NEWS OF THE WEST.

$5,000 Demanded as the Price of a "Maliciously" Stolen Kiss.

WOLF AND COYOTE HIDES.

Suicide Through Despondency—Interrogating Violations of the Geary Act, Etc.

The Sundance (Wyo.) Gazette says the Elkhorn surveyors have been tied at Belle Fourche the past few days laying out additions to the town.

At Choteau the death has just occurred of Nancy Blewer Stinsing, probably the oldest white lady resident of Montana. She was 91 years, 2 months and 18 days old.

A very large number of wolf and coyote hides are being brought in now these days, says the Sundance (Wyo.) Gazette, and the bounty bill against the county is growing with rapid strides.

Jule Lamoreaux, a citizen of Lander, Wyo., has stated that he will donate forty acres of land adjoining the town of Lander for the site of the state agricultural college, providing he is allowed to designate the location.

Rock Springs (Wyo.) Independent says that fresh eggs are in great demand in Rock Springs and commanding the top price. It suggests that some enterprising man could make a fortune by seeing that this great market is well supplied.

Emil B. Lee and David R. Lee, who were what a few days since by Sheriff Leyva at Fort Bliss, a Mexican village west of Corrillos, on account of an old feud, have both died. Leyva is in jail at Albuquerque. This is the end of a bitter feud that has been carried on for years.

Steve Barron has brought suit at Oakland, Cal., against Patrick O'Connor, aged 65, to recover $5,000. Barron alleges in his complaint that O'Connor stealthily, without any ceremony, seized his wife, and before she could escape kissed her several times. Mrs. Barron is described as being young and pretty.

The Missoula (Montana) Home Dramatic company, leased by Bert Baldwin, will make a tour of the state, presenting "The Maniac of Venice," "Damon and Pythias," and "Narcisse." The company will consist of fifteen persons. All the receipts over actual expenses will be given over to the university fund.

David Jones, fireman of the Congress mine, at Prescott, A. T., had his preliminary examination on Tuesday for the killing of John Jones a week ago, and was discharged. It was shown by the evidence that Jones had made threats against the foreman's life on account of the latter refusing to give him work.

Virginia City was horrified last Sunday afternoon at the suicide of James H. McCleary, an old and respected citizen of the Comstock. He had been a sufferer for years from severe stomach troubles, and it is supposed that in a fit of despondency he committed the rash act. He went into the cellar under his house and cut his throat with a pocket knife, dying in a very short time. He leaves a wife and three children.—*Nevada State Journal.*

The indications seem to multiply of an intention on the part of the Gulf road to build a railroad spur into the Hartville iron range, says the Cheyenne Sun. The value of this immense deposit of steel or Bessemer ores is undisputed and that it will soon become a necessary factor in the future iron operations of the inter-mountain region is conceded by all who have examined the situation.

George P. Mins, an inspector of Spokane, has been in this city since Saturday investigating certain violations of the Geary law in this city relating to the issuing of certificates to Chinamen who have gone on a visit to their native land. It is alleged that several Chinese laborers have secured their certificates on the representation that they were merchants. Mr. Mins, it is said, is also looking up a quantity of opium, which, it is alleged, was smuggled into Butte without the payment of the customary duties.—*Butte Inter-Mountain.*

A mother murder was committed at Butte, Mont. On Tuesday evening M. C. Young, an engineer on the Butte, Anaconda & Pacific, and Wm. Barnes, a fireman on the Montana Union, were in a saloon near the Great Northern depot. Barnes took offense at some joking remark made by Young and struck him, whereupon the latter knocked him down. Barnes went to his room, about a block distant, and returned with a revolver. He walked up to Young and shot him in the face, killing him instantly. He then escaped and has not yet been captured. Barnes was married only a few months ago. Young was a single man.

Up to Date Notes.

Irrigation and sugar beets have proved a profitable combination.

The secretary of the Kansas state board of agriculture urges the importance of reserves into fall and early spring pasture crops.

Will it pay to soak corn that is fed to stock? The Kansas station experiments with feeding does make it appear that it will pay if it can be soaked for 5 cents or less per bushel. But why not grind the corn?

The wild or prickly lettuce is one of our most conspicuous weeds, having a single stem of from 1 to 4 feet or more high. The leaves of the plant are 6 to 8 inches long and 1½ inches wide, with irregular prickly edges, resembling some varieties of cultivated lettuce.

The report comes from Fort Scott, Kan., that the season of 1894 will mark the total failure of the sorghum sugar industry in Kansas, which was built up by government appropriations of $1,000,000 for experimental purposes in 1888.

In Nebraska the owners of the large beet sugar factories claim that they cannot afford to pay $5 a ton for beets under the new tariff law, but if farmers are willing to take $4 a ton for their beets the factories will be operated. Even at the last named price, says The Prairie Farmer, farmers about Grand Island and Norfolk, the location of the factories, will find beet raising very profitable.

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