

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Prof. Elwood Mead of Wyoming has been appointed consulting expert in the bureau of irrigation by the department of agriculture. Prof. Mead is Wyoming's state engineer.

The jury has failed to agree in the case of Mrs. Regina G. des, charged at Billings, Mont., with complicity in the murder of Winnie Brown, a well known cattleman.

An explosion in the Morning Star mine at Centerville, Ida., Saturday resulted in badly injuring Nels Ottcher and Nez Carpenter. Their recovery is doubtful.

Colorado stockmen are greatly worried just now over the recent rain and snow storms throughout the state, which are playing havoc with cattle. The sudden cold snap is killing many of them.

A Benton street car was held up by three masked men late Saturday night in the outskirts of Seattle, Wash. About \$150 in cash and five watches were taken from the passengers, numbering fifteen.

Lady Yardo-Buller, accompanied by her cousin and attorney, Ernest Wake-man, left San Francisco for London Monday night. She will make an effort to secure possession of her marriage settlement of about \$100,000.

Treasurer Roberts, of Laramie county, Wyo., has been ordered by the court to pay into the county treasury the sum of \$16,000, an amount lost through the failure of the Kent bank of Cheyenne in 1893, in which institution the funds were deposited.

Eight thousand people assembled in the city park at Tacoma, Wash., Sunday, and listened to patriotic speeches and sang national songs. Resolutions were passed commending President McKinley and in sympathy with the cause of the insurgents of Cuba.

Mrs. Nettie Coolidge of San Francisco was run down and killed by the Oregon express at Crockett, Cal., at 6:45 o'clock Friday morning. She was taking an early morning walk along the track for exercise and stepped in front of the engine that killed her while trying to avoid another train.

Pugilist Griffo and Frank Schuler, Frank McConnell, Charles Follman, Patsy Corrigan and Harry Woods who after the death of young Devitt, who on Wednesday night fought Griffo at Sacramento, Cal., were arrested on charges of manslaughter, have been admitted to bail.

Captain Dodge, commanding company B, Seventh regiment, national guard California, has received orders from Col. John R. Berry to hold his company in readiness to move at a moment's notice. The company is at the armory prepared to start. It numbers 107 men.

The news of Admiral Dewey's victory at Manila caused great enthusiasm at Sacramento, Cal. Cheers were given by the crowds as they read the news on the bulletin board. Patriotic services were held in churches, one of which was attended by two local life companies in uniform.

Col. John S. Mosby, of San Francisco, is in receipt of a letter from Major General Nelson A. Miles who says: "I have recommended you for a position in connection with troops of the South." In tendering his services to the government, Col. Mosby did not signify that he desired any particular place in the service.

Camp Edward A. Stevenson in honor of the state's late governor is the name

given by Gov. Stunenberg of Idaho to the rendezvous at Boise. Company A from Caldwell is now stationed there and other companies throughout the state are fast preparing to get on to the tented field, to be mustered into the service of their country.

F. H. Eggleston of Laramie, Wyo., died at Los Angeles, Cal., Saturday night of stomach trouble. Mr. Eggleston was engaged in the shoe business at Laramie and was a popular citizen. Deceased was thirty-six years of age and was born in Wilson, New York. Interment will take place at Howell, Mich.

Clarence A. Warner, the new Indian agent for the Fort Hall reservation, is a young and successful lawyer of Pocatello. His appointment gives general satisfaction, as it is believed he will do all that can be done to guard and defend the interests of the Indians over whom he is to preside. Warner was born in Kansas, in 1869, and moved to Idaho in 1889.

As a final result of a difference of opinion between husband and wife upon the Spanish question, Mrs. Lottie Dunn of 924 Howard street, San Francisco, attempted to commit suicide early Sunday morning at Stockton and O'Farrell streets by swallowing carbolic acid. She was hurried away to the receiving hospital and her life saved by prompt medical treatment.

The coroner of Santa Cruz, Cal., has learned that two Spaniards called at certain houses there on the day of the fatal explosion and enquired the direction of the powder works. Operations at the works have been resumed. No one, not excepting employees is allowed to pass through the gates without a pass. The works are now guarded day and night.

