

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

R. T. Rambauer was found dead near Swan Lake, Mont., Saturday, a victim of heart disease. Deceased was a member of the United States land commission from the Missoula district.

At Great Falls, Mont., Sunday morning, Police Officer Luke Curry was mistaken for a burglar and shot dead by Isaac Shaeffer, a merchant, who recently arrived there from New York.

The United States cruiser Philadelphia has come down to San Francisco from Mare Island, and on Tuesday will sail for Central American ports. She will then go to the Hawaiian islands.

A contract has been let for the immediate construction of the Lewiston-Vineland bridge across the Snake river, the contract price being \$110,000. The structure will be 1,570 feet long and have fourteen spans.

The United States battleship Wisconsin will be launched at San Francisco on Saturday, November 26th, and will be christened by Miss Elizabeth Stephenson, daughter of Isaac Stephenson of Marinette, Wis.

Several ships bound for Pacific coast ports from the Orient and from New South Wales are considerably overdue and it is thought in the cases of two of the vessels there is little hope of their ever being heard from.

For pleading guilty to the charge of manslaughter, Ta Tok Se, a Shoshone Indian, was Friday sentenced at Cheyenne, Wyo., to ten years' imprisonment. The Indian killed one of his wives. He is 70 years old and may not live out his sentence.

Isadore Schoops, a tailor, shot and killed Gustave Hager, a shoemaker, at Seattle, Sunday. Hager had reproved Schoops for drunkenness. Hager has a wife living at 1112 Post street, San Francisco. Both men formerly lived in Los Angeles.

The Clutes, charged at Leadville, Colo., with the murder of J. F. Barger, were released from custody Thursday, on the testimony showing that they had ample provocation for striking the blow which ended fatally, Barger being very violent during the quarrel.

George Crocker and J. Kruttschnitt of the Southern Pacific have gone north. They will make an examination of a carbon hill coal mine in Washington after which Mr. Crocker will return to Portland and join Mr. Kruttschnitt in an inspection of the Southern Pacific company's lines in Oregon.

J. A. Brandreth, who claimed to be a nephew of the millionaire pill-maker of that name, was found dead in his cell at the county jail, Fresno, Cal., Thursday having been arrested the night before on a charge of vagrancy. He was a graduate of Yale college and had traveled all over the world.

Sheriff Walen has handed to Chief of Police Lees of San Francisco over \$3,000 in gold to bring the witnesses from Delaware to that city to attend the trial of the Botkin case. The money will be forwarded at once by the chief, so that the witnesses can be there by Dec. 5th, the date of the trial.

Passenger train No. 11 on the Denver & Rio Grande, carrying coaches for the Missouri Pacific, ran into a freight train six miles north of Colorado Springs at 5:28 Friday afternoon. The engineer of the Passenger and the fireman of the freight were slightly injured.

A snowstorm, covering practically the whole of Colorado, has raged there since noon Sunday accompanied by a

heavy fall of temperature. Shortly before noon the mercury stood at 66 degrees above and at 6 o'clock it had fallen to 12 degrees and was still falling. The snowfall is not sufficient to interfere with railway traffic.

Arthur A. Brown, shipping clerk for the Albion Lumber Co., is dead from the effects of a blow with a club, inflicted by Albert Bierworth, proprietor of the Globe lodging house on Howard street, San Francisco. Bierworth, who is under arrest, claims that Brown who was intoxicated, created a disturbance and that he acted in self-defense.

The first death among the invalided soldiers returned from Manila on the Rio de Janeiro occurred Sunday at the division hospital, San Francisco. It was that of Private Thomas Jefferson, First Colorado regiment. Jefferson had been sick for many weeks with typhoid fever and dysentery, and several times on the voyage over it was feared that he would have to be buried at sea.

Game Commissioner Swan, of Colorado Thursday, received information that Indians from Utah had again invaded the state and were killing cattle in Routt county. He immediately laid the facts before General Sumner, in command of the department of the Colorado, who will send troops to drive the Indians back to the reservation.

Vice President Watt of the San Joaquin Valley railroad is quoted as saying that in his opinion a satisfactory trackage arrangement, such as would permit the Santa Fe to operate its trains over the Southern Pacific tracks over the Tehachapi mountains, would be effected and that the proposed new line, for the construction of which the Bakersfield and Los Angeles Railway company was incorporated, would not be built.

