NEWS OF THE WEST.

A Husband at Sixty and a Wife at Twenty Play at Breaking Heads.

SKELETON IN A SANDSTONE CLIFF.

A Sensational Case of Slander—Diamond Prospectings and an Attempted Suicide, Etc.

A new company is being organized by Iowa parties to operate Lewiston property in Fremont county, Idaho.

Casper, Wyo., has a school war on hand, brought about by the dismissal of one of the teachers by the school board. A mass meeting has been held by the citizens and the action of the board was condemned.

Joseph Crook, ex-coalminer at Dry Elder, Colorado, has been arrested on a bench warrant, charged with false returns of expenditure of postage stamps. He gave bail in $500 for his appearance before the District court.

Says the Idaho City World: A Chinaman was brought over from Centerville last Saturday evening to be examined for insanity. Dr. Newell is not yet certain whether it is a genuine case of insanity or the result of too much opium.

A Missoula, Mont., dispatch to the Butte Miner says: Deputy United States Marshal Davidson last night arrested John Purtle and John Lynch, the well known sawmill men under the charge of cutting 1,000,000 feet of timber on government land.

The Denver Mining Record says: Secretary Smith, of the Real Estate exchange, is sending the last proofs of the report of the irrigation congress and the pamphlet will be ready for distribution within ten days or two weeks. The report will comprise about one hundred pages.

The largest cedar tree ever cut in northwestern Washington has just been felled near Burlington by Hugh DeLoney. It was 40 feet five inches in circumference at the ground, where it measured fourteen feet two inches in diameter. It will make 300,000 shingle bolts, which were manufactured about $200.

Mrs. Dorothy Jagels, of Oakland, Cal., whose business is caring for a dryads, endeavored to effect a reconciliation with him on Tuesday. Jagels refused and she attempted to empty a vial of carbolic acid in her mouth. She was prevented from swallowing the poison, but was badly burned about the mouth. She will recover.

A dispatch from Yuma, Ariz., says that the recent rains have been the heaviest for years all over Arizona, and the Colorado reached (Wednesday) eight feet, the danger line being twenty-five, but little damage was done. The river at Phoenix was the highest ever known in January. The rains insure fine pasturage and a prosperous year for Arizona.

The Boise (Idaho) Statesman says there is a project on foot to divide Owyhee county, creating a new county out of that portion lying east of the Snake adding a portion of Bannock. This will take in all of Oxford precinct and several others now in Bannock county. Bannock will be compensated by giving it a strip off the southern end of Oneida, including American Falls.

A cowboy, name not learned, has been murdered at a ranch twenty miles south of Bowie, Arizona. As he emerged from the house he was shot from ambush and almost instantly killed. The wounds were from a shotgun and the total had such effect in his neck. Tracks showed that a horse had stood at the place for several hours, and probably all night, revealing the fact that the murderer had ridden to wait for his victim. The trail was not followed.

The Denver Highlands Water company have filed articles of incorporation in the office of the secretary of state at Denver. The purpose of the new concern is to carry, furnish and supply water to the people and municipalities living in or near the counties of Arapahoe and Jefferson, particularly the cities of Denver and Highlands and the towns of Harlem and Colfax. The capital stock is $300,000, and the principal office of business is to be in the city of Highlands.

There was lately found in the Big Horn mountains, says the Fallon Boom (Wyo.) Record, the skeleton of a white man, lying under the center of a projecting cliff of sandstone, with pan of a lock, a surveyor's compass, stake and flagstaff mountings. Everything goes to show that he was killed by Indians, having fortified himself by building a rock stone wall. From the few notes discernible in the fragments found in a crevice in the rocks, it is believed he was one of a party in search of the famous Lost Cabin mine. The fate of the balance of the party still remains as great a mystery as the location of the mines they were searching for.

A divorce suit has been filed at Fresno, Cal., by Mrs. Lillian Dentzler against Major Martin Dentzler, a well-to-do farmer of Fresno county. He is sixty years old and she twenty. They were married in San Francisco last June. The charge arrayed as the grounds for separation. No earthly trace on his head can yet be found where she is said to have struck him with a flower vase six weeks ago because he went home to keep her from going out with young friends and leaving him at home. The lady says her husband's cruelty made it necessary for her to break his head in self-defense, as he was trying to shoot her for disobedience. Major Dentzler has published a notice in the Fresno papers warning every one from trusting his wife, as he will not pay the bills she incurs.

The supreme court has affirmed the superior court of Fresno, Cal., in a decision which attracted much attention three years ago. It was that of the prosecution of E. P. Daniels and Joseph Hutchings, charged with conspiracy to blackmail Simon J. Church, one of the oldest and wealthiest citizens of this county. Daniels was a prominent occupying a chair here built by Mr. Church at a cost of $80,000. Daniels sued Mr. Church for alleged slander against his daughter. Hutchings was a witness for Daniels. The case was tried in Stanislaus and a judgment for $25,000 secured. The grand jury of Fresno indicted Daniels and Hutchings for conspiracy. They were convicted and sentenced to a fine and imprisonment. They appealed and have lost, and must now take their punishment. The case was one of the longest in a court of this county.

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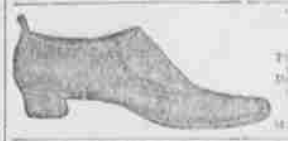

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