NEWS OF THE WEST.

A Released Convict's Romantic Career; He Goes Home to Die.

A MAGNIFICENT CORN CROP.

Killed by a Freight Train—Diabolical Attempt at Train Wrecking—Other Items.

As Peter Hamill and John Dougherty were strolling home the railroad track north of a freight train in a boggy on Monday afternoon, their buggy was struck by the engine and smashed. The larger part of Dougherty's body found was a foot. Hamill was horribly mangled and will die.

A diabolical attempt at train wrecking was made on the main division of the Southern Pacific road early on Monday morning. It failed only because the train-worker discovered the obstructions that the wreckers had placed on the track, and removed them before the fiendish scheme was consummated.

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Wide of acreage and magnificent of yield is the corn crop of this year of the Platte and Beaver valleys, says a special from Beaver City, Nebraska. Last year's corn yield of more two Nebraska great corn producing regions was accounted almost phenomenal, but this year it's believed it will be exceeded increase. Springing shortly after Odessa, gathering closer as it advances up the valley, heavily loaded, towering stalwarts and some around Beaver City, this year's growth will average between twelve and fifteen per cent, from after first of July to the ultimate finish. Better cultivation, more and newly tools to put more. As far as the eye can reach on either side of the broad stretches the numerous corn row, some two and four miles out shall, were the silken corn tassel, and noises to low but varied music to the homesteader's ear the broad corn leaf. Throughout corn belt up to the season of western and western South it was the talk along lines of agricultural money which flowing contribution in the Platte and Beaver valleys, what. An unusual capacity of the fertile and deep soil to withstand the effects of individual drought, and the certainty of at the time setting in the fall, which is almost an unknown element. Too much rain was made at late season, but it is not to have considerable moist any circumstances.

J. J. Smith, a convict in the Arizona territorial prison under a twenty-year sentence, has just been released by the pardon of Governor Hughes, which was sent up last year by Governor Tarvalt mainly for complicity in the wrecking and robbing of the Atlantic and Pacific train at Canyon Diablo. He's was one of the four alleged Sandy O'Neil, then sheriff, shot a posse in the Black Canyon and Gila Bend, where they were finally taken. Some trouble was experienced in getting the prisoners out, but finally the posse, leading to unmistakable the Dip through Arizona, took them into Prescott and started with them by train to Prescott. They were all locked upon as bad men, a heavy guard also was taken to prevent their escape. Each was shackled and handcuffed by the ankles, but, notwithstanding all this, one Harris Tom, an Ute Indian, Frank jumped through the window, handcuffs and all, and rolled out of sight down the mountain side. The train was going down a steep grade, but as soon as possible it was stopped, and the three went back expecting to find the escaped boy of the escape, but no trace was found except some blood stains on the rocks where he had fallen. They came on with the other prisoners, and at the next station the officers were notified of the escape and given Harris's description and the fact that good reward was offered for him, and he supposed intention of going either to Texas or Mexico. Two weeks later Smith was walking and heading for a ranch which he had shot at a ranch, across the Mexican line. He was taken back to Prescott, where he pleaded guilty to the charge of being an accessory to the robbery of the Atlantic and Pacific train, and was sentenced to twenty years in the penitentiary. He was pardoned by Governor Hughes, who was in Arizona at the time of the trial, and he was released from the prison last week. Smith's sentence was for life, but he was pardoned on the ground that he was a mere boy when he committed the crime, and that he was led into it by the influence of his brother, who was killed by the posse in the Black Canyon. Smith's brother was a desperado, and had a long record of crime. Smith's mother, who is a respectable woman, lives in Tucson, and he will go there to live with her. He is very low with consumption, and it is thought he will not live long.

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