There has been a rapid decline in Hawaiian commercial stock, the shares falling from \$55.50 to \$46, but the last sale of Thursday was made at \$47. More than 1,000 shares changed hands in the open board. The stock sold at \$60 a week ago. It has declined a point or two a day, but the sudden drop startled the insiders, who are at a loss to account for it. Other sugar stocks have been slightly affected, but their shrinkage is only nominal.

Fire Sunday morning destroyed the erection-house and the boiler-house which form a part of the Colorado Midland railroad shops at Colorado City. Four locomotives in the erection-house were damaged to the extent of about \$2,500 each, and a number of machine tools were destroyed. Total loss is estimated at about \$25,000. Cause of the fire is not known, but it is supposed to be due to a locomotive spark igniting waste.

Word has been received from Col. Funston, commanding the Indiana, that there were no officers' wives as stowaways on board the transport. He explained that word had reached him direct from the secretary of war just before the Indiana left San Francisco authorizing all who desired to sail to be taken as passengers. This, however, was not known at military headquarters there.

Jack E. Wing, of the Olympie club wheelmen, broke twenty-nine amateur coast bicycle records at Cyclos park, San Jose, Cal., Sunday. He began the work at the two-mile mark and came within 494 yards of winning the world's hour record. He rode 28 miles 1,089 1-3

yards in one hour, as against 29 miles 978 yards made by R. D. Mussey at Los Angeles August 15, 1897. He was paced by two triplets and six tandems. All of the coast records from two miles up were beaten.

A Lewiston special to the Spokane Spokesman-Review says: J. M. Edwards of this city received news today from his brother in New York that the family's right to a big fortune had been established, and that the money was ready for distribution. The portion of Mr. Edwards and his brother amounts to over \$1,000,000. The fortune has been awaiting the proof of heirship for a number of years. A recent court decree has settled the question in their favor.

Work is progressing rapidly at the Presidio military reservation on the barracks which are being built for the New York regiment and the battalion of engineers now stationed across the Pacific. The disappearing carriage for the large 12-inch rifle at the Presidio will be in place in about a month. An 8-inch disappearing carriage and an 8-inch rifle will arrive in a short time from the East. Bids for the erection of the new military hospital will be opened on Nov. 29 and its construction will be hastened.

Deciduous fruit shipments from California to the Eastern markets have about ceased for the season of 1898 with the exception of grapes and apples, which still go forward. The total shipments for the season to date amount to 4,850 cars as against 5,400 cars for last season. This is a falling off of 550 cars, which is considerably less than was anticipated early in the season, owing to the drought. Prunes, raisins and dried fruits are moving East in large quantities. It is estimated that the raisin shipments will amount to 4,000 cars and that the prune crop and the dried fruit shipments will aggregate about the same number of cars.

James Bruce Simpson, until recently deputy collector of internal revenue at Butte, Mont., was found dead in his room Thursday morning with a partly used bottle of morphine near him. He had evidently taken some of the drug during the night. He served as deputy under Collector Lyman. A few days ago he heard that his wife, who is in Helena, had started suit for divorce. This, with inability to secure employment, is supposed to have prompted the deed. Deceased was a graduate of the University of Edinburgh and for some years ran a private school in Helena.

All the whaling vessels from the Arctic and the Okhotsk sea due to arrive at San Francisco are in port but two. The Mary D. Hume and the Balaena will winter off Herschel Island and the Bowhead will remain at Nagasaki for the winter months. The Fearless is due any day. Six whalers in Port are going out again before the end of the year. Four of them, the California, Heratica, Charles W. Morgan and Alice Knowles, are now getting ready for sea, and will sail in less than two weeks. The four windjammers are going south in quest of sperm oil. There is a little shortage on casks and this is the only thing that is delaying the sailing of the whalers.

Allen L. Alford, aged 21 years, was arrested at the gates of San Quentin prison Sunday just as he had gained his liberty after having served a two years' term of imprisonment for a forgery done in Los Angeles. It is alleged that Alford passed two bogus drafts on the First National bank of this city. The drafts were for \$200 each and were drawn on W. H. Allen of Philadelphia. According to Detec-