

## WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Cheyenne business men report more cash transactions during the past two weeks than for months past.

Four hundred car loads of fat cattle and sheep will be shipped out of Laramie county, Wyo., this spring.

A lot of 100,000 young trout will be turned loose in the streams about Durango, Colo., this season.

Three Finland miners have been seriously injured by falling coal in the Union Pacific mine at Carbon, Wyo.

An Oregon county clerk has just resigned his office after holding it continuously for thirty-two years.

Work in the Truckee, Cal., sawmill has been commenced. It is expected that at least 10,000,000 feet will be cut this year.

A still for making peppermint oil is to be put up a few miles southwest of Tacoma, Wash. Some twenty-five acres of mint have been set out.

The city council of Glenwood (Colo.) have followed the example of Fort Collins and shaved down the salary roll \$700 a year.

Fresno, Cal., tramps who will not work the required six hours a day on the city rook pile are confined in a dark cell and fed on bread and water, which usually brings them to terms.

The 3-year-old child of Jacob Krepps of Huron, Fresno county, Cal., was lost in a sandstorm. She was not found until late at night, sleeping on a levee about a mile from town.

Coke orders at Crested Butte, Colo., are increasing, and the Omaha-Grant smelter, which has taken none for several weeks, has started in with an order of twenty-one car loads a week.

A number of bands of sheep are reported to have crossed the Snake river into this county, says the Shoshone (Idaho) Journal, and it is suspected that some of them are diseased.

The North Platte, in Wyoming, is on a tear. One day last week, according to the Saratoga Sun, the river rose a foot during the night and was filled with old ice, slush and yellow mud.

There are now fifteen oil wells flowing in Los Angeles, Cal. The yield is steadily increasing as new wells are being bored all the time. The oil finds a ready market at \$1.50 and \$2 a barrel.

Joseph E. Price died at Marysville, Cal., a few days ago from blood poison, due to an ulcerated tooth which had been giving him trouble for some time, but which he would not have extracted.

Sanitary Inspector Colby, of Grand Junction, says the Denver News, notified Secretary Gresswell of the state veterinary board that he has turned back one herd of sheep to Utah. Mr. Colby is of the opinion that there will be no further trouble.

The county commissioners of Storey county, Nevada, have enacted an ordinance creating a chain gang, and which provides that vagrants and others sentenced so to serve shall work upon the streets and be shackled with a ball and chain.

Both horticulture and agriculture are experiencing a large and rapid growth in the Espanola portion of the Rio Grande valley, just south of the Colorado line. New ditches are being built and the people are busy setting out fruit trees and putting in crops.

Judge Reid and John Reid, of Manti, have some excellent mineral prospects in the west mountains, says the Ephraim Enterprise. Some of the rock from near the surface assayed 10 ounces in silver and 15.1 per cent copper.

Mrs. John Showers, of Leadville, Colo., has had her right leg terribly lacerated by an enraged bull dog. Her husband ran to her assistance and succeeded in tearing the brute from her. He shot the dog, which is described as one of the finest in the state and valued at \$100.

Captain Page and his lieutenants are proud of their militia company, says the Box Elder Voice. The boys are attending their drills with punctuality and regularity. They are making such rapid progress in practicing that the "awkward squad" hasn't yet been found. Before a month passes Captain Page says there will be a public drill.

When Frank Thomas, the sealer at the freight sheds at Sacramento, Cal., opened a freight car last Tuesday, he found a boy half dead from hunger. He did not give his name, but stated that he got into the car at Truckee and went to sleep. While sleeping he was locked in. When released he had been two days without food or water.

The past winter has been marked by the fall of more than the average amount of rain and snow in Arizona. The amount of snow which fell in the mountains has probably not been equalled in several years. The streams in general apparently contain sufficient water for irrigation.

The sheep feeders of the Cache-la-Poudre valley, says the Fort Collins (Colo.) Courier, are doing a good deal of skirmishing these days for hay. The supply is running short and some of the feeders are compelled to ship their lambs before being fairly ready in consequence of this shortage.

Ed Rosling, a farmer near Greeley, Colo., will this year devote fifty-five acres to potatoes, eleven acres to wheat and the remainder to alfalfa. Last year he only got 220 sacks of potatoes from twenty acres, but another patch of six acres gave him 1,100 sacks. His wheat crop was fairly good, 1,500 bushels from fifteen acres.

A dispatch from Casper, Wyo., says it is known now that two more lives were lost during the blizzard of March 19. The bodies of Conrad Dailey and Martin Kittenbach have been found. E. O. Houcks and Edward Merrill are still missing. Merrill is the son of Judge Merrill, of Rawlins. Searching parties are now looking for them.

The creameries of northern Colorado, says the Boulder News, are now paying 80 cents a hundred pounds for milk delivered at the factory and the skimmed is returned. A short time ago the factories were paying a dollar

a hundred. The price varies from 4g to \$1.20 throughout the year according to season and location.

The suit of Henderson Glover against the Judson Manufacturing company et al to recover \$25,000 damages for causing his arrest on a charge of being one of the Judson train robbers, is creating a great deal of interest in the Superior Court at Oakland, Cal. Each day the court room is crowded and front seats are at a premium.

The Tucson, Ariz., merchants complain that the recent decision on the jobbers tariff has almost destroyed the trade in that place for the reason that merchandise can be shipped to Gila Bnd and other towns along the Southern Pacific road from Los Angeles cheaper than from Tucson. So writes the Prospector.

Jerome, the largest mining camp in Arizona, has been entirely destroyed by fire. All the business houses are gone, including the records and other property of the postoffice. The fire could not be controlled owing to the heavy winds that prevailed. The loss is estimated at \$50,000. A defective flue in the postoffice was the cause of the fire.

The Garrison Tribune states that wheat drills are running all over the San Luis valley. In some localities the acreage of grain will not be so large as last year and in other localities it will be larger, so that the general average will be about the same. Many are putting in large crops of potatoes, alfalfa and peas and will give more attention to stock—especially to hogs.

Arizona is said to be rapidly developing her orange industry, and one orchard of 90 acres near Phoenix is now in full bloom. The past winter has been the most rigorous within the memory of the oldest settlers, yet the trees have survived it entirely uninjured while the orchards of southern California have suffered much from frost.

A strong coal company has been formed, principally in Mancos, to work the magnificent coal beds outcropping near Lost Canyon. They have seven feet of solid coal in the breast of their tunnel. The coal is of the finest peacock quality, and the mouth of the tunnel is within a stone's throw of the Rio Grande Southern railroad.

J. G. Watts, state senator from Boise county, Idaho, has sued the Statesman for \$10,000 damages. The suit, says the Canyon county Argus, is the result of the publication of an article regarding certain gold nuggets which were in the Idaho exhibit at the World's Fair, which it was claimed Watts disposed of and appropriated the money to his own use.

The country adjacent to the town of Palisade, in the upper Grande valley, says the Grand Junction Star-Times, is coming to the front as a fruit region. Many sales of small tracts have been made this spring, and in every instance the purchaser has set about preparing the ground and ordering the trees to make his start in the leading industry of Grand valley.

Judge Holbrook has rendered an opinion at Monte Vista, Colo., in which he holds that the sheriff has no right to charge litigants for his traveling ex-