WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

To Try the Validity of the Idaho Test Oath Law.

A CURIOSITY IN PETRIFIED TREES.

Singular Accident in Wyoming.—Interesting Notes on Mining and Other Matters.

There are several cases of diphtheria in Park City.

An attempt will be made at Price, Emery county, this evening (Monday), to organize a permanent literary and debating society.

Hunters report game of all kinds scarce this year than ever before in the history of this portion of Wyoming, says the Meeteetse Enterprise.

A mandolin, guitar, flute and violin club is about to be organized in Logan. The proposed membership is about twenty-five.

W. Mont Ferry left Park City on Saturday last for Golden, Colo., to attend the Colorado state festival of mine during the winter term. He expects to return sometime in May.

J. Edgar Allen, a member of an aristocratic Boston family, fell dead from heart disease in a Los Angeles saloon a few days ago. He has been drinking heavily for some time.

The new uniform for the Agricultural College cadets is very handsome, and a great improvement on the Chinese laundryman's dress they wore last year.—*Logan Journal.*

A carload of copper bullion from the Duke smelter, at St. George, owned and operated by Westley, Lund and Zuck, went east on Saturday over the Union Pacific, having been sold at a good price. The smelter and mines are now running at full blast.

James VanBuskirk came in today (Saturday, Oct. 15th) from Bull Mountain, where they have been getting out wood. He says the snow was very deep out there and that it took four teams to move a wagon and the horses were nearly out of sight in the snow. —*Laramie Boomerang.*

Willie Deputy Sheriff Tom Cannegan and Special Officer Charles Winslow were attempting to arrest three desperadoes Yaqui Indians near Calabasas, Arizona, the latter opened fire on their persons, shooting Winslow through the fleshy part of the left leg. The Indians escaped to the hills.

Chalis *Graphic*: Custer county (Idaho) has a curiosity in the shape of a group of petrified trees, about fifteen miles from Challis, first found by Sheriff Horsford. These trees have been seen but by few persons and are said to be strange to look upon. Trunks from stumps to thirty feet in height bearing out from the naturalness of trees, and from two to fifteen feet in diameter.

Owing to the cave in the Mayflower mine, ore has not been coming up as freely as usual and the driver of the first team to the mine has been enabled to get through his day's work several hours sooner than those who came later, and there has been as much rivalry between Farrell's and Ivar's teamsters that some of them have the trip to the mine as early as 2 o'clock in the morning.—*Park City Record.*

Justice Sullivan of the Idaho supreme court said yesterday that the case of Shepard vs. Grimmel, instituted to test the validity of the Idaho test oath law, was on Monday last argued and submitted. A decision will be rendered some time next week, and then the Mormons of Idaho will know whether or not they may register immediately, and vote at the forthcoming general election.—*Idaho Daily Statesman* (October 15).

The Chalk Creek Mine company has now penetrated their coal vein and find it about eight feet thick and as clear of faults or foreign material as ever a vein of coal was. The coal is the hardest ever found in this basin. The company say that they will try transportation over the U. P. for a time, but if they attempt the freeze out game with them that they shall see that another road goes through Coalville.—*Coalville Chronicle.*

Fish Commissioner Mills is having the state Fish Hatchery repaired throughout and getting it in shape for the fall take of spawn, says the Corinne (New.) *Appeal.* The close of this season's work was the end of a most successful year, inasmuch as young trout had been successfully planted in almost inaccessible waters throughout the eastern part of the state. California anglers are rapidly getting on to the fact that Nevada can raise the hardiest and gamest brook trout on earth.

The Pioneer Canal company have let the contract for the reconstruction of their large flume near the Salt Green ranch, twenty-five miles southwest of the city, to Victor Beaumier. Mr. Beaumier will commence the work at once. The flume is about 1,500 feet long and will be twenty feet wide and six feet high, being four feet wider than the present flume and two feet higher. The high line canal which has been surveyed by the land company may be constructed during the coming season. The contractors who are constructing the big ditch in Colorado, diverting the headwaters of the Laramie river, now have 200 men at work.—*Laramie Boomerang.*

Harry Shields was instantly killed in the Prince mine a few days ago. He was head timberman in the mine. At the time of the accident Shields was engaged putting in timbers in an old drift on the second level. He had put in two sets and in preparing to put in the last set next to the face he found a rock projecting from above which had to be moved. He told his associates to wait a minute and, taking a hammer, struck the projecting rock a few blows. The drift was following the lead and the formation was not hard. A few blows loosened the rock, which seemed to be the keystone, and it fell was followed immediately by seven or eight tons of broken rock and ledge matter. The mass came down without warning, and Shields was crushed beneath it. The rock was removed as speedily as possible, but the unfortunate man showed no sign of life.—*Wallace (Idaho) Miner.*

A singular accident lost a valuable horse for Jim Westman of Buffalo, Wyoming, a few days ago. Westman and some others were on a hunt in the Big Horn mountains. They had packed one horse and started back to camp on the Tan Sleep. When a little below the big meadows the animal started down a steep bank leading to the creek. The earth was loose and treacherous, and the horse lost its footing and slid and fell into the water. When the men reached the animal's side they found it lying in a foot of water. It had taken a weak fling into the creek and flowed its head beneath a huge rock, from beneath which the contorted exertions of the men were unable to extract it, and the horse was drowned. So tightly had the animal's head been held by the rock that Westman was forced to cut the head from the trunk in order to secure the bridle. The horse was a great favorite with its owner, and was highly valued.

