

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Fish Commissioner Schnitger has just deposited 30,000 young trout in Laramie county.

The heat is reported to have been intense throughout Idaho for at least two weeks past.

A dispatch from Denver says it is now positively known that the man who committed suicide there last week was Melbourne, the rainmaker.

John E. Howard, convicted of murdering Martani de La Nini at Tulare, Cal., has been sentenced at Visalia to hang on November 15th at Folsom prison.

The body of an unknown man about forty years of age and thought to be a sailor was found in the bay at the foot of Taylor street, San Francisco, on Wednesday.

At Mountain Home, Idaho, the foundation for the \$16,000 public school building to be erected at that place has been completed and the brick work commenced.

Says the *Cheyenne Sun*: The receivers of the Union Pacific are intending to operate the rolling mills in Laramie, after the contract of Otto Gram has expired.

William H. Parpe, an Evanston (Wyo.) pioneer engaged in the jewelry business there and well off, has committed suicide by hanging himself in the cellar of his store. No cause can be given.

A court martial is being held at Sacramento, Cal., to try members of the local companies of the Second infantry, National Guard of California, against whom charges of misconduct were filed, growing out of matters connected with the late strike.

News has reached Trinidad, Colo., that Frank Small, of the firm of Hamilton & Small, had been found dead near Troy, a small place in the eastern part of the county and about sixty-five miles east of Trinidad. It is supposed that he was struck by lightning.

Coyotes, badgers, wildcats and weasels were never before known to be so numerous in Mason valley, Nevada, while rabbits and gophers are very scarce. Rabbits are dying off so fast that the odor of the decaying carcasses is a nuisance on the ranches.

The creamery at Brighton, Col., was totally destroyed by fire between three and four o'clock on Tuesday morning. The fire is supposed to have started in the engine room. The loss is about \$15,000; insured for \$2,500. It is not known at present if the building will be rebuilt or not.

Mrs. Jane Shattuck, the slayer of Harry Poole, has not yet been taken to San Quentin to serve out her term of life imprisonment. Stays of execution have been granted pending her appeal. The last order made by Judge Belcher yesterday permits her to continue at the county jail until September 1st.

Idaho City *World*: A forest fire started on Willow creek about a week ago, and is crawling toward the summit, and is now within half a mile of the Mayflower mine. Parties are engaged in fighting it, but thus far their

efforts have been ineffectual. The fire is believed to have started by lightning striking a tree.

George N. Hinkey, of Moscow, Idaho, deputy county recorder of Latah county, has been arrested for raising county warrants to the amount of about \$15,000. His plan was to buy a small warrant fill out the stub correctly in the warrant book, then make out the warrant for any amount he saw fit.

Section Foreman Flannigan was instantly killed on the Rio Grande between Kelker and Widefield, Colorado, five miles south of Colorado Springs, on Tuesday morning. Rock Island passenger train No. 16 ran into the hand car, killing Flannigan, who was 50 years of age. He leaves a wife and family at Pueblo.

Lee McKee, a laborer engaged in digging sand on the school section northeast of town, was very severely crushed and injured by the sides of the pit caving on him on Wednesday afternoon last. Some bones are broken, and it is feared that he has sustained internal injuries.—*Grangeville (Idaho) Free Press*.

On Monday a gasoline stove exploded in the room of Jack St. Clair, the leader of the cowboy band at Durango, Colo. The liquid was scattered over his face and arms, which were badly burned. While the injuries are not considered fatal, it will be some time before he will be able to be around.

The sale of school land lots at Creede, Col., on Monday, passed off quietly, there being no disposition on the part of anyone to bid over the minimum appraisements. The prior owners, as a rule, bid in the lots at the appraised valuation and everyone seemed to be satisfied with the result. Over \$900 was realized.

A dispatch from Douglas, Wyoming, says: Charles Eberhardt and Louis Bergreen, two ranchmen residing north of the town of Lusk, have been arrested and are now in the county jail awaiting trial on the charge of cattle stealing. It is alleged that Eberhardt stole twenty head of calves and Bergreen two head.

Isaac Schrack, of Roeger, Mo., fell from a passenger train on Monday morning and is now lying at the Commercial house in Trenton, Neb., in a critical condition, with small chances of recovery. He is 81 years old. He was accompanied by his grandson, J. H. Fetty, of Kansas City, who did not miss him until after the train passed McCook.

On Sunday night, while Ellen Bettis, at Ouray, Colo., was in the parlor playing the piano, a man came in from the adjoining room, blew out the light and asked for money. Miss Bettis made an outcry, when the robber shot her through the wrist and made good his escape. The town is wild with excitement, and if caught the robber will be lynched.

A number of residents in and around Fort Laramie, about one hundred miles north of Cheyenne, near the

junction of the Laramie and North Platte rivers, report great devastation by grasshoppers. They have eaten the grass for miles and the crop of hay will be very short. They appear, however, to be gradually leaving the neighborhood, but the damage already done is very great.

The Gila Bend canal and dam site, valued at \$1,500,000, have been sold at Phoenix, Ariz., by order of the district court, at public auction. The purchaser was the Colorado Canal and Land Company, composed of Peoria capitalists. The amount paid was \$900,000. A moneyed man from Los Angeles bid \$875,000. The sale was secured by the transfer of a certified check for \$10,000.

The *Cheyenne Sun* says it is known that several men who worked in the shops here before the strike have been sent for and will be given work on the 1st of next month. This, if true, is good news. The men who were forced to leave here on account of the strike, were good men in every sense of the word, and just those who make good citizens. To know that they will be given work again is most satisfactory news to the people of Cheyenne.

William Lannon, of Islay, sends word to the *Cheyenne Tribune* that he desires to give warning to those who visit the Cheyenne caves that the ladders there are very unsafe. The caves are on his ranch, and, knowing the danger, he placed a lock on the doors at the opening, but this has already been broken. No one is keeping the caves up, and the water dripping from the sides has rotted the stairs, and they may give way at any time.

Seth Jones has sold all his cattle on this side of Salmon river, amounting to about 500 head, to Behlenberg & Walker, of Montana, at an average price of \$14 per head. The cattle will be gathered up and driven to market next month. The scarcity of range impels our stock growers to dispose of all their surplus beef cattle year by year, so as to reserve the diminishing pasture for stock cattle.—*Grangeville (Idaho) Free Press*.

In the Mexican Central railway yards in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, there were on Monday night more than 300 cars of silver lead ores waiting for the new tariff bill to go into effect before transferring to the United States. Many Mexican silver mines running a high percent in lead which closed down on account of the Windom ruling will now be opened up again and it is thought another smelter will be erected here at an early date.

John Owens, a prospector, about 65 years of age, who was well known to all old-timers in the state, has died suddenly in a saloon in South Butte, says the *Butte Inter Mountain*. Owens came in from a prospecting trip a few days ago and about noon he walked into the saloon. Soon after he entered he was seized with an attack of heart trouble and fell to the floor. Before the arrival of a physician, who was summoned, Owens was dead.

A serious cutting affray, in which Jack Boyd, one of the firm of Boyd Bros., received probably fatal injuries, occurred at the Boulder house, Montana, twelve miles southwest of Phillipsburg, last Tuesday night. William Thomas, a cowboy, did the cutting.