

## WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

There are several cases of typhus fever in American Fork.

The streets of Santa Monica, Cal., are now lighted by electric lights.

The tramp question is becoming a serious problem in Arizona.

A petaluma hunter recently killed a wildcat measuring five feet ten inches in length.

Spokane, Wash., has 236 electric arc lights at present, for which the city pays \$8 per month each.

Grape shipments from Sonoma county, Cal., to the Eastern market this year netted \$70 a ton.

The once prosperous mining camp of Tipton, Arizona, is now deserted, owing to the low price of silver.

A small trout was picked up recently on a mud flat near Nehalem City, Or., with a pogy nearly half its size stuck in its throat.

An English gardner living near Tacoma, Wash., has successfully tried the experiment of cultivating the licorice plant.

The Butte, (Mont.) city council has drawn the color line by refusing to confirm the appointment of a negro on the police force.

Four inches of snow has set back the work of Washington (Or.) farmers and damaged many acres of wheat standing in the fields.

In a Stockton (Cal.) court one day last week, four boys were arraigned for burglary. None of the youngsters is over 16 years of age.

Olaf Johnson, who died at the Cochise county (A. T.) hospital, owned seven gold properties in the Huachuca mountains.

Street car lines of Butte, Mont., will hereafter charge 10 cents for a ride to those not having tickets. The tickets are sold for 5 cents each.

A San Diego man is utilizing an old shell of a building as a tramp lodging house. The wayfarer may obtain shelter by paying 75 cents a month.

Mrs. Bresnair, of Bellevue, Idaho, cut her finger with a piece of glass. Blood poisoning ensued and her condition is said to be quite precarious.

From a piece of ground near La Cruces, N. M., containing between one and one-half to two acres 40,000 pounds of sweet potatoes were taken this year.

The monster weir that the land company is building in the river four miles above Bakersfield, Cal., will be completed in the course of three weeks. It is over 400 feet long.

The Home dramatic club of Mount Pleasant has taken steps looking to the reorganization of the company, says the *Pyramid*, and will re-appear shortly in some new plays.

The postal authorities at Sacramento, Cal., are making an effort to prevent a certain class of doctors from using the mails illegally. As a result two men and one woman have been arrested.

On W. F. Pennabaker's ranch near Traver, Cal., there is an almond tree, five years old, that measures four feet

three and one-half inches in circumference one foot from the ground.

When engine 1603 reached Tucson, A. T., recently and was run into the house the mangled body of a man was found in the ashpan. It was the remains of a tramp killed at Deming.

W. Gus Smith, a prominent citizen of Fairplay, Col., while working upon the roof of the Karch store building on Saturday, lost his footing and fell to the street, a distance of over forty feet, and was severely injured.

C. J. Wetmore of the State Viticultural commission, Cal., expressed the opinion that the prospects for a large vintage this season are very bright. There will be an increase of 3,000,000 gallons over the vintage of 1892.

A young tramp was arrested at Santa Barbara recently and sentenced to a term in jail. He had one arm in a plaster cast. When the doctor went to examine the limb he related, The arm was found to be uninjured, and the boy was put to work.

A curious point has come up in a Los Angeles will contest. Mrs. Lucia Schisch was shot by her husband, who then turned the pistol on himself. They died very soon. The result of the case practically hinges on which died first.

Mrs. Lillian Croesdale has been committed to the insane asylum at Pueblo, Col. The woman has lived in Pueblo for twenty years and is worth \$6000. She is insane about half the time, her lunacy being partly due to cigarette smoking.

There is some talk of a new and inexhaustible industry in store for Idaho, remarks the *Bellevue Herald*, that of shipping lava blocks to eastern cities for building purposes. It is proven to be the best fire-proof material in existence.

One of the largest creameries in the state of California will soon be established at San Geronimo, near Pescadero. A company has been formed with \$20,000 capital and the contract for building a factory has been let. It will handle the milk of 2000 cows.

John Osborn, of South Riverside, Cal., was bitten on the hand by a rattlesnake a few days ago. He immediately sucked the poison from the wound, swallowed a quantity of tobacco and poulticed the wound with clay and tobacco. He recovered.

Don Campbell, a trusted bookkeeper and collector for the Bessemer Trading company, at Pueblo, Colo., has disappeared and the company offer a reward of \$25 for his arrest. He was a young man well known and popular and was fully trusted by his employers.

The superintendent of agriculture of the China beet sugar factory has been visiting our fields and factory this week and gave us a pleasant call, says the *Lehi Banner*. He is taking quite an interest in the irrigated sugar beets. They grow the white beet exclusively at Chino.

Two men named John Hunsinger and Perry Bingham recently caught

what is believed to be the largest bear ever trapped in the Big Horn basin. The animal's hide measured ten feet in width and twelve feet long. He was caught in a trap with two logs attached to it, but managed to travel two days before the hunters overtook him.

Considerable excitement has prevailed at Aspen, Colo. About 400 miners met on Wednesday and divided into squads, twenty to thirty going to each of the big producers to persuade men from going to work until the board of arbitration reports. They were successful. At night a conference between the miners and the owners was held.

Leonard Pugmire, about eight years old, of St. Charles, has met with a serious and painful accident. He found an old cartridge and tried to drive it into a hole in a board. The cartridge exploded and mangled his hand in a terrible manner. The little finger and the outer portion of the left hand have been amputated. At last account he was doing well.

Eliza Lachelle, 76, a German widow, has come to her death at San Francisco through accidentally taking a dose of oxalic acid instead of Epsom salts. The fatal mistake occurred by reason of a similarity in the appearance of the packages which contained the chemicals. She was soon seized with convulsions. A physician was summoned, but death came quickly.

George Shanto, who was one of Buffalo Bill's star riders during the past season in Chicago, has been spending several days in Laramie, Wyo., remarks the *Boomerang*, waiting for his father to come in from the Chugwater. He says Buffalo Bill wants him to purchase twenty-two of the wildest bucking horses on the Laramie plains during the winter. The best buckers they had at Chicago were from the Laramie plains.

J. M. Waterhouse, says the *Nampa Idaho Leader*, has one of the finest young orchards in the country, and has gathered his crop and disposed of it. His pear trees immediately blossomed again after the first crop was taken off, and now the trees are loaded down with a second crop, the pears being about the size of hens' eggs. This may sound a little "fishy" for southern Idaho, but it is a fact, and the trees are only two and a half years old.

A strange case of mistaken identity has occurred at Butte, Montana. Last week a man committed suicide in the city jail by taking a big dose of morphine. Since then the body has been positively identified as eight different men, and upon investigation each case of identity has proved a mistake. The body has been embalmed and is still at the morgue. Photographs have been taken of the dead man and these will be sent all over the country wherever it is supposed that any one knew him.

It is announced in the *Boise (Idaho) Statesman* that the hop industry will soon be an enormous one in the Payette country. Several owners of large tracts of land have signified their intention of engaging in that business next year. A Payette farmer has gone into the hop pole business, and in a couple of years will be able to supply