

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

The Sundance (Wyo.) *Gazette* says the Elkhorn surveyors have been busy at Belle Fourche the past few days laying out additions to the town.

At Choteau the death has just occurred of Nancy Brewer Stanley, probably the oldest white inhabitant of Montana. She was 94 years, 2 months and 18 days old.

A very large number of wolf and coyote hides are being brought to town these days, says the Sundance (Wyo.) *Gazette*, and the bounty bill against the county is growing with rapid strides.

Jule Lamoreaux, a citizen of Lander, Wyo., has stated that he will donate forty acres of land adjoining the town of Lander for the site of the state agricultural college, providing he is allowed to designate the location.

J. J. Cooper has received and stored in Lama, Colo., 2,500 bushels of wheat, 2,500 bushels of oats and a carload of alfalfa seed brought in from the lands of the Colorado Farm and Irrigation company in Prowers county.

An execution has been issued against the town of Evans (Colo.) to collect \$700 costs in a suit which the town commenced against a saloonkeeper and which was finally decided in favor of the latter. This is the first case of the kind on record in Colorado.

Three prisoners broke jail at Fort Collins, Colo., on Wednesday evening about dark. Under-Sheriff Osborne, when he went to feed the prisoners, discovered that three of them had escaped by breaking the bars of the west window.

The commissioners of Fremont county, Wyoming, have brought suit in the supreme court of the state to test the constitutionality of the bill creating the county of Big Horn, which is taken from the northern part of Fremont county and a portion of Johnson.

The Congregationalists of Boulder, Colo., had a very unique sociable on Wednesday evening in the parlors of the church. The feature of the evening was Prof. George H. Rowe's experiments of boiling tea by electricity, which called out a large audience.

The Omaha *World-Herald* says: George Guaneila has telegraphed from Hinton station, some ten miles south of this city, that the petrified body of a human being had been found by the workmen engaged in blasting in the quarries of Guaneila & Mitchell.

Boise has four wholesale liquor houses, two breweries and eighteen saloons. Liquor can also be purchased by the pint at three drug stores, all of which induces the Rexburg *Silver Hammer* to remark that "Satan must be doing a howling business over at the capitol.

The business men of Sheridan, Wyo., have forwarded a petition to Washington requesting the department to improve the mail service between Sheridan and Billings, by running the mail car through to the end of the line instead of cutting it off at Sheridan.

Sheep men, who have been idling their time for a few weeks in this and

Rush valleys, are now driving their flocks to the desert, says the *Tooele Transcript*. They are jubilant on account of the snow storm, and seem to think there will not be much loss this winter.

Rock Springs (Wyo.) *Independent* says that fresh eggs are in great demand in Rock Springs and command the top price. It suggests that some enterprising man could make a fortune by seeing that this great market is well supplied.

Emil D. Lao and David R. Lao, who were shot a few days since by Euterio Leyba at Pena Blanca, a Mexican village west of Cerrillos, on account of an old feud, have both died. Leyba is in jail at Albuquerque. This is the end of a bitter feud that has been carried on for years.

On the steamer Gaelic, which arrived at San Francisco on Friday, there are 482 cases of opium, from which the government will receive \$114,000 in duties. Most of the drug is intended for Chinese dealers, but is consigned to brokers. Chinese are not permitted to import opium in their own name.

Steve Barron has brought suit at Oakland, Cal., against Patrick O'Connor, aged 62, to recover \$5,000. Barron alleges in his complaint that O'Connor stealthily, willfully and maliciously seized his wife, and before she could escape killed her several times. Mrs. Barron is described as being young and pretty.

The Rexburg (Idaho) *Silver Hammer* says that the coal mine discovered in the Teton basin shows a three and a half foot ledge of as pretty peacock coal as anyone ever looked upon and the quality improves as greater depth is attained. Peacock coal stands next to anthracite, and is largely found in the west.

Gay, the Montana murderer captured in California, has made a full confession. Deputy Sheriff Keys knew the prisoner twelve years ago in the Black Hills country when he was worth over half a million. To him Gay said he never intended to be taken alive and was completely taken by surprise when captured.

Idaho Daily Statesman: Warden Campbell reports the work of enlarging the reservoir at the penitentiary is progressing nicely. The capacity of the reservoir will be greatly increased. It is proposed to set out 1,500 fruit trees on the prison reserve, which will be irrigated with water from the reservoir.

George Allen and Frank Bailey, two gamblers, were playing poker for a jacket at Culbertson, Mont., on Wednesday night. At the show down Allen had four aces and a gun; Bailey had a gun and four queens. Allen is dead, though he pulled his gun first, Bailey being too quick for him. The murderer has escaped.

Missoula, Montana, is taking steps to prevent the removal of the university. At present, it is said, the prospects are that the Missoula Hotel building will be offered to the state free of rent for university purposes and that local

capitalists and business men will donate a sufficient sum to maintain the university until there are public funds to do it.

The Missoula (Montana) Home Dramatic company, headed by Herr Bandmann, will make a tour of the state, presenting "The Merchant of Venice," "Corsican Brothers," and "Narcissus." The company will consist of fifteen persons. All the receipts over actual expenses will be given over to the university fund.

James McKay, employed in the Ophir mine at Virginia, Nevada, killed himself on Monday afternoon by cutting his throat with a razor in the basement of the family residence in the north end of town. No reason for the act is known. The deceased was a native of Nova Scotia, aged 45 and leaves a widow and three children.

David Jones, foreman of the Congress mine, at Prescott, A. T., had his preliminary examination on Tuesday for the killing of John Jones a week ago, and was discharged. It was shown by the evidence that Jones had made threats against the foreman's life on account of the latter refusing to give him work.

Charles Johnson and Gustav E. Wennerberg, owners of a cigar stand at San Francisco, were smothered to death on Sunday morning at their lodgings by illuminating gas. When they retired the previous night one of them accidentally turned on the gas, after extinguishing the light, the gas fixture being defective.

H. E. Grumby was arrested at Los Angeles, Cal., on Wednesday on a charge by S. Henry of swindling him by selling him an interest in land which had no existence. Mr. Grumby is a real estate man there and is said to have swindled numerous other persons in like manner, among them many in Pasadena, where he pretended to locate claims on government land.

F. W. Mead, the ex-postmaster of Lenado, Colo., under indictment for stealing \$25 from a registered letter in September, 1892, has been convicted by a jury in the United States district court at Denver. Notice of a motion for a new trial was filed by his counsel. The penalty for Mead's offense is not less than one year nor more than five years in the penitentiary.

At Fort Benton, Montana, J. O. Anderson, a stenographer in the office of United States Senator Powers, was committed suicide, leaving a letter stating that his reasons for the act would never be known. He was to have gone to Dayton, O., in a few days to testify at the trial of a friend charged with forgery and selling passes over the Nickel Plate railway.

The report of Warden Campbell, of the Idaho penitentiary, for November, shows there were 106 convicts in the prison on November 1st and 109 on November 30th. Of these 6 are undergoing life sentence, 2 are in for 35 years, 1 for 25 years, 1 for 21 years, 1 for 16 years, 5 for 15 years, 4 for 12 years and the remainder for from 1 to 10 years.

The indications seem to multiply of an intention on the part of the Gulf road to build a railroad spur into the Hartville iron range, says the *Cherryenne Sun*. The value of this immense