

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Omaha Stockman March 3: T. W. Peterson was here from Collinston, Utah, with two cars of range cattle.

The river steamer Ramona has been sold by the Oregon City Transportation Co. to F. C. Davidge & Co., of Victoria. The Ramona will be taken to Wrangel and placed on the Stickeen river.

Chicago parties have made the final payment of forty acres of soda-producing lands near Green River, Wyoming, for which they paid the sum of \$10,000. Works will not be erected on the ground.

Mrs. O'Neill and the two Chinamen arrested at Delamar, Nev., several days ago for selling liquor to Indians, will be tried at Winnemucca in a day or two before U. S. Commissioner Archer.

Maj.-General Dickinson has issued orders for the inspection of all the national guard of California in the near future. The naval militia is also to be inspected and both branches of the service placed in readiness for any emergency.

Mrs. William Jordan committed suicide by hanging at Missoula, Mont., Thursday. Before committing the rash act she had a long interview with a Christian Scientist concerning the sickness with which she had been afflicted for several months.

It is now almost a certainty that Grand county, Colo., is to have a sugar factory. A big meeting in the interest of the same was held at Grand Junction Thursday, and the enthusiasm manifest was such as is usually attended with success in the launching of any new project.

Erick Sanders, a gripman of the Hyde street cable road, San Francisco, was found dead in his bed Monday morning, at 1622 Polk street. The gas was turned on and the crevices of the doorway and windows were stuffed with rags to prevent the admission of air. It was a clear case of suicide.

Louise Choloco, the comely Indian girl of Pleasanton rancheria, over whom Antone Silva and Eulalio Gonzales quarreled only to the end that Silva lost his life, is dead. She passed away Monday night at a place near Livermore, Cal., and it is known that she died of a broken heart.

Frank Adams, a brother of Governor Adams of Colorado, has sent to the comptroller his resignation as receiver of the Commercial National bank of Denver, to which position he was appointed in 1894. It is understood that Adams's retirement is to make room for a Republican, he being a Democrat.

Six persons were taken from Cripple Creek to Colorado Springs Friday and placed in the county jail, on a charge of ore stealing. They are C. H. Thompson, John Munsey, William Shuch and wife, Samuel Deardorff and Sanley Finchell. It is not given out what mines were robbed, but it is intimated that the robberies were very heavy.

Edwin A. Lowe, charged with having embezzled \$1.00 while acting as assistant postmaster at Newton Center, Mass., has been held for trial at San Francisco, and will be taken to Massachusetts by a deputy United States marshal at once. Lowe admits his guilt and says the money was taken in one sum.

A collision between the Santa Fe overland, west bound, and the Chicago limited, east bound, occurred Sunday night at Blake, a small station on the Santa Fe Pacific, seven miles this side of the Needles, near San Bernardino.

Cal. No lives were lost but considerable damage was done to the locomotives.

At Los Angeles, Cal., the board of directors of the chamber of commerce their senators and representatives in has adopted a resolution requesting Congress to aid in enacting such legislation as will deprive the Canadian Pacific railway and all other foreign railways of any privileges that can give them, an undue advantage over the railroads of the United States.

Mrs. S. A. Lee, a widow, 40 years of age, who lives at Seventh and Myrtle street, Oakland, Cal., made an attempt to kill herself about 6 o'clock Monday morning by leaping from a second-story window. Relatives, who saw her as she rushed for the open window, caught her by the skirt just in time to save her life. They saw at once that she had lost her reason.

The prospects of an early extension of the rate war of San Francisco are multiplying. According to advices received Monday afternoon by Vice President J. C. Stubbs of the Southern Pacific company, the Western lines have assumed a position that means inevitable war unless the Canadian Pacific recedes from its demand for the perpetuation of its differential rates.

Three old-time miners of Montana were killed in that state Thursday. While timbering a shaft in a placer mine at Trinity Gulch Robert L. Watson met his death; Emanuel Redding was killed by a cave in the King Solomon near Clancy, while Olof Hoagman was crushed to death in the mill of the Elkhorn mine at Elkhorn.

Pasadena, Cal., has a murderous club wielder, who is terrorizing the town and rendering it unsafe to walk the streets at night. No one knows who the man is or what his intentions are. He jumps from behind hedges and fences, sneaks up on his victims from behind and deals stunning blows with his club. His object is not robbery.

