

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

A bill to legalize prize fighting has been introduced into the California legislature.

Two tramps who are supposed to have stolen and drank a bottle of wood alcohol from a paint shop in Delano, Cal., died on Monday, and a third is seriously ill, but it is believed will pull through. One of the dead men is Steward Taylor of Marysville. The others are unknown.

Omaha Stockman, Feb. 9: Ora Haley, a prominent patron of this market, had five cars of cattle here from Mount Pleasant, Utah. Henry Thompson was here from Market Lake, Idaho, with four cars of range cattle, and Alexander Dobson had five cars of range cattle here from Elsinore, Utah.

The friends of Mrs. Lucinda Bennett of Oroville, Cal., congregated Wednesday evening at the parsonage of the Methodist Episcopal church to celebrate her 100th birthday. She was born in Orid, N. Y., and was one of a family of fifteen children. She became the mother of thirteen children, only two of whom are living.

George McWilliams, the Arizona cowboy who, while in a drunken condition a few days ago, broke up the furniture in the Ahlborn house, San Francisco, and threw a man down a flight of stairs, tried to commit suicide Monday in the kitchen of the city prison by cutting his throat with a butcher knife. He inflicted an ugly wound, and the attending physician says he will probably die.

The first real field work on the Golden irrigation ditch in western Nebraska has been begun. A party of thirteen men under the personal supervision of Donald Campbell, an irrigation engineer of Denver, has left Lone Pine for Snake river to survey the route of the proposed ditch. This is one of the largest projects of its kind in the United States. The main canal will be 250 miles long and its many miles of laterals will water at least 500,000 acres.

Thomas Ratcliff, a seaman on the ship Hildekel, lying at Beale street wharf, San Francisco, was killed Wednesday by being knocked into the hold of the ship. He was going down a ladder leading into the hold, and a large coal bucket was being lowered at the same time. The bucket hit Ratcliff a severe blow and knocked him into the hold. He was picked up in an unconscious condition and died in the ambulance while on the way to the hospital.

Glenwood Springs, Colo., Avalanche: Last week Joe Taylor of Gardfield creek killed two mountain lions, after a hard fight. Joe had taken his favorite dog with him and shortly after starting the dog on a lion's trail, he came upon the dead body of his pet which the lion had killed. Pressing forward he succeeded in freeing and killing the beast when he discovered that he had trailed and freed two instead of one. Had it not been for his excellent nerve and good marksmanship, Joe would have

stood a good show to have followed his pet dog.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the chambers of commerce in California, one adopted resolutions deprecating the passage of the bill now pending before the legislature for the reduction of street car fares in San Francisco from 5 to 2½ cents. The resolutions state that if the bill should become a law it would impair the financial standing of all street car companies doing business in California, and thus throw many people out of employment and materially reduce the wages of others.

Members of the California legislature who signed the petition to Congress to pass the scapiera bill, now before that body, complain that their signatures to the document were obtained by false pretenses. Assemblyman Goodhue circulated the petition to the members, a number of whom now claim that their signatures were obtained upon the representation that the bill was a measure to assist the Christian Endeavorers in procuring cheap transportation rates to San Francisco. They were indignant when they learned the true purport of the petition.

Donald Fleming, a laborer at the Union Iron Works, San Francisco, was killed Wednesday while at work in the yard of the shipbuilding firm. He was standing near a large lathe watching some sheet iron raised into the air. A heavy iron chain around the pieces of iron broke and one end hit Fleming, pinning him against the machinery. The blow was so severe that he received serious internal injuries and fell to the ground almost unconscious. The wounded man was removed to St. Luke's hospital and died a few minutes after reaching there. The autopsy showed that a number of blood vessels in the abdomen were broken.

The 850 acres comprised in the Oak Lawn farm of the late L. U. Shippee was sold at public auction Wednesday, for \$73,525. The Oak Lawn farm is the finest in San Joaquin county, Cal. The deceased capitalist spent \$250,000 on it in the heyday of his prosperity. It was the pride of Mr. Shippee and here it was for twenty-five years he lavished money in the breeding of fine stock. The farm is located on the Cherokee Lane road, about six miles from Stockton. It has numerous fine buildings. The roads leading to it are lined with cypress trees, there is a fine orchard on the premises, a number of ornamental trees and the place in general is highly improved.

A thirteen-year-old boy named Thomas Kane was assaulted by George Ackerman, aged 52, with a baton at San Francisco on Monday night. The little fellow's skull was fractured, and it is doubtful if he recovers. Ackerman was in the act of nailing a sign, and, according to his statement, young Kane and several other boys began to torment him. Becoming furious, he threw the hatchet at the boys, the weapon striking Kane in the head, cutting a deep gash and fracturing

both tables of the skull. He was formally charged with an assault to murder. He claims that Kane and his companions have been in the habit of annoying him, and becoming exasperated at their conduct, he says he "lost his head" and threw the hatchet at them.

Omaha Stockman: Chas. Lerchen, a prominent Colorado cattleman, was at the yards on his return from the east where he has been purchasing high grade and thoroughbred bulls to be used on the Colorado ranges. His trip was quite successful as he secured some of the finest bulls ever shipped to the west. As a sample he says that he secured one two-year-old animal that weighs now 1620 lbs; another two-year-old that weighs 1315 lbs, and a yearling that tips the beam at 730 lbs; all are full blood stock. He says that Colorado range men have long been of the opinion that well bred stock is the only profitable kind to handle and stockmen in that section are grading up their herds more and more each year. These bulls go to Gunnison and Delta counties in the Middle park country, one of the well known cattle producing sections of Colorado. Mr. Lerchen says that the feeding steers are being marketed very close this season as prices for stock cattle are very satisfactory at the present time and the Colorado herds will be trimmed down the closest in the history of the cattle business. Some ranges are also short of feed and have also experienced considerable bad weather, causing a hardship to the cattle and this will also tend to force owners to run out most of their stock.

OBITUARY NOTES.

KAREN PEDERSON NIELSEN.

At 7:50 o'clock Friday night, February 5th, Mrs. Karen Pederson Nielsen, an old resident of American Fork, passed quietly from this; to the other world, after sickness from pneumonia of a week's duration.

The deceased has been loved and respected by all during her whole life. A lady with whom she has been very intimate for many years, says that she never had a word with Mrs. Nielson in her life. The departed one was born at Vesterby, on the island of Oland, Denmark, Dec. 20, 1827. She received the Gospel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and was baptized Nov. 3, 1853; was married to Niels Nielson Feb. 3, 1854, and arrived in Utah October 5 of the same year. The family first lived in Kayaville and Salt Lake but finally settled here in 1856, where they have lived ever since. She leaves a husband and a family of six children five of whom are married, viz: Mesdames Sina Chipman, Martha Houston, Caroline Miller and Oma Evans, and Mr. Niels Nielson Jr. and Miss Sarah Nielson.—[Com.]

WILLIAM HALSTON.

Died, at Red Canyon, Wyoming, October 21, 1896, William Halston; born at Marpool, Derbyshire, England, January 4, 1821. He left England June 20, 1835, arrived at Almy, July 7, 1835 and resided at Red Canyon at the time of his death. Deceased had been ailing for the past five years, but he was taken suddenly with pleuro pneumonia on the morning of the 17th and died on the 25th of October. He was well respected by everybody. He