NEWS OF THE WEST.

A Child Driven Insane from Hunger and Fatigue.

A STEPFATHER'S CRUELTY.

A Novel Introduced as Evidence in a Divorce Suit—Light Damages for Libel.

The Beaver Chronicle says that James T. Jakeman left for the south last week for the purpose of leasing a newspaper at St. George.

A Tucson, Arizona, dispatch says: The jury on Friday afternoon, in the case of Collins against Marshal Stealle, who sued the *Arizona Star* (Editor Hughes's paper) for $25,000 for libel, awarded Steele $1 damages.

On Monday night, says the Beaver Chronicle, we froze to the thickness of good half an inch at Indian Cities. The weather generally throughout the town prevailed. The days are very warmish, the nights are cold, cold enough to nip the tasters and down the peaches.

G. B. Scott, committed suicide at Chico, Cal., Thursday evening by firing a rifle ball through his brain. Scott arrived in Chico Tuesday morning and registered at the Holland House, where he slept until Thursday morning. Thursday he started out with a rifle, and the next morning was found dead on the grave of his mother, Mrs. Lydia Wells, who died in 1878.

A Vancouver, B. C., dispatch says: In addition to the deaths by drowning, under suspicious circumstances, already reported, of two chiefs of leading British Columbia tribes near Vancouver, it is now evident that a further fatality has occurred. The body of the businessman, or wife of the late Chief George, of Seymour creek, has been discovered floating in Burrard inlet. She doubtless suffered the same late as her husband, as a consequence of an overindulgence in smuggled intoxicants.

An interesting feature of the divorce suit of Elizabeth Stewart against Dr. John A. Stewart, at Santa Cruz, Cal., was the introduction of a novel entitled "A Search for a Heart," written by the defendant while in China. The novel tells of amours and love affairs of the hero, Hugh Blair, and goes into details of adventures with various females, and contains passages otherwise. Mrs. Stewart claims that the book is really autobiography of the defendant, the various characters discussed being given fictitious names. She recognizes people she has known, and with whom she alleged the doctor was intimate. She alleges that Hugh Blair is none other than the doctor himself. Extracts from the book will be read next week.

Word is brought here, says a Fresno, Cal., dispatch, of an occurrence in the mountains of Madera county, which has aroused the people to a high pitch of anger. A man named Valdez Adams escaped lynching only by pleading for his life until the neighbors consented to let him live. They had a rope prepared to hang him with. Adams has a wife and small dependent children, for whom he provides comfortable support. Last Tuesday he left home and set his five-year-old daughter and a small dog to watch a few sheep. He returned Thursday morning and the sheep had wandered off. He flew into a rage and beat the dog to death and threatened to kill the little girl if she did not bring the sheep home. He then drove her off without breakfast. She came back several times crying for food. The child's mother tried to give her something, but Adams picked up a gun and threatened to kill her, and the mother dared go no further. The child ran from the house and was once more warned not to come back without the sheep. One of the neighbors happened to pass the house late in the evening and learned of what had occurred. When he spoke to Adams of his cruelty, he was told to mind his own business, coupled with a threat. Several neighbors were notified, and gathered at the house to find Adams in bed. The child had not returned. All night the search went on, without success and the next day at noon the child's track was found by the searching party, six miles from home, and after following it four miles through brush and rocks the child was found in a thicket. She had gone insane and fled at the approach of the men and "Gay" only sought her after a hard chase. She was a pitiable object. When driven from home she was without shoes or a bonnet and had on only scanty clothing. Her clothes were torn to shreds and her feet and body were torn by the thorns and rocks. She was carried home, and at sight of her condition a cry was made to lynch Adams and a rope was procured. Adams escaped in terror and began to beg for life, and finally his life was spared, on condition that he would never trouble the county with his presence again. The child had been thirty-six hours without food. It is thought possible that she may recover from the terrible experience with careful nursing.

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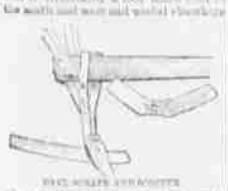

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