

NEWS OF THE WEST.

HIGHWAY AND BYWAYS.
Two Men Lost in a Burning Mine.

ONE MORE VICTIM OF THE DESERT.

An Express Car Burned.—Working Train.—Death of Broken Miers.—Waterworks for Elmer.

Mr. Hugh Sloan has for some time back been engaged in planning the water system for El Paso, Brewster County, says the *El Paso Daily*. Last week he arrived there to oversee, and a few days will go south to superintend the work of laying the pipe. The last part of his work will be to obtain a permit and it will be but a short time until the waterworks are completed. The neighboring city, Marfa, is also thinking of putting in pipes and have concluded fellow townsmen on the subject.

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A middle-aged man with gray hair and mustache registered at the American Exchange hotel, San Francisco, a few days ago as J. Conlin of New York. He was well dressed and spoke with an air of confidence with costly air. His baggage was contained in two leather valises, and he appeared to be a commercial traveler. On Wednesday night Conlin's room being dead up his bed by mice, he got up and found that he had removed his coat and hat and was lying in an easy position. The body was removed to the morgue, and the contents of the two valises were examined by the coroner, who found nothing of the deceased, nor any thing of the contents of the valises.

News has been received of a shooting in the desert near the Southern Arizona line in Mexico, which resulted fatally. Frank Peary and Wm. Brock, two miners working in the San Pablo mine, crack too many liquor and got into a fight. They were arrested by a Mexican sheriff and police, which started to prison with him. Peary came up and said: "Are you going to let a gasser put you in jail?" whereupon Brock drew his revolver and struck the other over the head with his pistol, and succeeded in holding them at bay till Brock escaped. Peary was captured, but on his way to prison was shot and has not been heard of since. In the same place a dozen Mexican officers were killed by the two Americans, and if they are caught Mexico will go hard with them.

On Friday morning a Wells-Fargo Express train east on the Atlantic and Pacific caught fire from sparks falling on the car roof, burning near Albuquerque, New Mexico, and, as the wind was blowing almost a gale, the fire spread so rapidly that the car and contents were entirely destroyed. Passengers were safe and was saved by the sparks falling on him. His horse had time to get out of the car before there were three in the car and they were brought to Albuquerque. Each passenger had \$100, and the express cars carried a large quantity of currency besides a lot of jewelry, watches, etc. The safe was opened on Saturday, badly warped by the intense heat. The currency was safe. Many of the passengers were safe, although a large number had been injured. In extraordinary work of the trainmen, considering the intensity of the wind and the heat from the fire, the train was saved.

A dispatch from Phoenix, Arizona, says that the friends of Tim Cannell are greatly exercised by reason of his disappearance from his camp in the mountains. He left on the afternoon of Saturday, April 15, when he started out into Matamata and McCarthy's camp to lay up some meetings on claims recently located. He left with a loaded rifle a sufficient quantity of food and supplies to last him until the next morning, though it was thought he would be able to return on Saturday night. On Monday, W. H. Morgan and a man named Edwards were out in search of him, but were unable to find him. Tuesday morning the entire region turned out and none of the miners found his踪迹es and provisions and tent. They were thoroughly alarmed and it was thought that he had been captured by Indians before he left. It was hardly possible that he would wander in that region long without water and return home in reason. The ground is so inhospitable for even a experienced trapper, and whether a track has been made a mile or a month previously. Our prospectors say that Cannell could not have been lost, as he was so experienced a trapper, he must have been able to find his way home, however in strange locality, where as he was thoroughly acquainted with every feature of the country in the region. They have two theories, one that he had been captured and was held in a camp, and the other that he had gone too far from his base of supply, and became disoriented for want of water and continued his wandering. Cannell is well known throughout southern Arizona, and is a most popular personage in the Territory. Some people say he made considerable money in mining operations at Top, Top and Iron. Afterward he went to Central America, and here it is said, he returned to Mexico a different man, and his friends' surprise at his return became demented. John Hargrave, with whom he was on intimate

terms, says that he has frequently visited Cannell's camp at the trail to his place, which he would pass for a considerable distance before he would recover himself sufficiently to understand where he was. It is therefore considered most likely he wandered away from his home and was. There is no hope that he will be found alive. That country is a burnt and blackened waste without even a sign of water, the most arid camp being unable to carry its supply a distance of ten miles.

Douglas.—The scuffle of a high highwayman with an Wednesday has attracted much comment. The boy, who was in the employ of a drug store in town to the Franklin hotel, at Fourth and Franklin streets, was accused of having been in the company of the highwayman, and reported to Chief W. and a detective went up on Tuesday and put the youth through a "swearing" process to extract him to confess the thefts. The boy shortly denied any complicity in the robbery, and the threats and talk of the detective that he determined to get an end to his life.

Attorney—Lemuel Walker, who knew the boy, is speaking of the case yesterday said: "It was very difficult to get the boy to talk, but I am positive that he would not do it, and I committed the thief to him."

Walker, he pronounced—WILLIAM D. GAGE, and other prominent residents of the city.

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