EVENTS IN THE WEST.

A Record of Occurrences in Neighboring States and Territories.

DIED AT THE AGE OF 102 YEARS.

Mysterious Disappearance of a Chicago Attorney—Nate Kilbee Himself—Found Guilty of Murder.

The official count of the ballots cast at the recent election in Nevada gives Sutlic a majority for governor, and accordingly a certificate has been issued.

L. A. Lyons has been adjudged guilty of murder in the first degree at Boise, the jury returning a verdict of guilty at noon September 16th last. The deed for which he was convicted was committed in Lyons' saloon, Boise, October 1, 1897.

Hyrum Grunberg died Thursday at the Pacific Hospital, San Francisco, aged 102 years. He was in his prime, has been twice married, and had a second wife living in Salt Lake City. He was quite active in his old age, and would be turned in the market or kept for his back, and he expected to live to be 150 years. He was chosen to bear his remains to the grave.

The coroner's jury in the case of Alexander W. Salt, who was found dead at Los Angeles, Cal., rendered a verdict that he died of suffocation from poisonous gas. According to advices from Philadelphia, Nat Kilbee himself is now in that city, and intends to visit his relatives in Salt Lake City. It is no request for the body is covered within a considerable length of time he will be interred at the sister's field.

The goods transferring a water front accident to San Francisco for the Santa Fe railroad were received Thursday and it is expected that the company will be fully supplied by July 1. The increase arrangement which is to run from San Pedro to Los Angeles, and the Southern Pacific between Mojave and Los Angeles, will go into effect on that date, and it is believed that on the same day the Santa Fe will begin the operation of the Valley road to Fresno, through trains to San Francisco.

A gentleman who has summer home in Boyer's cabin, made some interesting statements to a Boise Statesman reporter. Thursday concerning the alleged violation of the law and order law in this county, attention to which was recently called in that paper. He said that he was there in the neighborhood of Mr. Boyer's cabin, and that he caught by means of the fence war. The Supreme Court information, he saw was not followed by prosecution of the party parties, who are well known, and who go about their work without any effort to conceal their movements.

Matt Brannan was shot by Jim Moss at Catoosa, Sun. Monday afternoon, and died on Wednesday. The News says that the trouble occurred at the residence of Mr. Esther Catoosa, Moss was waiting for at the time of the shooting to come that Brannan was the boy at the time, and he ran out of the place shortly after 3 o'clock and reported the case. The boys said the witness shortly of the occurrence differs from that Brannan's wife gives, from where he was after being wounded, while Brannan's friends claim that he was shot in the back. Anyway, there was a struggle at the time, and he came to other shots fired. The bullet entered in Brannan's abdomen. Brannan was to have been married next October.

John R. Parker, a former wealthy attorney of Chicago, has been missing for about a month, and his acquaintances in Oakland, Cal., fear that he has met with foul play. He arrived in Oakland on November 26th, and took apartments at the Gallatin hotel, saying that he intended to make his residence in that city, and that his wife and family, who were in Chicago, would follow later. He paid in advance for his rooms, and seemed to have plenty of money. A few days later he disappeared. On the 9th of November, however, he suddenly disappeared and has not been seen since. It was soon after Parker left a strange man called for his mail, but he not again returned to the hotel. He is said to have been in Oakland Park, Chicago.

ON IRRIGATION.

An Important Recommendation on This Subject.

The Director of the office of experiment stations, in his report for 1898 to the U. S. department of agriculture, recommends an appropriation of $10,000 for the ensuing fiscal year, to be expended on irrigation investigations. He quotes the following statements in a recent communication by Professor Mead to show the importance of the interests and problems requiring to be dealt with in the arid region:

"The first purpose of this investigation is to aid farmers now living on irrigated land.

"To do this it is proposed to collect and publish the available data relative to water rights, laws, and decisions, methods of acquirement, the control of streams and diversion by water and individuals, and a complete compilation of the laws and methods of using and distributing water in the several arid states and in other countries. The need of this information and of a better understanding of our situation than the great mass of farmers now have is imperative. The diversion and control of streams have created a new, big or new problem for the president to solve, courts, or farmers have at yet no adequate solution. These are already serious, and in the future which makes it manifest that the security of the irrigated home and the success of settlers in irrigated lands will depend largely upon their settlement. In irrigated regions values do not inhere in land, but in the water rights appurtenant to it. No amount of industry and skill on the part of a husbandman will bring a satisfactory return unless accompanied with some good, effective and just control of the stream from which he and others draw their water supply. In this matter the individual is helpless. His success depends on his securing his proper share of the water supply, in