the clergymen are said to have caught the fever.

It is rumored that a big mining deal is on at Ehrenburg, Ariz., in which Senator Tabor is interested. He has had an agent there for some time looking over the field.

Cripple Creek, Colo., is promised another chlorination plant. The works are to be built at Gillett and will cost about \$40,000. Philadelphia will supply the funds.

Dora Miller, a dance house girl, employed in the Hub theater at Victor, Colo., committed suicide on Sunday night. She took four grains of morphine and was beyond all aid when a doctor was called in.

The prune industry is stated to be attracting attention in Idaho. It is reported that in the Payette valley, where the culture of prunes is one of the leading industries, there are ranchers who have made as high as \$1,000 an acre.

A man named Johnson, says the Lemhi (Idaho) *Republ* and another one by the name of Mullen, became involved in a saloon fight Thursday night, with the result that Mullen is now minus a large portion of his under lip, which was bitten off by his antagonist.

Frank Hewitt, of Laramie, Wyo., is described as being the champion sheep shearer of the world. He was awarded the championship medal at the World's Fair at Chicago, his record of shearing one hundred sheep in three hours and twenty-seven minutes being unapproached.

A number of Great Falls, Mont., business men have formed a joint stock company to build a telephone line to points in the Judith basin. The expense of the undertaking is estimated at about \$10,000, and if this amount can be raised work will be commenced at once.

Two professional trappers reported in Prescott, Ariz., lately that they last year scored a record of forty mountain lions. They brought in with them on this trip about 100 tanned lynx skins, besides several wildcat skins, beaver skins, wolf skins, etc., which they have sold for rugs. They use Swedish bloodhounds in hunting.

At a meeting at San Jose of representative fruit exchanges throughout the state of California a resolution was adopted that no offer for apricots be entertained at less than 8, 10 and 12 cents for the three higher grades, and that the price of prunes, pending the establishment of prices by the exchanges, be 6 cents.

A \$12,000 damage suit has been filed at Boise city, Idaho, by J. H. Bush against the Artesian Hot & Cold Water

company. Plaintiff asks this for the Central hotel which was destroyed by fire about a year ago. He claims that the water company was responsible for the burning of the building because of the inadequate supply of water.

White Pine (Nevada) *News*: Mrs. George E. Spencer, of Kingston, Nev., has sold all her mining property in Oaceola, consisting of a one-fourth interest in the Eagle and Crescent mines, one-sixth of the Woolman and all of the Morning Star, Ohio and Durango, to Mary Catherine Royston of Chicago, the consideration being \$1,500.

Says the Laramie (Wyo.) *Republ*: Mr. M. N. Grant has in his possession a gold nugget recently taken from the Snowflake mine, in the Keystone group. The nugget weighs one ounce and seven pennyweights and contains over an ounce of pure gold. It was brought to the city by Mr. A. L. Rhodes, one of the owners of the mine from which it was taken.

James Garrett, a prominent farmer living south of Kenesaw, Hastings county, Nebraska, suicided at a late hour on Saturday evening by blowing off the top of his head with a shotgun. Crop failure and fear that his pension would be revoked is said to be the cause. He was 60 years of age and leaves a large family in fair circumstances.

Carl Bohmer has been accidentally killed while hunting in the San Gabriel canyon, Los Angeles county, Cal. Bohmer and a companion were descending a steep declivity, when, to aid in his descent, Bohmer tried to hand his rifle to his friend below. The trigger caught and the contents of the gun were discharged into Bohmer's side, killing him instantly.

The body of a young Japanese named Charlie was found in a cabin near Auburn, Wash., on Saturday. His face was covered with bruises and his throat had been cut with a dull knife, showing plainly that he had been murdered. Three Japanese occupying an adjoining room claim to have heard no disturbance. They were arrested and taken to Seattle for examination.

On Sunday morning Edward Johnson attempted to commit suicide in Newhall, Los Angeles county, while aboard the train from San Francisco. The passengers were startled to see blood trickling from under the closet door. The conductor burst in the door and found Johnson almost dead from a gaping wound in the throat, made by a razor. Johnson was despondent because he couldn't get work.

Judge Heyburn, of Osborne, arrived in this city on yesterday evening's train, says the Boise (Idaho) *Statesman*. He says the conditions that have existed in Shoshone county, commencing with the murder of Kneebone, are fearful to contemplate. The judge's voice has always been raised for law and order, and it will not be his fault if the murderers of the Gem blacksmith and others who committed outrages in the Coeur d'Alenes are not brought to justice.

On Monday morning Charley Ball, assistant yardmaster in Akron, Colo., while unloading two barrels of gasoline, came near losing his life. The gasoline barrels leaked and in throwing one of them over, threw gasoline into his lantern. In an instant the whole freight car was enveloped in flames, but the barrels did not explode. Agent Stokes, at the risk of his life, cut the car from the long train and the Akron fire department promptly suppressed the fire.

While Nebraska and Kansas have been suffering from unprecedented drought, and to such an extent that the governor of Nebraska has been called upon to call the legislature together to relieve the suffering of the people, Wyoming has been favored with most delightful rains. For the last two weeks they have been coming along in about the proper way, and even irrigation of lawns has not been so great a job as is usual this month.—*Cheyenne Sun*.

Dr. Davenport, of Emmettville, Idaho, is planting a twenty-acre hop yard, says the Boise *Statesman*. He says an English syndicate offered to advance him \$100 an acre on his crop at three years old, and to pay him two cents more a pound than the price on the sound or Portland. The doctor lived many years at the latter place. He says that hops grown in this climate are free from black hearts, are much finer for medicine purposes and consequently command a better price.

While crossing the country in the neighborhood of the Cheyenne river last Friday, says the Douglas (Wyo.) *Budget*, Deputy Sheriff Williams came upon a bunch of cattle surrounded by twenty-eight gray wolves. The cattle were in mortal terror, and bawling so as to be heard a mile. Mr. Williams scattered the wolves with a Winchester, killing two, and the cattle followed the buggy for miles, evidently realizing that they needed protection.

Chris Jansen, a Swede, who shot to kill his wife a few weeks ago, made a third and successful attempt to commit suicide in jail at Butte, Mont., on Saturday morning. A few days ago he cut his throat with a knife and the wound was bandaged. Saturday he hung himself with the bandage, and getting down on his knees strangled to death. When he shot his wife he also shot himself, but did not inflict serious injury. His wife has recovered.

Laramie *Boomerang*: A good many engines on the Wyoming division are beginning to need repairs. It is reported that the power on the seventh district, west of Rawlins, is in very poor condition and engines were sent west from this city today to take the place of some of them. No. 2, coming east, was brought into Rawlins this morning by a big slack burner. The shops will have to open soon. Trains are said to have been delayed on the seventh district by the engines.

Wright Gauthier, the Denver young man who was arrested in Cheyenne for trying to elope with Myrtle Lane, returned to town last evening, says the Denver *News*. He was released by the Cheyenne police early in the day. The girl has returned to her parents. Gauthier states that he had no desire