NEWS OF THE WEST.

An Interesting Budget Gathered From Various Exchanges.

A MORPHINE FIEND SUICIDES.

Big Yield of Potatoes.—Mining.—Petty Thieves Abound at Glenwood Springs, Colo.

Sheriff Bob Waite says he will stop the petty stealing going on at Glenwood, Colo., if he has to turn in, of out, every idle scalawag that sticks now.

At Cripple Creek, Colo., the Daily Victor mine has stopped its twenty-fifth carload of ore. The returns average from $100 to $[illegible] per ton. Four of the ore ones have been shipped without a blast.

Carl Peters, an emaciated morphine fiend, hanged himself the other night in the bathroom of the Metropolitan street carshed grounds at Seattle, Wash. He first tried morphine and whisky, but that failing, tried to cut the arteries of his wrists.

For the first time in many years dwelling houses are stores in Elko, Nevada. So many families have moved into the town during the past month, to give their children the benefit of the High School, that about all the vacant houses have been taken.

The largest yield of potatoes yet recorded in Sanders county was grown upon the farm of Chas. P. Garver, of the Waterloo neighborhood, Sanders county, Mont., says the Rocky Mountain Husbandman. He had four measured acres which yielded four hundred bushels per acre.

George Hansen, a young engineer employed in a meat market at Salem, Ore., became entangled in an electric light wire running through a cold storage warehouse and was killed by electricity. He made no outcry. When his cold body was found the flesh was terribly burned in places and his clothing was on fire.

Butte (Mont.) *Inter Mountain* says that the Butte, Anaconda & Pacific railroad carries the total expense of the funeral of Chauncey W. West, the popular comedian who was killed by Clay Pugh. The remains were sent to Utah for interment. Besides paying the expenses, the same road, company—owned a check to Mrs. West for $500.

A colony of twenty-one people from South Dakota have located at Delta, Colo., and will take up their permanent home in the beautiful valley of the Gunnison. The new comers are contributing supplies with the world's goods, as it required twelve cars to carry their household and farm effects. Reports at Rio Grande headquarters intimate that many families are heading for the Western slope.

A mortgage of $5,000,000 on the property of the Denver Water company in favor of the Continental Trust company of New York, in trust, has been filed with the county clerk, says the Denver News. Two weeks in trust to D. H. Moffat and ex-Governor Grant on the property of the Colorado Water company were also filed. The mortgage is to secure the bonds of the new company, it is stated, and the deeds in trust are issued that outstanding bonds may be redeemed.

The range in this valley is in better condition this fall and usible later than for many years before, says the Cheyenne Sun. All the stock in the valley will go into the winter in better condition than they have for the past five years. To add to this, there is more and better pasture under irrigation ever before, and the quantity of hay in the stack exceeds that of any other year in the history of the valley by at least one-third. The outlook for the winter is of the most encouraging character.

Says the Boise (Idaho) *Statesman*: It was only a pair of government shoes—they cost not to exceed $1—that S. A. Souther probably sometimes thinks the most expensive pair of brogans that ever adorned his feet. Mr. Souther was arrested on a warrant sworn out by Deputy United States Marshal Richards, charged with having a pair of government shoes in his possession. He made no defense, and Commissioner Brown held him in $500 bail. The officers at the post claim there are civilians who make a business of buying government clothing, etc., from the soldiers, causing them to change o the stores much annoyance.

The other morning, remarks the Lewiston (Idaho) *Teller*, the residents along Snake river and the passers by were surprised to see a raft coming down Snake river, having on board two men and a horse. On nearer approach, the load was recognized as a prospector's outfit, with camp utensils and the other paraphernalia of a prospector's life. The raft was a large one for the purpose, being 24 by 40 feet. It was a great scheme for getting out of the mountains. They can run the raft below and work up the logs into wood, beside, the transportation beats coughing it over the mountain trails.

The owners of the Bull Dog gold mine of Gold Field, thirty-five miles from Prescott, Arizona, have refused an offer of $250,000 cash for their lease, which has still a year to run. Rich ore was struck about three weeks ago. The mine is bonded for $65,000 and the owners already have out 1,500 tons of ore running from $50 to $80 a ton.

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