

## WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

A large number of orange trees are being planted out near Mesa, A. T., this year.

The De Lamar (Idaho) *Nugget* says the De Lamar company shipped out last week four bars of bullion valued at \$12,000.

The Petaluma *Courier* wants the city council to dispense with the curfew bell, saying that the custom is obsolete and serves no good purpose.

Montpelier *Examiner*: The Idaho wool clip will be more desirable than ever this year. The sheep wintered well, and the staple is of unusual length and firmness.

The sheepmen have met at Casper, Wyo., and set the price of shearing the same as last year, seven cents per head; wages for corral tenders and wool packers, \$2.50 per day.

Those Southern California towns that established rock piles for the use of tramps have found that the number of worthy men in need of assistance has fallen off at an astonishing rate.

Sacramento's new telephone company has filed articles of incorporation. The capital stock of the company is \$200,000, of which \$12,000 has been actually subscribed.

The latest sensation at San Diego, Cal., is the capture of what is commonly known as a "rattlesnake lizard." Its general appearance is that of a rattlesnake with legs, but the lizard's tail is devoid of rattles.

Mining in Pitkin and the Quartz creek district, Colo., promises to be very active this season. Already several new projects have been started, which will add materially to the prosperity of the camp.

The Shoshone, (Wash.) Land company, W. F. Cody, "Buffalo Bill," president, has filed articles of incorporation at Cheyenne. The capital stock is \$2,000,000. The company controls 8,000,000 acres of land.

An order was promulgated from army headquarters at Denver on Saturday prohibiting gambling on the part of soldiers. The order applies to Denver, as well as to the military reservation of the department.

W. Bohlu had his left leg literally crushed off on Tuesday while working in a mine near Frog Tanks dam, Pinal, A. T. A rock weighing four tons slipped from the face of the drift upon his leg.

The Los Angeles (Cal.) *Times* says Orange county now comes to the front with a new industry—that of extracting oil from eucalyptus leaves through the distilling process. At the present time the industry is being carried on at Garden Grove.

Portland, Wash., officers have begun a crusade against drug stores selling liquor and allowing it to be drunk on the premises. It is said the saloon men are behind the movement, as the drug sales have cut a shoe from their profits.

A San Bernardino county (Cal.) salt company has built a house of salt. The house is built of blocks of salt cut out like stone, even the fireplace, door

casings and window sills being of the same material, not a piece of anything else entering into its construction.

Lander (Wyo.) *Gazette*: E. C. Bartlett writes a friend in Lander that his new oil company has sold \$250,000 worth of treasury stock and that the oil industry will boom in Wyoming this season. He will shortly commence work on their oil property and also on their mining claim.

Daniel Cokely, aged 65, a veteran of the late war, committed suicide on Friday, at Sacramento, Cal., by severing the arteries of the wrists with a knife and bleeding to death. He had been in ill health for a long time and drank liquor to excess. He drew a monthly pension from the government.

The Sacramento, Cal., *See* says: Judge Henry of this city no doubt wears the belt in California as the champion for officiating at weddings, and he is proud of it. The judge has married 498 couples, and hopes soon to make it 500. It is said that he always dresses the bride in the most lover-like fashion.

Seven or eight years ago one of the hands on a farm near Central Point, Or., lost a watch in a field. A diligent search was made for the lost article, but it failed to materialize. Last week, while the field was being plowed, the watch was brought to light again. When wound it started and has kept time ever since.

Near Medford, Or., last week, a four-month-old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Garrett was lying in a rocking chair near the fire place, in which a hot fire was burning, when another child, two years old, came up from behind and tipped baby, chair and all into the fire. The child was quickly rescued, but not until all one side of its face and neck were badly burned. It will survive.

Chat Burns, one of the few firemen who escaped alive from the Butte, Mont., explosion, has just appeared on the street again. In all he had seventy-two wounds on his person, and many of them were quite ugly. Pieces of stone, iron and wood were buried deep in his flesh and some of this choice collection is still there. Among the brace-a-brac buried in the flesh of his left arm near the shoulder, was a button, which is still there.

The Carson (Nevada) *Appeal* says: One of the queer things about the Blythe estate is that in all the litigation now about drawing to a close, no mention was ever made of Bryan's Piche child. When he lived in Piche he had a daughter by a woman with whom he was living, and he publicly acknowledged it. Many of the old residents of Piche remember the child and trotted it on their knee.

Abraham Jones was killed on Tuesday morning while trying to make a coupling of two slack cars at No. 3 mine, Rock Springs, Wyo. He was engaged to unloading slack when a switch engine came in with some more cars when Jones stepped in between the cars as if to couple them and the drawheads passed and crushed him to death almost instantly. Jones leaves

a wife and two boys. He was 55 years of age.

Hon. Willard Bennett, of Granite county, says the Helena, Mont., *Independent*, passed over the counter at the assay office yesterday two retorts of gold, the value of which will run something over \$6,000. There were 380.95 ounces in the two retorts, worth about \$18 an ounce. The gold was the result of thirteen and a half days' run of the 10-stamp mill of the Royal Gold Mining company of Granite county, of which Mr. Bennett is the principal owner. Since the Royal started up in August, 1893, it has not been shut down over two months. In the past year it has paid \$105,000 in dividends.

During Sunday school at Nord, Cal., last Sunday, Rev. Smith, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, and Mrs. E. M. Goddell, superintendent of the school, had a wordy war as to whether certain charts should be purchased. The pastor had ordered the superintendent to purchase them and she refused. The discussion of the matter caused the pastor to declare that he was the head of the establishment, and Mrs. Goddell in turn said that she was. She has instructed the treasurer of the school not to pay for any charts, and the pastor is determined to have the charts and establish himself as the head of the Sunday school. The congregation has taken sides, and are considerably worked up over the matter.

## MEMORIAL SERVICES.

Memorial services were held in the Brigham Young Academy, on Sunday, March 31st, in honor of A. O. Smoot, who had held the position of president of that institution for many years. Elders Brigham Young and A. H. Cannon, of the quorum of the Apostles, were down from Salt Lake City. The resident members of the family and the faculty of the academy were present, as well as many prominent citizens. Principal B. Cluff, Jr., presided.

The assembly sang, "Oh, My Father." Opening prayer, Bishop Keeler. The Bashard Fine quartette sang "The Vacant Chair."

Elder Brigham Young was the first speaker, and reviewed with fitting appreciation, the life and character of the deceased, and the survival of the man and his labors. He hoped that the way would be opened that this stake of Zion would have an equally efficient officer placed at its head.

Elder Karl G. Maeser dwelt on the great burden the deceased had borne for the life and wellbeing of the Brigham Young Academy; that he had often expressed the wish that he would be able to render a clear account to the great founder of the academy when he should meet him behind the veil.

Prof. N. L. Nelson read resolutions of respect, expressing the sentiments of the faculty and pupils of the Brigham Young Academy.

Quartette song, "Remember Me, Oh Mighty One."

Elder A. H. Cannon spoke of the debt of gratitude that every student of this academy owed to the deceased. He believed that disaster would have