

Says the *Obeyenne Sun*: State Engineer Mead's forthcoming report is looked forward to with a great deal of interest. Engineer Mead has struck out in a new departure in a portion of the report in reference to the limitation to rights to water. He holds in his report that "Water is public property." While this is not a new doctrine to the state board of control of Wyoming and while it has been foreboded in former reports by Mr. Elwood Mead, still it is new to the outside world.

Crazed with the belief that some one was alienating the affections of his spouse, says the *Boise (Idaho) Statesman*, Dui Yuen, a Chinese merchant, whose place of business is in the neighborhood of the city hall, Sunday afternoon entered a room in his house where several Mongolians were enjoying the pipe, and pulling a gun concealed about his clothes, fired three shots in rapid succession, with the result that he is now languishing in the county jail, while his victim lies in a critical condition, suffering the effects of two bullet wounds.

The police are considerably annoyed, says the *San Francisco Chronicle*, over the boldness of a number of robbers and outlaws who of late have been robbing car conductors, butlers, laboring men and grocers. The impression has spread among the people of San Francisco that the recent action of the citizens of Sacramento and other interior towns in driving out the tramps and undesirable characters has caused the latter to flock to the city in large numbers. Particular instructions have been given to the police at the ferries and railroad depots to keep a sharp lookout for suspicious characters and turn back any of the tramp element that may try to get into town.

The Helena (Mont.) *Independent* says that Judge Knowles has ordered the release of Charles Burshia, Scott Top and Leon Spotted Bull, the three Sioux Indian boys who were indicted by the last Federal grand jury for setting fire to the school dormitory on the Fort Peck reservation. Judge Knowles held in effect that in the indictment the boys would have to be tried under the section making the penalty death. It was seen at once that no conviction could be had on that, so the boys were released, and the next grand jury will find a new indictment under the section making the penalty imprisonment. Then, if convicted, they will be sent to the reform school.

A *Denver Republican* dispatch from Sterling, Col., says, Sheriff Clark, of Weld county, arrived in Sterling this morning and immediately left, in company with three deputy sheriffs of Logan county and ex-Sheriff Smith, of Morgan county, for the headquarters of what is known as the Eastern Colorado Cattle Rustlers' association, on Cedar creek, thirty miles west of Sterling. At the time the officers appeared on the scene the gang, numbering twenty-four, were in the act of holding a meeting and electing officers for the ensuing year. The officers quickly advanced and succeeded in capturing the alleged king bee. The sheriff had warrants for the arrest of the entire gang, but amid the excitement of the firing of revolvers and rifles the rest of the gang escaped.

TERRITORIAL PARAGRAPHS.

Mt. Pleasant Pyramid: A sad and unfortunate accident occurred at Fairview on the morning of the 12th inst. Charles Coulard, when upon his house engaged in repairing, slipped and fell to the ground, the fall occasioning a fracture of one of the legs near above the knee. Surgical and medical aid was at once summoned, and the patient at present is doing well.

Manti Messenger: Thendore Bruback, president of the Sanpete Valley Railway company, has departed for England. It is rumored that he contemplates purchasing the Utah division of the Union Pacific and broadguaging the line to Salt Lake City. The people on the south think that the road will be extended to Marysvale in the spring. . . . The Central Utah Wool company has disbursed about \$10,000 among sheep men during the week. This was in settlement for late sales of wool. The company handled nearly one and one half million pounds of wool last season. The prices obtained were good in comparison with the sales of other houses.

Park City Record: A snowslide of considerable dimensions occurred on the Anchor dugway just south of the mill about 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and four horses and two men were carried down the hill and the road so badly blockaded that hauling had to be abandoned for the afternoon. Neither men nor horses were injured. . . . John Larsen, of Kamas, met with an accident on Thursday afternoon that nearly cost him his nose. He was hanging up a veal when the stick holding the animal gave way and down it came, the stick striking Larsen across the nose and above the left eye. An ugly laceration was cut over the eye, while his nose was broken and badly lacerated, bleeding very profusely. The injured man was brought to Park City through the big storm that was raging at the time and had his wounds dressed. The storm was the worst that had visited Kamas for some years, and it required six hours for Mr. Larsen and the men who were with him to make the trip.

Tooele Transcript: Mr. John Pendergrast had an exciting encounter with a mountain lion while crossing Loafer's Pass, near Loafer's Peak. After wading through the snow for several miles he came face to face with the animal, and the struggle began. He raised his Winchester and fired eleven shots at the animal, each of them taking effect. The lion came upon him and seized him and tore his clothes and flesh from his body. In the struggle he got hold of his knife and plunged it into the heart of his assailant. Mr. Pendergrast is recovering and will be around soon. . . . At the last meeting of the citizens interested in the Burr mill project, the articles of incorporation were read and accepted. The capital stock is placed at \$10,000, divided into shares of \$10 each, and each stockholder has but a single vote regardless of the number of shares he may hold. A construction committee was appointed and work is to be started Monday morning. The company will be known as the Tooele Milling & Manufacturing company, and seven of the stockholders will form the board of directors, who will be elected im-

mediately after ten per cent of the capital stock is subscribed for and the company legally incorporated.

Millard Progress: The Alto Mining company, of Detroit district, which has been in a state of "innocuous desuetude" since the burning of their smelter several years ago, has come to life again, under the revivifying influence of the Leamington smelter, and intend at once to commence the thorough development of their properties. The company at its annual meeting held recently, elected C. M. Howard, superintendent of the Mercur, president, and John Dern and Richard P. Joy, of the Mercur company directors. The property consists of thirteen claims, adjacent to Ibex, on which a large amount of development work has already been done, and there is lots of ore in sight running high in copper and well in gold. The company have been unable to market their ore in the past on account of the large per cent of silica, but this difficulty is no longer confronted, as the Leamington smelter treats that character of ore without increased cost. . . . Mr. Joseph F. Ray, of this city, with three or four other gentlemen, have sold their property below Black Rock to eastern capitalists, mostly of Chicago. This property yields immense quantities of pumice stone, an article heretofore supposed to exist only in Italy. A capital of \$500,000 will be invested and work toward developing this new enterprise will commence at once.

Millard county Blade: Geo. Busby and A. M. Laird came in from Detroit on Saturday. Relative to Detroit, Mr. Busby says every claim on which work is being done is improving. In the Charmed, of which Mr. Busby is foreman, they are now steadily sinking below the 100 foot level. The shaft is in "dead" ground and the vein will be pierced at every 50 feet in depth and levels run on the ore. The recent strike of large quantities of native copper in the lower workings is an encouraging indication of increased richness with greater depth. . . . J. B. Joy, of Detroit, Mich., and C. M. Howard, Supt. Mercur mine, came in on Friday's train and immediately started to the Detroit district. Mr. Joy has returned to Utah earlier than he expected when last here. The object of his present visit is to start sinking on the Keystone and Hard Times claims that are both on the same vein. A shaft 400 feet deep will be sunk and the vein tapped at that depth where, it is confidently believed, large and permanent ore bodies will be encountered, for within the entire district there is not a vein that shows better on the surface than the Keystone. All those that know Mr. Joy and have been acquainted with his efforts to bring Detroit to the front in the past, will be gratified to see him strike a bonanza. And if it is there, he will find it.

James B. Bearnsley, a well-known fruit-grower of Vaville, Cal., died suddenly at an early hour on Saturday morning at the residence of his son-in-law, where he had been visiting. He retired in the best of health on Friday night and next morning about 2:30 he arose, took a drink of water, and in ten minutes was dead. Neuralgia of the heart was the cause.