

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Frank Chapman, accused of killing Dan Green at Porter's sheep ranch on Lost river, Idaho, on Christmas day, was acquitted Thursday, his claim being self-defense.

A rock and mud slide Tuesday afternoon, near Illecillewaet tunnel, B. C., on the Canadian Pacific railroad, killed five men of McCree's crib gang and fatally injured another.

Thursday morning an engine and a fast stock train on the Union Pacific collided at Tie Siding. The engineer of the freight train had his leg broken, and considerable other damage was done. Passenger trains were delayed two hours.

George Fisher, aged about 50 years, brakeman at Hollister, Cal., was caught under a train Wednesday evening, while making a switch at the depot, and had his left foot cut off at the hip, also three fingers on the left hand.

Hannibal Rough, who formerly worked in the Somerville coal mine, went to the famous Gwyn gold mine in Calaveras county, Cal., to go to work. He fell down a shaft last Monday night and was killed. He leaves a widow and six small children.

A mother and her child, who were camping out ten miles from Eugene, Oregon, Tuesday, were so badly burned that they cannot recover. The child's clothing caught fire and in attempting to extinguish the flames the mother's clothing ignited and both were fatally burned.

John Toth, a bricklayer working on a building at Portland, Oregon, Wednesday, took hold of a live wire and received a current of 1,000 volts. He hung from the wire for a moment and then fell to the ground, a distance of fifty feet. He died soon after being taken to the hospital.

Daniel McCrimlik, one of the two soldiers wounded at Cheyenne, Wyoming, by Charles Erwell, was a company of drunken soldiers was broken into his house, died on Friday, June 18. The other soldier, Thomas Monev, is in a critical condition. Erwell is under arrest.

The four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Porter of Stillwater, twelve miles from Reading, Cal., while playing under a fig tree, Wednesday, saw a rattlesnake. The child endeavored to beat the snake with a stone and was bitten on the third finger of the right hand. The child is hovering between life and death.

Preston, Idaho, Standard: Lorenzo Baird of Mink Creek, while working in Strawberry canyon on Tuesday, had his leg broken by a log rolling on him. Both bones below the knee were fractured, the tibia, or large bone, in two places. He was brought to town at 10 o'clock at night, and Dr. Casfield set the limb, when the man was taken back to his home.

Friday night, while Mary Avery, aged 17, was moving a loaded shotgun belonging to her brother, at Nevada City, California, she let it slip

from her grasp. One hammer struck a step, the load was discharged and entered her right arm, near the shoulder, almost severing it. Physicians amputated the arm.

A Slavonian named Felix Breike was killed in the tunnel at Selby, Cal., Friday morning. The dead man with a companion was on his way to the smelting works when the accident happened. Two trains, the down train from Sacramento and an outgoing freight passed in the tunnel and Breike became confused and stepped in front of the freight to his death.

Tuesday morning a wheelman ran into a two-horse team driven by young Olo Forgy, who lives in Fresno, Cal. The horses ran away, throwing Forgy on his head, while one of the wheels passed over his shoulder. No bones were broken, but the young man had a number of teeth knocked out and is dangerously bruised.

An accident occurred at the Brown Bear mine at Deadwood, Cal., Monday afternoon, in which George J. Hackett, a miner, was killed. Hackett and a man named Pierson were working on a lease, clearing out old fields, when a fall started, breaking the timbers and crushing Hackett, killing him instantly. Pierson narrowly escaped. Deceased was about 42 years of age.

Malad, Idaho, Enterprise, June 12: William Dees of Weston was killed Tuesday in a canyon near Oxford by a tree falling upon him. It seems that he and his father, John Dees, were getting out wood, and his father cutting down a tree, when it fell upon the son. The death was purely accidental. Deceased was 19 years old. He was buried at Weston yesterday.

An accident which will probably prove fatal occurred Wednesday afternoon at the place of Turner Browning, one mile east of Napa, Cal. Workmen were employed in the erection of a tankhouse when it suddenly fell, crushing beneath its weight Henry F. Derby. His skull is fractured over the right eye, right arm broken between the shoulder and elbow and the left leg fractured in two places between knee and hip.

The headless trunk of an unknown man, supposed to have committed suicide by placing his neck on the rails in front of an approaching train, was discovered Thursday morning on the Southern Pacific tracks at San Francisco. It was lying just outside, while the severed head was between the rails, where it had rided from the shoulders. The suicide is supposed to be Charles Smith, a laborer who had become despondent through being out of employment.

Frank H. Fisher of Alameda, California, was nearly poisoned recently by the bite of a little fly. He had been working at Vallejo, where a week ago he was stung by a fly on the back of his hand. He did not think much of the incident at first, but the hand began to swell up and grew very painful. The swelling extended to the wrist and then up the arm until it

extended to the shoulder. Fisher consulted a physician, who treated him for the blood poisoning which had set in. It was some days before his recovery was assured. Fisher will not be able to use his hand or arm for a week or more.

Fremont county, Idaho, News: Considerable excitement was caused on Monday evening by the disappearance from home of the little child of Mr. and Mrs. Eaves. The home is situated on a bluff which forms the north bank of Snake river, and it was at first supposed that the little one had ventured too near and fell into the swift current. The town was aroused and many citizens and visitors were soon at the home to lend a helping hand. The party spread and it was not long before the child was discovered, crouched contentedly behind a cluster of sage brush, and carried to the outstretched arms of the well-nigh frantic mother.

Laramie, Wyoming, Boomerang, June 18: A party of United States surveyors, working along Poison creek, south of the Big Horn basin, made a singular discovery yesterday. They found two coaches in which had been hidden a quantity of flour and provisions. Some letters found with the articles indicate that the provisions were cached by the gang of horse and cattle thieves which has been operating in central and northern Wyoming, and were stolen from sheep camps and stored where they could be secured while the thieves were upon one of their expeditions after stock. The find has been turned over to the authorities of Natrona county.

Here is a home thrust on advertising which one Sacramento, Cal., newspaper gives to another: The city editor of our contemporary, the Bee, having lost his spectacles, promptly advertised the calamity in the Bee, but receiving no response from finders, for a very excellent reason that is obvious to all who are sensible of the best methods of reaching the public, he crossed the street and advertised his loss in the Record-Union, where the announcement of his bereavement would be seen by far the larger number of the reading public. He did not calculate without his host. On the very day that the advertisement of the loss appeared in the Record-Union a lady of a prominent family brought the lost eyeglasses to this office for restoration to their owner, and they now repose in security upon the ample bridge of his nose.

Sheriff Burr and posse of Los Angeles, California, on Tuesday afternoon captured near Azusa a negro who gave the name of Jasper Wood, and who for several weeks past has terrorized the women of that vicinity. Several weeks ago at Glendora an attempt was made by an unknown man to drag a girl from her couch about midnight. Her screams aroused the household and the culprit escaped in the darkness. A few nights later a similar occurrence took place a few miles from the scene of the first assault, but pursuit was baffled because of a lack of means of identification. Shortly after 1 o'clock Monday night Mrs. Addie Woods, who lives with her parents in a cottage near Azusa, was awakened and found herself in