# NEWS OF THE WEST.

## An Angry Wife Shoots Her Husband and Son.

### ATTEMPTED MURDER AND SUICIDE.

A Woman Arouses in Her Coffin Just in Time to Avoid Being Buried Alive—In Cities.

Robert Smith, the property man at the Oakland, Cal., theater, accidentally touched a live electric wire while working Tuesday night and dropped senseless. He was restored to consciousness with much difficulty.

D. R. Rowland, a farmer and cattle raiser living on Elder creek, eleven miles from Red Bluff, Cal., was found dead on the road about three miles from Red Bluff Tuesday morning. The coroner's jury brought in a verdict of death by exposure. He was frozen to death during the heavy storm of Monday night. He was a native of Washington, aged 67 years.

James Kelly, formerly of Park City, Utah, and later of Butte, Montana, quarreled at the latter place on Thursday afternoon with his sweetheart, Jessie Hill, of whom he was jealous. The girl taunted him, whereupon he drew a revolver, shot her in the head, and then turned the weapon to his own head, killing himself instantly. The girl may recover.

Professor Cornelius Bradley of the University of California, has posted a notice requesting all members of the university interested in reservation from private ownership of those portions of the high Sierra which still remain a part of the public domain, especially in the region about Mount Tallac and Pyramid peak and the sources of the Rubicon and American rivers, to sign a petition.

John W. Allen of Marysville, Montana, on Thursday morning began whipping his 14-year-old son for something the boy had done. This threw Mrs. Allen into a passion and she seized a rifle and began shooting at her husband. The first two shots missed him, the third struck the boy in the left groin, going clear through his body and killing him in twenty minutes, and the fourth bullet went through Mr. Allen's arm and into his skull, over the left eye. He will probably die.

An unknown man was struck by the Haywards local near Clinton station, Cal., Tuesday afternoon, and received injuries which will prove fatal. The train was eastbound and the man was on the trestle just beyond Clinton station. The latter did not see the train until it was too late. He was struck in the side and tossed overboard. The train crew removed him from the basin and sent him to the receiving hospital. At the hospital it was found that he had a badly cut head and several broken ribs. The injured man is about 50 years of age, and it is believed that he was a tramp. There was nothing about his person to indicate his name and no one who has seen him has been able to identify him.

A permanent badge for the California Miners' association has been agreed upon by the officers and will be submitted for adoption to the convention which is to meet in San Francisco the week after election. Instead of the crossed pick and shovel, which has been in use thus far, the new badge represents Marshall at the moment of his discovery of gold in California. His right hand is outstretched and in the hand is held a golden nugget. The other hand rests on the pick that has brought to light the little piece of precious metal. The body of the badge is in white metal, while the nugget is of the golden hue. Below the figure of Marshall are the letters "C. M. A.," indicative of the California Miners' association title.

Last Friday Mrs. Dickinson, a woman well known in the vicinity of Mount Angel, Oregon, after suffering from a severe illness, was supposed to have died. The woman was a member of the Catholic church, and as her supposed dissolution approached the last rites of her church were administered by Father Dominick, and to all present she apparently passed away. The announcement of the funeral had been made for last Sunday, to take place at the Catholic church at Mount Angel. The friends of the woman were assembled at the church. Father Dominick in his full robes and the servers in their vestments were on hand waiting patiently for the arrival of the funeral cortege escorting the body to the church. There seemed some unseemly delay in the proceedings, and the priest sent a messenger to the Dickinson home. There was abundant reason for the delay. After the home services the undertaker in charge, in placing the lid on the casket had his attention attracted to the body. Whether by the effort to replace the lid or in some other manner by a slight jar of the casket, at any rate the spell was broken, for Mrs. Dickinson suddenly came to life, awakened from a trance, and the house of mourning was quickly transformed into a house of joy. The woman was speedily removed from the casket, within which she narrowly escaped being buried alive, and today is enjoying comparatively good health, with every prospect of living for years. The fortunate escape of Mrs. Dickinson from the horrible fate of being buried alive is most remarkable. Had she remained in a comatose state a few minutes longer, fully conscious, but unable to speak or move, she would have heard the last benedictions paid to her memory, and utterly helpless, learned with horror that she was to be consigned alive to the grave.

