NEWS OF THE WEST.

Fell Two Hundred Feet and Still Lives.

DROPPED SIXTY FEET TO DEATH.

Joe Brown's Age—Found Dead in Bed—Against Bicycles—Cassiere in Arizona—Cattle News.

Panting at the cassiere farm at Tempe, Arizona, began this week.

Arizona has a blind Papago Indian who plays the violin with much skill.

The city council of Tempe, Arizona, has passed an ordinance prohibiting the running of bicycles on the sidewalk.

In the St. Lawrence mine at Butte, Montana, Tuesday evening the cage came way and fell 1,200 feet. Peter Ryan was in the cage and was killed. It is also believed that John Manning and John Campbell, and two other men who were near the bottom of the shaft were caught by the cage and killed. A force of men is removing the debris.

Pete Willan, a well-known mining man, lost his life Tuesday in an attempt to save that of his brother Lawrence. The latter was thrown by bad gas in the Early Bird mine, near Palouse City, Wash. Pete descended and has him hoisted to the surface. As Pete reaches within sight of the top he lost his hold on the rope and was dashed to death sixty feet below.

George Parmillion, a farmer living on the Guerneville road in Green valley, Cal., was found dead in bed at his house Tuesday forenoon. He was a bachelor and lived alone. The neighbors saw him up around his place early in the morning. He was dead when about 10 o'clock. Parmillion was about 68 years old. It is believed the cause of his death was heart disease. He was a prominent farmer.

In 1895 the acreage in hops on the Pacific coast was computed at 31,000 and the product 181,000 bales, an average of 5.84 bales per acre. There was on hand of old hops at the beginning of the year (July 1st) 13,200 bales, making the total stock 194,200 bales. All the hops have cleared except 20,000 bales on hand July 1, 1896. Of this early 7,200 bales were consumed by Pacific coast brewers.

Monterey, Cal., witnessed a most peculiar phenomenon Tuesday night. Shortly after sunset a beautiful and perfectly formed rainbow appeared in the sky to the south of this city. No rain fell at Monterey, but the sky had been cloudy, and it is thought that the tail end of the recent storm in the southern part of the state reached here. The weather has been intensely warm and sultry, and an earthquake was looked for, as all indications were of that nature.

Yuma, Arizona, News: A horrible accident occurred Friday morning about 4:30 o'clock at Maricopa. A Mexican attempted to board an eastbound freight train and his foot slipped, he was thrown under the wheels, the body being dragged about 100 yards. None of the train crew saw the accident and the train did not stop. A little later the body was discovered lying on the track. The head and limbs were torn from the body and scattered about. The remains were identified as those of Miguel Parullio, a Mexican, aged twenty-seven years, who had been working as a section hand on the Southern Pacific east of Yuma.

A special from Tillamook, Oregon, says that Charles Lamb, a lad 9 years old, son of O. C. Lamb of Vancouver, fell down a cliff 250 feet at Netarts, and wonderful to relate was not killed, though the chances of his recovery are still doubtful. The boy was ascending the hill at Maxwell's court house when he stumbled and fell, rolling over the jagged rocks and falling from shelf to shelf until his mangled body rested on the beach 250 feet below. A physician was hastily summoned. No bones were found broken, strange to say, unless his skull is fractured. The boy, however, received internal injuries, and his face was fearfully lacerated and bruised. His skull was laid bare in several places. At last accounts he was unconscious, and resting easy.

The bodies of two sailors were recovered from San Francisco bay Wednesday, one at the foot of Howard street and the other at the foot of Washington. The former was discovered by Larry Hanley, and was identified as the body of Arthur Whalley, a native of England, 55 years old. He was a member of the Seamen's union. The body had been in the water at least ten days. It is supposed that Whalley fell off the dock while drunk. The other body still lies at the morgue, unidentified, except as that of a man who applied for a bunk on the ship Cedarbank a few nights ago. The request was refused, and as the wanderer turned to go down the plank he slipped and fell into the water. Every effort was made to rescue him, but proved futile. The dead had been in the water two days. Dressed was a man of about 35 years, poorly dressed.

Sioux City, S. D., Tribune: It is quite probable that, from necessity, because of a scarcity of native cattle, a great many cattle feeders will this season buy and feed western range steers, who have never done so before. This is a condition of affairs encouraging to the range men, not only on account of the temporary increase in demand for their cattle, which will result, but what is of seeming greater importance, because of the effect it will have in future seasons. It is almost a matter of history that cattle feeders of the corn belt who have in years past made a trial of western feeding cattle as a rule want more of the same kind when they buy a new supply of feeders. Results obtained by experienced feeders have been such, except in isolated cases, as to cause a decided leaning towards western feeding cattle. Any condition which tends to enlarge this experience adds to the usual demand for range cattle.

