

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

In Shoshone county, Idaho, 26 per cent of the taxpayers are delinquent.

Boulder, Colo., is about to invest \$2,800 in an electric fire alarm system.

Mesa county, Colo., claims to have over 1,000 miles of irrigating ditches.

Arizona canaigre for tanning purposes is being shipped to Europe.

Fort Collins, Colo., is shipping fine graded Clyde horses to Texas by the carload.

Austin, Nev., is to have a first-class flour mill to dispose of the surplus Nevada wheat.

Routt county, Colo., will raise hogs and hereafter feed surplus wheat to porkers.

Buena Vista, Colo., proposes to elect two ladies on the town board at the April election.

The Laramie, Wyo., Coal and Ice company is cutting 4,000 tons of ice at Laramie for Denver people.

The lightning rod fakers are still "working" the farmers of Boise valley, Idaho.

Red Bluff, Cal., is much wrought up because some one has poisoned several valuable dogs in the last few days.

Valentine, Neb., claims to have been the coldest spot in the West one day last week.

Coal has been struck near Akron, Colo., at a depth of 155 feet, but not in sufficient thickness to justify mining.

Three iron, four-masted British ships are at anchor at Tacoma, Wash., awaiting wheat cargoes for Europe.

The Rankin, Wyo., coal mines near Rawlins, have doubled their output this season.

The Boise City (Idaho) *Statesman* mentions the survey of the Union Pacific main line through that city.

Near Carson, Nev., Geo. C. Bryson met a lynx in a dark tunnel and killed it after fierce fight with the brute.

The Cripple Creek, Colo., miners and mine owners are endeavoring to settle their differences by arbitration.

Flagstaff, Ariz., stone is becoming widely celebrated. It resembles Colorado redstone, and is making its way to the Pacific coast cities.

Eastern Colorado is rejoicing over the recent snowfall. Plowing will now proceed at a rapid rate now that moisture has loosened the earth's surface.

A number of California tobaccoists have been fined \$5 each for violating the ordinance prohibiting the sale of tobacco to miners.

In Butte, Mont., a two-year-old child lighted a match, ignited a bottle of lemon extract and was burned to death.

The new railroad bridge of the Florence and Cripple Creek railroad, 126 feet long, is rapidly nearing completion.

Idaho City reports heavy rains fallen upon deep snows, which, now formed into ice, promises abundance of water next summer.

El Paso and Park counties are vigorously opposing the segregation of

territory to form the new county of Cripple Creek, Col.

At Las Vegas, N. M., 2,000 head of 2-year-old steers were purchased last week for feeding in northern Wyoming.

Gallup, N. M., is in the throes of a local war between the city council on the one side and a justice of the peace and city marshal on the other.

Silverton, Colo., announces preparations for an organized scheme for working the gold placers in the Animas river as soon as spring arrives.

Land in the vicinity of Grand Junction, Colo., which sold two years ago for \$10 an acre, recently sold for \$200 an acre planted in orchard.

Idaho has had deep snows, mild weather and some rain. Large snow-slides are inevitable in the valleys in the northern portion of the state.

Montana's total production of gold and silver since 1880, as shown by official reports, amounted to \$181,194,360 in silver and \$40,392,152 in gold.

Florence, Colo., is considering a proposition to grant a franchise for a waterworks system and the Florence *News* warns the powers that be to "go slow."

Chaffee, Colo., county alfalfa hay sells for more than it will bring when fed to horses. It brings \$12 or \$15 a ton while horses sell in Eagle county at \$13 each.

Old settlers in Wyoming are wondering what has become of the deep snows of the winters of old lang syne. The snow fall in Wyoming is steadily decreasing.

The state treasurer of Colorado has paid out nearly the \$31,000 designated for the different counties from the semi-annual distribution of school fund.

Boulder county, Colo., commissioners have made sweeping reductions in the salaries of deputy clerks and other deputy county officials. The reductions run from 25 to 50 per cent.

Boulder, Colo., records a big cattle deal by S. B. Austin, who has gone to round up about 2,500 head of heaves in the Blue River Valley Nebraska.

The Goler placers in the Mohave desert are pronounced no good for poor men. All the good diggings have been taken up by large syndicate agents.

Payette valley, Idaho, farmers are about to start an irrigating canal near Caldwell, Idaho, which will bring into cultivation 20,000 acres of rich land.

Trinidad, Colo., will inaugurate a great union church revival February 12, immediately following the suppression of gambling houses by ordinance in that city.

Another Colorado colony from Weld county has located at Westland, north of Cheyenne, Wyoming. They have bought 1,600 acres of land under cultivation.

The sneak thief has been getting in

his fine work during the past few days at Denver, over a dozen cases of larceny having been reported to the detectives.

La Veta, Colo., will have new stock-yards and transfer depot as soon as carpenters can be spared from the Cripple Creek branch road to do the work at La Veta.

The Denver *News* thinks that every county in Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado should have a voice in the arid land discussion in the San Francisco congress.

Fruit and vegetable growers near Tacoma, Wash., are moving in the matter of establishing a cannery. It is thought possible that the company will open next season.

Wolf hunting round ups have become a favorite sport on the plains in Eastern Arapahoe county. Six wolves were run down in one circle last week.

Platteville, Colo., proposes to boom this year. The idea of a large reservoir above the town is being materialized and the wheel of prosperity is said to be rolling that way.

A Tacoma, Wash., barber, who conducts a shop in connection with a hotel, has been arrested for keeping his place open on Sundays. He claims that the shop is part of the hotel.

At Greeley, Colo., the Fort Collins papers assert that coyotes are so tame and plentiful that they run about the streets at night and play with the domestic dogs of Greeley.

Two guns abandoned in the hills near Rankin, Wyo., in 1886 by two Rawlins boys were picked up where they left them when the boys were lost in a storm eight years ago.

There are said to be 2,000 deer hides in Routt county, just across the Wyoming line in Colorado, belonging to ranchmen and others. They are stated to be worth \$1 each. Elk hides bring \$2.

Sixty thousand rainbow trout eggs are shortly expected in the city from Neosho, Missouri, says the Laramie *Boomerang*. Twenty-five thousand brown trout eggs were received recently.

At Weiser, Idaho, twenty-five kegs of pickles were imported from the Pacific coast a few days ago because the farmers in that region of Idaho neglected last season to plant cucumbers.

Wind river, Wyo., cattle ranges were leased for five years last week, the government contracting to keep off intruders with a cavalry patrol. 1,000,000 acres for \$1,200, and one range of about 1,500,000 acres for \$1,500.

Clearmont coal mines, Wyoming, challenge competition. It is said to be the best yet discovered in Wyoming. The Burlington and Missouri river is about to build a branch road to the new discovery.

Marshall pass and the Cumbres pass on the southern branch of the Rio Grande road have had unusually light snow falls this season. Trains have had no difficulty in making regular time.

Rio Grande trainmen running into Salida report the heaviest snow ever known on that road between Tennessee pass and eagle canon. They an-