# NEWS OF THE WEST.

## Mining Men Killed by Powder Explosions.

### BAPTIST DEACON A STAGE ROBBER.

### Narrow Escape from Burning to Death —Payment of Sugar Bounty— Minor Mention.

A Chinese owes a hotel at Prescott, Cal., and rents it to an American soldier.

So far Orange county has produced the greatest sugar beet in the state of California.

Robert Reichter committed suicide near Sprague, Wash., in this way: He lay a rope on a beam above his head, then fell forward, picked a razor off the bed, slashed both wrists and bled and strangled.

A parasite has made its appearance in some of the alfalfa fields near Boise, Idaho, that promises to be troublesome. It is a fine, wiry plant of yellowish color. It grows in a mat about the stems of the alfalfa and kills it off.

There exists in American gulch, Idaho, a bank of snow which has been there for fourteen years, to certain knowledge. The bank, five under a roof, where the snow drifts over and forms a bank that at times is fifty feet deep.

The buggy of Frank Jamison and Elmer Bridges, of Dunning, Cal., for exercise one nearly cost them their lives Monday afternoon. The boys were scared out of a patch by a farmer, and, jumping into their buggy, hitched at the roadside, attempted to getaway. In their excitement they failed to notice an approaching train, and, as they crossed the track, were struck by the engine. The buggy was demolished, the horse injured, and the boys thrown several feet, sustaining only slight injuries.

David Oldham, who was arrested some weeks ago for complicity in the robbery of the Mendocino stage, Cal., has been bound guilty. Oldham was a deacon in the Baptist church in Ukiah and conspired with an employe named Hilton to hold up the stage. The actual robbery was committed by Hilton alone, Oldham remaining at home in order to prove an alibi for his accomplice. When Oldham discovered that the officers had made quite a strong case against Hilton, he refused to stand up in the agreement, and Hilton then confessed. He implicated Oldham, and today, just a month after the robbery of the stage, Oldham was found guilty.

Collector Welburn, of San Francisco, has received instructions from Commissioner Miller relative to the distribution of the money appropriated by Congress for the relief of sugar planters who were affected by the amendment of the bounty in the McKinley bill. It is estimated that about $600,000 will be distributed to the three beet sugar manufacturies in California—the Alameda, the Western Beet Refinery and the Chino. Last year of the $90,000 distributed by the government to beet-sugar industries nearly $600,000 was paid to Californians, as follows: To the Western Beet Sugar Refinery $305,000, to the Chinoos $200,000 and to the Alameda $90,000, the average yield being 2,858 pounds to the acre. Those who claim the sugar bounty thus allowed must make application to the commissioner of internal revenue. After proper examination and verification the bounty will be allowed by a draft on the treasury. There are but seven beet-sugar refineries in the United States. Those outside of California, which have the most, are in Virginia, Utah and Nebraska. The California yield is far greater than that in the other states.

Mrs. C. H. Hart's residence, a large two-story structure occupying nearly half a block at Redding, Cal., was destroyed by fire Monday morning. The house was temporarily occupied by three gentlemen, a lady and a little girl eight years old. For some reason the lady had gone out, and it is supposed that her lamp exploded or was upset. The child was asleep, as also were the two men, Mr. Campbell and Mr. Smith. The latter was awakened by the smoke and jumping out of bed, ran out to awaken Campbell, who had already arisen. They groaned some clothing and started down stairs, but the flames blocked their passage. Returning, they went out upon the porch, seeking a means of escape. Finally Smith jumped off the porch from the rear and Campbell jumped to the hard cement walk, injuring his feet and legs. Remembering the child, they entered the lower part of the house through the flames and smoke into its bedroom but found that the child was not there. As a matter of fact, it was the first to awaken and leave the house. Finding it gone they turned to leave and had to pass through the flames, which scorched their eyebrows and hair.

A fatal accident occurred Monday at the schmadeke or Blair Cornelius' mine on Smith's flat, two miles from Angels Camp, Cal. Superintendent Schmadeke, with three miners, Wiman, Cota and Costa, had put in two blasts at the bottom of the shaft, two hundred and sixty feet deep. One of the blasts failed to explode, and Costa and Cota, after waiting twenty-five minutes, went down with a new fuse and primer to set it off. Costa remained in the bucket to attend to the signals while Cota fired the blast. As soon as Cota had fired the blasts for Bring he asked Costa if he was ready. Costa answered yes. Cota then ignited the fuse and stepping into the bucket, rang one bell, the signal to hoist. The bucket, however, was caught in the skids and was inoperable. Cota immediately told Costa to leave the bucket and get into a crevice about twelve feet above the bottom of the shaft. Costa seemed bewildered and answered, "No," ring the bell. Cota again told Costa to leave the bucket and again Costa refused. Cota then sprang from the bucket into the drift and almost immediately thereafter the blast exploded. Costa was found in the bucket with his head fractured and his left side almost torn to pieces. Cota escaped injury.

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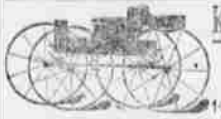

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