WATCHES.

Some Facts Concerning the Styles—The Great Number of Watches Used.

In this country almost everybody carries a watch. Probably nine-tenths of the men and great numbers of women and many young people carry watches. In the last trade of the city many more watches of gold are sold than of silver; at all the watches sold throughout the country about 85 per cent are of gold. The percentage of gold watches is increasing.

The fashionable watch of the day is open faced. The sale of open faced watches is increasing, especially in the western, but it is increasing also in watches of other grades. Of the gold watches sold in the city probably one-third are now made open faced. Of all the watches sold in the United States, gold and silver, probably from a quarter to a third are now made open faced.

The modern watch has for one of its characteristics thinness. A man's watch, which is now made more especially to wear with evening dress and is all the time growing in favor, is a plain, thin, open faced gold watch, which takes up but little room in the pocket. Perfect in its simplicity, this watch is at the same time of fine workmanship and great beauty. It sells at $100. A gold watch not so thin nor so finely finished, but a very handsome modern watch and an excellent timekeeper, by the same makers and bearing their name, can be bought in open face, the case of 18 carat gold, for $65; in double case for $70.

But gold watches and good watches, too, can be bought for very much less than these prices—in fact, there never was a time when watches generally were made in such tasteful shapes, or when they were so good for the money as so cheap as now.

Taking all the grades together, the American production of watches is about 4,000 daily. The importation of watches amounts to about the same number. One might at first wonder what becomes of all these watches. A great number are taken up annually by the new boys coming into the market for the first time out of the constant and large increase in the population. Great as the percentage of watch owners now is in this country, that also is increasing. Many immigrants buy watches as soon as they get the money. Some men carry more than one watch. Watches wear out or their owners lay them aside for a better watch or for one of newer style. Watches are lost and destroyed, and when one comes to take all these things into consideration it will be seen that the great production of watches may be in large measure easily accounted for.—New York Sun.

PATIENT TRAINING.

He Knew How to Train Elephants, but a Boy Was Too Much For Him.

"How long has it taken you to train these elephants?" asked the reporter.

"I've had 'em some years," replied the keeper. "Been training 'em steady all that time."

"Do you have to be severe with them?"

"Always. If ever you let an elephant get the upper hand of you just once, you're a goner. If you try to boss him and he finds you're afraid of him, he'll watch his chance and kill you. An elephant can't stand by here."

"But you treated him when he has learned his lesson all right, don't you?"

"Oh, yes. He knows it. He goes through his performance without a touch he'll get a touch of some kind, and if he doesn't he'll get the pinchers. And sometimes we have to give him the pinchers anyhow."

"Doesn't it require a great deal of patience to train an elephant?"

"Now you're talking, young man. It takes more patience than anything else in this world. An elephant is a mighty smart animal, but he's tricky. When you think you've got him all right, he'll take a wrong sheer, and you have to do it all over again. Patience? You don't know what the word means unless you've trained an elephant."

"Is this your boy here?"

"Yes."

"Are you going to make an elephant trainer of him?"

"I used to think I would, but I've given it up."

"What's the matter with him?"

"Well, he's too hard to manage. I haven't the patience, I guess."—Chicago Tribune.

Deacondaddy.

The leads of the district which Ian Maclaren has immortalized is pretty well known, but Mr. Watson Kirkconnell was until recently ignorant of the existence of a real Drumtochty. "I thought that I had invented the word," he wrote lately, "but for some time I have known that I am not an inventor, but only a preacher." Drumtochty, situated in Kincardineshire, is a deep, sombre wooded valley, about two miles in length. Away to the north opens the valley of Glenbervie, the fatherland of Robert Burns, and a few miles to the south is Fasque, where some of Gladstone's early life was passed, and to the early associations with which the veteran statesman likes to revert.—New York Times.

A Safe Bale.

"Hastes, you infernal nigger, you told me that mule was perfectly safe, and when I went into the stable he nearly kicked the top of my head off."

"Yes, sah. I stayed the mule was safe, sah. But if yo kin recollect, I didn't say nuffin about wuddes you was safe in his vicinity. Dat mule is mighty enough to be safe anywhere."—Indianapolis Journal.

Passion's Temple.

Gambling houses are temples where the most sordid and turbulent passions instead. The spectator can be indifferent. A card or a small square of fancy intensely more than the fate of an empire in the rolls of an unfortunate group of infants and their assured relatives.—Zimmerman.

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