Assistant Prof. C. W. Woodworth of the department of entomology at the California state university, is preparing a complete list of all the California insects. No state has before essayed the task of collecting a complete list except New Jersey, where over 6,000 species of insects were classified. Prof. Woodworth believes that California's list will far exceed in numbers that of New Jersey.

At Grand Junction, Colo., Ed Young was placed on trial Thursday on the charge of assault with intent to commit murder. It being alleged that he attempted to kill Sheriff J. D. Reeder last April, when the latter arrested him for cattle stealing. The defendant is a brother-in-law of Sheriff Wilson of Grand county, Utah, and his attorneys in the case are Henry W. Ross of Grand Junction and L. R. Rhodes of Salt Lake.

The published statement that Dr. Nathan Feldman, who committed suicide in San Francisco on Wednesday, has wealthy relatives in England, is now doubted. It has been learned that in 1896 Feldman was doing a song and dance act at the Bella Union theater, San Francisco, and at that time gained considerable notoriety by falsely representing himself to be the eldest son of Sir Robert Peel.

An organization of wine makers and distributing agents in sympathy with the grape growers has been formed, at San Francisco, the object being to improve the present method of marketing the vintage of California. Many prom-

inent viticulturists are interested in the movement, which will be conducted in harmony with the winemakers' corporation already controlling a large portion of the output of the state.

W. Shannon Rex, charged with the murder of Hector Green at the Cliff House on the Yuba City, Cal., road on November 8th last, was found guilty of murder in the first degree with a life sentence, by a jury at Marysville, Wednesday. The crime was the outgrowth of a drunken brawl. Rex is an old soldier and was debris watchman and constable of Sutter county.

The steamer Aorangi arrived at Victoria, B. C., late Friday night with nearly 800 men from New Zealand and Australia bound for the Klondike. The Aorangi made a record voyage from Honolulu, making the run from that port to Cape Flattery in six and a half days. She was met by a squad of detectives looking for five embezzlers, three men and two women who left Sydney with \$15,000 in cash. They had left the steamer at Honolulu.

The motion to dismiss the case against Sheriff John Brockliiss of Douglas county, Nev., who was indicted by the grand jury for wilful misconduct in office in permitting lynchers to hang Adam Uber on Dec. 8th, was overruled Friday by Judge Mack at Genoa. The motion had been made on the ground that the facts alleged did not constitute wilful misconduct but felony. Judge Mack decided that they constituted either or both.

Bishop William Taylor of the Methodist church at Alameda, Cal., has received news of the death of his niece, Dr. Jennie Taylor Gordon, who was known to all interested in foreign missions as Dr. Jennie. She expired at Malange, Angola, on December 29th. Her husband is an African missionary and her parents reside at Mechanicsburg, Pa. She lived for years in Africa and was noted for her medical skill.

An unknown tramp, stealing a ride on the brake beam of a freight train, was thrown under the wheels at Dixon, Cal., Wednesday morning at 8:50 o'clock, by a sudden jerk of the train, caused by bursting of the air brake, and instantly killed. The head was neatly cut from the shoulders and rolled thirty feet away from the body. There was no means of identifying the remains. The man was fairly well dressed and wore a blue sweater.

Seven years ago William Rodgers, a convict serving a thirty years sentence in the penitentiary at San Quentin, Cal., was told by Lieutenant McLean of the force of guards to stop talking and attend to his work. The prisoner replied: "I'll not talk any more." He kept his word until Thursday, when he was informed that McLean had left the prison. Then Rodgers broke his silence of seven years by remarking that his vow was off. He now converses freely with his fellow-convicts.

Takas, the newly-appointed Japanese consul to Chicago, and T. Ito, an imperial navy constructor, en route to Philadelphia, who arrived at San Francisco from the Orient Monday, had narrow escapes from death at the Occidental hotel Monday night. They blew out the gas upon retiring, and when the escaping gas attracted the attention of the hotel employees some hours later, both were unconscious. Physicians were summoned and the Japanese officials were resuscitated after several hours' hard work.

In referring to the exclusion from California of a foreign insurance company, the San Francisco Examiner says: "It is called the 'Magdeburg of New York,' but Commissioner Clunie says: 'It is called the 'Magdeburg of