

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

erty of the company. There may be much delay about it, because these judges may permit the Short Line attorneys to withdraw their answer to the bill of complaint, and file another, as they tried to do here. Should this be permitted by the other judges, it will mean further delay.

It is understood that the road will be bought in at the foreclosure sale by the American Loan & Trust company, subject to the first mortgage held by the Farmers' Loan & Trust company, and thus secure control of the road, as it desired to do by the appointment of separate receivers.

PORTLAND, Or., July 17.—Governor W. J. McConnell, of Idaho, was in the city en route to Yaquina Bay. Speaking about the policy of the silver men he said:

"The friends of silver will not force the financial issue in the National Republican convention next year, further than to secure a declaration in the platform that the nominee of the party if elected President shall sign any measure passing Congress that not only affects the financial system of the country, but also the pensions of soldiers of the rebellion, the building of the Nicaragua canal, the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands and other issues of paramount interest to the country. The individual who heads the ticket is of little consequence to me, as long, of course, as he is a sound protectionist. I don't care what his views on the financial question are, as long as he stands on the platform of his party and that platform contains the declaration we propose."

NEW LONDON, Conn., July 17.—Five sailors on the torpedo boat Ericsson were terribly scalded by the bursting of a steam pipe while the boat was cruising in the harbor at 1 p.m. They were taken to the hospital.

The injured men are: Austin Williams, New York; Joseph Hamilton, New York; Davis Cody, Jersey City; William Merwin, Dubuque, Iowa; Jacob Strinsky, Dubuque, Iowa. One of them said the boat was going twenty-three knots and being pushed to attain a speed of twenty-nine knots. Suddenly the big hot water pipe burst with the pressure and covered them all with scalding water. Their bodies from the waist up were practically parboiled. The light house tender Cactus was hailed and brought the men to the Sailors' hospital. None of the men are able to see. It is thought all will die. The boat was run preliminary to her speed trial.

NEW YORK, July 17.—There was another hearing today before Referee Jacobs in the suit for divorce brought by Mrs. Ollie Corbett. Miss Marie King, member of the dramatic company with which James Corbett travelled, continued her testimony as to the relations between Corbett and the woman Vera. Miss King related instances of display of affection as the company were traveling in the railway cars. In Corning, Ohio, she had seen upon the hotel register the entry of "Jas. J. Corbett and wife." It was greed by counsel, if the referee's report should be in favor of plaintiffs, the alimony would be fixed at \$100 week. An adjournment until July 28 was taken in order that testimony might be obtained from the west.

So far Orange county has produced the sweetest sugar beet in the state of California.

At Gaull, on Thursday afternoon a ranch hand named Tom Allen was killed by being dragged by a runaway horse.

Robert Reichter committed suicide near Sprague, Wash., in this way: He let a rope on a beam above his head, then fell forward, picked a razor off the bed, slashed both wrists and blew and strangled.

A parasite has made its appearance in some of the alfalfa fields near Boise, Idaho, that promises to be troublesome. It is a fine, wiry plant of yellowish color. It grows in a mat about the stems of the alfalfa and kills it off.

The Mount Pleasant *Pyramid* reiterates the story about Kofford and Mickel, the slayers of Sheriff Burns, of Sanpete county, intending to give themselves up in a short time. It is intimated that they are now in Mexico.

There exists in American gulch, Idaho, a bank of snow which has been there for fourteen years, to certain knowledge. The bank lies under a bluff, where the snow drifts over and forms a bank that at times is fifty feet deep.

T. Eslo, an Italian woodsman, 50 years old, was killed at Fort Bragg, California, on Tuesday afternoon. A log rolled from the top of a hill and crushed him. The deceased leaves a widow and five children in Italy.

A reporter of the Roseburg (Or.) *Platdealer* was 74 years old July 12th and wanted to wager a brass band against an elephant that he could outrun a yone in the county within four years of his age, one mile and repeat, the best three in five.

The report that the grasshoppers had about left Sonoma county, Cal., had hardly been received before it was learned that the army worm had marched in, and was doing much damage to the growing crops. At Cloverdale much damage is reported. Corn has been greatly injured and also small grain.

Word has been brought to Butte that Frank Danton, a blacksmith at Cariboo, Mont., a mining camp in Deer Lodge county, about forty miles west of Butte, and his helper, John Carini, were burned to death Monday. Danton was at work when a spark of fire flew into an open box of powder standing in the shop, and the flash set the whole shop ablaze. Carini went to Danton's assistance and both perished.

A dispatch from Lander, Wyoming, says: Old Chief Sharp Nose, of the Arapahoe, has an eye to business. Last night when a party of Lander young people went over to the agency to see the Indians perform the wolf dance, the chief informed them that they could not see it unless they each paid 25 cents. The boys objected, claiming that they were friends of the Indians and that they should be admitted free. Sharp Nose shook his head and said: "When Indian goes to

white man show he pay; when white man go to Indian show he pay, too." And the boys had to pay to see the dance.

D. J. Roberts, a well known turf man and ranch owner, was severely injured while on a hunting expedition near Los Gatos, Cal., Sunday. His horse fell, and the saddle slipping, Roberts was thrown to the ground. His left foot got caught in one of the stirrups, and the horse becoming frightened, ran away, dragging Roberts. He was picked up in an unconscious condition in the roadway some three hours after the accident. His left leg may have to be amputated, as, upon examination, it was found to have been broken in two places, and about four inches of the limb badly crushed.

David Oldham, who was arrested some weeks ago for complicity in the robbery of the Mendocino stage, Cal., has been found guilty. Oldham was a deacon in the Baptist church in Utah and conspired with an employe named Hilton to hold up the stage. The actual robbery was committed by Hilton alone, Oldham remaining at home in order to prove an alibi for his accomplice. When Oldham discovered that the officers had made out a strong case against Hilton, he refused to stand up to the agreement, and Hilton then confessed. He implicated Oldham, and today, just a month after the robbery of the stage, Oldham was found guilty.

Lehi Banner: The meeting called Sunday afternoon for the purpose of organizing an irrigation society for this place was called to order by Israel Evans. On motion George Webb was elected chairman and John E. Ross secretary. Mr. Evans explained the object of the society and urged the farmers to join and work for their own interest. The following officers were elected: Geo. Webb, president; Wm. Bone Jr, vice president; John Woodhouse corresponding secretary. There is no question but that this society will prove a vast benefit to our farmers if they will take hold of it in earnest. It has some of the best men in the community at its back.

Captain McFee, of the Salvation Army, will work with Labor Commissioner Fitzgerald of California for the establishment of a poor farm. The idea is to secure a tract of land and there erect a house in which poor men will be kept until work for them is found. Meanwhile they will work on the farm. The Salvation Army, he says, has places of this kind in England, Australia and Canada, but none yet in this country. Produce will be raised on the ranch, and it will be made a self-supporting institution. Men sent there will be maintained, but not paid any wages. Plans have not been formulated yet, only the broad scheme being in the captain's mind. He thinks that at least 100 acres will be necessary to begin with, and he would like to get 1000. This land must be obtained through donations, as the Salvation Army has no funds to buy it.

Two little children met their deaths