

## WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

A sore throat epidemic prevails in Hanford, Cal.

Coal is a rather scarce article in Boise, Idaho, during the present cold snap.

The diphtheria epidemic in San Francisco is spreading. There are also many cases of scarlet fever.

Laramie, Wyoming, Boomerang: R. H. Homer has just received eight carloads of cattle from Utah for his ranch.

Omaha Stockman, December 1: Messrs. Brown & Kessler of Salt Lake, Utah, brought in a train of sixteen cars of range cattle.

William G. Hill committed suicide Tuesday morning by shooting himself through the head at Portland, Oregon. Business troubles are assigned as the motive.

Richard Schubert, a butcher of Los Angeles, Cal., accidentally shot himself while duck hunting. The muscles of the left forearm were torn to shreds.

B. R. Elmore, engineer of a sawmill at Deep Creek, Or., was caught in a line shaft and instantly killed a few days ago. His body was badly mangled.

Everett Gilhausen, a boy 13 years old, was run over by a gravel train at Workman Station, Cal., on Tuesday, and horribly mangled. He died four hours after the accident.

Since August 1st forty-six cargoes of wheat and flour have left Portland, Or., divided as follows: Wheat, 3,850,000 bushels; flour, 287,721 barrels. The total value is \$3,508,568.

The supervisors of Kern county, Cal., have passed an ordinance making it a misdemeanor for anyone to kill quail, doves, ducks, rail or snipe for shipping anywhere outside of Kern county.

At Boise, Idaho, there is a large number of families living in tents along the south of the river. They almost perished during the recent cold weather. They were without food and are very scantily clad.

A fatal shooting affray occurred on Wednesday at Stockton, Cal., between two Italians named Pascara and Diano, in which the former fatally shot the latter. The dispute rose over a debt and no cause is said to have been the aggressor.

As one of the evidences of better times resulting since the election, at a meeting of the directors of the Alliance mill at San Miguel, Cal., the salaries of all employees whose wages were out one month before election were raised 25 cents per day.

John Devlin was examining a loaded pistol in San Francisco on Wednesday when it was accidentally discharged, inflicting a fatal wound. Devlin was partially intoxicated, and his awkward movements caused the accident.

Mason Porter, who was a gardener at Marshfield, for Daniel Webster for the last dozen years before the great constitutional statesman's death, died at the home of his granddaughter, near El Monte, Cal., Tuesday afternoon.

He has lived in California several years. He was 78 years old.

Theodore Cleves, a well known farmer living near Chehalis, Wash., blew off the top of his head Tuesday morning with a shotgun. He was unmarried, 40 years of age. He had been despondent for several days.

David C. Powell, an extensive stockholder and rancher on Las Tiblas, Cal., committed suicide Tuesday afternoon. He looked himself in his bedroom and ended his life with a pistol. He leaves a widow and two children.

Reck Springs, Wyoming, has adopted a curfew ordinance. All children under 16 years of age are to be prohibited from being on the streets after 8 o'clock p. m. in winter and 9 o'clock in summer unless accompanied by parent or guardian.

G. Martin, a wood chopper in Lane & O'Kelsey's camp on the Everett and Monte Oristo railroad, Washington, was killed Tuesday. A big load of logs was on a sled and the chain broke. The largest log rolled over Martin crushing him instantly. He was about 30 years old and unmarried.

Omaha Stockman, Dec. 2: Wallace Carpenter, a prominent patron of this market, had twenty-two cars of cattle here from Logan, Utah.....Keogh Bros., prominent patrons of this market, had a train of fifteen cars of cattle here from Ogden, Utah.....Thos. S. Smart was here from Franklin, Idaho, with two double-deck cars of sheep.

On Wednesday two boys about 12 years of age were playing on a raft on a pool at San Francisco, when the raft was upset, throwing them into the water. Twelve-year-old Thomas Norton was near by and sprang into the pool and brought out one of the boys, Archie Hood. He then swam for the other, Daniel Donovan, but the latter drowned before young Norton could get hold of him.

Delbert Crawford, a young man 19 years old, was found Tuesday morning twelve miles north of Pendleton, Oregon, dead beneath an overturned, loaded wagon. He was hauling graft and ran off the grade in a canyon. His four-horse team stood all night hitched to the wagon and was found next morning covered with snow. A furious snowstorm was raging at the time of the accident.

A man whose identity has not yet been established, but who is supposed to be either Erastus D. Sholes or E. C. Kimble, was run over and killed by a freight train Tuesday night at Oakland, Cal. A card addressed to the Humboldt Steamship company, Eureka, Cal., and signed by Dr. Harrier, was found in one of the dead man's pockets, otherwise there were no marks of identification.

W. W. Griswold, proprietor of the Los Gatos, California, Light and Fuel company and a prominent business man, was thrown from a cart Wednesday evening while driving a spirited colt, sustaining a dangerous fracture of the skull. Griswold was found in the roadway about a mile from town by two strangers who were passing.

Help was summoned and the injured man carried to his home, where he lies in a semi-conscious state.

Louis Schaufelle, a prominent hotel proprietor and president of a whaling company at Monterey, Cal., was found lying unconscious in a doorway early on the morning of November 28th. He was taken to the city and county hospital for treatment, but never regained consciousness, dying on Tuesday. Foul play was at first suspected, but an autopsy showed that death had resulted from fatty degeneration of the heart.

An unknown man was run over by the south-bound overland at Cape Horn near Colfax, California, Tuesday morning. The body was cut in two above the hips. An inquest was held, but the deceased was not identified. He was bald, weighed about 150 pounds, and was about 50 years of age. The only thing that might furnish a clue to the unfortunate man's identity was an accident policy, issued to Eugene O'Brien of St. Paul, Minn.

Miss Mabel McDonald, eldest daughter of Colonel Mark L. McDonald, had a narrow escape from death while horseback riding Saturday evening at Santa Rosa, Cal. A stirrup broke and her saddle gave way in other places, causing the horse to run away and throw the rider. When found she was in the house, but unable to tell anything about the matter. She was unconscious until Sunday afternoon, and grave fears were entertained for her, but since then she has improved.

Thomas Johnson, a Swedish laborer on ranches and vineyards about the West Side, San Jose, Cal., was run over by a Southern Pacific train at the broad-gauge depot Tuesday morning at 6:30 o'clock and his right arm crushed from the elbow to the shoulder and the toes cut off his right foot. He was removed to the county hospital and will recover, but will lose his right arm. He is said to have been asleep under the cars, and was crushed when the train moved out to go under the shed preparatory to leaving for Niles.

Boise, Idaho, Statesman: The street car line seems to be indefinitely tied up. There is not now enough water in the company's ditch to float the sidewalk bonds, and there is no immediate prospect of increasing the supply. The power was first interfered with by a jam of ice at the head of the ditch, but now the river has fallen from two to three feet, and the company will be at the mercy of the elements probably for several days. At any rate it will require a perceptible rise in the temperature to bring the water in the ditch up to its normal mark.

Chicago Drovers Journal: Charley Buel has returned from a trip through Nebraska. He says about half a million sheep are on feed in Nebraska now, the largest number ever fed in that state. Feed never was cheaper and more abundant. Corn is selling at 10c and oats at 5c; hay, \$1.50 per ton. Sheepmen feel as if their cloud was going to have a silver lining at last, and consider prospects very favorable. Feeders will be inclined to make their sheep fat, and the chances are that when they come to market they will be much better than usual. Lots of feeding of Mexican lambs will be