

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

The postoffice at Tustin, Cal., was broken into on Friday night, and robbed of \$80.

Mrs. Matilda Frye, a recent arrival at Merced, Cal., was found dead in her bed this morning. She was about 70 years old and a member of the Salvation army.

At 8 o'clock Friday morning James Douglass, a laborer residing at Lindero, Cal., shot and seriously wounded his divorced wife, because she would not live with him. He escaped to the hills.

The body of Mrs. Henry P. Miller was found on the beach at Eureka, Cal., Friday morning. Mrs. Miller and her son were drowned while endeavoring to ford the Van Duzen river February 12th. The remains of the boy have not been recovered.

John F. Hoover, an Oakland, Cal., printer, drove his wife's pet dog out of the house Tuesday with a broom, and his wife had him arrested on a charge of insanity. The judge dismissed the charge as soon as he heard the story.

The death of Clara Bruedegam at San Francisco occurred on Monday. She was a four-year-old child, and on March 14th, with other children, she was playing about a fire in a vacant lot near her home. Her clothes caught fire and she was severely burned.

The San Francisco auxiliary of the American Anti-saloon league adopted a constitution and elected permanent officers at a meeting held Tuesday afternoon in the Young Men's Christian association building. The purpose of the league is the suppression of the saloon.

Martha Eleanor Ross of San Jose, Cal., has sued the San Jose Fruit Packing company for \$20,000 damages. She was employed by the company and charges that through their negligence one of the machines got out of order. Her hands were caught in the machinery and so badly crushed that it was necessary to amputate the middle fingers on both hands.

Anton Doler, a shoemaker, formerly of San Francisco, tried to kill himself Tuesday morning after a ten-day drunk, at San Diego, California. He went to bed, placed a revolver to his ear, and shot, but the ball ranged through the scalp and was not fatal. He then rushed to the police station, yelling, "that he had shot himself and wanted to die."

Pocatello, Idaho, Times: Thatcher Bros. of Gentile valley last week sold to Chas. Dandy something over 1,300 head of sheep at an average price of \$2.50 per head. These sheep were purchased by them last fall at \$1.40 per head and have been fed perhaps 150 tons of hay, valued \$2.50 per ton. Such facts are rather encouraging.

The superior court in San Francisco has decided that the pugilistic encounter between Sharkey and Fitzsimmons was not a prize fight. Sharkey was trying to get out of paying his trainer, William Allen, for services, on the

ground that the bout was a prize fight and therefore unlawful. The court decided that it was not a fight, and that Sharkey must pay the debt.

James H. Lawrence of San Francisco went to his medicine chest Sunday morning at his home to get some medicine for a slight indisposition he felt. By mistake he got hold of the wrong phial and swallowed a quantity of strychnine. He discovered his mistake at once and a physician was sent for. In spite of antidotes and the efforts of the physician, however, Leonard died next morning.

An order has just been received by Superintendent Daggett of the San Francisco mint, from Director of the Mint Preston, for the coinage of 800,000 silver dollars. This, in addition to the regular coinage of gold, will keep the present force employed for some time and thus render unnecessary a reduction of the number of employees, which has been expected to take place.

In the railway accident on the Oregon Short Line on Saturday morning, at Malad Bridge siding, Idaho, P. Kennedy, of Kansas City, was killed, and Alice C. Stern of Dayton, Wash.; David McCarrel and W. A. Cartwell of Haines, Ore.; R. T. Herringer, Baker City, Ore., and J. A. Williams, of Pocatello, seriously injured. A dozen others were hurt. A misplaced switch was the cause.

Rufus Herron, a lad of 15 years, met with a fatal accident at Oakland, Cal., on Friday. He had started out on a fishing expedition and had come to San Leandro lake with a party of young friends to have a day's sport. He was walking along a high bluff on the north shore of the lake, about an hour before daylight, when he suddenly made a misstep. He plunged forward into a cement wasteway many feet below and sustained a fracture of the skull.

A great number of tramps have pitched their camps on the banks of the creek in the suburbs of Sonoma, Cal. Already this week these intruders have made away with \$150 to \$200 in money, besides considerable clothing and some valuable jewelry. Tuesday morning, while C. Lewis was absent from his house, tramps entered it, turned everything upside down, stole several pieces of valuable jewelry and escaped.

Angel Preite Alvarez, editor and proprietor of El Comercio of San Francisco, left on Wednesday on the steamer Ocelot for Guatemala, where he will establish an eight-page paper on the American plan. In addition to this enterprise he will manage several concessions at the Guatemala exposition and will inquire into the best means of increasing the friendliness of the trade relations now existing between San Francisco and the Southern republics.

The annual report of the secretary of the Western South Dakota Stock Growers association shows that the agents of the association located at

Chicago, South Omaha and Sioux City in 1896 recovered \$169,737.36 on account of strays. Shipments for 1896 were estimated to be worth \$4,000,000, figuring steers worth \$33.29 on an average and cows worth \$22.01. The regular annual meeting of the association will be held in Rapid City April 18, or a week from next Tuesday.

Charles C. Carlson, who resided for a time with a family named Bigelow, in San Francisco, was taken ill and sent to the city and county hospital, where he remained for a month or two. The Bigelows thought him dead and, it is charged, confiscated his effects. Monday Carlson applied to the police for a search warrant for the recovery of his personal effects, valued at \$185 and \$25 coin, which he declares the Bigelows have made away with.

San Francisco's rainfall to date is about five inches above the total precipitation at this time a year ago. At extreme northern and southern stations the ratio of difference is still greater. Red Bluff, Cal., shows a gain of about six and one-half inches and San Diego of half an inch or so less. Enough rain has fallen to assure best year crops in all the counties of the state and to give irrigation and domestic water companies an embarrassment of aqueous riches.

James Holmes, a lad of 4, was run over and killed in San Francisco on Wednesday morning, by a truck. The boy attended kindergarten on Ninth street and was on his way to the school when the accident occurred. The boy and a companion jumped on the truck and were ordered off by the driver, who snapped his whip at them. The other boy landed safely, but the Holmes child was crushed under the wheel, which passed over his head and breast. He was carried into a drug store and two doctors summoned, but his death was almost instantaneous.

Oliver Hill, aged 14, was accidentally shot and killed Tuesday morning in the mountains near Otay dam, Cal., by Fred Barrett, a companion of the same age. The boys were spending a week in the country, and took guns along to hunt for game. They went out that morning, Barrett with a 22-caliber rifle and Hill with an air gun. They reached the highest part of the mountain and thought they saw a wildcat and prepared to shoot. Barrett was walking ahead with the coked rifle over his shoulder. It was discharged, and the bullet penetrated Hill's heart, killing him instantly. The body was taken to National City, where Hill's father lives.

R. Chevers Stopel, a scientific gentleman from Heidelberg, Germany, who has recently accomplished the feat of ascending the two big mountain peaks of Mexico, Popocatepetl and Orizaba, is now in California on his way to Japan. He ascended the top of both mountains, he says, though not without great difficulties and at the risk of his life. Guided by Indians, and with the aid of ropes and other contrivances, he managed to reach the summit of Orizaba from the south, thus avoiding the snow which covers the northern slope of the peak. His guides deserted him before he reached the summit, and he was compelled to