

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Nevada is on the eve of a boom, says the *Denver News*.

Fremont county, Wyoming, claims to have 75,000 sheep on its ranges.

Butte city, (Mont.) street railway has ceased operations. It did not pay expenses.

Garfield county, Colorado, is to have a large poultry farm established near Glenwood.

In Archuleta county, Colorado, the boring for oil at Navajo is proceeding satisfactorily.

At Cheyenne, Wyo., last week hunters were killing antelope within eight of the state capitol building.

In New Mexico farmers can raise Egyptian corn without irrigation. Cattle can be fattened upon it.

Chaves county, New Mexico, produces fine sweet potatoes. One man sold his crop at five cents a pound.

Thirty thousand sheep still remain to be shipped to market from Wyoming over the Elkhorn Valley road.

In Baca county, in the southeastern corner of Colorado, farmers are drilling in grain all through the winter.

Springer, N. M., will hereafter celebrate "Potato day," and Thanksgiving will furnish the date for the celebration.

In the San Luis valley, Colo., the mercury in the thermometers runs up to 100 degrees in the sun almost daily.

Trinidad, Colo., announces the arrival there of 1,100 live rabbits from Texas on the way to the Denver market.

Helena, Mont., taxes this year were \$250,000. Of this amount \$220,000 has been collected, leaving only \$30,000 delinquent.

Mesa county, Colorado, is agitating the building of a wagon road to connect the Plateau valley with Grand Junction.

The Boulder mineral springs will pass into the hands of Denver parties, who propose to build a hotel at the springs.

Navajo Indians are selling their surplus sheep at the Chaco trading post at \$1.20 a head for the Durango market.

Nevada county, Nevada, is having an open winter without snow. There is plenty of work and miners are doing well, says an exchange.

Hop-growing at Lovelock, Nev., has been very successful, and hop-planting will be extensively carried on there hereafter.

Fat sheep for the Durango, Colo., market were being sold last week in northwestern New Mexico for \$1.25 and \$1.50 per head.

At Grand Junction, Colo., the new gas well developments have been suspended until new casing arrives for piping the gas.

The relic hunters who went from Farmington, N. M., to the cave dwellers' ruins at Chaco, failed to obtain what they went after.

San Luis valley, Colo., farmers as-

sert they can afford to raise pork and sell cured hams at 12 cents a pound. Now is the time to start in.

Larimer county, Colorado, sheep men promptly dip all sheep in disinfectants as soon as they arrive within the county from New Mexico or elsewhere.

Governor Crounse of Nebraska has promised to have relief sent to the starving colonists in Box Butte county, on the Wyoming line.

Lake City, Colo., papers advise Hinsdale county miners to stay at home and develop their own mines, instead of running here and there after lodes and homes.

Near Roswell, N. M., are many natural reservoir sites, and the people propose to convert them to profitable use by storing the surplus snow water from the mountains.

At Crystal, Gunnison county, Colo., snow is four feet deep and supplies scarce. Great efforts are being made to get in winter stores before the blockade is complete.

At Lamar and La Junta, Colo., the Santa Fe Railroad company will sink artesian wells this winter. The wells will be sunk 2,000 feet if necessary to get a flow of water at the surface.

Flat pea seed has been distributed in New Mexico by Delegate Joseph. It is a new forage plant which withstands the drouth and compares favorably with alfalfa.

In Butte, Mont., the county commissioners have purchased 400 cords of wood and a lot of axes and wood saws. The unemployed are now furnished with work board and lodging.

W. A. Richards, of Cheyenne, Wyo., better known as "Fatty," has departed. He is \$800 short with insurance companies for which he was agent, and owes considerable money around town.

Wyoming settlers are protesting vigorously against the nomadic sheep men who destroy the ranges and injure settlers, make no homes and pay no taxes.

Kit Carson county, Colo., invites the starving people of the East to come till its rich and unoccupied soil. Thousands of acres of rich land is still unclaimed in that county.

Nebraska Independents have put a boycott on the Lindell hotel at Lincoln because of its recent co-operation with the Republicans in the McKeighan case.

Richardson county, Neb., farmers will plant large crops of sorghum next year for stock feeding. They can raise two crops from the same ground in one season.

The North Platte, Neb., *Tribune*, reports an increase of the mortgaged indebtedness of that county during the month of November of \$14,153.38. The population of the county is said to be about 10,000.

The "White Wings' Prayer" is having an immense run east, west, north and south, and the Gunnison, Colo., *Tribune* claims it is entitled to a royalty on the 200,000 extra papers sold containing the prayer.

U. S. Grant Jr. has purchased the Hubbell house at San Diego, Cal., and it will probably be the permanent home of the Grant family. The house cost \$92,000 to build in boom times, but Mr. Grant paid much less than that for it.

A Mosca, Colo., farmer in the San Luis valley is hauling his wheat over the Sangre de Cristo mountains into Huerfano county and realizing \$1.10 per bushel. He hauls wood on the return trip and so makes his expenses.

The body of the old man found dead on the river bank above Washington, Yolo county, Cal., last Saturday, has been disinterred and identified by the deceased's two sons as that of John Smith, of San Pablo, Contra county.

On the Cache la Poudre, Colo., a curiosity has been caught in the form of an ermine. It is 20 inches long and 4 inches high. It made short work of a prairie dog placed in a box to keep it company.

Because Otero county, Colo., is to have a creamery the farmers of Prowers county want the same source of ready cash. There is room enough for a dozen prosperous creameries in the Arkansas valley.

Orders have been made for special annexation elections in the towns of Barnum and Colfax, Colo. Leave was granted to file supplemental petitions in the annexation of North Denver and Harman.

Near Sterling, Logan County, Colo., an irrigating ditch five miles long is being constructed from the Platte river to the Powell & Dillon ranch, near Iliff. It is to be finished by March 15.

Akron, Colo., fruit growers report the prospect for apples next season as very good. Apples, plums and pears grown on the former buffalo range will be a curiosity of the nineteenth century.

At Alamosa, Colo., the grain elevators are filled to the roofs. The flour mill there has 200,000 bushels on hand and can run night and day all winter. From two to four cars of wheat are shipped from Alamosa daily.

On Wednesday evening a lamp exploded at the Devore residence at Aspen, Colo., and frightfully burned Mrs. Devore and infant, a four-year-old child. Both are reported to be in a dying condition.

At Monte Vista, Colo., W. W. Wiley raised this year from twenty-seven acres sixteen car loads of potatoes. These brought him an average of 75 cents per hundred, a cash revenue of \$2,400 or \$90 per acre. He ships his crop to Texas.

The Eddy, N. M., *Argus* says: Arizona has 1000 miles of irrigating canals. The Pecos valley alone has more than that. Arizona has 1,000,000 acres under cultivation. So will the Pecos valley when the system is as old as the Arizona canals.

The Raton, N. M., Range records the fact that Colfax county has \$6,000,000 worth of property, only \$12,000 outstanding county warrants and a \$7,000 bonded indebtedness, and yet county warrants only bring 65 cents on the dollar.

Larimer county, Colorado, has over fifty fancy chicken breeders, and it can show the finest lot of blooded poultry in the West, and yet the people