A Washington Bear Stock.

Every one naturally has long ears a black bear going to his work was passing along the Pierce's Hill road, near Washington. Paying little attention to what was before him he suddenly found himself confronted by a large grizzly bear. The boy did what almost any one would have done under the same circumstances—turned and ran as fast as his legs might carry him. Luckily the bear did not follow, and he reached a house safe and sure enough.

The house into which ran that a grizzly bear had escaped from the zoological garden. It would be hard to tell how the story happened, because every one was afraid to go out of doors. People barricaded their doors and windows and kept their children in the house. The streets in the neighborhood were without any people.

The superintendent of the zoological garden stated, at any rate, that his bear had not been on the Pierce's Hill road, and he speculated by several well armed volunteers on searches in pursuit of the animal.

They came upon him not far from the place where the boy had seen him. The bear succeeded his pursuers half-heartedly. The superintendent was led to hope that he might be captured alive.

"Let's surround him," said the chief of the hunters.

They proceeded to form a ring about the grizzly. The pioneering information bear at once, and he made a ferocious attack upon one of the hunters.

Let, fire! he could reach the man all the other hunters pushed bravely on the scene and their three-hundred rounds, whereupon the grizzly, among himself astonished, turned tail with a growl and ran to a tree near by.

Once more the crowd crept upon the bear, and then the animal ended valiantly at their all. This time several men fired at once, and the young bear's brief period of liberty was brought to an end.—*Washington Leader.*

"Old Sport" Compares to Trees.

There were traces of sorrow mingling with those of hilarity and age on the face of "Old Sport" Carpenn as he made his customary rounds of the Chalk street resorts yesterday. He did not push the sale of his stock of chewing gum with his wonted activity and persistency. Occasionally he brushed away a tear from his eyes with his rough and wrinkled hands. Tears are not rare with "Old Sport," but it was evident that these he was brushing back yesterday were sincere.

"What's the matter, 'Old Sport?'" more than one of his customers asked.

"Old Sport" placed his stock of gum on the sidewalk. He drew a little bundle of paper from one of his pockets, and carefully unrolling it drew from its folds a bit of yellow paper—a clipping from an eastern police journal. It told of the sudden death in Bridgeport, Conn., of Alexander Campona, sixty-five years old. He was "Old Sport's" brother. Of his death the veteran pedestrian knew nothing until he was handed the clipping yesterday.

No grave was ever dampened by warmer or more boiling tears than those shed over the bit of yellow paper that conveyed the message of sorrow to poor "Old Sport."—*Chicago Tribune.*

Disease Germs in Paper Money.

The possibility of infection being conveyed to a large number of persons by means of paper money has often been suggested, and an examination of the notes of the Bank of Spain current in Cuba shows that this form of currency is indeed liable to contain septic germs. The notes chosen for their experiments were those that had been in use for a good while, and were dirty as regards sound values of a few pence only. It was estimated that two notes, weighing altogether about fifteen grains, contained more than 13,000 germs of various kinds.

Cultures were made in broth, gelatine and agar, and these were injected into the peritoneal cavity of rats and guinea pigs, most of which died within twenty-four hours, the post mortem examination showing signs of peritonitis and congestion of the liver and kidneys. The blood of the heart and peritoneum was made use of to inoculate solid media, in which colonies developed so rapidly that it was impossible to determine their precise nature, many different forms being intermingled.—*London Lancet.*

A Pittsburg justice decides that it is legal for any householder, from his own premises, to injure water upon an engine grinder who refuses to move on.

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J. B. Pace T'bacco Co., Richmond, Va.

NOTICE.

West Ajax Mining and Milling Co. Principal Place of Business Salt Lake City, Utah.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT AT a meeting of the Board of Directors held on the 12th day of October, 1892, an assessment of five cents per share was levied upon all the capital stock of the company payable to the undersigned, Secretary, at the office of the company, Room 4, Dooly Block, Salt Lake City, Utah. Those shares upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on the 12th day of November, 1892, will be delinquent and advertised for sale at public auction, and unless payment is made before, will be sold on the 12th day of December, 1892, at the office of the company, Room 4, Dooly Block, Salt Lake City, Utah, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with costs of advertising and expenses of sale.

JOHN L. SERGEANT, Secretary.

Salt Lake City, Utah, September 12th, 1892.

NOTICE.

SEALED BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED BY the undersigned, at Provo City, Utah, until 8 o'clock P.M. on the 24th day of October, 1892, for the purchase of the property belonging to the bankrupt estate of the Provo Woolen Mill company, consisting of the machinery and fixtures used in said woolen mill, the lease of the premises on which said mill is situated, and the good will of said business.

Each bid must be accompanied by a deposit of money or a certified check for ten per cent of the amount bid, which will be forfeited to the estate in case the bidder fails to comply with his bid.

The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

By order of the Creditors of Salt Lake City, under Trustee, this 10th day of October, 1892.

L. S. HILLIER,
Trustee.

TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, ELIZABETH BRETT, JAMES H. Brett and Isabella Brett, by their deed of trust dated the fifth day of July, 1890, and recorded in Book 21 of Mortgages, page 65, in the office of the County Recorder of Salt Lake, in the Territory of Utah, to Frank Fox and Mary Fox, conveyed to the undersigned, Trustee, the following described real estate situated in Salt Lake City, Utah Territory, to wit: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40,