NEWS OF THE WEST.

Bold Attempt Made to Hold Up a Santa Fe Express Train.

MOVE OF WYOMING OIL MEN.

The Tangled Affairs of a Deceased California Capitalist.—Strange Accident to a Schooner, Etc.

The new great seal of the state of Wyoming has been received at the office of the secretary of state.

There is a movement on foot to establish a grape syrup factory in Fresno which will help to dispose of surplus grapes.

A contract has been let for clearing part of the way for the railway from Vancouver to Sumas, to connect with the Northern Pacific.

The time for receiving bids at Pasadena for paving, involving a $70,000 contract, was extended until July 17th, to give San Francisco firms a chance to bid.

Edward Oltman of the steam schooner Excelsior, got caught in a rope in unloading lumber at Ventura, was thrown against a yardarm and injured internally.

San Jose now has an ordinance prohibiting the holding of religious meetings of any sort within certain boundaries, including the central portion of the town. This applies to the Salvation army.

A. L. Burkland picked 1000 quarts of strawberries the other day. This is equal to thirty-one bushels, enough berries to fill the bed of a Schuttler wagon box. R. L. Egan picked 600 quarts a day or two ago.—*Tulare County Digger.*

The oil men of Wyoming are making an effort to secure reduced rates to the east on consignments of naphtha-lubricating oil, says the Omaha *Bee.* One company claims to have 100 barrels, which would be shipped within the next thirty days if the rates are not prohibitive.

The hide and wool warehouse of H. G. Guinn was destroyed by fire on Friday night. Loss, $5,000, fully insured. The fire originated from sparks from a switch engine. Two cars of oil were saved by the quick work of an engine pulling them away. The Home Lumber company was in immediate danger, but suffered no great damage.

W. T. Jones has been held for trial at Sheridan, Wyo, for the murder of John D. Adams, the Tongue river cattleman who was so brutally murdered about two weeks ago. The evidence adduced at the preliminary examination was entirely circumstantial but sufficient to justify the holding of Jones, who will be tried at the present term of court.

Professor Frank Browning, teacher of swimming, has lately been exploiting houses in Santa Barbara, Cal. He would call in the evening and engage a room for a week and sleep in it for the night and then leave. He tried this at the White house, owned by the wife of the police judge. He will receive both his lodging and board free for some time to come.

Manuel Amado, a large rancher near Tucson, Ariz., according to his own statement, has been a heavy loser by the drouth. He says that fully three-fourths of his cattle and one-half of his horses have recently died. Last year he was assessed on 2,500 cattle and he says he is positive that his herd will not now number over 400. A strange feature about this death rate is that the males died much faster than the females.

A warrant was issued on Friday for the arrest of Edward Laithe, recently a bookkeeper and collector of the French Benevolent society of San Francisco, upon a charge of embezzlement. He is accused of having misappropriated about $90 of funds belonging to the society. The accused was continuous in that city for many years. He had a liquor store at 1040 Sutter and California streets which he sold recently, and on Thursday disappeared.

About 9 o'clock on Friday night as Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bollette started to drive to their home west of Beatrice, Neb., their horses became frightened and threw both occupants of the carriage violently to the pavement. Mr. Bollette struck a telegraph pole, his wife striking the curbing. They were carried into a hotel insensible and will die. Mr. Bollette had three ribs broken, one of which entered his left lung. His wife was injured internally. They are both past seventy years of age.

A most peculiar accident occurred on Friday morning in the coasting schooner Estelle and Fosdick while boating down the bay at San Francisco. A cannon ball fired during target practice from one of the new breech-loading guns at Fort Mason narrowly escaped annihilating the little vessel. No further damage was done other than the carrying away of the jibstay and part of the martingale of the bowsprit. Still the schooner was compelled to return to port for repairs. Captain Hansen and his crew of three men were all scared out of their seven senses, and did not get over it for the entire day. They all acknowledged that they had had a miraculous escape from death.

One Costello, claiming to be a lawyer, who has been hanging around the Denver police court picking up small fees, has been arraigned on a serious charge. Last week a lady came to this court to have something done in the matter of a complaint against her husband. After she went out into the corridor, it is alleged Costello followed and said to her: "I suppose you know the custom of the court?" and then explained that cash was necessary, and that if he was paid $5 he would "see that the case was properly prosecuted." The matter was not discovered until the lady came back a couple of days later for some black and white. Her surprise when Clerk Eckhardt told her there was no charge for anything in the court led to a relation of Costello's proceedings. He is accused of personating a court officer. He is not on the list of members of the Denver bar.

Nothing that something was doing away with their sheep in Pleasant Creek canyon very rapidly, one of the brothers, Hyrum Wilcox, determined to ascertain the cause, and last Friday took a general round-up. Down in one covered a mountain lioness, which evidently explained the missing sheep. He shot at the animal and hit it in the back near the hip, "setting down" the blind quarters. The animal immediately started to escape, Mr. Wilcox following to get another shot. He heard a noise behind him and finally perceived the animal's mate making for him. A tree was soon dispatched Mr. Lion, but the female had escaped, and as it was getting late he could not find her again. She is supposed that she could easily tree, and he expects to run across its carcass some day. The one killed measured nine feet and two inches, and the hide has been stuffed.—*Mount Pleasant Pyramid.*

The late Hugh Miner, of Oakland, Cal., who was a capitalist, left his affairs in such a tangled condition that now there are many embezzlers who claim. Not very long ago he will was declared invalid on the ground that he was intoxicated when he executed the document. Yesterday a claim for $600 was filed against his estate and therein the good name of the dead capitalist is attacked. It appears that a number of years ago Hugh Miner was appointed guardian of the persons and estates of Daniel and Henry Callaghan, minors, who had some little property. Miner collected the rents and, it is alleged, ran off with the money. In the meantime Daniel Callaghan had become a victim of the morphine habit and is now a raving maniac in the Athens insane asylum. His brother-in-law, Can Mooney, the well known sporting man, has been appointed guardian of Daniel's estate and it is he who now makes the claim against the Miner estate. Miner was a bachelor, and so when he died there was a big squabble among his relatives over his estate. Now there is going to be another contest and it is to be hoped that some unpleasant memories may be averted.

A bold attempt at train robbery but an unsuccessful one, occurred three miles east of Coolidge, N.M., on the Atlantic & Pacific, on Saturday morning at 1:20 o'clock, the train being the eastbound Southern California express going up the continental divide. Engineer Chief Lemmon observed a white light in front and he was signalled to stop. On bringing his train to a halt Conductor Hovey Kruse and Brakeman Richard Carter left the day coach to ascertain the cause of the train stopping, when cocked revolvers were shoved into their faces and they were ordered to hold up their hands. They were then marched to the express car and at threats of death called on the messenger to open the door. Messenger Higgins partially opened the door, but was realizing the situation he saw the robbers closed it at once, barricading it and getting himself ready for emergencies with his firearms. By this time the engineer took in the situation and seeing an opportunity to escape pulled the throttle of the engine wide open and took the train at a lively speed to Mitchell station, leaving conductor and brakeman at the mercy of the robbers. Just as the train moved away two of the robbers jumped on the engine, but were knocked off with a jerk. Without molesting the conductor and brakeman the robbers left the scene, and half an hour later a passing freight train picked up the trainmen and took them to Mitchell. The men were masked with white handkerchiefs tied over their faces. It is thought that they are young cowboys on the ranches in the vicinity, and that being novices, did not have the courage to successfully carry out their plans.

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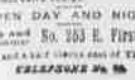

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