NEWS OF THE WEST.

A Dangerous Prisoner Gets Possession of a Revolver.

A COWBOY SHOT AND KILLED.

Irrigation in Western Nebraska—New Coal Discovery at Thistle, Utah, Etc.

On Wednesday evening, Clotaire Mayo, a Spanish girl 15 years old, living at San Jose, Cal., was given chloroform for ear toothache. Too much was administered and the girl nearly died.

Charles E. Dole, employed by the Wisher (Mont.) Lumber company, in felling trees west of Mount Pisgah was instantly killed while engaged in his work. The butt of a live stock kick on the head did the business.

The Colorado Telephone company has formally contracted Trinidad with the state circuit thereby contracting it with all the principal towns of the state. The line is to be extended to Alamo, N. M., in the near future.

Water from the Salt Box river was turned into the basin of Pendleton, Or., Tuesday. The water is from 35 nearly forty miles from the Salt Box river, a mountain stream rising in the Cascades near Mount Hood. The plant cost the city over $2,000,000.

It is reported that the big gas well struck by the Union Oil company continues to be the wonder of Florence. It has been visited by hundreds of people the past two days. At night the gas lights the country for miles around, and the light shows against the sky may be seen for ten miles.

William A. Binney, a cowboy, was shot and killed Wednesday at the Twenty Mile stage ranch, about twenty miles from Billings, Mont., by Harry J. Haymond, keeper of the ranch. The killing is claimed to have been done in self-defense and there has been bad blood between the parties for some time.

According to the Prescott, Ariz., Mining Journal, 100 carloads of steel are en route between Chicago and Prescott, 50 of them being reported at Ash Fork yesterday. Of these 100 cars, 50 are new cars of the S. F. P. & P. railway, being the first lot of the new equipment for the road, except the engines.

From a conversation with Mr. W. J. Hinton, says the Bonanza Clipper, we learned that the Nolin Canyon irrigation company is figuring on extending their flume about a mile further up the canyon. He estimated the land owners saved enough the first year to pay for all the lumber and material in the flume. It is made of inch lumber and buried in the ground.

A boy two weeks ago says the Mount Pleasant Journal, James Cooper, of Fairfax, and Mrs. Sarah Nelson, of Moline, were arrested on a charge of cohabitation. The case was brought up before Commissioner Zabriskie, and was continued at the request of the defendant's attorney. The hearing has been postponed for forty days, and in the meantime a suit for divorce is pending, the woman having sued for a separation from her husband.

It is reported, says the Cheyenne Sun, that western Nebraska has ascertained that irrigation of large tracts of land is positive by the sinking of wells and that the expense of a well suitable to irrigate will be about $300. This opens up grand possibilities for that state and there exists no good reason why this plan cannot be extended all over the arid region and thus become a great benefit to this state. It has been estimated that it would cost $10 an acre to redeem land by ditches, so the well plan is only a little more expensive.

Gunder Peterson and Joseph Johnson came down from Thistle valley, Tuesday, says the Nunns Pleasant Grove Herald, bringing with them a sample from the new coal discovery recently made near Thistle. The sample is of a brownish color, but is apparently free from rock, is brittle and burns readily. The vein on the surface, from where the sample was taken, is about nine feet thick, and it is the opinion of an expert who has examined the property, that the vein increases in size as it recedes in, and the quality becomes of the very best.

There now seems to be no doubt but that oil from the vicinity of Casper will make its appearance on the market in large quantities in the near future, says the Cheyenne Sun. The Pennsylvania company has taken all the arrangements looking to the building of a refinery in Casper, and the product will be shipped to the East via Cheyenne and there find its way to the great markets. From these oil fields Wyoming is bound to receive great benefit. There are now nearly a hundred men employed in and about Casper by the Pennsylvania company and the number will be increased as time progresses.

Some time ago a prisoner from the Fillmore, Cal., penitentiary was found in the possession of a revolver. How the prisoner is at now he came by it remains to be learned, as the board of prison directors are anxious to keep the matter secret so they say. Once the man who furnished the prisoner with the weapon. It is reported that the prisoner to whom the pistol was given is a dangerous man, and there is no doubt but that an attempt to shoot down the guards and escape had been fully planned. The finding of the revolver is believed to be extremely fortunate. There were undoubtedly a number of other prisoners who had knowledge of the fact that this man had the pistol. The whole matter will, it is said, be made public at the next meeting of the board.

Starting Colonies.

A discussion carried on through the columns of The Rural New Yorker on the different methods of starting colonies shows that much more depends upon circumstances than we are wont to admit. Most of those who discussed the subject favored starting the colony in town and transplanting. Mr. C. L. Allen of Long Island disagrees and gives good reasons for so doing. Long Island for several years past has been settled to stores and long commuter's trains brought, enabling the wonderful transplanting of anything extremely professional to the method be adopted seems best for that locality. A good deal depends upon circumstances and conditions in all farm operations.

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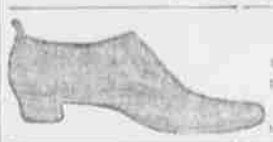

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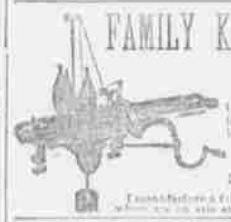

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