

also furnish water for 100,000 acres of the Sonora Land company, lying between the dam and the Colorado river, in the valley of the Gila. It is estimated that the dam alone will cost \$5,000,000 and that it will take two years to complete it. An abundance of good rock is at hand in the mountains adjoining the dam site. The project was originated by George W. Norton, an engineer of high standing, who was formerly with the Southern Pacific company. The surveys are being made by G. W. Richards, a well-known engineer formerly with the same company.

NEWS OF THE WEST.

A pawnbroker at Petaluma got into a quarrel with Charles Jose, which resulted in the former being severely cut in several places with a pocket-knife.

The new Masonic temple at Cornvaille, Or., will cost \$10,000, and will be three stories in height, with a stone front of Pioneer sandstone.

The Virtue mine in Baker county Or., is turning out gold bricks valued at over \$2000 every week. The pay roll of the mine is about \$5000 a month.

It is claimed that Weston, Or., has the oldest Odd Fellow in that state. S. Turner, who owns a fine farm below that city, joined the order at Charleston, Mass., in 1847.

Malcom C. Walker, a San Francisco porter, has committed suicide by turning on the gas in a room in the building where he resided and suffocating to death.

John Taylor, a waiter at the semi-Tropic restaurant at Santa Ana, Cal., has attempted to commit suicide by taking a dose of morphine. He is recovering from the effects of the drug.

In a recent trial of a Chinese for selling liquor to Indians at Tempe, A. T., three different interpreters had to be employed in conducting the case—Spanish, Chinese and Indian.

William Harris, one of Montana's oldest pioneers dropped dead at Butte on Monday. He was seventy-two years old, and was one of the original owners of the Harris & Lloyd tunnel.

At a depth of 900 feet a fine flow of water was obtained on the place of H. Clark at Amadeo Cal. The well was sunk as an experiment on land not in the artesian belt and the strike is of inestimable value to the country.

Arizona has 666 retail liquor dealers; nine wholesale liquor dealers; three brewers; thirteen retail dealers in malt liquors, twenty-four wholesale dealers in malt liquors; seven retail dealers in oleomargarine; two wholesale dealers in oleomargarine, and one distiller.

The Southern Pacific Railroad company has decided to put up at once a \$60,000 hotel in Yuma, A. T., on Knob hill, opposite their present hotel. It will contain, it is said, all modern improvements, and be one of the best on the line of the road.

Miss Sarah Herring, of Tombstone, A. T., daughter of ex-Attorney General William Herring, and the first woman lawyer ever admitted to the bar in Arizona, had her first case in the district court last week, a will contest, which she won, notwithstanding

that she was opposed by one of the ablest members of the Arizona bar.

One of the claims for damages for Indian depredations during the early days of Oregon is that for \$1500 for the loss of a wagon load of apples, which were being brought to southern Oregon to obtain the fabulous price then ruling, when the wagon was captured by the Indians and the contents lost.

San Francisco's Chinatown had three sensations on Sunday—a high-binder raid, the settlement of the row among the presidents of the Six Companies, and Dr. O'Donnell's attempted arrest of a Chinaman to demand his deportation according to the Geary law. The highbinder raid was the most exciting and gory.

A woman known as Bertha Reed has been arrested charged with administering poison to James Gabel. The latter was in a very serious condition for a short time and it was feared he would die. The woman administered a hypodermic dose of morphine into his arm. She claims that it was done at his request. Justice Andrews committed her to jail, awaiting the final outcome of Gabel's condition.—*Journal Miner*, (Arizona).

W. J. Bean, ex-marshal of Brigham has filed an application with Marshal Brigham to be appointed to the office of deputy marshal for this part of the Territory. A petition has been circulated and liberally signed by the leading Democrats. Diphtheria has broken out in Salina and the president of the town council has issued a proclamation forbidding public assemblages of all kinds within the limits of the town. One child has died and two other cases are reported.—*Richfield Advocate*.

Gila monsters may have a chance to be of other utility than from a natural history study, supply a demand for curiosities and furnish pocket money for young Mexicans, says the Tucson (Ariz.) *Star*. E. L. Wetmore advises that they be sent to Australia to allay the rabbit pest. He has found them containing the bodies of three young rabbits. The monster lumbers along until he finds a rabbit hole, enters, and has dinner off the contents of the den. The reptile is rapidly becoming extinct, owing to the demand for them as curiosities and to the fact that they are almost always killed on sight.

Postal Inspectors C. L. Wayland and M. C. Foesne have arrived at Halley, Idaho, to look into some postal irregularities on the Camas Prairie route. They were accompanied by a deputy United States marshal. Shortly after the inspectors' arrival two young residents of Camas Prairie were taken into custody. They are Philip Koonce of Humphreys, Logan county, and Walter L. Daugherty of Soldier, Logan county. The charge against them is secreting, embezzling and destroying valuable letters. Koonce has confessed. He was a mail carrier, and, with Daugherty, the assistant postmaster at Soldier, stole letters and destroyed them, after abstracting the money they contained. There have been many complaints about irregularities on this route for several months past, which put the department on the watch, resulting as above. It is claimed that their speculations aggregated several hundred dollars.

Mrs. Mary de Brannen, nee Marie L. Caston, about five years ago married John I. de Brannen. He lived with her six weeks and then left her. She heard no more of him. Marie entered suit for a divorce. While the suit was pending it was reported that de Brannen had been killed in an accident at San Diego. She did not investigate the matter, but accepted the report as true and dropped her suit. A short time afterward she married John L. Herman, and four children were born to the couple. While walking in the street in Los Angeles last week Marie de Brannen-Herman saw her supposed dead husband as lifelike as he ever was. She did not address him, but went to her lawyer and took up the divorce proceedings where she left off. Judge Van Dyke granted her a divorce. Mr. Herman desired to marry her, and a license was procured, the pair appeared at once before Judge Shaw and they were married.

A defaulting collector of customs is supposed to be on his way to San Francisco, says the *Chronicle*, with several thousand dollars of the Mexican government's money. His crime has just come to light, though his speculations have extended over a considerable period of time. Fort is a high-toned Mexican, belonging to one of the best families of the neighboring republic. Rafael Fort's defalcation created a great sensation throughout Mexico, where he and his family were highly esteemed. He was collector of internal revenue for the State of Sonora and had his headquarters at Hermosillo. His shortage, as far as known, amounts to \$68,000. He is known to be somewhere on American soil and is supposed to be headed for San Francisco, if, indeed, he is not already arrived here and remains in hiding. He passed through Nogales on the 9th inst. and was recognized by two persons who know him. To them he said that he was going to meet some friends who were coming from San Francisco. While at Nogales he presented a check for \$1200, drawn by a responsible house in Hermosillo on a New York firm, and received in exchange \$100 in money and another draft on San Francisco. He then left for the north on the first train. Fort is an inveterate gambler and never missed a fiesta. He has been known to lose \$5000 and \$6000 at a sitting. His office has always been badly and loosely kept, and there is no means of ascertaining the length of time his stealings have been carried on.

A SPEAR FAMILY.

Frederick Spear died at East Corinth, Vt., in 1819. He had buried his first wife and married as his second Abigail, who was the widow of a man named Woodworth, and whose maiden name was Fox. She survived him, and she and her two daughters, Clester or Elester, and Katherine Spear, became Latter-day Saints. The daughters lived some time in Boston, where, in 1840, Elester married Daniel Conant, Jr. She left him, however, on account of his intemperate habits, and the two sisters are said to have gone to Nauvoo, Ill. It is said that one of them married Edward L. Page, who had labored as a mis-