

## WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

The Creamery at Littleton, Colo., is being improved, and among other things a new forty-horse power engine is being put in.

The Farish Reservoir & Canal company has been incorporated at Phoenix, Arizona, with a capital stock of \$1,500,000, to push irrigation in that territory.

The state board of charities will, says the Cheyenne (Wyo.) *Leader*, at the request of Warden Briggs, meet next week and investigate the workings of the state penitentiary.

Frank Smith, living fifteen miles northwest of Ogalalla, Neb., while returning from a literary society, was thrown from his horse and so badly injured that he died next morning.

Cheyenne *Sun*: Prof. Elwood Mead is making a selection of mineral which he will send to Denver to have cut and polished for the display at the World's Fair. This is a good move and one that will be appreciated by the people of the state.

Babbit & Mock, of Nampa, Idaho, have issued a blue print giving some interesting data regarding a mortgage that appears of record in the Ada county recorder's office. It shows \$46,672,003,182,826 to be standing against a Boise City lot.

Governor Zulo of Arizona has sold a controlling interest in the Highland canal, the first to take water from the Salt river on the south side, to Charles W. Greene of Eddy, New Mexico, who is also manager of the Bear river reservoir in Southern California. The canal will be enlarged to cover nearly 40,000 acres of new land.

Wagons are still being used on the canyon roads through the mountains between Brigham City and Wellsville and Paradise. This is something unusual for this time of the year, when those mountain roads are generally so packed full of snow that it is next to impossible to get through with bobs, let alone pulling heavy lumber wagons.—*Brigham City Bugler*.

The backers of the project for the creation of Bear Paw county are out with a little pamphlet which contains some facts which seem to show that if created it could take care of itself. They claim a population of 2000, with 743 registered voters, an assessment last year of \$1,750,000, 80,000 cattle and 100,000 sheep, several lively towns, and 80,000 acres of irrigated land.—*Helena (Mont.) Herald*.

In the district court at Buena Vista, Col., on Saturday, Frank Graves, who killed his step-father because he outraged his sister, received a sentence of three years in the penitentiary. Judge Bailey made some very feeling remarks on the gravity of the crime of murder and also dwelt on the extenuating circumstances in the case, and the recommendation of the jury to mercy.

A miner named Garvin, working in the Blaine tunnel at Gold Dirt, north of Central City, Col., has met with an accident whereby he will lose his right eye and have a crippled right arm. He had fired a shot in a cross-cut, and it not breaking the ground to suit him, he took a piece of giant powder and a tamping bar and placing the

giant in a seam began hammering with the tamping bar when it exploded causing the above injuries. It was carelessness on his part.

A lady of this city, says the *Brigham City Bugler*, has come nearly having a frightful accident. She was standing near the hot cook stove, poring intently over one of the latest fashion magazines and was aroused from her deep interest by the strong odor of scorching cloth. Looking down she found her apron on fire. Before she could extinguish the flames a large hole was burnt in her apron and her dress was badly scorched.

Last week Frank Reno and Frank Campbell discovered the body of T. Serano, a Mexican, says the *Deming Headlight*, in the shaft of the Last Chance mine at Pyramid. Serano had been missing for several weeks, and when last seen was drunk and in company with another Mexican named Alvino Vica. An inquest was held and it was found that Serano had been stabbed three times in the body and had been shot in the head. Vica has been arrested.

John Coffee, Jim Daly and Tim McCarty, who have been at work on the new Rock Island for Creech & Murphy, railroad contractors, have been arrested at Beatrice, Neb., on a charge of forgery. Two checks drawn on the First National bank with the forged signatures of the firm employing them attached were passed by them on Thursday afternoon. The men cashed bona fide time checks given by the firm, and it is presumed they copied the signatures from them.

Work has commenced on a large five-story brick building for the Cudahy Packing company buildings at Los Angeles, Cal. When completed they will cover an acre of ground and will cost about \$150,000. The full capacity of the factory will be 500 hogs and 150 cattle per day, and when running in full force will employ at least 200 men. It is estimated that the tributary territory south of Bakerfield now pays out annually for eastern hog products nearly a million and a half dollars annually.

Bear River is crusted over with a continuous bridge of ice that ranges all the way from six to eight inches in thickness. The ice sheet runs up the river, and down to the mouth of the great stream, completely covering its entire delta of hundreds of acres of marsh lands, and extending several miles out into the deep waters of Great Salt Lake itself. The river has afforded magnificent skating for the people of Corinne, and thousands of pounds of a good quality of ice have been taken out and stowed away for the scorching days of next summer.—*Ex.*

Coal gas from a stove has come within a hair's breadth of causing the death of an entire family at Aspen, Col. Robert Wheeler on West Francis street, went home as usual on Friday night and retired at an early hour. About 2 o'clock next morning a roomer in the house heard a faint call for help. Rushing in he found Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler and their daughter completely prostrated. Dr. Hill was hastily summoned, and after much work revived the spark of life which had all but flown into the great beyond. A soft coal stove too thinly closed caused the trouble.

The working time of the employees of the V. & T. car shops and foundry has been reduced from ten to eight hours per day, says the *Carson (Nevada) News*. This will make a corresponding reduction in the wages received. Superintendent Yerlington yesterday plainly laid the matter before the men, stating that it was either a general draft of men or a reduction in time. While it will be difficult for the men to live on reduced pay, it is much better than nothing at all, and they accepted the plan without a murmur, knowing full well that necessity alone would induce Mr. Yerlington to make the reduction.

Within the past week a new discovery has been made in the locality of Mancos, Colo., which, though lacking the extent of the fields of the south, will prove of far more value. Gold has been discovered in good paying quantities for hydraulic workings in this vicinity below the town. The gravel beds are deep and the deposit rich. Excitement is said to be increasing and stakes are being driven in great numbers. The miners of the district have held a meeting and adopted resolutions setting forth the exact condition of affairs here and adopting mining laws for the district, which comprises the country drained by the Rio Mancos.

The Tucson (Arizona) *Star* says it is more than probable that Gila bend will be the seat of a new county ere the close of the next legislature. It also states that it would be much less expensive to Maricopa county to have all kinds of legal and official business required to be done in the section of Gila Bend country done at that place, as it would save a vast amount of mileage for officers, witnesses and jurors. The division of Pima county will also be up for consideration, and while at it, why not include at least one other and make a clearing up of division for a few years to come? With smaller counties comes better and cheaper county government, all of which is due the people and highly acceptable to them.

The bull fight in Juarez Sunday afternoon was decidedly the most exciting of the season. The bulls turned into the ring were large fellows, with long keen horns and three of them proved extremely vicious and both quick and active. A "banderillero" tripped and fell in front of a fiery bull with an immense breadth of horns and it was owing to the animal having such long horns that his life was saved by his fellow fighters, who quickly gathered around and attracted the bull's attention. The beast made several ineffectual lunges at the prostrate man but each time the horns passed on either side. Another man daringly laid down at the captain's feet as the latter stood banderillos in hand awaiting a charge. The charge was made, after which the man arose unscathed from his dangerous position. The bull had thrown dirt all over him. The coolness of the captain no doubt saved his life.—*El Paso Tribune*.

The sentiment of the country has apparently changed in marked degree recently in respect to Sunday opening, and seems now to be overwhelmingly in favor of an open fair.