NEWS OF THE WEST.

Two Brothers Lose their Sight Through Dynamite Caps.

A PASTOR'S HOUSE BURGLARIZED.

A Seventeen-year-old Boy Robs His Father and Elopes with a Young Miss.

A farmer named Potterton, whose place is southwest of St. Helena, on Napa river, Cal., lost about $1,000 by last Friday's flood. The frame house, with its contents, was swept away and also a number of fruit trees.

While Rev. J. F. Harris, pastor of the First M. E. church, and family were attending service at Carson City, Colo., on Monday evening, thieves broke into their residence and stole all the silverware and other valuable articles, amounting to several hundred dollars.

Trainmaster Patrick Murphy was instantly killed at Pocatello, Idaho, on Tuesday. He had made up a Northern Pacific freight and stepped on the end of a crossbeam to ride down the yard. He slipped, fell under the train and was cut to pieces. He leaves a wife and four children.

A Genoa dispatch from Verdi, Nev., under date January 7th, says: A young man named Roy Howard was accidentally shot in the head by his father yesterday. They were goose hunting. Several buckshot struck the young man in the head. The wound, it is feared, will prove fatal.

The effects of the anti-tramp movement in Sacramento are, it is said, already being felt in San Francisco. The tramps and hoboes are pouring into town from Sacramento and the country districts where they have been badly received. The police have been ordered to "run in" all suspicious characters.

Articles of incorporation have been filed in California of the Sierra Nevada Railway company. The purpose of the corporation is to purchase, build and maintain a railroad, standard or narrow gauge, or both combined, by means of a third rail, in the county of Washoe, Nevada, and in the counties of Sierra, Lassen and Plumas, California.

The Boise (Idaho) Statesman says: The newly elected county officers were installed yesterday. There was some dispute as to whether the old board of commissioners should pass upon the bonds of the members of the new board or whether the latter should act on their own bonds. When the old board appeared yesterday morning the new board had possession. This settled the matter.

Haily (Idaho) Times: The ranchers in Logan and Alturas counties are pleased at the announcement that a flouring mill is to be constructed and operated in this city. It will probably be fitted with both water and steam power, in order to run uninterruptedly, or to be enabled to do so run, summer and winter. The mill will be ready to start by the 1st of August next.

R. C. Duell, a telegraph operator, 19 years of age, attempted to commit suicide on Monday evening in San Francisco. He went into Mint avenue late at night and shot himself in the right side of the head. The bullet did not enter the brain, and the young man will recover. He could not secure work, and being penniless he thought it was better to end his life.

An unknown crab fisherman was drowned off the rocks at Fort Point, Cal., on Monday afternoon. He had been fishing just beyond the fort, and started to come back when the breeze died out and left him drifting with the tide. He then sculled his way in, but the tide set him back toward the rocks. Jumping out on the rocks he attempted to shove his boat off, but his foot slipped and he fell into the water.

Benjamin McGlynn, son of a San Francisco baker, was arrested on Tuesday, for embezzlement on complaint of the father. Although the lad is only seventeen years old he has led a wild life and the father cannot control him. A short time ago the father gave his son a lot of bills to collect. The boy was not slow in gathering in the money, but instead of giving it to his father he eloped with a young miss, who a week later was found in a common lodging-house.

James and Edward Lipp, brothers, aged 19 and 17 years respectively, presented a pitiable sight when they were taken to the Home for Adult Blind at Oakland, Cal., on Monday afternoon. The brothers are residents of Mokelumne Hill, Calaveras county. They were prospering and happy not long ago. The boys were walking along the roadway one day, when they came across a mysterious little box. Edward picked the box up and took the lid off to examine the contents. He could not tell what it contained, and as his brother James, who was puffing away on a cigarette, looked over his shoulder. A spark from the cigarette dropped into the box and then there was an explosion and the brothers were thrown into the air. The innocent looking box contained dynamite caps. The brothers were rendered unconscious by the shock and both lost their sight. James also lost his left hand, which was blown to pieces. The parents of the boys are dead, and as they have no means, they are obliged to apply to the state for care and shelter.

A Great Attraction.

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An Infallible Sign.

A man died suddenly. The doctor called in to certify the death [illegible]

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The Conditions Different.

Husband (with indignation)—When I was at home you had plenty [illegible]

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