

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

At Elbert, Colo., about 100 farmers have organized a co-operative creamery company.

Boulder, Colo., has sold its water-works bonds to Boulder parties and will now pay for its water supply with cash.

Eureka county, Nevada, mines have produced gold, silver and lead valued at a grand total of \$125,000,000 since 1870.

It is a cold, dreary day when El Paso omits to telegraph a revolution in Mexico, sarcastically remarks the *Denver News*.

At Longmont, Colo., cannery, a new pea sheller has been invented, which discounts all the patents heretofore applied for in that line.

At Grand Junction, Colo., strong pressure is being brought to bear to reduce the price of irrigated land so as to induce investment.

Santa Cruz, Cal., sports are seeking to form a baseball league including the cities of Santa Cruz, Monterey, Salinas and Watsonville.

A Chinese leper who had been confined in a dungeon without windows or ventilation for two years has been discovered at Denver.

Del Norte, Colo., is considering the advisability of purchasing an electric light plant, which will soon be offered for sale there.

There is a proposition at Santa Monica, Cal., to bond the town for the purpose of building a wharf solely for the enjoyment of visitors and residents.

Two newspaper men named Schiffer are said to be realizing \$200 a day out of a Silverton, Colo., mine. They have no desire for further journalistic glory.

Julesburg, Colo., has become quite a shipping point for hogs and cattle. The "rain betters" are marketing hogs and cattle on an average of \$4,000 a month.

The deputy constable of Los Angeles, Cal., captured six Chinamen on Tuesday night who were engaged in selling lottery tickets. They put up \$50 each for their appearance in court.

Farmers in the San Juan, the Mancos and Montezuma valleys, Colo., are preparing to put in large crops this year to feed the expected rush of miners down that way.

Near Otto, in northwestern Wyoming, a vein of coal has been discovered four feet thick and forty feet wide. A road is being constructed so that the coal can be mined for market.

A colony from Eaton, Colo., has purchased potato land north of Cheyenne, Wyo., of the Wyoming Development company and will irrigate and plant extensively during the ensuing season.

Mancos and Montezuma valleys, Colo., are over-supplied with fine draft horses awaiting market. Horse men throughout Colorado are invited to go there for good bargains in heavy work horses.

La Veta, Colo., will be brought ten miles nearer to the San Luis Valley by the building of the proposed Indian

creek wagon road over the range into the San Luis valley. It is a big thing for La Veta.

Twenty-two miles west of Canon City, Colo., in South gulch, valuable zinc, copper and lead discoveries have been made at a depth of ninety-six feet. The discovery is said to be a paying prospect.

Congressman Bell, of Colorado, owns a six-year-old orchard of 105 acres, containing apples, pears, apricots, peaches and plums. It is in the Uncompahgre valley, three miles from Montrose.

At Reno, Nev., last week a Piute, under sentence of twenty years for murder, was pardoned. He went almost crazy with joy, uttering war whoops and wanted to kiss everybody he met.

A fire at Moscow, Idaho, has consumed \$20,000 worth of property. A frozen fire plug caused a delay in getting water so that the damage was much greater than it otherwise would have been.

J. M. Quigley, a switchman out of employment, who attempted to wreck the Santa Fe "flyer" near the Union depot at Denver some three months ago, has been sentenced to three years in the penitentiary.

A house famine prevails at Florence, Colo. The papers there announce that twenty cottages would find ready sale or good tenants there now. People have to live in tents or go to Canon City for shelter.

Trinidad, Colo., gamblers have philosophically accepted the municipal decree closing the gambling houses. They say "there is no business these hard times" and are willing to suspend a profitless trade.

At Florence, Colo., a town lot boom has been started. A 800-acre ranch has been platted by the Florence Oil and Refining company and another ranch is to be cut into five and ten-acre vegetable ranches.

On Friday at Florence, Colo., was consummated a real estate deal of \$4,000, being the sale of S. J. Tenner's 390-acre ranch to the Florence Oil and Refining company. Some large deals in city real estate are being made.

Cattle owners in San Miguel, Santa Fe and Texas counties, N. M., are confederating for the purpose of suppressing the wholesale slaughter of cattle on the range by cattle thieves from the vicinity of Las Vegas.

Trinidad, Colo., has made a proud record for charitable work this winter. Families numbering 315 persons have been carried along for a month past by the charitable organizations, and some furnished transportation eastward.

Snowslides have commenced. Near Wallace, Idaho, in Boulder gulch an avalanche last week buried alive Doc McGrevey and John Bolton, two miners. McGrevey was crushed down upon a hot stove and burned to death.

Northwestern Colorado contains several hundred square miles of petrified flesh. These beds of shale are said to be about 150 feet thick and extend

along Green river for a distance of about 200 miles.

The great tunnel through the Santa Lucia mountains, which the Southern Pacific company has been boring for more than a year past, was pierced on Monday morning, and is one of the largest and most important tunnels in the world.

In the Sierra Ancha, Arizona, district the cattle men rejoice over a fine prospect for cattle. For two years past cows have been too poor to breed. This spring the stock is said to be in fine condition, and a large lot of calves are confidently expected.

Aztec, N. M., is bitterly complaining of the Navajo Indian nuisance. The Indians obtain passes to leave their reservation and roam at will among the white settlers, frightening or insulting women when found alone in their homes.

A large reservoir located on the Highlands, north of Pasadena, Cal., burst on Sunday evening, flooding a considerable section of country lying below it, and doing much damage to young fruit orchards. The reservoir was a new one, having only been built last summer.

At Longmont, Colo., R. C. Benton, clerk and recorder of Holt county, Mo., has arrived with a boy said to be the son of a farmer near Longmont. Holt county has a bill against the farmer for fourteen years board and lodging for the boy and wants a settlement.

Despite the fact that last winter was the most disastrous the stockmen experienced in many years, the shipments of cattle from Montana netted the state not less than \$6,000,000 during the shipping season. The cattle business saved the country in 1893, says a dispatch from Helena.

Shortly before midnight on Saturday a destructive landslide occurred in the northern portion of Sausalito, Cal., at a point near the railroad shops, known as Woodward's valley. Two dwelling houses at the foot of this canyon were badly wrecked and the occupants barely escaped with their lives.

Montrose, Colo., only shipped twenty-eight tons of beets to the Lehi, Utah, sugar factory last year, while Mesa county shipped over sixty tons. Now, Montrose county has got on its sugar beet war paint and proposes to raise sugar beets by wholesale.—*Denver News*.

Electricity will be used to operate the Rio Grande Southern railway during the present year. The *Ridgway Herald* states that the San Miguel Consolidated plant will furnish 1,000-horse power at Ames and that the road will soon be operated by electricity.

The Montpelier (Idaho) *Post* says that for the first time in twelve years here is ready cash in the treasury of Bear Lake county to pay all county warrants, and this, too, in the face of the fact that three terms of the district court have been held during the year, one term lasting two weeks.

During a terrific blizzard and while the mercury registered 20 degrees below zero on Wednesday afternoon, the residence of A. C. Wallace, six miles north of Beatrice, Neb., was destroyed