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Excitement Occasioned by an Escape of Prisoners from Jail.

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A Relore Indian Superstition.—A Fine Show Indian Suicide.—Prospects for Fruit, Crops and Stock.

The Longmont (Colo.) News is urging the adoption of a local anthem for that thriving valuation town.

The mayor of Seattle, Wash., has decided that he will never tie use a cuffed when he can help it.

A line of the Pedro Desgrada mines (?) is now being constructed along the Atlantic and Pacific, to Kinsico Arizona.

The Enterprise says that silk is coming down in price at Lonaconing. Twenty cents for a dollar can now be had there.

The prospects for a large fruit crop in the Alamosa valley south of Alamosa are said to be very encouraging.

Butte, Mont., has passed an ordinance that all persons intending not to live in such pay a city licence of one hundred dollars.

A woman 60 years of age passed over the summit of the Sierra Nevada one week or far ago in the Old Lincoln Home to Oakland, all the way from Dallas, Tex., on foot.

While excavating in for a blast to fall flat in the Sutter river, Cal., Norman Hockey and one man shown all and was hurl about the face by the explosion of a giant powder cartridge.

Miss Emma Holton, who lives near Grass Valley, Cal., was seen only to be fatally hurt by a savage bull. She was gored and stamped in a most cruel manner. Her younger sister finally caught of the animal.

The Pecos valley of New Mexico is beginning the shipment of alfalfa-fed cattle to the eastern markets, and in time this, says an exchange, will be one of the greatest sources of wealth to the valley.

The hop crop of the Star River valley of Arizona will, it is stated, be one of the largest ever known, and even better than that in the fall that it is hoped to be realized problems to be far more than obtained last year.

The new Swedish settlement near Los Animas has meeting every Sabbath morning at some private house in preparing, but expect to have a church in the future. The ladies have organized a sewing society that meets every week.

All southeastern Colorado within the watershed of the Platte is alive to irrigating ditch operations. New ditches, says the Denver News, and reservoirs are being projected and their extension will add largely to the agricultural development of that section.

The Wardner (Idaho) News tells a pitiable story of the suicide of an old man and respected citizen of that town, at Spokane. His name was William H. Hoyt. Physical suffering and mental depression seem to have been the causes of the unhappy ending.

The meeting of the Montana Stockgrowers' association at Miles city now imperatively calls for legislation looking to the holding of the herds of Texas. People not familiar with the stock business in Montana were surprised to learn that the annual loss from stock destroyed by animals are greater than those from the severity of Montana winters.

In 1876 Price Pendleton was mayor of Oakland, Cal., to life imprisonment for killing a man outside of Warm Springs. He has served seventeen years and is now 71 years of age. Governor Markham has commuted the sentence to twenty nine years, which means a practical pardon, for with his credits the prisoner will be entitled to a release.

The Mohave Indians of the far west, unlike all exhibits, have now taken possession of a new superstition. It is supposed to be of comparatively recent origin. They refuse to eat the flesh of the beaver and declare that whoever eats beaver's flesh will have a swollen neck. An agent who has lived for some time among the Mohaves conjectures that some of the Indians must have eaten the flesh of beaver indeed, or that sickness and died with swollen necks. The memory has been handed down through the years, and the Mohaves said beaver flesh since that day.

Judge Frost, at Denver, has discharged A. W. Grimes, accused of running a private gambling room in the Holland & Howard block. The defendants testified that they had no lease in the floor. There was gambling apparatus in the room, and a well-to-do man stated on oath and the box maker has "Only" bile in the table contained over 100 chips. They could not swear that gambling had been going on for they did not see it. The witness was that there had been no gambling since Monday at noon, when the raid went into effect, says the Denver News.

A moot has been held at Ryan, Colo., to take evidence in connection with all dried plants on the interiors of the Rocky Flatts river, in order to determine definitely the priority of oil and coal deposits, the News. Quite a number of proofs of claims were put in by residents of this section of the country. The waters that appear to have the most efficient expenses are the West Ryan, the Brown and Mosley creeks. The people at Ryan now recognize the importance of this subject. For years past people have been experimenting as to the best way of taking the mineral oil or the coal oil, and it is now thought that the problem has been solved.

An escape from the county jail near Grand Junction, Col., caused quite a excitement in that city on Wednesday evening. Fred Collins, who was in for breaking open a saloon near town and taking some things of small value, while in the occupation of building repairs for the building of the jail dipped outside the door to supply some water and succeeded. It was a good hour before the connection with the institution was discovered and a two mile run in the east part of the city. Sheriff Lane saw him and started in pursuit, but was prevented from shooting by the men Collins roping in him with a lasso. After going any a few yards the sheriff was obliged to return to the jail to look up the other prisoners, who had seized the occasion and could easily have escaped.

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