

## WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

The cattlemen of Evanston, Wyo., are negotiating with the Union Pacific to lease 200 sections of land north of that town.

Some unknown individual has been circulating counterfeit \$5 pieces throughout southern Oregon during the past few weeks.

Oliver N. Jacobs was drowned while trying to ford Roaring Fork, Col., a few days ago. The deceased was a ranchman and lived near Aspen Junction.

Stock in the Oppahonga, says the Tintic Miner, is advancing, owing to some very good ore having been struck in the property, assays showing \$16 in gold and some copper.

On account of much stock stealing, a county Cattlemen's Protective association has been formed at Gunnison, Colo., with A. Hartman as president. Already it has forty-two members.

While Carlos Angelada, a 10-year-old boy, was playing under the river bank at Taos, N. M., it caved in upon him. He succeeded in digging himself out, but immediately afterward gave a scream and fell dead.

Worms are reported to be fast destroying all the box elder trees in Cheyenne, Wyo. These trees were attacked last year, but escaped without much damage. This year the leaves are being eaten from the trees entirely.

Julesburg, Col., has voted \$4,500 in bonds to build a new brick and stone school house. The new building will be erected on the site now occupied by the old school house, which will be torn down and worked into the new one as far as possible.

Says the Bonanza (Wyo.) *Rustler*: Big Horn basin grangers began harvesting their first crop of alfalfa last week, which in spite of the fact that it had no rain of any account, and was entirely dependent on irrigation for its growth, is a good crop—on some ranches it is "simply immense."

An expert fruit grower and shipper declares the almonds grown around Mesa, Arizona, are the finest in the world, says the Phoenix Gazette. All that is needed is a simple bleaching process before marketing. The flavor of the product is excellent, the shells very thin and the crop heavy.

Says the Payette (Idaho) *Independent*: It is needless to remark that the railroad strike is working a great hardship on the fruit growers of the Payette valley. With transportation facilities many dollars would be coming in every day for the raspberry crop, which was never greater than at present.

According to the Silver Belt, counterfeit American silver dollars are now being made in Mexico, sent to England in payment for British exports to Mexico, and, it is said, thence shipped by English merchants to this country; where they are circulated at 100 cents. The thing is possible—more difficult things have been done.

The commissioners of Carbon county, Wyo., says the Laramie Boomerang, are thinking of making a wagon road which will reduce the distance twenty-

two miles between Saratoga and Rockdale, and make an almost straight road connecting the Medicine Bow valley with the Saratoga valley. The road is an important one.

On Sunday afternoon the residence of T. Pope, on his ranch south of Salmon City, Idaho, was destroyed by fire. It is supposed to have been caused by a lighted match or the end of a cigarette stub thrown carelessly down. The house was a large and commodious structure, and the loss is estimated at \$3,000; no insurance.

The Portland Gold Mining company of Cripple Creek, Colo., on Wednesday declared a dividend of 3 cents a share on its 300,000 shares, or a total of \$9000. On April 1st there was not a cent in the treasury of the company and since then much work has been done on non-producing claims, while the treasurer still has on hand something more than \$50,000.

The Laramie (Wyo.) *Republican* tells about a remarkable catch of trout in the Big Laramie river, a number weighing from two to three pounds each, and one of them six and a quarter pounds and measuring twenty-two inches. They were of the rainbow variety which were planted in the river seven years ago from the state hatchery.

Jack Thompson, a resident of Crane Creek, while unloading wood at Welser, Idaho, burst a blood vessel and bled to death internally in a few minutes. He stopped work and sat down unnoticed at first, and when other workers noticed that something was wrong with him he was speechless. A doctor was summoned at once, but could not save him.

According to the Durango (Col.) *Herald*, a deplorable situation exists on the stock ranges in the southwestern part of the state. The scarcity of snow in the mountains last winter and the absence of rain since that time has rendered the greater portion of the ranges desolate, and in certain localities the losses of stock are almost without precedence in the history of the country.

The Denver News of July 10th says: Upward of \$70,000 will be paid the miners of Cripple Creek today, which fact is indicative of the general resumption of mining operations in that camp. As the era of good feeling returns and work is more generally resumed this payroll will be more than doubled, and a constantly growing output of the yellow metal assured from Cripple Creek.

Rainmaker Melbourne is certainly an unlucky man, according to the Cheyenne Sun. He is unlucky for the reason that if he had made his contract with the people of Laramie county to produce ten inches of rain during June, July and August, he would have received a good start in July, at least, with no effort on his own part. More rain fell in this city on the Fourth and 5th than has fallen in this locality for two years.

The erection of an immense chlorination plant at Florence, Colorado, says the Durango Herald, of a capacity

of 500 tons of ore per day, speaks volumes for the Cripple Creek district. It is claimed for the process that \$3 ore can be treated with profit. If such proves to be the case the possibilities of the La Plata mountains are beyond all comprehension, as the supply of low grade ore is almost inexhaustible.

The Wyoming state board of pardons have refused the application of Alfred Parker for pardon, all the members voting in the negative except Governor Waite and J. Warner Mills, who asked to be excused. This action finally disposes of the Parker case, which has been pending before the board for six months. The only testimony offered was a thirteen page letter from General Adams. Parker will be remembered as the "man eater."

The DeLamar (Idaho) *Auget* remarks: Some very clever work is said to have been done at the drilling contest at Silver City on the Fourth. The next time we have a gala day in DeLamar the winners will be invited down here and given a chance to carry away a nice little sack of twenties if they are clever enough to get away with the teams selected from the DeLamar mine, and no War Eagle or Florida miner will be barred.

Miss Sophia McLain was probably fatally injured in a runaway accident at Cripple Creek, Colo., on Wednesday afternoon. While returning to her home at Areqa and on the steep grade between Anaconda and this place one of the wheels came off and the horse ran away. Her clothing got caught in the rig and she was dragged about 200 yards. She sustained a bad fracture of the shoulder in addition to severe bruises all over the body.

Colonel J. Scott Anthony and wife of Denver have been spending about two weeks on Santa Catalina Island, one of the Southern California's favorite seaside resorts. The colonel and wife are fond of fishing. While out recently he succeeded in making the best catch of barracanda known here this season. Forty-five of Neptune's gamey inhabitants were safely landed, the majority of which averaged three feet in length and weighing about seven pounds each.

Frank B. Myers, a young man, well known and popular in the town of Colfax, Colo., met with a sudden and distressing death on Wednesday morning in a mine eight miles west of Golden. Meyers was working with his father in a shaft and was picking at an overhanging rock when a mass of stones and earth fell upon him and crushed him. His father and younger brother managed to extricate him before life had fled, but he lived only ten minutes afterwards.

A company of immigrants camped down the river near the Beebe hill are owners of several head of buffalo, says the Lander (Wyo.) *Gazette*. They have one full-blood bull, one half-blood and one three-quarter-blood and two half-blood cows. They are fine specimens, especially the full-blood, and are attracting considerable attention from our people. The owners are on their way to Jackson's Hole, where they will take land and endeavor to raise a herd of these animals.

Wayne Badley, son of D. L. Badley, of Meridian, Idaho, has met with