

jail recently tried three times in one day to take his life. He first tried hanging, but was cut down; then he sought to break his neck by falling from his bunk on his head, and, finally, cut his wrists with a sharp can lid. He was discovered before he had lost much blood.

The Owyhee dam on the Bruneau river, Idaho, has been completed and work is progressing on the great canal which is six feet deep, forty-eight feet wide, with a capacity of 26,000 inches. Steel headgates have been constructed and water will be let into the canal in time for spring placer mining and for irrigation next summer.

An Arizona man mixed morphine with his whisky, and as a result he saw hosts of snakes in his bedroom. As long as he was armed he refused to be overcome by such things as snakes, so he got out his gun and startled the house about midnight with a volley fired at the imaginary wriggling intruders. He is now in the insane asylum.

The Angel Camp stage from Milton, Cal., was stood up on the Carmin Hill grade at Bear mountain, three miles from Elkhorn station, on Wednesday, by two masked men. They broke open the wooden express box and went through the passengers. From what can be learned the robbers were novices in the business, for they held up the stage on the trip when little or no treasure is carried.

Judge Lewis's three boys in Silver City, says the De Lamar (Idaho) *Nugget*, have found a rich little gold ledge near their home, just west of the Morning Star mine, and the school now having a vacation, they have tackled the ground just like three old miners would do, with a fair prospect of making a stake out of it big enough to pay for a college course for all of them.

A. C. Murdock, a laborer, was badly injured by the premature discharge of a stick of giant powder on Wednesday afternoon, near Cripple Creek, Colo. He was working on the grade of the Midland Terminal railroad and tamping the powder when it exploded. His face and eyes were filled with powder and particles of rock. It is probable that he will lose the sight in one and perhaps both eyes.

The usually peaceful little town of Fruita, Colo., in the lower valley, was on Friday evening the scene of what in the South would be termed another Southern outrage. A printer employed upon the *Western Slope* was called upon about 8 o'clock, escorted to the town limits and ordered to leave. The grievance against him was the fact that he had taken the place of a woman at lower wages. The man protested that he was only learning his trade and could not get better wages, but was compelled to go.

W. R. Dye, of Rocky Ford, gives to the *Enterprise* some emphatic testimony as to the value of fall irrigation. In the spring of 1893 he planted forty-five acres of corn on land which had been well irrigated in the fall but for which now no water was available in the early spring. His neighbors predicted failure. It had no irrigation until the corn was earing. The crop was not only large but of superior quality, and is in demand for seed.

Mr. Dye also had good success with alfalfa, having threshed last year sixty-six bushels of seed from six acres.

A Rawlins dispatch says an eloping party which arrived in that town the other evening caused a slight ripple of excitement. The stage followed the buggy tracks into town, where all traces of them were lost for several hours. Their names are William La Piere and Bessie Barcus, the sixteen-year-old daughter of Ira Barcus, who resides about twenty-five miles above Saratoga. Mr. Barcus happened to be in town with a shipment of cattle. After a stormy interview with his daughter, he reluctantly gave his consent, and Judge Sundin tied the knot that made them one.

The large raisin dryer warehouse, storerooms, etc., of J. B. Wilkie at Yuba City, Cal., were burned on Sunday morning. In the building were 4,000 trays and 100 cords of wood, besides the fruit graders, stemmers, dippers, tracks, trucks and other appurtenances. The dryer was built last fall and had only been used one season. It was one of the largest and best equipped establishments of the kind in the state. The total loss is \$10,000; no insurance. Incendiaries are believed to have set the fire, as there had been no fire in any of the furnaces for some time.

Joseph Roberts, an ex-United States soldier, confined at Spokane, Wash., awaiting trial in the United States court for murder committed in Coeur d'Alene, appears to have a charmed life. March 1st he tried to hang himself with a rope made of bits of old sack found in his cell. He was cut down when almost dead. Then he tried to butt his brains out against the wall of his cell. Erysipelas set in as a result of the effort. On Wednesday he drank the contents of a bottle of iodine with which he was being treated. His life was saved after hard work. He declares that he will yet find some way to take his life.

Huntington-Hopkins company, which for forty years has been known from one end of the Pacific coast to the other and at least as far east as Ogden, has gone out of existence, and the names will be a memory in the hardware business world. The entire stock, good will and fixtures of the company were by the stockholders signed over to the firm of Miller, Bloss & Scott, a young and energetic firm in the same line of business as the retiring one. What the conditions of the transfer were, beyond the mere fact that a good round sum was paid for the stock, are not made public, says the *San Francisco Chronicle*. The capital stock of Huntington-Hopkins company is \$1,500,000.

Nick Orland, an Italian smelter laborer, was on Tuesday night the victim of the boldest robbery on record in Pueblo. Two men in a buggy called at his house, flashed a bogus officer's star in his face, read an alleged warrant to him and took him out toward the county jail, in a lonely place of the city. They stopped at a vacant house, where their pal, masked, met them. They bound and gagged Orland, took all his clothes except his hat and socks, made away with his watch and \$85 in money, and drove off and left him. Orland managed to edge

to the door and about 1 o'clock attracted the attention of a neighbor by his muffled shouts. He had \$1,800 in cash on his person a week ago and the robbers are supposed to have made the play for this.

The second general convention of the Inter-state Irrigation association will be held at Omaha on the 21st and 22nd of this month. The association was organized at Salina, Kansas, September 28th, 1893, for the purpose of demonstrating the practicability of irrigation in that portion of the United States lying between the 97th meridian and the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, and known as the semi-arid or plains region. The states represented in the formation of the association were Nebraska, Kansas, Wyoming and Colorado. In addition the states of North Dakota, South Dakota, Oklahoma, Montana, Texas and New Mexico are equally interested in the problem which the association is endeavoring to solve.

On Sunday last the ordinance closing all classes of business on the Sabbath except drug stores, hotels and restaurants went into effect at San Bernardino, Cal. So far as known the ordinance was universally obeyed. Early in the morning a large number of people were on the streets to see whether the stores and other places of business would open. Quite a large sum of money has been raised to test the validity of the ordinance but so far the lawyers have not decided how or when to make a case. There is talk of arresting the head officers of the gas company, who have to make gas on Sundays to keep up the requisite pressure, and there was also some talk of making a case against church officers who take up collections in church as being in violation of the ordinance.

Mrs. Mary Smith, who styles herself the "trumpet medium," is about to have a hard time to get the property left her by her friend, Mrs. Marie Lemon, the old lady who died in Alameda, Cal. Rachael Neal, a sister of the deceased, has made a new move in the contest and filed an amended complaint in court wherein she makes broader charges against the medium than those originally made. Dr. William Jefferis, a nephew of the deceased, has just arrived from Indianapolis and has employed attorneys to make a contest on his behalf. He proposes to attack the will left by his aged aunt on the ground that undue influence was used by the medium. It is charged that Mrs. Smith claimed to be a spiritualist medium and represented that she was able, sometimes by herself and sometimes with the aid of various mechanical appliances and devices, to summon the dead to her presence and obtain messages and communications from them. These messages used to be sent to old Mrs. Lemon, and she firmly believed that they came from the spirit land. It is asserted in the complaint that Mrs. Smith is not only a medium, but that she is a mesmerist and hypnotist, and that at various times she used her powers on Mrs. Lemon so successfully that the latter gave Mrs. Smith her property. It is said that Mrs. Smith did many things in order to weaken the mind of the old lady so that, she could secure her estate.