A special train left Seattle, Wash., Tuesday night over the Northern Pacific carrying the government pack train, which returned there from Alaska a few days ago. The pack train consists of 92 mules, 8 horses, and twenty men under the command of Lieut. Ryan, Ninth cavalry. They will go through to St. Louis via Billings on passenger schedule. From St. Louis they will probably be hurried to Chickamauga.

A woman named Mrs. Eva Leonard committed suicide in the office of E. R. Anaable, one of the most prominent lawyers of San Bernardino, Cal., where she has been employed for several years past as a stenographer. The only person in the office besides Mrs. Leonard herself at the time the deed was committed was Aannable, who, when questioned, said that he had brought Mrs. Leonard to his office a few minutes before on account of her strange actions on the street.

A specialty troupe known as the Black Bostonians, has struck it hard in Montana, and as a result the company is now stranded at Butte and its manager, Harry C. Overton, is in jail charged with intending to skip out and defraud members of his company in the aggregate sum of \$850. D. S. Vernon, a member of the company, charges that Overton has given them nothing to eat, no beds to sleep in, and has said that they could starve for all he cared as he was going to jump the town and leave them.

No definite evidence has been obtained to substantiate the rumor that the recent explosion in the powder mills at Santa Cruz, Cal., was caused by Spanish spies. The output is now 5,000 pounds of smokeless, and 12,000 pounds of brown powder daily. The

only delay caused by the disaster will be in the manufacture of infantry smokeless, but there is enough of this now on hand to supply 60,000 men for three months. The powder used by the American ships at Manila was made there.

A report has been received in Tacoma, Wash., that twenty Indians have been dancing for two weeks on the Marshall prairie, thirty miles from Tacoma. All but two or three families of Indians of the vicinity are in the dance, which begins at dusk and continues until 2 a. m., and claiming supernatural power. The country where the dancers are is sparsely settled and the whites are alarmed. It is thought by some that the talk of war among the pale-faces has aroused the Indians.

Thursday morning a little after 7 o'clock a man with his overcoat buttoned to his chin and clothing covered with blood walked down J street, Sacramento, Cal., and stepped into a real estate office, where he called for a drink of water. It was handed to him and as he raised it to his lips, he threw open his coat and showed that his throat was cut from ear to ear. Most of the water which he drank, instead of entering his stomach, ran out of the ghastly opening in his neck. He had attempted suicide.

According to the story told by Ed Moore of San Diego, and Jay S. Green, of Los Angeles, Cal., who arrived at San Diego, Thursday night from the Colorado desert, Joseph S. Stanley of Bakersfield is dead at Coyote Wells from the effects of the terrible hardships experienced by the three young men a week ago. There is some difference, however, in the stories told by Moore and Green, and until some investigation has been made by the authorities, the exact facts will not be known.

Towards the close of the operatic performance of Madame Melba in the California theater, San Francisco, Saturday night the bursting of a steam-pipe in the adjoining building, occupied as the headquarters of the fire department, caused a quick fire. The old wooden building was soon in a blaze and the people in the crowded theater, seeing through the windows the reflection of the flames, disregarded the reassuring statements of the management, and attempted to rush from the building. A panic followed in which many women fainted, but miraculously none were seriously injured.

A call was made for a state constitutional convention by the third annual convention of the Federation of Labor of Colorado, meeting in Colorado Springs. The labor forces claim that they will be able to carry the next legislature, which convenes in January, and through that body the constitutional convention will be called. Radical legislation in the interests of organized labor will be demanded. The convention declared for an eight-hour law; against child labor, and in favor of the Federation entering politics to secure needed legislation. The convention is by far the most important ever held in behalf of labor in Colorado.

George Spurgeon Dugan, who figured as leader of "God's Regular Army," was sentenced by Judge Wallace at San Francisco, Friday, to spend the next thirty years of his life in the State Prison at Folsom. The sentence was pronounced on a verdict declaring Dugan guilty of a felonious assault on seven-year-old Alice Loy. The crime was committed last Christmas day at the army headquarters on Grant avenue. When asked yesterday if he had anything to say, Dugan declared that he was a Christian, and protested