

well-known cattle man from western Colorado has written to State Warden Gordon Land that parties of hunters are killing deer and other game in his section and shipping it out by the wagon load.—*Denver Sun*.

The mother and sister of Convict Halton, who was killed recently at the Idaho penitentiary by Turnkey French, and an account of which appeared in the *DESERET NEWS*, are in Boise City looking up evidence pertaining to the killing. Mrs. Halton may have the turnkey arrested on a charge of murder. Mr. French is willing to stand trial, being anxious to be fully vindicated for the killing, it is said. The dead convict's parents who reside at Shoshone, were highly indignant at the state officials for shipping their son's remains to them in a cheap coffin. They returned the coffin to Undertaker Glover, informing him that they did not propose to have their son buried like a pauper.

On December 16 Charles Ricker of Orin Junction found the following letter on the telegraph table of the Orin Junction depot, near Cheyenne, Wyoming: "Charles Ricker of Orin Junction: December, 1892—Oh, I say; you better quit the flats, old boy. We are on to your racket for some time. You are a rustler and a thief." A rough sketch of a coffin with skull and crossbones follows. A week before this Mr. Ricker's ranch buildings were burned by unknown parties and no clue has been found to the incendiaries. Ricker is a small ranchman. The anonymous letter and the burning of his ranch excite considerable apprehension among the small ranchmen in the vicinity.

M. B. Gwinn was up from Caldwell yesterday says the *Idaho Statesman*. Mr. Gwinn says that last Saturday men engaged in excavating near Caldwell for the purpose of building a dam across the Boise river, discovered a cave in which they found the skeleton of a human, supposed to be that of a boy about eighteen years old. Near the skeleton was a flint lock rifle on which was stamped the year of its manufacture, 1826, a bunch of California matches and a powder horn. The gun was badly rusted, and the stock was full of worm holes, but the matches were well preserved. The discovery created no little excitement in Caldwell. Some think the bones once belonged to an Indian, but the fact that a portion of a glove was found on the bony hand discredits this theory.

Mr. Dan Schroder of Salina was accidentally shot last Monday, says the *Richfield Advocate*. He and another young man were shooting rabbits, and after emptying his gun, the young man was given Schroder's gun, both barrels of which were loaded and cocked. After firing one load, and not realizing that the hammer of the other was up, he sprang the breech down to insert another cartridge, which sprang the hammer of the loaded barrel down and the whole charge entered the fleshy part of Mr. Schroder's thigh, making a terrible wound and leaving the shot, wad and all, scattered around the flesh next to the bone. It is a terrible wound but it is thought that by proper medical attendance the young man will recover without permanent injury.

In the district court at Colorado Springs, Judge Campbell has denied the application for an injunction brought by E. R. Stark, Ed Delavergne et al. against the Mator Mining company. It was held that the evidence presented did not substantiate the bill sufficiently to grant a preliminary injunction. It appears that the defendants took an option and agreement to purchase the Raven and other lodes at Cripple Creek. The agreement states that the proceeds from the sale of the ore were to be placed in the First National bank of this city and the plaintiffs to have a certain percentage until the option was taken up. In the application the plaintiffs claimed a failure on the part of the defendants to deposit money received as stated above and alleged fraud.

Mexican Consul Nrnelas of San Antonio, Texas, has received a telegram from the City of Mexico denying the rumor that Lonsta es Rocha is with the filibusterers on the border. Rocha was instructor at the national military academy at Chapultepee and the report that he was engaged in the uprising created a sensation on account of his prominence and influence. The report that the Mexican soldiers who escaped from the San Ignacio fight were held as prisoners by the Texas authorities has been ascertained to be unfounded. News at the military headquarters here is to the effect that troops are on the heels of the bandits and an engagement is hourly expected. It is, however, doubtful if they ever have more than a chase, since the bandits are better frontiersmen and have easily eluded the troops heretofore.

A distressing accident has occurred at Leadville, Colorado, in which Michael, the six-year-old son of Abraham Isaacs, a Harrison avenue merchant, was almost instantly killed. The boy had been in the habit of catching on to wagons and stealing rides. About noon on Tuesday he caught on the tongue of a trailer which was coupled to another ore wagon and going down Chestnut street. Soon afterwards the boy fell face downward, both wheels of the wagon passing over his back. He uttered a piercing scream, which attracted the attention of the driver, who immediately stopped his wagon. The boy got up in a kind of dazed condition and turning in a circle four or five times fell into the arms of a man who had come to his assistance. The unfortunate little fellow was taken into a house near by where he expired in a few moments. The spine was fractured and he received severe internal injuries.

On Tuesday night the boarding house and residence of Mrs. S. Sims and Mrs. R. Hinckley at White Pine, twelve miles north of Sargent, Colorado, was completely destroyed by fire, and Mrs. Hinckley's two children, a little girl, five years old, and a baby boy, twelve months old, it being impossible to get near the building when the fire was discovered. The mother rushed wildly to the door of the burning building, screaming for her children, and could not be persuaded to leave until after she was horribly burned about the face and body and almost bereft of reason. The remains of the two children were recovered, but were burned and charred beyond

recognition. It is supposed that the fire was caused by the baby pulling a lamp off of the stand, as it was left playing on the floor while the mother was absent to get some medicine for the little girl, who was sick in bed. Robert Huckley, the husband and father, was crushed to death a few weeks ago while working in a mine near there.

The case against the Alhambra theater, at Denver, for attempting to run a performance on Sunday night will be heard by Judge Sopris on Wednesday. Chief Farley told Manager Stern he had instructions to prevent the performance. At the office of the police board it is stated that the board took no official action and did not issue any order. As a matter of law, neither the Tabor, Wonderland, the Alhambra nor anyone else has a right to give a Sunday performance. When the board attempted to enforce this strict law it found public opinion to be strongly against the closing of properly conducted places of amusement, and decided that there would be more true morality in letting them run than in closing the doors. The board has had the Alhambra case under consideration. The objection to the house being open on Sunday is founded on certain rather loud litographs, which were hung in various windows about town. They presented the female form with considerable candor and announced that the opera season would open on Sunday evening. The words "Sunday evening" were in large type. The opinion of the board, though not officially expressed, seems to be that Sunday entertainments should show deference to the fact that many persons are opposed to them.—*Denver News*.

The Supreme court of Montana has decided on a question affecting the political control of the legislature. By a vote of two to one the court overruled the demurrer filed by the Republicans to the answer made by Democrats to the alternative writ of mandate and denied the motion of the Republicans for a peremptory writ ordering the canvassers to count the vote of Box Elder precinct. As the legislature meets two weeks hence, says an exchange, the Democrats are maneuvering to kill time and stave off a final decision until after that day, as Hamilton, Democrat, holds the certificate and would thus help to organize the house. The Republican attorneys will endeavor to push along the case as fast as possible.

There is considerable excitement at the Zuni Indian pueblo, New Mexico, over the thumb hanging of an old squaw by the governor of the village. The squaw was accused of witchery, and about a week ago the governor ordered that she be taken from her wigwam and hung up by the thumbs for the evils it is imagined have come from her black-art prophecies. She was not without a following, and last Thursday she was cut down, in direct opposition to the wishes of the governor. As soon as he realized that a portion of his subjects were arrayed against him he ordered their arrest, but the officers found that the offenders had armed themselves and threatened resistance. Both sides are heavily armed, and on last Saturday a conflict was only averted by the governor not