

## WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Nothing new under the sun, isn't there? Paderewski has cut his hair and is learning to ride a bicycle.

Some of those East Indian tribes don't act as though they were a bit afraid to seize the British lion's tail.

Wheat and potatoes, both staples of agriculture, and twin dwellers on the poor man's table, are both going to be high this winter.

Bismarck thinks the Franco-Russian alliance is not worth much to France. The old prince is a remarkably good guesser.

Bob Meeks was convicted at Paris, Idaho, on Monday night, Aug. 30, for participating in the bank robbery at Montpellier last August.

Two men have been captured in Yellowstone Park, supposed to be the persons who held up the park stages two weeks ago.

Lee Davis, a young bicyclist of Butte, Montana, took a header on Sunday, while "scorching," and received a fracture of the base of the brain from which the doctors fear he cannot recover.

W. T. Schaal, a wealthy resident of Oswego, Or., committed suicide Monday by shooting himself through the head. He recently injured one of his eyes and feared total blindness. He was 65 years old.

The agent of the Diamond depot, upon the Placerville and Sacramento, Cal., road, was robbed of \$50 Tuesday night about 9 o'clock by two masked men. This is the second robbery of the agent at that station within the past year.

By the giving way of a ladder at Kendrick on Friday, two men, named Lukins and Hamlin, were thrown to the railroad tracks. One leg had to be amputated for Mr. Lukins, and Mr. Hamlin's injuries were internal and serious.

Herr Most, the would-be martyr anarchist is about to move from New York to Buffalo, declaring that the former "is not a grateful place." A town that doesn't appreciate the hire-sute Johan and his ever-open mouth must be indeed ungrateful.

The increase in the price of grain does not exactly fit the editor of the Guin, Alabama, Gazette, who remarks that "the dollar wheat may be all right for the northern wheat growers, but our mouths will water for a biscuit before this thing is over."

The New York Sun remarks: "We think it safe to say that unless something now wholly unforeseen should be developed, there will be a turn of the tide during the present year." And here men have been fancying there was a turn in the tide about every twelve hours.

It is quite amusing to observe an English correspondent compare the "spontaneous popularity" awakened by the duke and duchess of York among the Irish to "the servile adulation of the English," but the correspondent thereby gives a pretty accurate description of what actually is.

Section 22 of the tariff law has become quite a vexatious question. The President and cabinet may have to set it aside in order to keep the Southern Pacific from getting a monopoly of western coast trade, while the giant corporations of the East will be shut out.

Christian Vagar, a German who peddles vegetables around Stockton, Cal., sought the end of the police Tuesday to find his wife, whom he had left in

Stockton while he went to peddle in the country. The officers ascertained that Mrs. Vagar and two children left for Mexico last Monday.

Anthony Wilkinson, aged 12, son of John Wilkinson, a wealthy sheepman of Pine Bluffs, Wyo., was killed Thursday morning by being thrown from a hayrack by a runaway team. The boy's head struck the iron frame of the rake, fracturing his skull and killing him instantly.

Gov. Richards of Wyoming has appointed the following delegates to the National Irrigation Congress to be held this month at Lincoln, Neb.: D. H. Elliott of Cody; E. Gillette of Sheridan; James A. Brockway of Douglas; H. Altman and J. M. Carey of Cheyenne.

Marshall Lee of Eugene, Or., says that the curfew law will be hereafter strictly enforced, all girls under 16 and boys under 18 will be kept off the streets after 9 o'clock, and some older ones will be arrested for disorderly conduct if they do not behave themselves.

A special to the Topeka Capital from Toronto, Kan., says: A boiler used on the place of A. H. Cox, a prominent farmer, seven miles north of here, exploded Friday afternoon, Sept. 3, killing two children of Mr. Cox and H. V. Carlisle, an engineer of this city, and fatally injuring Mr. Cox. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

While playing with matches in an old outbuilding used as a storehouse at Fort Wingate, New Mexico, on Tuesday, little Alice Winstone and Harry Arnold, aged 3 and 4 years, set fire to a can of oil, causing an explosion. Alice was burned to a charred and unrecognizable mass. Harry was badly burned about the head and will probably die.

