

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

The Tokay grape crop of Sonoma valley will net the producers between \$70 and \$75 a ton. The crops a heavy one and the bunches are large and full and free from all blemishes.

The establishment of Dr. F. S. Kohler, druggist and general merchant of Nampa, Idaho, was closed under attachment. Claims amounting to \$1800 have been filed.

F. P. Ziegler, postmaster at Julietta, Idaho, committed suicide by shooting himself. Domestic infelicity is said to have been the cause. He had been married less than two months.

Mrs. Eli Robertson of Spanish Fork was using a clothes wringer when a little child, playing on the floor, crept up, and put its fingers in the cog of the machine. One finger was so lacerated as to require amputation.

A Pomona, Cal., fruit-grower claims to have propagated a new variety of peach, in the canning of which no sugar is necessary. It is asserted that the juice from the fruit makes a syrup as thick and sweet as can be desired.

Hi Lee, the Chinaman who was arrested recently at Boise City, Idaho, for smoking opium, has been sentenced to three months' imprisonment. Hi took an appeal and was released under a \$150 bail bond.

The Colorado Phonolite Glass company has been incorporated at Denver. The company is capitalized at \$500,000. It is intended to erect a \$50,000 plant at Denver, Pueblo or Colorado City, the exact location not having yet been determined upon.

Joseph Ross, charged with horse stealing, who broke jail at Merced, Cal., has been captured at Stockton. He had attempted to disguise himself by binding his foot to his hip, his leg being doubled up inside his trouser's leg. He was making his way around on crutches.

An application, says the *Tintic Miner*, has been made to the proper authorities for a restraining order to prevent the collection of the special school tax levied in this district and subsequently rescinded by the electors. The order will likely issue the first of the week.

The *Bellevue (Idaho) Herald* thinks that Logan county is entitled to the palm in wheat raising. The government bureau at Idaho Falls gives the average yield of wheat per acre, reported by counties, at 15 bushels in Bear Lake, Boise and Nez Perce, 20 in Cassia and Kootenai and 25 in Logan.

In the fruit regions of Utah there are said to be tons of fruit lying on the ground rotting. This is too bad, remarks the *Beaver Usonian*, for there are numbers of places without fruit, the people of which, upon invitation, would willingly take teams and get the waste fruit. Better to give than waste.

A dead California lion weighing 147 pounds was brought to San Francisco on Monday on the steamer Point Arena, which arrived from the Mendocino coast. The beast was killed by

William Kidwell, a hunter of Mendocino county, and sent to San Francisco to be stuffed and mounted.

Thomas Burns, an old hunter and woodchopper, a well known character in the vicinity of Petaluma, Cal., for years, was adjudged insane last evening by Judge Crawford and committed to the Napa asylum. When arrested he had two large knives on his person and threatened to use them on several people.

The robbers who forcibly took \$700 from Merchant Otterson at Wallace, Idaho, Saturday night, were tracked to a cabin near Pottsville and shots were exchanged. A large posse of citizens took a Northern Pacific special. The desperadoes were driven up the mountain roads and cut off. It is thought they will surrender soon.

The Federal grand jury at El Paso has made a scorching report of the custom affairs as conducted there. Flagrant violations of the Geary law, unparsonable laxity, forty-one violations of the United States customs laws and nine violations of the Internal revenue laws are charged and fifty-one indictments returned.

It is probable that many hundred acres of hops will be planted in the valley during the next year, says the *Boise, Idaho, Statesman*. The experiment of hop culture has proved a complete success, and it is said the hops produced at Payette are pronounced by expert authority to be superior to any others grown in this country.

Mrs. T. P. Martin, of Taos, N. M., wife of Dr. Martin, and a native of Philadelphia, died here today from nervous prostration, brought on at the time of the A. T. & S. F. train hold-up at Clairton, Kan., three months ago. She was a passenger on the train and never recovered from the fright caused by the appearance of the robbers.

A very grave charge against Sheriff Burchinell, says the *Denver News*, has been laid before the grand jury. The allegation is that some person professing to represent the sheriff was paid \$500 cash to allow a failed firm to take its own inventory of its stock. The firm's store was at the time in the hands of the sheriff under attachment proceedings.

Dr. Rosenk, a well known physician of Oakland, Cal., sent a shirt to a Chinese laundry adorned with a \$100 diamond stud which he had forgotten to abstract. The doctor missed the stud and informed an officer, who secured the stud for him without difficulty from the Mongolian driver of the laundry wagon. He had it hidden in his blouse.

Says the *Laramie (Wyo.) Republican*: The finance committee of the city council is undecided as to what it will do concerning the proposition for the sale of waterworks bonds, and will take no action until Engineer Land shall have made an examination of the springs. The chances are, however, that no bonds will be issued by the city.

John Davidson and Garraban, two inmates of the insane asylum at Highland, Cal., became involved in a quarrel. The latter struck the former a blow, which resulted fatally. Both are old timers, Davidson having been sent there from Stockton and Garraban from Napa. The quarrel arose so quickly and the fatal result followed so suddenly that the guards had no time to interfere.

There has been a steady stream of Indians passing through Vernal the past week on their way to the mountains on their annual deer hunting expedition says the *Vernal Express*. If white men are not allowed to hunt or trap on the reservation, what right as the Indian hunting and destroying the game off the reservation? Uncle Sam ought to give those pets the whole earth and build a fence around it.

The community had a narrow escape from a frightful disaster Friday, says the *Hailey (Idaho) Times*. Four cars being side-tracked were jammed against a car loaded with giant powder standing on the siding at the depot. The end of the powder car was smashed into kindling wood, the ends of five boxes of powder broken and several boxes scattered pell mell through the car. Strange to say no explosion ensued.

A Chinaman jumped from the ferry boat at Oakland as it was making its 9 o'clock trip from San Francisco on Saturday evening. The Mongolian was standing on the lower deck at the stern of the boat. Just after it passed Goat Island he stepped upon the guard rail and jumped. The ferry was stopped and a boat lowered to search for the suicide. He left no baggage and no clue as to his identity. As soon as the boat was lowered the steamer came on to Oakland.

John H. Hougaard, county surveyor, has been making surveys of university lands at Moroni during the past week, says the *Manti Messenger*. This county has 2640 acres of these lands, which will soon be thrown upon the market. The university land commissioners have made appraisements of the value of each forty-acre tract, and those cultivating such lands will have the privilege of purchasing at the appraised value. The lands will be advertised for sixty days, after which any person will be entitled to the purchasing privilege.

A petition from quite a number of Chinese merchants and business men of San Francisco has been forwarded to Governor Markham asking the executive not to commute the sentence of Wong Ah Fou now in San Quentin under sentence for life for the killing of Leow Yeu. The prison directors at a recent meeting held in San Quentin recommended a commutation of the sentence to imprisonment to fifteen years. To this leniency the friends of the murdered man are opposed, as shown by the number of signers to the petition.

Some one with malicious intent, says the *Lander (Wyo.) Clipper*, tore out the dam which turns the water into the mill-race, causing the electric lights to go entirely out, thus leaving the city in total darkness. Fortunately when the lights began to weaken the injury to the dam was discovered, and