The Montana state board of equalization has received from all the county clerks statements of the assessed valuation of property in the various counties, in accordance with the recent decision of the supreme court, which changed the value of certain classes of property as originally fixed by the board, says the Montana Stockman and Farmer. The valuation of the live stock of the state, as returned by the county officials, is one of the most interesting tables, due to the fact that the live stock is one of the great industries of Montana. In point of value cattle lead all the others, but in number the sheep easily head the list. The total number of cattle is 617,494, with a value of $9,969,447. Custer is the banner county, with 103,723 head, valued at $3,528,607. Choteau comes next with 87,635 head, valued at $1,403,147. Silver Bow has the smallest number, 3298. Fergus is the banner sheep county, reporting 500,320 head. Next comes Choteau with 300,115, Meagher with 284,214, Cascade with 289,950, Sweet Grass with 250,918, Teton with 227,487. The total number of sheep reported is 2,815,846, and the value $4,589,136. In horses Custer county again leads with 27,929 head, valued at $563,133 or an average value a head of $12.98. Comparing in Beaverhead, Custer has a cheap lot of horses, because in the former county the average value of 4,770 head is $20.21. Lewis and Clark has 8,159 head of horses, not exactly cheap, because they are averaged at $19.31 each. If you want real cheap horses you will have to go to Beaverhead, where the average value of 9,367 head is placed at $10.31. Silver Bow has a fair lot of horses, 3,333 head with an average value of $12.94. Dawson, which is noted for its fine horse ranches, reports 19,294 head, but the average value is away down—only $12.15 a head. The total number of horses in the state is given at 192,571, valued at $2,935,833. According to the report there are twenty more mules than asses, 21,290 being in Montana, valued at $63,240. Of these Lewis & Clark has only 201, and they are cheap, their value is only $4.55 each. But Fergus, the banner hog county, having 3,159 head, but they are awful cheap—$2.50 each.

## LEVEL FOR TILE DRAINING.

### It Is Cheap, but Trustworthy—Directions For Using It.

A level recommended by a Michigan farmer and illustrated in Ohio Farmer will cost perhaps 25 cents for material and a little more for making unless you can make it yourself. To adjust and graduate it drive two stakes into the ground solid to receive the ends of the level and as near level as you can tell by your eye. Put on the level and make a pencil mark at the point of the plumb bob. Reverse the level and mark. If the two marks do not come at the same place, one end is too high.

You can easily tell which end is too high; then drive it down until the bob points to the same place with the end either way. Then whenever the bob points to this place, it is level. Mark this place with a fine saw or in some way you cannot mistake. Halve one end of your level and put under a piece about a quarter of an inch thick. Mark at bob point. Remove the piece and put it under the other end and mark the same. You can do the same with one-half, three-quarter and one inch pieces. Now the level is graduated and marked ready for use. To level a short distance place the level in the middle and sight both ways along the underside of the level. The difference in height will show the fall.

A LEVELING INSTRUMENT.

To lay tile by this level begin at the lower end, place the first tile where you want it, then place a tile where the other end of the level reaches. If the grade is one quarter inch to the rod, raise or lower the tile until the plumb-bob points to the first mark back of the center or level mark. Then place a tile half way between the two, just touching the level. Then lay between these tiles by a straight edge. When you get to the middle tile, move it forward or back to receive full tile. Fill out your rod and repeat. If your fall is one-half inch to the rod, use second mark.

The farmer who recommends this level says he has laid tiles when he did not have one-quarter inch fall to the rod. Then he had the bob point half way between the center and one-quarter inch mark, making a fall of one-eighth inch per rod.

### How to Fill the Silo.

Corn should be well glazed and nearly ready to be cut for corn fodder before it is put in the silo. A silo may be filled in two days or the filling may extend over a period of three weeks if the corn does not get too matured. On the whole, it is better to fill slowly.

The tramping of the silage in square silos during the whole process of filling is a very important matter, especially in the corners, and the need becomes more and more urgent the nearer the top of the silo is reached. In deep, round silos which are more than 18 feet in diameter the man in the silo may be dispensed with until the silo is half full, it only being necessary to go in and level down occasionally. The upper half of all silos should be thoroughly tramped.

If feeding is to begin at once after filling, no cover is needed. If the silo is to stand only a few weeks, then the surface of the silage during three consecutive days after filling should be thoroughly tramped and at the end of this time the surface should be wet with 15 to 20 pounds of water to the square foot. From this to five days later it should be tramped again and again wet down with about 10 pounds of water to the square foot. When this has been done, the surface should not again be disturbed until it is proposed to feed the silage. If the silo is to stand until after Christmas before opening, it may be best to provide a cover if something cheaper than 15 pounds of silage to the square foot of surface can be had. If marsh hay can be had, this, put on and thoroughly wet, makes an excellent cover. Chaff thoroughly wet also makes a good cover. Two layers of boards with paper between put on after wetting and thoroughly tramped will avoid nearly all spoiling. Whatever is provided as a cover it should rest directly upon the silage and be allowed to settle with it. Thus writes Professor King of the Wisconsin station to American Agriculturist.

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