# NEWS OF THE WEST.

## A Woman Suicides in the Presence of Her Husband and Others.

### COLORED PRIZE FIGHTER SHOT.

### Damage to Fruit by "Blight"—"Severe" Death Thought to Have Been Accidental.

A keg of beer blew up in a Pelzmann saloon last week. The interior of the saloon was quite badly wrecked, but happily nobody was near the keg. It made a report like a cannon.

Artesian wells are becoming a very common thing in the vicinity of N. Dakota, in the San Pedro valley, A. T., and it has been satisfactorily demonstrated that an artesian flow can be obtained almost anywhere.

Mr. Max Hamburger, an old lady living at 1018 Hyde street, San Francisco, was knocked down by a Turk street electric car Thursday night at Van Ness avenue and had both bones of her left leg broken.

With one-half of the wheat storm last week many acres of beans near Vacaville have to be replanted, and in some cases whole fields, the sand having covered the beans completely or else blown them out of the ground roots and all.

Atlantic and Pacific railroad officials are in a contract to make 1,000,000 brick, with which to build a roundhouse, machine and blacksmith and engine house at Winslow, A. T. It was also stated that the company contemplated building, during the summer, a brick depot.

The neighborhood of Buckley, Wash., has been visited by a fire, which swept the country within a radius of fifteen miles. All fences, and outbuildings were burned. Many farm houses were destroyed and some of the finest timber in the state was injured by the hot coast.

Shearing in this valley is now about over, and another week or ten days will find all the sheep of the county deprived of their fleeces, says the Utah Republic Democrat. The Utahs only alone, including the rent and wool shipped, now contains, it is estimated, nearly 25,000 head of sheep.

Albert Abernathy, an Irishman, set fire to Clement's saloon at Lake Valley, New Mexico. The wind was blowing furiously and in a very few minutes the fire was beyond human control. Twenty-two buildings, comprising the business portion of the camp, were quickly destroyed. The loss is estimated at $15,000. It is thought that the town will not be rebuilt. Albert Abernathy, the man who set the fire, was arrested and taken to jail at Hillsboro.

The sensation caused by the finding of the dead body of E. H. Spencer lying in the bed at Los Angeles, the result of asphyxiation, has been explained. It is known now that Mrs. Spencer spent the night preceding her husband's death at the house of a friend and did not know of his late until returned yesterday afternoon. It is now believed that the stopcock of the gas jet in Spencer's room became displaced accidentally and he thus lost his life.

Sacramento Bee: The north wind which has been blowing for a couple of days past, defying the efforts of the agriculturists to keep the cutworms, and making possible crops and irrigation, has, without doubt, done some injury to the fruit crop, say the local shippers, though the loss is not likely to be heavy. The wind has blown most of the fruit to exposed portions of orchards in some localities, and has made the ground to become dry in an unusually short time.

Saturday night a blind mule on Thomas Lessels' farm, on Hooker st. outside, was a conspicuous object. The poor, blind creature, in the barn with Lessels' fourteen-year-old daughter, while the men and boys slept the sleep of the wicked. When her father and brothers, who were working in the field, discovered the girl's condition, they secured a deputy sheriff and pursued and went on the trail of the fiend, swift vengeance. If he is caught he will probably be lynched.

Mrs. E. B. Connelly, wife of a well known horse-trainer of Los Angeles, committed suicide in a tragic way Monday afternoon. At a drug store she purchased a quantity of prussic acid, saying she wanted it to cure corns. Upon reaching home she told her husband she was going to make corns of it this time, and, in the presence of several persons, before her husband could interfere, she had swallowed a large dose of the deadly poison. She died in about a few moments later. On Friday last Mrs. Connelly made two attempts to end her life, one by cutting her wrist and another with a revolver, which she did not know how to manipulate.

Work has been entirely suspended at Dawson or at south of the city, says the Lewiston Morning, and no further work can be prosecuted while such a pump capable of throwing an eight-inch stream of water can be placed in operation there. The forty-foot shaft is nearly full of water. It is believed that the water comes from the gravel and is from the river. There are a variety of theories. Some think the water can be pumped off. The owners of the shaft expect to see the people of Lewiston subscribe to a fund to purchase a $500 pump. If the pump cannot be secured in that way it is probable that the mine will be sold to the Union Pacific or bonded to Denver parties.

A scandal from Helena, Mont., says Monday morning about 4 o'clock, Dan Johnson, a colored barber, was shot and almost instantly killed by William Bigerstaff, another colored man. They were in a house in the disreputable quarter of the town with some women. Bigerstaff threatened to beat one of the women and Johnson interfered to protect her. A quarrel followed and Bigerstaff left. He went to a house near by, got a revolver of large calibre and came back. Johnson and the women tried to keep him out by barring the door, but he succeeded in forcing an entrance and immediately opened fire. The first shot went wide. Johnson then struck at him with the butt of an old rifle, but missed him and Bigerstaff grappled Johnson by the throat and, holding the revolver against his body, fired a bullet into his heart. The murderer made no effort to escape.


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