

## WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

earthquake was in progress. Immediately after the first explosion the entire hospital corps and police force were summoned, and many of the attaches of these departments are among those killed and injured in the subsequent explosions. Fifteen dead bodies have already been gathered, and there doubtless are a great many more in parts of the yard that no one dares to approach. Every house for blocks around has been turned into an impromptu hospital. Every member of the fire department has been either killed or wounded.

A special to the *Republican* from Butte says:

The fire started in the Royal Milling company's warehouse and spread to the Kenyon Cornell warehouse, in which were stored carloads of giant powder. The first explosion was the most terrific and killed every fireman save two belonging at the central station. One of these was standing behind the hose cart horses and the other was at the water hydrant several hundred feet away. So far between fifty and sixty mangled bodies have been recovered and more are being picked up on all sides. It is impossible to get names tonight. It is estimated that about 100 additional persons were injured, several of whom died after being taken to the hospitals. The scene beggars description. Wagons are still taking dead bodies from the scene of the explosion to various undertaking establishments and the wounded to their homes and hospitals. The latter are all full. The list of dead will possibly reach 75 and the damage to property will be more than \$1,000,000. In all three carloads of powder exploded, one of which was stored in the Butte Harware company's warehouse, which adjoined the Kenyon Cornell warehouse. Large pieces of iron were thrown miles.

It was learned that there were other Utah men among the victims of the Butte catastrophe than Alma Bailey Dunford and "Oon" St. Claire.

These are John and "Ed" Sloan, cousins of "Rob" and "Ed" Sloan, of this city. Both men were born and reared in Salt Lake, and they will be remembered by old timers as the large, stalwart sons of John Sloan, the well known holler maker who carried on business on West Temple street for so many years.

The family removed from here to Butte several years ago and engaged in their old business at that place. It is at present being carried on by the old gentleman. John, the eldest son, was assistant fire chief and "Ed" was a member of the department, and both met death at the post of duty fighting the flames that raged about them.

Dr. A. R. Dunford left this city for Butte on Thursday evening's train.

Dr. Dunford will be accompanied by his daughter Leah, sister to the young man. The remains will be removed from Butte to Bloomington, Idaho, where relatives of the doctor and his family reside, and buried there. The profoundest sympathy is felt for the father and daughter in their sad mission and bereavement and for the afflicted mother in the hour of overwhelming sorrow. It is the hope of all that they may find consolation in the promise of a Merciful Father that He "doeth all things well."

W. H. Greves, an inmate of the asylum at Napa, Cal., has committed suicide by hanging himself with a sheet from his bed.

**Wasatch Wave:** Some of the finest sawlogs that have ever been brought into town are coming in this winter. Many people are doing canyon work at present and bringing out logs, wood, posts and other kinds of timber in abundance.

Mose Kempner has brought in two hundred pounds of silver bullion from Banner, says the *Idaho World*. The bullion was sent as mail matter from Banner to New York, and was moulded in four-pound bars. The mail sack contained fifty of these bars.

Dr. Humelbaugh and Homer E. Matteson have returned from their trip to Texas. We regret to announce that Dr. Humelbaugh has definitely decided to move to Salt Lake City at an early date.—*Grangeville (Idaho) Free Press*.

Morris Cleveland shot off a section of his left hand little finger a few days ago, at Rawlins, Wyo. It was a 44-caliber six-shooter and he knew it was loaded. He started to pull the trigger to half-cock and unload, and it slipped. His little finger was taken off just below the first joint and a small piece was also blown out of his third finger.

State Engineer Mead says that the four great rivers which have their origin in Wyoming will water an acreage as extensive as that fertilized by the Nile. The land which can be reclaimed in a single arid state is as great in area as that which in Egypt requires for its cultivation the labor of 2,000,000 of people and supports a population of 7,000,000.

The Nevada *Enterprise* says that the state board of pardons has pardoned William Hurd, who has served two years of his five-year term. Hurd was a miner, and about two years ago he attempted to hold up Superintendent Kluehead on the road to the Occidental mine, where the latter was going with a large sum of money with which to pay off the men.

The Fort Collins (Wyo.) *Express* says: Jas. McGinley, of this county, has brought in the good news that within eighteen miles north of Fort Collins he has struck a three and a half foot vein of very fine coal, as good in fact as any brought in from the Boulder country. He is on the track of a seam of hard coal, which he will, as soon as means are at hand, open up.

Master in Chancery Cornish will take testimony at Laramie, Wyo., in the case of Frank Hewitt, a discharged fireman, who has appealed to the courts for re-insatement. The case, says an exchange, will be watched with interest by railroad men, for the reason that it is the first in which a solitary employe has asked the interference of the circuit court of the United States.

One of the depositors in the Farmers' bank, says the *Moscow (Idaho) Star*, was the Chisuman who did its janitor work, and who is familiarly known about town as "Cooney," who had

saved up \$600 and had it put in there for safe keeping. The failure of the bank was quite incomprehensible to him. In China they behead the officers of banks that fail, consequently failures in that line are unknown.

Samuel Tabor stabbed and probably fatally injured his brother, Jesse Tabor, at Downey, near Los Angeles, Cal., on Monday. Jesse was delegated to take a horse to a ranch, of which Samuel was in charge, but the latter refused to accept the animal and ordered his brother away. A quarrel ensued, which resulted in Samuel stabbing Jesse in the abdomen, and his injuries are so serious that his life is despaired of.

Frank Robbs, who has been engaged in erecting a mill building at the new mining district in Esmeralda county, returned to Reno last evening, says the *Reno Gazette*. He is very enthusiastic over the outlook in the district, and says it surpasses anything in the mining line he has ever seen. He brought in a large number of samples of ore, taken from different mines, and as the common saying goes, they are "lousy" with gold.

The directors of the Union Gold Mining company, at Colorado Springs, have voted to pass the dividend for this month. All of the leases on the property of the company expire at midnight Jan. 31, and it has been thought advisable to have about \$12,000 cash surplus to buy machinery with when the company takes possession. The passing of two dividends will give the company more than sufficient cash to carry out its project.

Paul Johnson, a rancher, living about four miles from Granger, Uintah county, Wyo., has been found dead at his ranch with a bullet through his brain. A 44-caliber revolver, with one empty chamber, was found by his side. It is thought to be a case of suicide. Johnson was alone on his ranch, his wife having left him some time since, and is said to be living with another man in California. This is supposed to have been the cause of his taking his own life.

News comes from Carson, Nevada, says the *Virginia Enterprise*, of another street fight. This time it was Surveyor Pratt and Roy Mighels. They met in front of the Capitol and hostilities immediately ensued. Mighels received a black eye but Pratt got the worst of the encounter, and it took a bucket of water to bring him to. It is said that the two gentlemen were doing battle for the favor of a young woman who works in the office of the attorney general.

Wyoming has suffered greatly by the provision in the law creating the state which forbids the sale of its lands at less than \$10 per acre. It put on effectual embargo against their settlement, says the *Cheyenne Sun*, and has kept out immigration that would otherwise have flowed in. We have suspected that this was the original purpose of the law. Under the same unfortunate influence a similar provision was inserted in the state constitution.