There was a fight in the chain gang at Los Angeles, Cal., on Wednesday, which may result fatally. Frank Kohler and Mike Wilson, members of the gang, were at work shoveling dirt into a wagon. They became involved in a quarrel and Wilson struck Kohler over the head with a shovel, fracturing his skull. The injured man's condition is extremely critical.

W. B. Wilcox, deputy state game warden of Colorado, has been murdered while in the discharge of his duty. His body was found in the vicinity of Steamboat Springs with a bullet in his head. He had started out for the purpose of arresting a party of eleven men who had been encamped in William's basin all summer and had been illegally slaughtering game for the hides.

The Denver fire and police board demanded the resignation of Chief of Police O'Brien, on Friday, on the ground that he does not "possess the judgment or discretion requisite to successfully manage the police department." It is understood that the action was taken on account of what is said to have been illegal and improper orders issued by the chief regarding certain female prisoners.

Clara Fallmer, the California child homicide and would-be suicide, is experiencing renewed trouble from the bullet in her lungs. The wound is bleeding internally, and the girl has contracted pleurisy. She shows an utter indifference to her condition, and does not seem to care to live. It is probable that an operation will be performed in the course of a few days if the wound does not heal.

Dell Gomez, a white woman who was arrested on a charge of murdering E.

C. Jones, a colored barber, on the 15th inst., was discharged in the police court at Sacramento on Wednesday, at the conclusion of her preliminary examination. The woman claimed that Jones was shot while they were struggling for the possession of a pistol with which she said he had threatened to shoot her.

Edward Brenningham, a barber, was drowned in the Sacramento river, Cal., a short distance below the mouth of the American yesterday. Brenningham, who was about 24 years of age, together with a number of companions, went up the river to the treacherous spot where several persons have been drowned within the past three months, and went in bathing. He was unable to swim, and getting beyond his depth was drowned.

A special to the Rocky Mountain News from Sterling, Col., says: A flying machine was seen at this place a few mornings ago by G. A. Nenstein. Nenstein noticed a large black object in the southeastern part of the heavens, traveling rapidly toward the northeast. He watched it pass clear across the heavens moving quite rapidly in a straight line. He watched it until it passed out of sight and is convinced that it was a bona fide flying machine.

Detective Goodman of Los Angeles, Cal., arrested, on Wednesday evening, in a lodging-house, an 18-year-old boy, who confesses to five robberies committed during the past week. Much plunder was found in his possession. He says he is a brother of F. L. Reehrig, a wealthy resident of Pasadena. A burglar who gave the name of Harry Horner was also landed in jail. He confessed to numerous burglaries that have been committed in the southwestern part of Los Angeles of late.

C. N. Babbitt, at one time vice president of the bank of California, stabbed himself in the abdomen Thursday night at Oakland, Cal., with suicidal intent, and died Friday from the effect of his self-inflicted wounds. Babbitt, who was 60 years of age, and had been physically and mentally unsound for two years past, took advantage of the temporary absence of his nurse and plunged a large carving-knife into his abdomen. He leaves a widow and two daughters.

Joe Sullivan, alias "Kid" Sullivan, a notorious San Francisco character, was sentenced to four years in San Quentin by Judge Burnett Monday afternoon for attempting to pick a woman's pocket at San Jose, Cal., during the juvenile carnival a few weeks ago. Sullivan at one time was prominent in San Francisco politics. A very determined effort was made to clear him, but the jury after only ten minutes' deliberation returned a verdict of guilty.

A resident of Livermore, named Oliver, is in a peck of trouble because of the joking propensities of some of his friends. During the absence of Mrs. Oliver at the seaside, the jokers entered the Oliver home and distributed evidences of feminine occupancy in the chamber sacred to guests. When Mr. Oliver returned home there was a scene, and only through the intervention of his mother-in-law, Oliver was able at length to clear himself of the suspicion of wrong doing.

Mrs. A. Haight of San Francisco was taken to the Receiving hospital Tuesday suffering from a dislocated jaw. She received her injuries, she states, in the course of an argument with her husband. They had quarreled, she said, and losing her temper she had attacked her better half with a pair of scissors. He knocked the scissors out of her hand and rendered her unconscious by a blow which disturbed the mechanical arrangement of her jaw.